



Police News

Kurt L. Schmoke, Mayor

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— In the Line of Duty —

Wednesday, May 7th, was a day typical of any other, when Northeastern District Lieutenant Owen E. Sweeney, Jr. heard the call go out over his police radio to the 5900 block of Bertram Avenue. His sense of pride and duty led him away from the district shortly after noon, and quickly to the scene where the men and women he led were confronted with a serious situation. The call to police was made by a woman, who claimed her husband may need to be petitioned. She met the officers outside of her home and claimed he had not been taking his prescribed medication. By all accounts, the man, who was inside of the home, was not responding to the Northeastern District's officers repeated pleas to come safely out.



Lieutenant Owen Eugene Sweeney, Jr.

Lieutenant Sweeney, a 28 year veteran of the force, then approached the home, and walked up a flight of stairs until he stood outside the second floor apartment door. He briefly spoke to the 41 year old man inside the home, trying desperately to negotiate and reason with him. He wanted to calmly assure the man that he, and other officers, were there only trying to help him, not hurt him. After several frustrating minutes, Lieutenant Sweeney, and two other officers, turned to walk back down the stairs, when suddenly, without any warning or provocation, the suspect fired a shotgun blast through the brown, wooden door. The unexpected blast struck Lieutenant Sweeney in the lower back, and he had to be carried out of the home by his fellow officers.

Lieutenant Sweeney's comrades then immediately rendered first aid and quickly called for help. A Maryland State Police Medivac Helicopter landed nearby and briskly transported Lieutenant Sweeney to Maryland Shock-Trauma. He underwent hours of vigorous surgery, while fellow officers and friends surged to the hospital in support. Despite the heroic efforts of many doctors and nurses, Lieutenant Owen E. Sweeney, Jr. was sadly pronounced dead at 4:04 p.m. that afternoon, as Father John McLoughlin held his hand in prayer.

At the Scene

Several minutes after the shooting, the suspect, who was inside of the home, left the 16 gauge shotgun behind and surrendered himself to officers. He came down the flight of stairs and struggled with police as they arrested him. He was immediately taken to the Homicide Unit, where investigators conducted an extensive investigation and subsequent interview. Based on the investigation, and after consultation with the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office, the suspect was charged with the 1st degree murder of Lieutenant Sweeney. He was then taken to the Central Booking Intake Facility in Baltimore, where he remained in detention before he was denied bail.

The Viewing

Viewing services for Lieutenant Sweeney were held on the following Saturday and Sunday at the Schimunek Funeral Home in Bel Air, Maryland. Thousands of family, friends and fellow officers attended the day and evening services, as lines leading to the mourning room overflowed the spacious home. Funeral Services were scheduled the following Monday morning, which, with tragic irony, was the very same week the National Peace Officers Memorial Service was held in Washington, D.C. The nation was mourning the death of our Fallen Heroes - The nation was mourning the death of Lieutenant Owen Eugene Sweeney, Jr.

Full Honors

Monday, May 12, 1997, was a day reserved for Lieutenant Sweeney, his family and over 3,000 law enforcement officers from all points of the nation. All came to pay their respects to a man who represented society and civility, as he consistently labored to make this world a better place - he succeeded.

Cardinal William H. Keeler celebrated the traditional Catholic Mass, which was held at Saint Margaret's Roman Catholic Church in Bel Air. The 800 seat church was filled to capacity, and thousands listened as the service was piped-out over loudspeaker.

During the tear-filled homily, Father McLoughlin, of Saint Wenceslaus' Parish, had these comforting words to offer, "On May 7th, Lieutenant Sweeney, wearing his most prized possessions - his precious wedding ring, a symbol of his dear love of his wife of 27 glorious years and his beloved sons, and his shining Lieutenants shield - a reminder of 28 and one-half years of protecting the citizens of Baltimore, left his Northeast Baltimore desk when he heard an emergency call for help. He knew his friends and comrades were in need, so he answered the call. He decided his place was to be with his fellow officers. He knew that his intervention could help a dangerous situation. And while trying to pacify an individual, he was mortally wounded laying down his life for his friends. And Jesus said, 'There is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.'"

After the mass, thousands of officers lined Hickory Avenue outside of the parish. Lieutenant Sweeney's coffin was carried by his grieving comrades through the "Blue Gauntlet," and into the hearse, where the unprecedented twenty-mile procession began.

The Procession

Lieutenant Sweeney's funeral procession extended twenty miles, as family, friends and an insurmountable number of marked police vehicles aligned themselves for the movement toward the Fallen Heroes Memorial at Dulany Valley Memorial Gardens. Nearly 700 cars, vans and motorcycles traveled southbound on Interstate 95 then westbound on 695 toward the peaceful location of internment.

Police officers, fire companies, citizens and curious onlookers lined the roadways and interstates just wanting to catch a glimpse and give thanks to Lieutenant Sweeney. Overpasses were often draped with the American flag, and signs of thanks and praise were seen by every person who participated in the drive. At one point, the beginning of the procession was at 695 and Loch Raven Boulevard in Towson, while the end was still on Route 24 in Bel Air. It took over 2 hours for the entire procession to reach the Memorial. Once at the Memorial, more than 3,000 regimented officers stood at attention while Lieutenant Sweeney was ultimately laid to rest.

The Burial

The Hearse drifted quietly to a stop near the Fallen Heroes Memorial, as the rank and file stood in formation without movement. Lieutenant Sweeney's family, now at his final resting place, sat graveside as the priest conveyed a few closing passages. Major Arthur R. Smith, Northeastern District Commander, presented Lieutenant Sweeney's wife, Elaine, with the crisply folded United States flag. Lieutenant Laurie A. Zuromski then presented Lieutenant Sweeney's youngest son, Frank, with his eight-point, white police lieutenants hat as his oldest son, Owen, looked on. Both were accepted as a sign of honor, courage and sacrifice.

The solemn, yet penetrating sound of Taps then echoed over the grassy hills, as each one of us reflected on the life and death of our hero - Lieutenant Owen Eugene Sweeney, Jr.



Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier's Remarks Saint Margaret's Roman Catholic Church Monday, May 12, 1997

Family, friends and fellow law enforcement officers of Lieutenant Owen Eugene Sweeney, Jr. Last week we experienced a terrible tragedy. The loss of Owen was an unexpected shock to all of us. We are here today to remember him as a husband, a father, a son, a brother and a member of our police family. On behalf of the men and women of the Baltimore Police Department, let me express our deepest sympathies on the loss of such an exceptional man. No words can express what each of us is feeling today, as we bid farewell to a colleague...one who will always be remembered as a dedicated public servant, an outstanding police lieutenant, a loving family man and a great friend.

In law enforcement, our call to service brings with it the solemn understanding that we put our lives at risk. Yet every day, dedicated officers put aside their fears - and those of their families - to protect the lives of others.

In 1968, Owen joined the Baltimore Police Department wanting to make a difference. Last week, twenty-eight years later, he bravely went to a home in Northeast Baltimore wanting to do the same - to make a difference. His dedication to duty is exemplified by his supreme sacrifice.

Owen is the 97th Baltimore Police Officer to give his life in the line of duty. His name will now be added to the thousands of others which adorn the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial in Washington, D.C. On that memorial are these words, "It's not how these officers died that makes them heroes, it's how they lived." Lieutenant Owen Eugene Sweeney, Jr. is a hero.

Certainly, during the afternoon hours of May 7th, Owen had no idea of the fateful event which would bring us together today. An event that shrouds his family, his friends and his fellow police officers with such deep feelings of grief and loss. Today, Owen is at peace in the loving arms of God, and we are united in our sorrow...each with our individual memories to comfort us.

Lieutenant Owen Eugene Sweeney, Jr. - you will be deeply missed, both personally and professionally. Your presence will be forever felt; and your memory forever sacred.

May God bless you.

Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke Reflects

Lieutenant Owen Sweeney, Jr. was a brave man in blue who gave the ultimate sacrifice. On behalf of the citizens of Baltimore, I want to express my heartfelt condolences to the family of Lieutenant Sweeney at this devastating time in your lives--and in the life of our city.

Our hearts and our prayers go out to his wife, Elaine; his two sons, Owen and Frank; to the other members of his family; and to his many friends who mourn his untimely death and celebrate his inspirational life.

We also express our special condolences to the many police officers who traveled to pay their respects. I know that you have lost a cherished comrade.

I did not know Lieutenant Sweeney personally, but in some ways I feel that I did. I have heard and read the comments of those who knew him well and worked with him. I have visited with the family he loved so much. I have learned of his caring heart and his commitment to the community. I have seen, already, how sorely he is missed.

Because of the tragic circumstances of his death, I also know that he was willing to walk that extra mile to help his fellow officers, or a citizen in distress. Indeed, the more I know about Lieutenant Sweeney, the more painful is his loss.

This brave man in blue was one of the quiet heroes who worked day by day, year by year, to make Baltimore a better, safer, more humane place in which to live. In his almost 29 years with the Baltimore City Police Department, he held several different jobs, but that commitment to the greater good was the theme that ran through each. And all of us are grateful for it.

Even as we mourn, let us also celebrate the courage, commitment, and compassion that will be among Lieutenant Sweeney's lasting legacies. And let us also pay tribute to all the other brave men and women in blue--who continue to perform their duties with grace and courage and professionalism in the face of great danger. The remarkable, inspirational thing is that they put their lives on the line for people they don't even know.

Let us also use this sad occasion as a visible reminder of the unity of our police family. Black, white, young, old, that family mourns the loss of one of their own. And so does Baltimore City. For we proudly claim Lieutenant Owen E. Sweeney, Jr. as one of our own.

Again, on behalf of the citizens of Baltimore, I want to express my heartfelt condolences to the Sweeney family and to thank them for sharing Lieutenant Sweeney with us. We are better people because he walked amongst us.



Our Tribute to a Member of Our Family Lieutenant Owen Eugene Sweeney, Jr.

This has been a most difficult time for all members of the department, but especially those of us who have had the privilege to work with Lieutenant Owen Eugene Sweeney, Jr. over the years. His calm, mild mannered approach made him an outstanding lieutenant. His friendly and gentlemanly presence made him a respected friend of all. He was always there to support those men and women who worked for him and it was our privilege to always be there for him.

Words cannot express the heart-wrenching feelings of those who were part of the funeral procession. The thousands of citizens who took the time to pay their tribute and respect for the Lieutenant, his family and all police officers who dedicate their lives of service. The signs which read, "Thank You Lieutenant Sweeney" and "God Bless You Lieutenant Sweeney," said plainly and simply most of our feelings.

There were American flags and patriots from all walks of life who spent their afternoon saying thank you to our fallen hero. Construction workers had climbed on top of their dump trucks and stood quietly with their hands over their hearts. Trash men had stopped along the roadway to pay their respects. Businessmen and women stopped to express their tribute. Firemen and women stood at every over pass, many on top of their trucks, to say thank you. There were fire ladders hoisted high into the air and crossed in respect for our fallen hero. A young mother who pulled over to the shoulder of I-95 held her baby in her left arm while her right hand was placed respectfully over her heart. Tears streamed down her face as she quietly watched miles of flashing blue lights and police cars pass.

Truly, as quoted from the wall of the Police Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., "It's not how these officers died that makes them heroes, it's how they lived." Lieutenant Sweeney only died a hero because he lived as a hero. With every step he walked with heroes. Today, he still does.



**Sergeant Melvin W. Sisson
Police Agent Kenneth E. Fatkin
Members of the Northeastern District**



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Commissioner's Message



It was a pleasure to see the families of our recent promotees as the department was able to recognize so many individuals for their hard work, dedication and accomplishment. My sincere congratulations goes out to all of our new leaders for their achievements, and their families for their support.

As we move through the year, we will continue to focus on our departmental priorities, which are fighting crime and addressing internal equity issues. After last year's 9.3% decrease, year-to-date crime figures show that violent crime is down an additional 14%. This is a credit to your tireless work ethic and commitment, as well as the implementation of new, effective departmental strategies and technology. Thank you for your efforts, and keep up the great work.

Don't forget to reserve September 14th on your calendars for Signal 13 Family Day, which promises to be an even more exciting event than this generous foundation provided for us last year.

Be safe, love your families,

Thomas C. Frazier, Commissioner

3-1-1: When There's Urgency But No Emergency

Historically, the 9-1-1 communications system has been inundated with requests for service. A victim of its own success, non-emergency calls have traditionally outnumbered 9-1-1 emergency requests. On July 23, 1996, President Clinton issued a national challenge to relieve the burden on the 9-1-1 emergency system. With the consideration from the Department of Justice (COPS Office) and AT&T, the Baltimore Police Department became the two-year pilot program and test market for the 3-1-1 non-emergency telephone number. Service to the public was soon implemented on October 2, 1996, and the program has been a huge success for the citizens of Baltimore.

Using the slogan, "*Where There's Urgency, But No Emergency*," a massive public education campaign was

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"A Blueprint For Change"

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launched to heighten public awareness, and emphasize the importance of using the new 3-1-1 system correctly. Although total calls to the Communications Division have increased by 7.8%, there is a 20% decrease in 9-1-1 calls for police service. This reduction has enhanced the overall efficiency with regard to calls answered by 9-1-1 calltakers - *freeing the 9-1-1 system to be more responsive to life-threatening situations and crimes in progress*. The 3-1-1 system has also been credited with reducing calls dispatched to patrol officers by 4.7%.

The 3-1-1 system is currently manned by fifty-four officers. The system is structured to receive direct calls, transfers from 9-1-1 and transfers from districts. In addition, 3-1-1 handles 685-DRUG, 685-GUNS and Metro Crimes Stopper calls. 3-1-1 operators have wide discretion in handling calls for service, as calls can be deferred to various sources within and outside the agency, or handled through electronic reporting. The types of calls handled through 3-1-1 range from sanitation complaints to threats of non-imminent assault. The 3-1-1 operators are handling between 1,500-1,800 calls daily.

Within the next several months, phase I of the three phase process will be initiated. Phase I will serve as the trial period for the Local Area Network (LAN) computers. A limited number of LAN computers will become operational at the 3-1-1 Center, two Neighborhood Service Centers and a designated district. The LAN computers will enhance the process of retrieving information throughout the department, bringing a more efficient response to 3-1-1 calls for service. This system will also greatly enhance accountability of public service.

National response to the 3-1-1 system has been incredible, as the department has entertained inquiries from law enforcement agencies throughout the United States, Canada, Korea and England. Furthermore, members of the Communications Division have been guest speakers at various law enforcement functions throughout the Mid-Atlantic States.

The non-emergency system is certainly enhancing the quality of public service, and reducing the volume of calls to patrol officers. 3-1-1 is proving to be a viable method for meeting the established community policing goals of the Baltimore Police Department.

Certificate Program Offered to Recruits

The Baltimore Police Department, in partnership with the Baltimore City Community College, is proud to offer the Police Academy Certificate Program to members of the department who are interested in furthering their education. This innovative educational program supplements the Baltimore Police Department's extensive entry level training program and allows police recruits to earn up to 46 college credits during and immediately following academy training.

Recruits, who wish to further their education, can use the program as a foundation to further their higher level educational goals. The additional earned college credits can be applied toward an Associate of Arts Degree in Science from an accredited institution such as the Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) or transferred to a four year college or university.

Upon entering the academy, recruits will now have the option to enroll in the certificate program. Areas of study will include courses such as officer survival tactics, investigative principles and concepts, substantive law, police operations and many other law enforcement related fields of study. The courses offered will be studied in addition to regular academy training.

Professor Richard M. Terry, Director of the Criminal Justice Program at BCCC, says, "We want to infuse the idea of critical thinking and how to solve problems. We also want to emphasize ethical considerations to the students. They need to think to themselves, 'If I do this, what are the bigger ramifications involved?' What officers do in the performance of their jobs has a great impact."

The program will combine academic and skills-based curriculums, while placing new emphasis on problem solving and extensive critical analysis. Professor Michael M. Berlin, Curriculum Coordinator, sums the program up by calling it a "tremendous opportunity for students interested in pursuing a college or education career." He adds, "We will address the fundamental criminal justice, legal and social issues facing police officers today from both an academic and practical perspective."

Courses are taught by a combination of Baltimore City Community College faculty and Baltimore Police Department Education and Training Division personnel. Participation in the program is voluntary and will require additional hours of study two evenings per week after the regular academy workday. Programs for members of the department who have already completed their academy training are expected to be announced in the near future.

For more information regarding the Police Academy Certificate Program and proposed new programs, those who are interested may call Professors Terry or Berlin at (410) 986-5529 or 986-5471.

Promotions

The month of June proved to be a great month for many of the men and women in the Baltimore Police Department. Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier promoted many sworn and non-sworn personnel. Congratulations to all of those who were promoted, you deserve it!

Lieutenants Promoted

Lieutenant John M. Mack - Northeastern District
Lieutenant Osborne B. McCarter - Southeastern District
Lieutenant Gregory A. Eads, Sr. - Western District
Lieutenant Michael J. McKnight - Eastern District
Lieutenant Thomas J. Cassella - Western District
Lieutenant Regis L. Phelan - Eastern District
Lieutenant JoAnn M. Voelker - Central District
Lieutenant Roderick C. Pullen - Central District
Lieutenant Gabriel T. Bittner - Northwestern District

Sergeants Promoted

Sergeant John E. Long, Jr. - Northwestern District
Sergeant George P. Trainor - Eastern District
Sergeant Curtis N. Willis - Northeastern District
Sergeant Roger O. Bergeron, III - Eastern District
Sergeant Raymond E. Hodgins - Southern District
Sergeant Corey A. Belt - Western District
Sergeant Gene S. Ryan - Western District
Sergeant Timothy M. Dixon - Southwestern District
Sergeant Milton L. Corbett - Southeastern District
Sergeant James W. Hagin, Jr. - Southwestern District
Sergeant Mark C. Matysek - Northeastern District
Sergeant Michael D. Caperoon - Western District
Sergeant David A. Reitz - Eastern District
Sergeant Rodney R. Giacomelli - Northwestern District
Sergeant Perry T. Standfield - Central District
Sergeant Albert H. Taylor, Jr. - Southwestern District
Sergeant Anthony L. Briggs - Southern District
Sergeant Robert D. Messner - Northwestern District
Sergeant Waltitia Hollman - Northern District
Sergeant Charles Lorocco - Northwestern District
Sergeant Duane Harrington, Sr. - Northwestern District
Sergeant Gary R. May - Northwestern District
Sergeant James A. Seitz - Northern District
Sergeant Garnell W. Green - Northeastern District
Sergeant John P. Skinner - Eastern District
Sergeant Troy J. Cooper - Eastern District

Sergeant Darren Q. Abney - Central District
Sergeant Thomas M. Hagin, Jr. - Northern District
Sergeant Michael A. Kain - Eastern District
Sergeant Isabella Washington - Southwestern District
Sergeant James M. Higgins - Western District
Sergeant Michael B. Wingler - Western District
Sergeant John D. Platt - Northwestern District
Sergeant Kevin R. Forrester - Southeastern District
Sergeant Scott S. Baker - Eastern District
Sergeant Neil G. Huber - Southern District
Sergeant James A. Cohill - Southwestern District
Sergeant William E. Walters - Northwestern District
Sergeant John J. Windle - Northern District
Sergeant Marcus L. Brown - Eastern District
Sergeant Frederick W. Gilbert, Jr. - Western District
Sergeant Edward G. Wojcik - Western District

Civilian Promotions and Appointments

Appointed to the Director of Public Affairs
Robert W. Weinhold, Jr.

Crime Laboratory Technician II - Laboratory Division
William T. Peters, Jr.
Jawad P. Abdullah
Ayesha A. Muhammad
Emmanuel O. Obot

Emergency Dispatcher Supervisor - Communications Division
William C. Daniels
Enga M. Ewell
Deborah E. Ruffin
Denise K. Avery
Sterling Edwards
Nora E. Hall

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The Blue Crew is on the Move



Each of the nine Baltimore Police Districts had an encouraging response during April's Blue Crew Open House. According to the event coordinators at each district, a large number of community residents, leaders and interested individuals attended the well planned and publicized event. More than 1,198 individuals participated in the Open Houses, and districts have reported increased enrollments in the Block Representative, Volunteers in Policing (VIP) and Police Athletic

League (PAL) programs. The increase is a direct result of the outpouring of community generated support.

Police Commissioner Thomas Frazier and members of the Command Staff were on hand to lend support to the event. Parades, exhibitions and demonstrations took place at all of the districts, as young and old alike took part in the collective show of community spirit the department hopes will be an indication of future participation.

Colonel Alvin Winkler says, "Blue Crew is intended to bring police and community under one umbrella - under one total force, working together to raise the quality of life in our community. The Open Houses are just the first step in the process of working toward this goal." He goes on to say, "What we hope to accomplish in the future would be to have a togetherness of one people, in one city, accomplishing one goal, instead of different segments of the community going in different directions, to accomplish the same thing. Simply put, the one community is known as the Blue Crew."

Baltimore Belongs To You!

Join the Blue Crew - a team of community volunteers and police, working together to make our city better, safer and stronger.

**As a member of the Blue Crew, you will be a force for change. Organize youth groups. Clean up abandoned lots. Keep an eye on the neighborhood. Tutor a PAL kid. Whatever you can do. The Blue Crew needs you. Join Today - call your local police district!



Baltimore Police Department and McDonald's Partner to Form Community Work Stations

On June 9th, the Baltimore Police Department and the McDonald's Corporation announced an exciting community partnership which will make officers more accessible to the citizens in the neighborhoods they serve. The newly established Baltimore Police Community Workstations, which were unveiled during a press event at the White Avenue McDonald's, will greatly enhance the interaction between Baltimore's police officers and community residents.

Baltimore's Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke, several members of the Baltimore Police Department's Command Staff as well as McDonald's Corporation representatives were on hand during the opening event addressing the importance of community-based workstations. By description, a community workstation is a designated area inside of each participating McDonald's restaurant where officers may make duty related phone calls, complete daily paperwork and interact with community residents and visitors.

Initially, the workstations will be in six McDonald's restaurants located in the Northern and Northeastern police districts. Northeastern District Commander Major Arthur Smith says, "This is another step in the community policing process which keeps officers visible and accessible to the community."

McDonald's hopes to expand this program to several other restaurants throughout the Baltimore Metropolitan area. Currently, there are 13 North American cities participating in the program. The effort is also underway in European cities as well.

Officers of the Month

Officer James Wilder Jr., Central District. Performed seventy car stops, yielding several arrests for traffic and alcohol violations. Officer Wilder also made CDS, drug free zone, burglary, theft and assault arrests.

Officer John R. Peer and Officer David A. Engel, Southeastern District. These officers arrested an America's Most Wanted suspect. The suspect was wanted for kidnaping, burglary, and impersonating a police officer.

Officer John Carroll, Eastern District. After a suspect shot and wounded two people, Officer Carroll gave chase and ultimately shot and wounded the suspect which resulted in his capture. An assault weapon was recovered.

Officer Joseph Samuels, Northeastern District. Responded to a call and quickly saved a nine year old child from drowning at the hands of the child's mother.

Officer Carl Rach Northern District. Captured two dangerous armed robbery suspects after executing a search and seizure warrant.

Agent Melisa Anderson, Northwestern District. Made twenty-one arrests, including several felony arrests. She has also established an excellent police/community rapport.

Officer Darryl L. Harrison, Western District. Arrested a suspect for handgun violation. The suspect was carrying a concealed sawed-off shotgun and was arrested without injury or incident.

Officer James Berkeley, Southwestern District. Placed a suspect under arrest for stolen auto. An investigation revealed, the suspect committed more than thirty vehicle thefts which were cleared as a result of the suspect's arrest.

Officer James McKinley, Southern District. With his trainee, Officer Thomas Allers, Officer McKinley made six drug arrests, four of which were felonies. Included was an arrest of a juvenile for assault with intent to murder.

Civilian Promotions (continued)

Emergency Dispatcher - Communications Division

Amelia E. Hemsley
Nechele Carrington
Allison V. McPhaul
Rene P. Cox

Police Information Technician Supervisor - Central

Records Division
Doris M. Donathan

Office Assistant III

Alicia M. Dodson - Field Operations Bureau
Ellen Johnson - Tactical Division
Annette L. Lassiter - Field Operations Bureau
Jacnita Taylor - Criminal Investigation Bureau
Lorraine C. Carter - Public Affairs Division

Computer Operator IV

Brian M. Kailer - Management Information Systems

Crime Laboratory Technician II - Laboratory Division

Barbara A. Coleman
John W. Blake
Antonia L. Curry

Emergency Dispatcher Supervisor - Communications Division

Milford V. Johnson

Police Communications Supervisor - Communications Division

Julia A. Berger

Secretary III

Myrna C. Milburn - Criminal Investigation Bureau
Mary Jane Reintzell - Office of the Police Commissioner

Police Information Lead Technician - Central Records Division

Benita G. Parker
Thelma K. Hines
Clara B. Gregg

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Pride and Hard Work Show!

- Violent Crime is down nearly 15% year-to-date
- 993 guns were seized in the first four months of 1997
- CIB/FOB Warrant Task Forces have served 1500 warrants
- A total of 5,918 drug arrests were made in the first four months of 1997
- Property Crime has been reduced 14.5% already this year
- 745 Search and Seizure Warrants were served in the 1st calendar quarter
- R.A.T. Team - 357 arrests city wide, 243 vehicles recovered year-to-date
- CRIMESTAC Meetings - Crime Suppression and Tactics Briefing; a weekly commanders forum to challenge crime trends
- Computer Pin Mapping / Time Probability Crime Projection
- 708 Block Representatives recruited; Nearly 5,300 representatives enrolled
- The institution of 3-1-1 has resulted in a 33.13% reduction in 9-1-1 calls
- 26 PAL Centers are currently open city wide - growing rapidly
- 2,101 youths recruited into the Police Athletic League; 6,000 enrolled
- March 18th - Central District's DEU seized 1 kilogram of cocaine during an interdiction arrest at Penn Station - value - over \$400,000
- February 24th and 25th - Southeastern District Operations and Patrol Officers served over 20 warrants, including 5 felony warrants
- March and June - Eastern District conducted Operation Spider Web, which resulted in many arrests and much media acclaim
- The Northeastern District's Hot Spot Team has made over 100 arrests since their inception
- Western District conducted a prostitution and "John" initiative which resulted in 50 arrests
- Operation Deliverance conducted by the Southwestern District resulted in the seizure of \$1,570 worth of narcotics and 363 arrests
- The Westport Initiative conducted by the Southern District in conjunction with the Department of Housing and Community Development resulted in the seizure of 5 guns and 35 arrests
- The Tactical Division conducts warrant service initiatives twice monthly with with Parole and Probation agents. These efforts have resulted in many arrests of offenders who would otherwise be walking the streets.

LEGAL UPDATE

SEARCH AND SEIZURE: CONTINUED DETENTION FOR CANINE SNIFF OF VEHICLE WAS UNREASONABLE

(Gadson v. State)

341 Md. 1 (1995)

The Court of Appeals decided the question of whether the State may constitutionally detain a prospective visitor to a prison long enough to conduct a "canine sniff" of the visitor's motor vehicle after the visitor, upon being told of the procedure, objects and expresses a desire to leave without entering the prison. The Court held that "[w]hile it is absolutely proper to require the visitor to submit to such a detention as a condition of entry, we hold that *absent reasonable, articulable suspicion of criminal activity*, it is unreasonable under the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article 26 of the Maryland Declaration of Rights to detain those visitors who, prior to entering the prison, indicate a preference to leave rather than submit to the detention." (emphasis added)

In this case the Court once again emphasizes the importance of having articulable suspicion that a person seized is or has been engaged in criminal activity. The Court further emphasized that a person's refusal to consent to a search or dog sniff may not be considered in determining whether police had reasonable, articulable suspicion of criminal activity to justify continued detention. In this case, the Trooper did not articulate any reasonable suspicion that the Defendant (prospective prison visitor) had been engaged in criminal activity. Therefore, the detention of the visitor was unreasonable.

Retirements

ISRAEL, BURTON S., Police Agent, Tactical Division, 45 years of age, 22 years of service. February 8, 1997.

GIUNTA, TIMOTHY, Police Officer, Property Division, 35 years of age, 10 years of service. January 30, 1997.

COHEN, LEE, Police Officer, Tactical Division, 52 years of age, 31 years of service. February 12, 1997.

LEE, MICHAEL E., Police Officer, Tactical Division, 52 years of age, 30 years of service. February 12, 1997.

SCHAEKEL, JAMES W. J., Police Officer, Tactical Division, 49 years of age, 28 years of service. February 13, 1997.

HEVESY, ANDREW A., JR., Sergeant, Central Records Division, 54 years of age, 33 years of service. February 17, 1997.

YOUNG, JAMES E., Police Officer, Southeastern District, 31 years of age, 7 years of service. February 27, 1997.

WEISGERBER, RICHARD C., Police Officer, Tactical Division, 45 years of age, 24 years of service. March 1, 1997.

SELBY, GEORGE T., II, Police Officer, Tactical Division, 53 years of age, 31 years of service. March 6, 1997.

STEVENS, ROY A., Northwestern District, 45 years of age, 21 years of service. March 4, 1997.

MOORE, GEORGE F., Police Officer, Northeastern District, 52 years of age, 26 years of service. March 13, 1997.

ANDERSON, CHARLES E., SR., Police Officer, Tactical Division, 51 years of age, 23 years of service. March 19, 1997.

HOBSON, AURELIA T., Police Officer, Property Division, 44 years of age, 20 years of service. March 19, 1997.

ADAMS, JOSEPH C., Police Agent, Internal Investigation Division, 44 years of age, 21 years of service. March 25, 1997.

KOERBER, MARY D., Computer Operator II, Management Information Systems Div., 64 years of age, 11 years of service. March 29, 1997.

SWIDERSKI, ANTHONY, Police Agent, Laboratory Division, 45 years of age, 20 years of service. April 2, 1997.

GOLDSTEIN, GERALD A., Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Bureau, 50 years of age, 17 years of service. April 11, 1997.

GRIFFIN, JOANNE, Police Officer, Western District, 31 years of age, 11 years of service. April 21, 1997.

WISSMAN, JOHN W., III, Police Officer, Internal Investigation Division, 46 years of age, 22 years of service. April 26, 1997.

MULLANEY, WAYNE M., Police Officer, Communications Division, 48 years of age, 26 years of service. May 23, 1997.

CAPLAN, HOWARD A., Police Officer, Internal Investigation Division, 46 years of age, 25 years of service. May 24, 1997.

MCMAHON, JOSEPH I., Police Agent, Tactical Division, 49 years of age, 23 years of service. May 31, 1997.

PHILLIPS, GOLDIE S., JR., Major, Criminal Investigation Bureau, 44 years of age, 24 years of service. June 3, 1997.

LEE, MICHAEL E., Police Officer, Tactical Division, 52 years of age, 31 years of service. June 30, 1997.

CONSTANTINI, JOSEPH A., Police Officer, Tactical Division, 39 years of age, 20 years of service. July 12, 1997.

Final Roll Call

MELLO, DENNIS P., retired, Captain, Western District, 85 years of age, 29 years of service. February 4, 1997.

LONG, MARGARET R., retired, Police Office Supervisor, Planning and Research Division, 70 years of age, 24 years of service. February 27, 1997.

CLARK, BARBARA, Active, Data Entry Operator II, 49 years of age, 15 years of service. April 6, 1997.

DUKE, EDWIN F., retired, Police Officer, Community Services Division, 68 years of age, 28 years of service. March 28, 1997.

SANTONI, AUGUST C., retired, Sergeant, Traffic Division, 59 years of age, 19 years of service. April 8, 1997.

BREWSTER, JOHN E., retired, Police Officer, Communications Division, 78 years of age, 21 years of service. April 17, 1997.

WILSON, EDWIN F., JR., retired, Police Officer, Tactical Division, 68 years of age, 25 years of service. April 24, 1997.

EDELMANN, CARL H., retired, Police Officer, Eastern District, 56 years of age, 21 years of service. April 28, 1997.

RUPPERT, FRANCIS L., JR., retired, Southwestern District, 72 years of age, 26 years of service. May 2, 1997.

BELZNER, BETTE MAE, Active, Police Communication s Assistant I, Communications Division, 60 years of age, 1 year of service. May 17, 1997.

BYRD, IVORY C., retired, Police Officer, Western District, 44 years of age, 21 years of service. May 19, 1997.

SCHLEIG, N. Kenneth., retired, Sergeant, Southeastern District, 65 years of age, 26 years of service. May 20, 1997.

ELDER, FRANCIS O., retired, Lieutenant, Northwestern District, 65 years of age, 19 years of service. May 31, 1997.

HENNEMAN, EDWARD E., retired, Police Officer, Field Operations Bureau, 78 years of age, 31 years of service. May 31, 1997.

PORTER, AUDREY E., Active, Police Officer, Northern District, 42 years of age, 15 years of service. June 1, 1997.

RITTER, WALLACE M., retired, Lieutenant, Eastern District, 72 years of age, 27 years of service. June 5, 1997.

SWIEC, JOHN A., Active, Police Officer, Violent Crimes Task Force, 50 years of age, 30 years of service. June 20, 1997.

Civilian Promotions (continued)

Police Information Technician

- Central Records Division

Bettie A. Hearn

Wonda M. Cole

Barbara A. LeBrun

Jacqueline O. Parran

Peggy A. White (Davidge)

Phyllis James

LaQuitta M. Brown

Dorothy L. Bollin

Barbara J. Jones

Office Assistant III

Soonja K. Spilman - Legal
Affairs Division

Claudia Wright - Criminal
Investigation Bureau

Diane B. Worden - Criminal
Investigation Bureau

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Kurt L. Schmoke, Mayor

Newsletter for the Baltimore Police Department
Thomas C. Frazier, Commissioner

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Commissioner's Message



A heartfelt thanks to all of you who have worked so diligently to decrease the crime rate 11% during the first six months of this year. Violent crime is down significantly and homicides are well below last year's level. Your hard work and focus on guns and violent crime have certainly paid dividends. The department's good work has been recognized in a television commercial entitled "Cop for a Day," which was produced by W.B. Donor and Company, a Baltimore based international advertising agency. A

copy of the public service announcement is in each district; be sure to see it if you haven't yet seen it on local television stations.

Don't forget the Frank J. Battaglia Signal 13 Foundation's Family Day on September 14th. This year's event will be held in the Inner Harbor East area, near Fleet Street and Central Avenue. This promises to be an even greater event than last year, and I certainly encourage all of you to bring your families to share in this celebration and recognition of your good work.

Be safe, love your families,

Police Commissioner

Mayor Proclaims July 24th "Officer Appreciation Day"

During a morning press conference at the Baltimore Police Department's Southern District, The Honorable Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke proclaimed July 24th "Officer Appreciation Day" in Baltimore City. The Southern District roll call room was filled to capacity with officers, community leaders, the news media and local politicians - all who wanted to say "thank you" to the men and women who wear "blue."

The day was filled with celebration as each police district served a luncheon or cook-out to their officers, who work very hard every day to keep Baltimore safe. Mayor Schmoke commented, "Baltimore's police officers are on the front line of the fight to provide a good quality of life for our citizens."

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"A Blueprint For Change"

The Best Party We've Had All Year!

Coined "The best party we've had all year" by Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier, the second annual Southwestern District Police Athletic League Summerfest, held on Saturday, June 21, in the scenic 13 acre Gwynn Falls Park, was a big success. The event was coordinated by Lieutenant Mary Eilerman of the Southwestern District to raise funds for the PAL program, recruit new members and to showcase local talent. The festival kicked off with a parade, complete with marching bands, motorcycles, color guard units, antique cars, military tanks, horses and Police Officer Stanley Slide as a clown. As the marching units entered the park under an archway of balloons, Trooper 1, Maryland State Police's Medi-Vac helicopter, landed in the outfield to signal the opening of the festival.

Approximately 2,000 people endured the oppressive heat to slide



Two youngsters take a break after enjoying the 1997 Southwestern District PAL Summerfest together.



The "Kinderman" performs during the PAL Summerfest to the delight of many children.

down the 30' slide, play games, ride the mechanical rides, and enjoy a wide variety of food, entertainment and interesting exhibits. Kids enjoyed brain teasers at the Science Center exhibit, let their imagination soar behind the wheel of military artillery vehicles, petted animals from the Baltimore Zoo and the Carrie Murray Center, marveled at the Alcohol Tobacco Firearm's National Response Truck, and were extremely impressed with "Baltimore's Finest's" ensemble of tactical equipment. Kids and adults ages 2 to 92 danced in the heat to the beat of local children's entertainer, John "Kinderman" Taylor, while Oriole fans were lined up to receive their free autograph from former Oriole, Al Bumbry.

"The festival brought the entire community, people of all ages and interests, together for a day of community celebration," said Commissioner Frazier.

"Summerfest highlighted what PAL is all about," said Colonel Alvin Winkler, Chief of the Youth Bureau. "It brought a whole community together to enjoy their own natural environment and have fun with each other... the elderly playing with the young, and the young playing with each other."

Major Gary G. Lembach, the Southwestern District Commander, expressed his gratitude for all the hard work that his staff put into making Summerfest II such a success. "Next year's will be even more fun," according to the major. Thanks, also, to the many members of Police Academy Class 97-1 and 97-2, and Community Service Officer Class 97-2, who volunteered many hours of hard work which contributed to making this great occasion such a success!

The Baltimore Police Department Attracts a Norwegian Visitor

Submitted by Agent Michael Maglia

First Constable Lars Reiersen, who is a Norwegian Police Officer, began his first day with the Baltimore Police Department by seeing CRIMESTAC (Crime Statistics and Tactics) in the auditorium. He was issued a Departmental ID card which expired in 13 days, the length of his fact finding mission during the month of June. He came to learn about community policing techniques, hoping he could take back knowledge to his 50,000 person town of Tonsberg (the oldest town in Scandinavia, founded before 871 A.D.). Tonsberg records about 4 homicides a year. This ancient fortress city, on the coast south of the capital city of Oslo (500,000 people), is an important shipping center.



First Contable Lars Reiersen (left), visits a Northwest Baltimore PAL Center

Norway is one of the most sparsely populated countries in the world. Its Nordic population is 4.3 million; recent immigrants are from Bosnia, Iran and Iraq. Its climate, which is modified by the North Atlantic Current, is temperate along the coast.

"In Norway, the number of reported offenses has increased six-fold since 1960, but it is still low compared with Denmark, Sweden and Finland," says First Constable Reiersen.

A 10-year member of a 100 officer and 30 civilian police district, Lars is in the Canine Service. Because a handler must buy his dog, he risked purchasing a ten week old German Shepherd puppy for about \$700 with the knowledge that only 1 in 10 dogs have the temperament and intelligence to pass the rigorous canine tests at 2 years of age. His dog, Zappa, passed his training, and is 5 years old now, with a predicted term of 3 more years of service.

While a member of his department's Quick Response Team, Lars rapelled over cliffs with Zappa in a bag over his shoulder. Lars said, "It was OK, but my ears got very red because my dog, who wasn't thrilled, pawed them vigorously." Tonsberg's Canine Service has 6 dogs: 4 generalist dogs for patrol activities, bombs, guns; 2 dogs for narcotic detection. Unbelievably, Lars, who only wears body armor during evening shifts, patrols **unarmed** in a Volvo 940 with another constable. Lars depends on his wit and his dog Zappa to protect him.

In Norway, a robber's weapons of choice are Lapp knives with an eight to ten inch blade and bloody syringes, but rarely, a gun. For a man with a gun call, a constable would first have to return to his station to pick up a .38 caliber revolver and then respond to the call. Lars averages 4 criminal arrests daily for disorderly conduct, shoplifting, robbery, etc. Even for narcotic arrests, it takes Lars only an hour and a half to return to street patrol. If a drug suspect refuses to be searched, the constable may take him in to the station to be searched there. A suspicious person observed on a Friday or Saturday night must be warned once, then he or she can be arrested for being suspicious!

Tonsberg is one of 54 police districts which comprise the National Police Force (1994: 8,951 officers and civilians). The force dons only one uniform, and the word "police" is visible on cars and uniform. Zappa wears a small uniform with the word *politi* on it.

A candidate for Tonsberg's police force must attend the National Police Academy for three years without being paid a salary. The 250 candidates are selected annually out of 2,500 applicants. Candidates pay the equivalent of 20,000 U.S. dollars for tuition, and are often in debt when they graduate!

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Officer Appreciation Day

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The Mayor adds, "Theirs' doesn't have to be a thankless job and it's up to us to make sure they know that we recognize the hard work they do and appreciate them for doing such a great job."

Highlighting the morning was the unveiling of a public service announcement entitled "Cop for a Day." The PSA, which was produced by W. B. Donor & Company and financially supported by Alex. Brown & Sons, Inc., gives viewers a sense of the difficult and challenging responsibilities police officers face each day.

The PSA features two very photogenic City Police Officers Mary Ann Miller, Northeastern District, and Clanett Boone, Northwestern District. The sixty and thirty second "spots" began airing on local television stations the day of the press conference.

Thank you for all of your hard work!



CLASS 97-1 GRADUATES

Academy class 97-1 was honored during a morning graduation ceremony on June 20th in the auditorium of Lake Clifton High School. Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier addressed an onlooking crowd of proud family members and friends, as he explained the difficult process involved in becoming a Baltimore Police Officer.

Class valedictorian, Officer Derrick A. Brown, who graduated with an academic average of 95.9, recited the class motto, "97-1 gets the job done." He discussed the class' goal of having a positive impact on the quality of life in Baltimore City. Guest speaker Dr. Sheldon Greenberg, an internationally known criminologist, emphasized the importance of maintaining faith and fortitude while embracing the principles of community policing. Dr. Greenberg, a former Howard County Police Officer, reminded graduates to regard themselves as "human problem solvers."



Additional honors were bestowed upon the following members of class 97-1: Officer Tim Cotter was presented with the Skills Champion award and Officer Garfield O'Toole received the Police Commissioner's Award of Excellence.

Also recognized during the ceremony were several civilians who have served the City of Baltimore for more than 20 years: Jean L. Bell, John L. French, Annie C. Gilmore, Clara B. Gregg, Nancy L. Leitch, Keith W. Peters, Judy M. Reid, Shirley B. Snowden, Shiv K. Soni, and Leon J. White. Congratulations to all of our officers and civilian personnel.

Michael J. Alderman

Jeff Archambault

Derek J. Baraloto

Michael G. Berg

Heyward Bonaparte

Derrick A. Brown

Desmond Carter-Bey

Valerie M. Casey

Tim Cotter

Timothy M. Crowther

Steven M. Daily

Bobby L. Euell

Adrian Ewell

John Fernandez, Jr.

Steven J. Fischer

Theodore D. Friel Jr

Krzysztof Gesla

James L. Gomez

Class 97-1

Richard W. Green

June S. Hall

Brett P. Havener

Jonathan P. Hayden

William J. Hildebrandt

Irving S. Hinkson

Timothy C. Hughes

Astarte S. Hunt

Eric L. Isom

Glen A. Jackson

Christophe A. Jones

Valentine Kaplinski

Thomas E. Kochis

James N. Marsh

Andrew J. Montz

Daryl D. Murphy

Garfield O'Toole

Nicole M. Robeson

Jeffrey L. Schuster

Steven D. Staab

Timothy J. Stach

Jason M. Taylor

William R. Taylor

Troy L. Walton

Michael Whiting

Kimberly Wilson

Paul R. Wilson

Jeffrey A. Young

Natalie L. Pinkney

Charles B. Printy

Clyde Rawlins, Jr.

Richard W. Green

Garfield O'Toole

Krzysztof Gesla

Commissioner Frazier Recognizes Baltimore's Heroes

Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier recognized 62 individuals on Tuesday, July 15th during an Official Commendation Awards Ceremony.

Those recognized included police department personnel, both sworn and civilian, who have been cited for their achievements and exemplary performance in the line of duty. Many of those who received awards have demonstrated extreme courage, at the risk of their own safety, while others were recognized for administrative achievements and exceptional leadership.

Three Silver Stars, 37 Bronze Stars and 10 Distinguished Service Awards were presented. In addition, 13 Citizen Awards were presented to citizens who have contributed to the Baltimore Police Department and the community. The Medal of Honor, which is the Department's highest honor, was presented to Officer Brian D. Bacon for the bravery and heroism he exhibited on November 8, 1996, when Sergeant Christopher M. Streett was shot in the line of duty. Officer Bacon was able to rescue Sergeant Streett and pull him to safety while he and the Tactical Unit were still being fired upon. *Congratulations to all of these well-deserving men and women.*

Medal of Honor

Police Officer Brian D. Bacon, Tactical Division

Silver Star

Police Officer Johnnie R. Carroll, Jr., Eastern District

Police Officer Duane A. Henry, Eastern District

Police Officer Ty C. Crane, Central District

Bronze Star

Sergeant Christopher M. Streett, Tactical Division

Sergeant Kurt D. Lurz, Tactical Division

Police Officer Phillip F. Pack, Tactical Division

Police Officer Deal Jackson, Tactical Division

Police Agent Kurosh Jahromi, Tactical Division

Police Officer Bradley R. Thomas, Tactical Division

Police Officer Peter D. Pollione, Tactical Division

Police Officer Anthony R. Singleton, Tactical Division

Police Officer Christopher J. Timms, Tactical Division

Police Officer Scott M. Mezan, Tactical Division

Police Officer Charles R. Stahm, Tactical Division

Police Officer Staccato R. Butler, Tactical Division

Police Officer Garcia Gilmore, Northwestern District

Police Officer Gregory Robinson, Northwestern District

Police Officer Gregory A. Eads, Jr., Northwestern District

Police Officer Warren B. Smith, III, Northwestern District

Police Agent Alvin D. Mack, Northwestern District

Police Officer David K. Moynihan, Southwestern District

Police Officer Eddie L. Mack Jr., Central District



Officer Brian D. Bacon



Sergeant Christopher M. Streett

Awards Ceremony

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Bronze Star

Police Officer Terry E. Henderson, Central District
Police Officer Raymond P. Rock, Western District
Police Officer John J. Fabula, Western District
Police Officer Troy M. Blackwell, Southern District
Police Officer Scott A. West, Southern District
Police Officer Eric P. Shepperson, Southern District
Police Officer Harvey L. Baublitz, Southern District
Police Officer Garey G. Dyer, Southern District
Police Officer Lisa M. Gorham, Southern District
Police Officer Charles E. Lee, Southern District
Police Officer Stanley B. Noland, Southern District
Police Agent Gerard J. Hogan, Southern District
Police Officer Derek L. Phyll, Southern District
Police Officer Robert W. Rodgers, Northeastern District
Police Officer Marvin E. Senft, Northeastern District
Detective Ronald J. Kessler, Criminal Investigation Bureau

Distinguished Service Award

Robert W. Weinhold, Jr., Director, Public Affairs Division
Sergeant Craig M. Pope, Technical Services Bureau
Sergeant Nelson A. Herrman, Communications Division
Sergeant William D. Gordon, Communications Division
Sergeant James W. Hagin Jr. Southwestern District
Sergeant Thomas McCord, Maryland State Police
Detective Christopher P. Gaul, Criminal Investigation Bureau
Crime Laboratory Technician Gregory C. Stewart, Laboratory Division
Police Emergency Dispatcher Edward S. Lesane, Communications Division
Community Service Officer Brian R. Brown, Central Records Division

Citizen's Award

Mr. Frank Richardson	Ms. Crystal Durant
Ms. Suzanne Crone	Mr. Reginald Durant
Mr. Charles Kammer	Mr. Hyman Silberstom
Mr. Victor Brown, Jr.	Officer Purvis Purcell
Mr. Michael Wilcox	Mr. Ronald Anthony

---News in Brief---

* Mark your calendars - September 14th is **Signal 13 Family Day!**

* Congratulations to Lieutenant **Diane K. Dutton**, who was selected by the Alliance of Black Women Attorneys of Maryland as the recipient of the 1997 Distinguished Women in Law Enforcement Award. Lieutenant Dutton, who is currently pursuing a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Coppin State College, is recognized for her fifteen years of dedicated service, work with the Baltimore PAL Program as well as community involvement. Congratulations!

* The 13th Annual Walk to Cure Diabetes is scheduled for Sunday, September 28th at the Baltimore Zoo. The walk covers 6.2 miles and begins at 9:00 a.m. Those interested may contact Sergeant Deborah Owens at (410) 396-2127.

* Congratulations to **Marian C. Logan** of the Communications Division, who was promoted to Police Communications Assistant II on July 3rd.

* Congratulations to Central District Officer **Loretta L. Young**, who received the Mid-Atlantic Association of Women in Law Enforcement's Officer of the Year Award in the category of Valor.

* Congratulations are also in order for Agent **Martin M. Seltzer**, who was the winner of the 1997 Hampden's Best Award. Northern District's Agent Seltzer was recognized for his outstanding efforts and contributions to the community.

Retirements

HAHN, DAVID, J., Police Officer, Southeastern District, 49 years of age, 24 years of service. July 2, 1997.

Bike Competition to be Held

The Baltimore Police Department will be hosting the Bicentennial Police Mountain Bike Competition on September 20th to benefit the Maryland Special Olympics.

Entries for the competition consist of two person teams, however, individual officers may compete. Awards will be given to team and individual competitors in the various event categories and age groups.

The competition will be held at Druid Hill Park and is open to all local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. The event consists of a five-mile road race, an obstacle course and a "Toughest Bike Cop" contest. The entry fee for the competition is \$25.00 per team and \$15.00 for individual competitors. For event information call (410) 396-2619.

Final Roll Call

O'NEAL, LEWIS, Retired Police Officer, Eastern District, 66 years of age, 19 years of service. June 26, 1997.

COX, JOHN L., Retired Police Officer, Pine Street Station, 86 years of age, 28 years of service. June 27, 1997.

HALL, ROBERT, Retired Police Officer, Traffic Division, 74 years of age, 24 years of service. July 3, 1997.

GILLEASE, VINCENT P. Retired Sergeant, Southeastern District, 84 years of age, 23 years of service. July 4, 1997.

SEVARD, GEORGE A. Retired Police Officer, Northwestern District, 72 years of age, 37 years of service. July 24, 1997.

LEDDON, THOMAS J., Active Police Officer, Southwestern District, 48 years of age, 26 years of service, August 2, 1997.

Netherlands

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After more than ten years of experience, only then is a constable elevated to the rank of police officer. A constable may transfer anywhere in the country even the arctic, or reindeer country, however, few do.

While in the United States, Lars was introduced to bagels, baseball and Gatorade. Lars noticed that American business attire is more formal than Norwegian attire. Levi 510 jeans for his wife cost \$80 in Norway; needless to say, he had a shopping list to fill before his return.

After traveling 700 miles in a dozen days, First Constable Reiersen said, "Dedicated American and Norwegian Officers are not all that different. We have the same interests: one officer likes traffic, another drug enforcement, a third motor patrol, foot patrol, investigation, etc. **We share the same goals of public service and public safety!**"

Chaplain's Corner

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Commissioner's Message



It was a pleasure to see so many officers and their families at the Frank J. Battaglia Signal 13 Foundation's Family Day. The Foundation produced an even more spectacular event than last year, as evidenced by the nearly four thousand members and families who attended. Our most sincere thanks to them for their support of us, and my thanks to those of you who turned out for this most enjoyable afternoon.

I congratulate all of you who are working so hard to achieve such positive results this year. Overall, crime and violent crime are down approximately 14 percent, and the numbers are holding firm. The department has gained considerable national notoriety during the past few months for Police Corps, 3-1-1, our crime decrease, and other efforts which truly make us one of the premier big city police departments in the country.

Thanks for your good work. Be safe, love your families.

Thomas C. Frazier, Commissioner

Family Day A Great Day!



Many members of the Baltimore Police Department and their families attended the 3rd Annual Frank J. Battaglia Signal 13 Foundation Family Day celebration on Sunday, September 14, from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Approximately 4,000 current and retired members and their families participated in this event which was held at Inner Harbor East, on Fleet Street and Central Avenue.

According to Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier, Family Day is always an excellent opportunity for members of the department and their families to participate in an activity-filled day, which promotes a sense of pride and togetherness. (Continued on page 2)

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Family Day

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Featured events included exciting performances from marching bands representing Calvert Hall High School and Morgan State University. Carnival rides and games for children were also provided at the celebration. One of the main attractions was a hot air balloon which fascinated many who had an opportunity to ride.

In addition to plenty of food and activities, there were several demonstrations and exhibits provided by various units within the department.

Officer Edward Taylor, a four-year employee who works in the Southern District stated, This is a very positive event that I'll bring my family to every year.

Officer Taylor's sentiments were shared by many other employees. Diane Polston, a Community Service Officer who works in Police Headquarters stated, "I was really impressed with the amount of activities that were offered for the kids."

The board members of the Frank J. Battaglia Signal 13 Foundation are instrumental in assisting officers during critical times. Pamela Lapedes, Vice President of the Signal 13 Foundation emphasized, "It is our pleasure to acknowledge the fine men and women of the police department who have such difficult jobs to do."

The mixture of great weather, good food and fun has members of the Baltimore Police Department looking forward to next year's Family Day.



Class 97-2 Graduates

On September 5th, Class 97-2 graduated from the police academy in a morning ceremony that was held in the fifth floor auditorium of Police Headquarters.

Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier swore in the forty-one men and women who took the oath of office after completing 21 weeks of training, which began in April.

Ms. Laura Mullally, who is a Baltimore Assistant State's Attorney and Chief of the District Court Division was the guest speaker. Ms. Mullally addressed the Class of 97-2 and spoke to them about the principle of integrity. She also spoke of the many challenges a police officer may face in his or her career. She can personally identify with the role a career in law enforcement can play on officers and their families, as she is the wife of a Baltimore police lieutenant.

Recognized during the ceremony were the following members of the class: Police Officer Donald P. Bauer, III was the class Valedictorian. Officer Bauer graduated with a 96.1 academic average. Police Officer Christopher A. Stein was presented with the Police Commissioner's Award of Excellence and Police Officer Lonnie K. Suazo received the Skills Champion award.

CLASS 97-2

Alexander, Sr., Milton D.	Johnson, Jr., Andre V.
Ali, Mohamed	Lee, Ebony M.
Anderson, Jr., Norman L.	Legette, Preston T.
Anderson, Jr., Theodore C.	Lind, Michael J.
Arvinger, III, Stephen A.	Lusby, Kip R.
Askew, III, Laurin B.	Lyles, Jr., Richard S.
Bauer, III, Donald P.	Marshall, Charles E.
Belechto, Darren P.	McLean, Stanley J.
Brooks-Jones, Colyn D.	McLeod, Deon L.
Calhoun, Jr., Daniel J.	Perry, Michael A.
Craft, Willie V.	Pizzurro, John P.
Dowing, Sr., Desmond D.	Rodriguez, Mike
Dyer, Edward A.	Rose, Steven N.
Ferinde, John	Slaughter, Anthony R.
Gee, Sr. Troy J.	Smith, Charistopher A.
Gibson, Richard E.	Smith, Douglas L.
Harris, Jay C.	Starr, Daniel W.
Hazzard, Albert K.	Stein Christopher A.
Hendrick, Paul E.	Suazo, Lonnie K.
Hitaffer, Jeffrey G.	White, Jr. Gary F.
Jaramillo, Julio M.	

Colonel Crumrine Elected to President of Maryland Chiefs of Police Association



Colonel Steven A. Crumrine, Chief of the Field Operations Bureau, Area II, was recently sworn in as President of the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association.

Maryland Chiefs' is a multidimensional, nonpartisan organization which represents more than 200 top law enforcement executives throughout the State of Maryland. Through specialized training and a continuous exchange of ideas and information among its members, Maryland Chiefs' provides a forum which greatly enhances the proficiency of police executives.

As president, Colonel Crumrine is emphasizing the need for expanded regional training, the creation of a scholarship fund and the need for a greater impact by the organization regarding General Assembly issues.

Statewide, law enforcement executives are very pleased with Colonel Crumrine's selection. Howard County Police Chief James Robey says, "Colonel Steven Crumrine is one of the most dedicated and professional law enforcement executives I have ever worked with." He goes on to say, "I'm confident that under his leadership, the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association will move forward in addressing statewide issues so critical to law enforcement and the citizens of Maryland."

Maryland State Police Superintendent, Colonel David B. Mitchell, echoed the many positive sentiments by referring to Colonel Crumrine's selection as a "highlight for the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association."

Congratulations!

Homicide: Life on the Street Gives \$5,000 to PAL

The producers of Homicide: Life on the Street recently donated \$5,000 to the Police Athletic League. Co-executive producer, Jim Finnerty, states that he feels the Baltimore Police Athletic League is a very worthwhile program and one of the production's favorite organizations.

Homicide has been filmed in and around Baltimore for the past five years, and the show just recently began filming its sixth season. The series is well-known for its generosity and involvement within Baltimore's neighborhoods.

According to Ms. Kathi Ash, location manager for the show, the entire cast and crew feel a very real allegiance with the Baltimore Police Department. We work with the real police every day... even while we're portraying them on the screen. It creates a close relationship.

Mr. Finnerty said that the level of cooperation and professionalism their production has received from the Baltimore Police Department has been extraordinary. Therefore, it was with great pleasure that the show made the very generous donation.

According to Colonel Alvin Winkler, Chief of the Youth Bureau, the money donated will be used to purchase computers, supplies and other equipment for the PAL centers.

Upcoming PAL Events

Recently the Police Athletic League entered into a partnership with the Boy Scouts of America. Under the agreement, there will be a boy scouts cub troop in every PAL center. The Boy Scouts of America and PAL are seeking volunteers to be scoutmasters and troop leaders. Anyone who is interested in volunteering may contact Lieutenant Mary S. Young, PAL coordinator, at (410) 396-2166.

PAL will hold its 1st Annual Talent Show on Friday, November 7th at Baltimore City College at 7:00 p.m. During the show, a 1967 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme convertible will be awarded to the winner of a drawing. Anyone who is interested in purchasing raffle tickets for the car may do so by calling (410) 396-2166. Tickets can be purchased for \$5.00 each or five tickets may be purchased for \$20.00.

Frank J. Battaglia Signal 13 Foundation Offers Scholarships

Since 1982, the Frank J. Battaglia Signal 13 Foundation, Inc., has provided assistance to the employees of the Baltimore Police Department. Over the past five years, the foundation has expanded its program to provide scholarship assistance to all eligible children of police department personnel.

Beginning October 1, 1997 the foundation's scholarship committee will accept college scholarship applications for the fall 1998 - spring 1999 academic school year. The deadline for application submission is April 1, 1998. Upon review of all applications, awards will be assigned during a committee meeting to be held in June, 1998. Applicants will be notified accordingly. For further information regarding this very generous program, please contact Ms. Barbara Brandner at (410)335-1056.

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but No Emergency.

Youth Anti-Drug Day Celebration A Huge Success!

The Baltimore Police Athletic League in cooperation with the Drug Enforcement Administration, and other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, held their first annual Youth Anti-Drug Day, entitled Don't Bother Me I'm Drug Free, on Friday August 22nd. This event was held at Hughes Stadium on the campus of Morgan State University.

Youth Anti-Drug Day was the original idea of Colonel Alvin Winkler, Chief of the Youth Bureau for the Baltimore Police Department, and Special Agent Christopher Tolley of the Drug Enforcement Administration. During a meeting in June of this year, these two men enthusiastically discussed the idea of bringing government agencies together to do something for the kids.

Many weeks later, Colonel Winkler and Special Agent Tolley assembled a committee of 25 dedicated and resourceful men and women who represented 13 government agencies, health care organizations and community interest groups. In addition to exerting a great deal of time and energy, each representative was able to convince area businesses to donate many materials that were necessary to make the day successful.

The children began the day by marching onto Hughes Stadium in a parade led by the Eastern District PAL Marching Band. As an affirmation of the event's theme, under the direction of Mr. Stuart Simms, Secretary for the Department of Juvenile Justice, participants recited the Drug-Free Pledge to officially open up the day's activities. Youths representing the Safe and Sound organization then took the stage and encouraged the participants to be positive and drug free. Radio personality, Jammer, from The New 102.7 radio station, WXYV, was the official master of ceremonies for the event. Jammer did a fantastic job introducing performances by the Morgan State Marching Band, Olympic Wrestler and motivational speaker Mr. Buddy Lee, and Baltimore County Police Department's Heat band. Although the participants were entertained, there were interactive displays set up by various organizations to teach and inform youths about the hazards and effects of drugs and alcohol. In addition, organizers sent a positive message to drug free youths in our community. According to Colonel Winkler, "We want young people to know that there are many positive rewards for being drug-free."

Colonel Winkler also emphasized that youths have the support of law enforcement agencies and many community organizations who are committed to keeping them positive and drug-free.

Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke attended the celebration, of more than 2000 children, to assist with the awarding of several prizes picked from a random drawing. Ashley Orefice, age 14, from the Fullerton PAL center in northeast Baltimore, was one of several participants who won tickets to a Baltimore Ravens football game. The grand prize was awarded to Travis Wilson, age 8, from the Bocek Park PAL center in east Baltimore. Travis won a limousine ride and dinner or lunch for four at the Hard Rock Cafe.

Organizers of this celebration hope to make this a yearly event and invite the continual support of law enforcement, community groups and organizations, area businesses and the community at large. In addition the committee members are appreciative to everyone who contributed their time, energy and resources to help make Youth Anti-Drug Day a successful day.



Letters of Appreciation

Dear Commissioner Frazier,

In August, 1996, I was appointed to the Circuit Court for Baltimore City. During this most recent term, I have presided over the Special Felony Drug Court docket. I have heard cases involving the Violent Crimes Task Force and have seen officers from the districts who are involved in removing drugs and guns from our streets on a regular basis. I am particularly impressed by a group of officers from Southern District, Sergeant Stephen Nalewajko and Officers Michael Cichowicz, William Harris, Joseph Goldberg, Zachary Parker, Wayne Hennlein and Mark Polk. They are dedicated to their jobs and honest, effective officers. I feel they are to be commended for their excellent work. The Violent Crimes Task Force is impressive in its work. Officer John Riddick is a special, competent and honest officer. Others are Wanda Dobbins, Kevin Ruth and Robin Goodwin; all of whom are effective at their jobs. As I leave Drug Court, I wanted you to know that I am impressed by the officers who have appeared in my court. As a Circuit Court Judge, I will remain an independent judge in cases before me, but I am impressed by the talent, dedication and quality of those officers who have been before me in court.

Very truly yours,

Thomas Waxter, Jr.

Recently, I prosecuted a suspect for the murder of 3 year-old James Smith. This murder occurred on January 2, 1997, in a barbershop at 17 South Collington Avenue. This was a well-published highly-pressured case. Much was riding on the need for a successful presentation. We were successful in convicting the suspect of all the charges against him. This would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of Detective Vernon Parker. He always makes himself available to help locate witnesses and go over strategy. I could not have been successful without his assistance. He is a credit to Criminal Investigation Bureau, Homicide, the Baltimore Police Department and the citizens of Baltimore.

Very truly yours,

William J. Giuffre, State's Attorney's Office

I am writing to commend the work of Detective Shelia Savalinski. I appreciate her interest and her efforts in solving the felony case. She kept me informed of her progress from the arrest through the preliminary hearing, and the result of the arraignment. As a senior citizen and as a resident of the Mount Vernon area, I was impressed with the work of Central Police District. My thanks to the Baltimore Police Department and especially to Detective Savaliski.

Sincerely,

Charles L. Hayes, Jr.

Winchester Improvement Association and The Rosemont Crime and Safety Committee extend our heartfelt thanks to Colonel Steven Crumrine, Major Gary Lembach of Southwestern District, Lieutenant Shea, and Sergeants Bealefeld and Devine of the Southwestern Drug and Flex Units for their effort and support in working with our crime and safety committee to help us rid the Rosemont area of crime and drugs. We feel that all of them are working hard to help us overcome this problem. Winchester Improvement Association and The Rosemont Crime and Safety Committee extend to each one of them our appreciation for a job well done! We are beginning to see a difference as a result of their efforts. We look forward to their continued support as we all work together to rid our communities of drug dealing and crime.

Sincerely,

Patsy Paige

Winchester Improvement Association

We want to take this opportunity to express to you the exceptional job that Sergeant Laron W. Wilson is doing within our Community of Curtis Bay. He is always willing to go the extra mile to get the job done. He has demonstrated that he genuinely cares about the citizens that he serves. We consider ourselves very fortunate to have him as our Neighborhood Services Officer. The Baltimore City Police Department should be proud of him for his dedication and hard work within our community. We request that you please share this letter with Sergeant Wilson, which will hopefully show him just how much knowing and working with him has meant to the citizens of Curtis Bay. He has touched many people's lives in positive ways and we will never forget it. All we can say is...KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, SERGEANT WILSON!

Sincerely, Frankie Lewis, Sr., President

Legal Update

KNOCK AND ANNOUNCE

The Supreme Court held in April of this year that the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution does not permit a blanket exception to the knock-and-announce requirement for felony drug investigations. Richards v. Wisconsin. According to the Court, the creation of such an exception based on special circumstances surrounding today's rampant drug culture is impermissible. A case-by-case evaluation is still required when police officers and judges are considering whether dispensing with the knock-and-announce requirement is reasonable.

In Wilson v. Arkansas, the Supreme Court recognized that this requirement should be lifted under circumstances presenting a threat of physical violence, or where police officers have reason to believe that evidence would likely be destroyed if advance notice were given. Allowing a blanket exception, however, on the assumption that every drug investigation presents such circumstances is unconstitutional.

Police officers must be able to articulate such threats and circumstances each and every time they make the decision not to knock-and-announce. Making the generalization that all drug investigations require the exception will not suffice.

TINTED AUTO GLASS AND POLICE SEARCHES

In March, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit held that a bright-line rule allowing officers to open the door of a vehicle with tinted windows during a traffic stop is justified by concerns for officer safety. U.S. vs. Stanfield. According to the Court, the degree of danger is so high in such scenarios that an officer may open at least one door of the vehicle to determine if the driver and/or passengers have access to weapons. As always, there must first be a lawful traffic stop, but whether the degree of tinting on the car is legal is of no consequence to the legality of the search.



Several youngsters enjoyed a mild evening during the recent "sleep-over in the Park," which was sponsored by the Southeastern District Police Community Relations Council and the Patterson Park Neighborhoods Initiative. The camp-out was held in Patterson Park on Saturday, September 27th beginning at 6:00 p.m. Games and movies were held for the children, and breakfast the following morning was catered by Robin Lee Caterers.

Retirements

CONSTANTINI, JOSEPH A., Police Officer, Tactical/Traffic Division, 39 years of age, 20 years of service, July 12.

HARRISON, ROBERT N., Police Officer, Tactical/Traffic Division, 55 years of age, 23 years of service, August 1.

HEDDINGS, STANLEY E., Sergeant, Northern District, 55 years of age, 34 years of service, August 3.

NEAL-COLBERT, GABRIELLA, Police Officer, Property Division, 41 years of age, 6 years of service, August 8.

HAMLIN, WILLIAM G., Sergeant, Northeastern District, 45 years of age, 23 years of service, August 22.

SCHOENLAN, NEAL B., Police Officer, Communications Division, 51 years of age, 28 years of service, August 30.

NICHOLS, RICHARD P., Police Officer, Southeastern District, 54 years of age, 27 years of service, August 30.

ALEXANDER, ROBERT W., Police Officer, Northeastern District, 44 years of age, 25 years of service, September 5.

HAUGHT, WILLIAM F., Police Officer, Northeastern District, 50 years of age, 11 years of service, September 23.

KALINSKI, JOHN F., Police Officer, Tactical/Traffic Division, 39 years of age, 20 years of service, October 11.

Final Roll Call

DUNN, EDWARD J., JR., retired Officer, Criminal Investigation Bureau, Pawn Shop Unit, 83 years of age 25 years of service, May 2.

BUCHACZ, MARION J., retired Officer, Communications Division, 68 years of age, 32 years of service, August 4.

SCALES, JOHN G., retired Officer, Tactical Section, 59 years of age, 33 years of service, August 5.

JAMES, JOE., retired Officer, Tactical Division, 86 years of age, 27 years of service, August 9.

PATRICK, SARA F., retired Sergeant, Northern District, 76 years of age, 28 years of service, August 22.

HEMLER, JOSEPH L., retired Officer, Traffic Division, 87 years of age, 26 years of service, August 24.

GRACE, JAMES P., retired Officer, Traffic Division, 38 years of age, 12 years of service, September 12.

SARTORI, DOMINIC J., retired Officer, Traffic Division, 88 years of age, 20 years of service, September 13.

GRIFFITH, ROBERT H., JR., retired Officer, Tactical Division, 70 years of age, 25 years of service, September 16.

MASON, THOMAS A., retired Officer, Northwestern District, 51 years of age, 27 years of service, September 19.

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 410-396-2057



Police News



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Kurt L. Schmoke, Mayor

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Thomas C. Frazier, Commissioner

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Commissioner's Message



The holiday season is already upon us, and it is a good time to reflect and consider what we are thankful for. First and foremost, through our collective efforts with the community, crime in our city has continued a downward trend. Your unwavering courage, commitment and effort with Baltimore's youth, neighborhood associations and citizens is having a tremendous impact on the quality of life in their communities. Baltimore is feeling good about its police department, and everyone in this agency can feel proud about the job they do every day. You do make a difference.

I would also like to thank everyone involved with making the visit of His All Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, a tremendous success for the City of Baltimore. His visit was a huge event for all of those involved. I have repeatedly heard from attendees how professionally the distinguished men and women of the Department presented themselves. You are a true credit to Baltimore.

Whether participating in the Bicentennial Bike Competition to benefit Maryland Special Olympics, donating time to the Police Athletic League or distributing Thanksgiving Day baskets to needy families, the true spirit of giving is clear in the Baltimore Police Department. Most of all, thanks for the giving of yourselves each and every day as we work together to make our city a better place to live and raise our families.

Be safe, love your families.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Frazier Police Commissioner

Lieutenant Owen E. Sweeney Honored



On Saturday, October 18th, the Baltimore Police Department and members of the Hamilton Community Association unveiled a granite memorial to honor Lieutenant Owen E. Sweeney, Jr., who tragically lost his life on May 7th while responding to a call in Northeast Baltimore. The memorial was placed at the entrance to Burdick Park, located at Glenmore and Walther Avenues in the heart of the district that Lieutenant Sweeney served with

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"A Blueprint For Change"

Vanguard Justice Society Training Seminar

On October 20th, the Vanguard Justice Society sponsored a training seminar held at the Department's Education and Training Division. The seminar's goal was to train Eastern District sergeants and lieutenants in dealing with the process of referring young people, who had witnessed or have been victims of violent acts, to clinicians for intervention.

The training is a part of a program which partners Eastern District officers and supervisors with medical clinicians in an effort to move towards breaking the cycle of violence in East Baltimore Communities. The program is entitled the East Baltimore Police/ Mental Health Partnership - Community Oriented Partnership Services (COPS). The program is a collaboration between the East Baltimore Mental Health Partnership, the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, the Eastern District Community and school based clinicians. The program is modeled after the Yale University Child Study Center and New Haven Connecticut Police Department.

Lieutenant Gerrard DeManns served as the facilitator from Education and Training Division. Dr. Raymond Crowel, Director of the East Baltimore Mental Health Partnership, Major Wendell M. France, Eastern District Commander, and Dr. Phillip Leif, Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, *Continued on page 8*

Lieutenant Sweeney Honored

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such loyalty and dedication.

Many citizens of the Hamilton community, Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke, members of City Council, the House of Delegates and the Fraternal Order of Police attended the memorial ceremony. Lieutenant Sweeney's wife, Elaine, and two sons, Owen and Frank, also attended the morning ceremony. Additionally, Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper, widow of Northeastern District Sergeant Jack Cooper, attended the dedication. Sergeant Cooper is the only other Northeastern District officer who lost his life in the line of duty. He was tragically killed on Christmas Day in 1964.

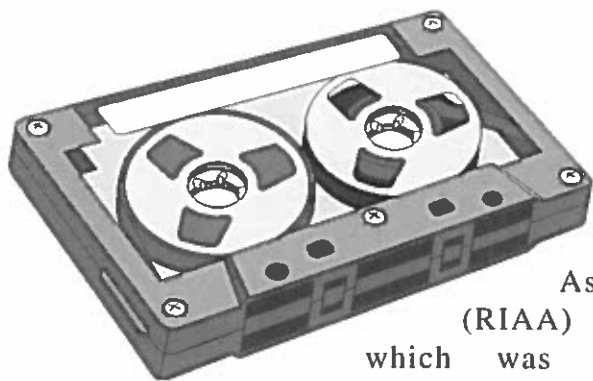
Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier also recognized Northeastern District officers that were on the scene that fateful day in May, who contained the scene to prevent further casualties, while rendering assistance to Lieutenant Sweeney. Sergeant John Platt was presented with a Bronze Star, Sergeant Melvin Sisson and Officer Kevin McDaniel were presented with Silver Stars and Officer Randy Blades received a Commendatory Letter from Commissioner Frazier. Also honored with Letters of Appreciation were Maryland State Troopers Robert Adam and Jim Thomas and Baltimore City Paramedics Theresa Harp and Thomas Steele. The Fraternal Order of Police also presented Mr. John Arminger of Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens with a plaque.

While speaking at the ceremony, Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier said, "This glorious monument will stand as an eternal reminder of the commitment and dedication Lieutenant Owen E. Sweeney, Jr. demonstrated throughout his life and distinguished 29-year career. He truly is the Finest of the Finest." We will forever miss his presence.

*Commissioner
Thomas C. Frazier,
Elaine Sweeney
and sons Owen and
Frank Sweeney at the
dedication of the Owen E.
Sweeney, Jr. Memorial in
Burdick Park.*



Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) Honors Central District



Several members of the Central District were recently honored by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) in an awards ceremony which was held in the Police Commissioner's Boardroom.

Mr. Frank Walters, Coordinator of Investigative Operations for RIAA, presented Gold Records to Major Steven McMahon, Sergeant Randy Dull and Officers James Eigner and Kenneth Driscoll, for their participation in a joint investigation between the Baltimore Police Department's Central District and the RIAA. The 18-month investigative effort, which targeted vendors of pirated audio tapes, led to the execution of 11 search and seizure warrants and resulted in 12 convictions. In addition, more than \$140,000 in illegal property was recovered, including 10,000 pirated audio tapes, compact discs, recorders and dubbing machines.

According to Frank Creighton, Vice-President/Associate Director of Anti-Piracy, piracy is the biggest threat to the recording industry today. More than \$300 million a year is lost to piracy domestically and the ultimate victim is the consumer. Initiatives, such as the one conducted with the Baltimore Police Department, are our front line in attacking piracy on all levels; from the street vendor, to retailers—all the way to the manufacturing and distribution levels.

Also recognized and presented with Certificates of Appreciation were the following members of the Police Department: Lieutenant Deal Allen, Sergeants John Baker, Robert Bergeron, and Francis Ruppert, Jr., Officers John Calpin, Wanda Campbell, Edward Chaney, Curtis Dixon, Danny Grubb, Jr., Robert Heath, Raymond Hunter, Jr., Michael Kirschner, David Levin, Daniel Mitchell, Jr., Robin Mullins, Lennie Mungo, Ralph Oakes, Janice Peters, Valerie Price, Julianne Pritchard, James Schuler, George Whittingham, IV and Edward Wolf.

Congratulations!

Mobile Enforcement Teams Recognized

Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier recently honored 14 members of the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) Mobile Enforcement Team (MET) in a morning ceremony held in the Police Commissioner's Boardroom. The special agents were acknowledged for their part in a joint investigation that began early this year. The U.S. Department of Justice honored three members of the Baltimore Police Department during the ceremony. The honorees included Sergeant David Cheuvront, II and Detectives Keith Gladstone and William Knoerlein.

DEA's Mobile Enforcement Team targeted violent open-air drug organizations within Baltimore, while concentrating specifically on the Eastern District. During the joint investigation, members of MET and Baltimore Police made 26 undercover drug buys, executed 13 search warrants and arrested 81 people. In addition, more than 1,400 grams of cocaine were seized, as well as bullet proof vests, weapons, \$12,000 in currency and two luxury vehicles valued at approximately \$60,000.

According to Baltimore Police Captain Michael J. Andrew, DEA's Mobile Enforcement Team's involvement led to the disruption of several open-air drug organizations, the solicitation of viable informants and training of Baltimore police personnel. He added, "The federal agents bring in expertise, high-tech surveillance equipment and manpower. But the tangible benefits of a joint investigation like this one go beyond all of that. It fosters a good working relationship between the agents and officers."

Congratulations!

--- Promotions ---

During a morning ceremony at Police Headquarters on October 22nd, Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier held Appointment and Promotion Ceremonies

During the ceremonies, two lieutenants were appointed to the position of major, two sergeants were promoted to the rank of lieutenant, and four police officers/agents were promoted to the rank of sergeant. Additionally, sixteen civilian members of the department were promoted .

Lieutenant Diane K. Dutton was appointed to the exempt position of major and now serves as the Director of Personnel Division. Lieutenant John L. Bergbower was also appointed to the exempt position of major and now serves as the Commanding Officer of the Southwestern District.

As a result of these appointments, Major Gary C. Lembach, former Southwestern District Commander, was reassigned to the Drug Enforcement Section and Major Eugene T. Yeager was reassigned to the Violent Crimes Task Force.

After graduating from the academy in 1973, Major John L. Bergbower has served in the Northwestern, Southeastern and Northern Districts. In 1995, then a lieutenant, he was assigned to the Planning and Research Division, where he remained until his appointment this month. Major Bergbower, a 24 year veteran of the department, has received two Official Commendations. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Marywood College.

Major Diane K. Dutton received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Spanish and Education in 1972 from Western Maryland College. Shortly thereafter, she joined the Baltimore Police Department. Throughout her distinguished 15 year career, she has been assigned to the Southeastern and Northeastern Districts, the Community Services Division, the Education and Training Division, and most recently, the Personnel Division.

During the promotional ceremony, the Criminal Investigation Bureau's Drug Enforcement Section's Metro Squad received a Unit Citation. Congratulations to the members of the squad.

APPOINTED TO MAJOR

Lieutenant Diane K. Dutton

Personnel Division

Lieutenant John L. Bergbower

Southwestern District

PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT

Sergeant Craig Meier, Northwestern District

Sergeant Darnell Brock, Southern District

PROMOTED TO SERGEANT

Officer Johnny Delgado, Central District

Agent John T. Broadus, Southern District

Officer John T. McCoy III, Central District

Officer Gary Klado, Northwestern District

CIVILIAN PROMOTIONS

Crime Laboratory Technician Supervisor

Michael H. Bailey - Laboratory Division

Crime Laboratory Technician II

Shu Yun Liu Waltemeyer

Susan A. Wright

Kimberly D. Fowler

CRIMINALIST

Stephen L. Thomas - Criminalist III

Carolyn D. Chambers - Criminalist I

Gregory J. Kane - Criminalist I

Anthony Rumber - Criminalist I

FIREARMS EXAMINER

Sandra M. Bohlen

Mark E. Takacs

EMERGENCY DISPATCHER

Joyce C. Fox

Marcella R. Obot

POLICE COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANT II

Marian C. Logan

OFFICE ASSISTANT II

Lynn E. Boniarski

OFFICE ASSISTANT III

Margaret M. Harlee

RADIO MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN SUPERVISOR

John J. Hardesty

311 Non-Emergency Telephone Number Launched

In October 1996, the Baltimore Police Department, in cooperation with the Justice Department's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and AT&T Government Markets, launched the nation's first three digit non-emergency telephone number, aimed at reducing the huge workload of the current 9-1-1 communications system. Though responsible for saving many lives, the 9-1-1 system was historically inundated with non-emergency requests. In 1995, the Baltimore Police Department handled 1,331,601 9-1-1 calls for service; of those, 60% were deemed non-emergencies. The goal of the new non-emergency number was to reduce congestion by diverting non-emergency calls from 9-1-1 to 3-1-1. By diverting calls, 9-1-1 calltakers and officers were expected to be available to more efficiently handle emergency calls. Additionally, officers were projected to have more discretionary time to engage in proactive policing methods. After one year, 3-1-1 has been a huge success!

During an exciting morning press conference held on October 1st, Commissioner Frazier marked the one-year anniversary of 3-1-1 by announcing that AT&T's 3-1-1 service had decreased the number of 9-1-1 calls for police service by nearly 25%. Commissioner Frazier said, "We are extremely pleased with the results. 3-1-1 service is proving to be a viable method for handling our community policing goals." He went on to say, "The new number has made it easier for community members to work with police to prevent crime, reduce fear and improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods."

Just one year ago, advertising the slogan, When There's Urgency but No Emergency, a multi-media public education campaign was executed to heighten 3-1-1's public awareness. Using public service spots (i.e., television, radio, and print media), the public continued to be educated regarding the use of 3-1-1, and the importance of using it correctly. Upgrades to existing telephone systems, and hardware and software programs, were developed to bring the 3-1-1 system on-line. Initial costs for public education and upgrades were in excess of 1.3 million dollars. Needless to say, 3-1-1 was quickly being realized both locally and nationally as a huge technological innovation.

The 3-1-1 system is structured to receive direct calls, transfers from 9-1-1 and transfers from districts. In addition, 3-1-1 handles 685-DRUG, 685-GUNS, and Metro Crime Stoppers calls. Incoming calls can also be deferred to various sources within and outside the agency, or handled through electronic reporting.

Since the inception of 3-1-1, there has been an increase of 8.8% in calls for service. The 9-1-1 calls for police service have decreased by 24.7%. This reduction has dramatically enhanced the overall efficiency of 9-1-1.

Improvements Realized Since 3-1-1's Inception

- 79.0% decrease in total positions busy.
- 67.0% reduction in average answer time.
- 29.4% reduction in average abandoned time.
- 50.0% reduction in abandoned calls.
- 82.2% reduction in calls receiving a recording.
- 17.0% decrease in times operators are busy on calls.

From 1990-1995, there was an average annual increase of 3.7% of 9-1-1 calls dispatched to patrol. In 1996, there was a 4.1% decrease in dispatched calls - attributed to 3-1-1, thus reversing a trend. Since the inception of 3-1-1, there has been an overall 6.6% decrease in calls dispatched.

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311 Non-Emergency Telephone Number Launched

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Mary Jane McKeever, President of AT&T Government Markets, says this about the progress of the 3-1-1 pilot program, "The results of this pilot exceeded our expectations. As it is adopted around the nation, 3-1-1 service, coupled with expanded communication capabilities, will relieve pressure on 9-1-1, reduce costs for emergency services and help other law enforcement organizations as they initiate their own community policing efforts."

Earlier this year, a 3-1-1 quality assurance unit was established to monitor 3-1-1 customer satisfaction. Weekly quality assurance surveys indicate an overall 98.4% citizen satisfaction rate of 3-1-1.

The 3-1-1 Center is preparing to utilize LAN (Local Area Network) computers between the 3-1-1 Center, police districts, and neighborhood service centers. The initial trial period will consist of three computers in the 3-1-1 Center, one computer at the supervisor's position, and one computer each at two neighborhood service centers and two police districts. Total cost to fully implement operation of the LAN computer (i.e., nine police districts, nine neighborhood service centers, and all 3-1-1 center positions) and all other grant related costs are estimated to be \$405,558. The LAN computer will certainly improve our system of accountability and ensure quicker distribution and dissemination of caller information and requests.

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When There's Urgency
but No Emergency.

Communications Division Hosts Open House for Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Members of the Baltimore Police Department's Communications Division hosted the department's inaugural Open House event for the deaf and hard of hearing on October 7th. The event was held in the Communications Division's training center.

More than 34 people from the Baltimore Metropolitan area attended the evening open house. Ms. Brenda Kelly-Frye, Maryland Relay Service, provided two interpreters to assist with this presentation. Additionally, Mr. Gil Becker, Assistant Director for the State of Maryland Telecommunications Association, was present to observe the open house instruction.

Denise Abney, Training Coordinator for the Communications Division, presented an overview of the 9-1-1/3-1-1 system to the attendees. Ms. Abney was assisted by training instructors, Selby Long and John McCall. All of the attendees were provided hands-on participation involving the Computer Aided Dispatch equipment.

According to Ms. Abney, due to the overwhelming response and positive feed-back, efforts are underway to provide more events of this nature.

Annual Pennsylvania State Service Pistol Championship

Lewistown Pistol Club was the sight for the annual Pennsylvania State Service Pistol Championship. Recently, the Baltimore Police Department's Pistol Team participated in a three day competition, along with law enforcement agencies from 5 other states. The department's Gold team placed third in the "A" class and the Blue team placed first in the "C" class.

Individual awards were earned by Sergeant Donald Kramer, who received a trophy for being the highest overall shooter, and Art Nixon, who won 1st place in the "C" class during the .38 slow fire event. Baltimore has traditionally had a fine marksmanship team, which dates back more than 60 years. Congratulations to all of the team members for a job well done.

Pistol Team Members

Front Row (l. to r.): Captain Robert Green, Officer Arthur Nixon, Officer Ed Ibarra, Jim Meyer, Sergeant Mark Matyssek. Back Row (l. to r.) Sergeant Donald Helms, Sergeant Donald Kramer, Sergeant George Trainor, retired Officer Harry Twigg, Agent Mark Canton, retired Officer Bob "Mac" Mackenzie, and Sergeant William Stone. Not pictured in photo is Lieutenant Craig Meier.



Letters to the Commissioner



Dear Commissioner Frazier,

Recently, my daughter, Jennifer, was involved in a traffic accident which occurred in the 3500 block of Hillen Road. To many of us in the profession it was just another "minor fender bender." To an anxious seventeen year-old who has had her license for less than a year, the accident was a major catastrophe. Officer Robert J. Monroe, who arrived on the scene shortly after the collision occurred, did not see the accident as "routine" but rather understood the anxiety my daughter was experiencing. She tells me that his professional attitude and approach to the incident helped her remain calm and reassured her that "everything would be okay." Having retired from the Baltimore Police Department after serving for twenty-three years, it is both personally and professionally reassuring to know that the Baltimore Police Department still attracts and retains officers like Officer Monroe. In this instance he truly embodies the meaning of "community policing." As a former member of the agency and as Jennifer's father, I am grateful for his performance and attention to duty. I believe it is important that you hear of his actions so that he can be encouraged as he continues in his career as one of Baltimore's Finest. Continued success to you and the Department, I remain.

Sincerely, James A. Durner, III
Retired Captain

From the heart, my thanks to you for the extraordinary work of the Baltimore City Police Department on Thursday, October 23, on the visit of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. Truly, it was a marvelous event, due in special measure to the effective participation of so many from the Police Department under your leadership. With all cordial wishes, I remain.

Sincerely Yours, Cardinal William Keeler
Archbishop of Baltimore

Recently, I was involved in an incident in which the Baltimore City Police became involved. I am writing to express my gratitude to your department and to Officer Kelvin A. Corbin of the Northern District. On Sunday, October 26, I was bitten by a dog at the Giant Supermarket at the Rotunda Shopping Center in Roland Park. While this may be a minor incident, Officer Corbin promptly arrived on the scene, and responded in a proficient manner. He was courteous, professional, and his quick follow-up, reassuring style, and constant smile were refreshing. As a resident of Baltimore City, it is comforting to know the Baltimore Police Department have quality officers who go out of their way to provide assistance. Please pass along my thanks and comments to Officer Kelvin Corbin for a job well done.

Sincerely, Joshua J. Reiter, Ed.D.

I am pleased to write you this short letter to say thank you for having such a fine police officer as a member of the Baltimore Police Department. At the Ravens football game on Sunday, October 5th, I inadvertently locked my car keys in the car. After much waiting for American Towing, I reached out for help in the Ravens' front office. The front office staff was very helpful but Officer Wayne J. Sponsky took a personal interest in helping me to find someone to help me. I hope you are as proud of Officer Sponsky as I am.

Sincerely, Billy Taylor

Dear Detective Nevins: My family and I would like to extend our sincerest thanks to you for a job well done! I really appreciated all the kindness and understanding you showed to us throughout the ordeal of dealing with the death of my son, Tyrone Carroll, and the ensuing trial. My heart really went out to you when you had to take the witness stand. You withstood a lot of grilling. It must have been hard to listen to someone who was trying to discredit your expertise and willingness to do your job in a thorough manner. Personally, I feel that without this expertise my son's case could have remained unsolved for many years. Your tenacity has helped a grieving mother and family go on with their lives. Once again, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart! This hasn't been easy for me and your reassurances has helped me throughout. I want you to know that I'll always keep you and your co-workers in my prayers and hope that God will continue to bless and watch over you as you go about such a dangerous occupation.

Sincerely yours, Mrs. Nancy P. Middleton

His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Visits Baltimore



Patriarch Bartholomew, Cardinal William Keeler, Archbishop Spyridon
Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier, The Very Rev. Constantine Monios
and Colonel John E. Gavrilis.

Training Seminar

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spoke during the training seminar. During the seminar, Commissioner Thomas Frazier congratulated the participants and the members of the Eastern District for the many hours devoted to improving the quality of life for residents in East Baltimore. Dr. Corinne Meijer and Sergeant Richard Hite served as moderators for the training. Lieutenant Edward Jackson, Drs. Gayle Porter, Vondelear Smith Hill and Mr. Phillip Harrison were presenters. Guest speakers included Eastern District Officers Charles Robinson and Loretta Bowling, as well as Annette Layton, Burnette Morsell, and Derrick Lewis (EBMHP).

The seminar was enjoyed by all and dealt with important issues as it pertains to the Youth of Baltimore. A special thanks again to the Vanguard Justice Society for their generous donation that made the entire seminar possible.

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Retirements

White, Edmund B., Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Bureau, 53 years of age, 24 years of service, October 11th.

Smoot, Charles T., Police Officer, Violent Crimes Task Force, 53 years of age, 30 years of service, October 25th.

Rood, Karen L., Police Officer, Western District, 48 years of age, 15 years of service, October 28th.

Jubb, James V., Police Officer, Eastern District, 47 years of age, 22 years of service, October 30th.

Final Roll Call

Bishoff, Donovan E., active Auxillary Officer, Tactical Division-Waterfront Patrol, 83 years of age, 10 years of service, October 7th.

Butler, Arthur L., retired Police Officer, Central Records Division, 66 years of age, 15 years of service, October 7th.

McLellan, John G., retired Sergeant, Northeastern District, 63 years of age, 15 years of service, October 10th.

Jones, Leon N., active Officer, Western District, 56 years of age, 27 years of service, November 4th.



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Season's Greetings

Commissioner's Message



Whether celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanza, it is my sincere pleasure to extend the warmest of holiday wishes to every member of the Baltimore Police Department. The holiday season is a very special time for all of us as we get together with our families, friends and co-workers to celebrate the joy this time of year brings.

Many of us will be spending part of our days of celebration on patrol, receiving 911 calls or investigating cases. Your selfless giving is not only reflective of the holiday season, but mirrors the spirit of peace and goodwill which is evident in this great city year-round. Please know that you have the continued support of not

only myself and the entire Command Staff, but the citizens of Baltimore as well. Every year, hundreds of letters cross my desk and phone calls come into my office which convince me that citizens understand and appreciate the difficult job you do for them. Without your commitment and valuable contributions, Baltimore would not be heading in the positive direction it is - Thank you.

On behalf of my wife, Deborah, and daughter, Alexandra, we wish you a happy and fulfilling holiday season with hopes the New Year will bring you good health, happiness and continued success.

Be Safe, Love Your Families,

Thomas C. Frazier

Police Commissioner



Mayor's Greeting



I am pleased to extend warm holiday greetings to everyone in the Baltimore City Police Department.

The deep commitment that you have shown to the people of Baltimore is evident in the hard work that you are involved in each and every day of the year. For this, you have my sincere gratitude.

In the course of your work, you have put your own lives at risk to protect our citizens and our communities. Beyond the basic law

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"A Blueprint For Change"



PAL Talent Show a Huge Success!



Friday evening, November 7th, was a dark, rainy evening, but the sun was shining brightly inside of Baltimore City College's auditorium as the Baltimore Police Athletic League held its first annual Talent Show. The auditorium was filled to capacity as many Baltimore youngsters gave the performances of their lives. Singers, dancers and musicians from ages 7 through 17 showed up to electrify the crowd, which constantly cheered and shouted for their favorite performers.

Baltimore Police Colonel Alvin Winkler kicked off the event with compelling testimony about how the Police Athletic League, in its relatively short-termed existence, has touched the lives of so many young people. Young and old alike cheered the Colonel's comments before the introduction of the first act in the 7-11 year-old talent bracket.

Little Christopher Webster kicked off the evening's festivities with a dynamic solo singing performance on the auditorium's wooden stage. Christopher theatrically serenaded I Never Make a Promise to his beautiful, starry-eyed younger sister, who sat with her feet dangling from an elementary school chair while gazing at her brother's impressive stage presence. The audience loved Christopher, and as his dramatic singing performance came to a grand conclusion, the packed auditorium raised the roof-and so the show began...

There were eighteen acts, one in each age bracket representing each of the nine police districts. Master of Ceremony, Mr. Curtis Anderson, paced the show to perfection, and held the long awaited halftime drawing for the donated, mint-conditioned 1967 Oldsmobile Cutlass Convertible Supreme. The Cutlass was donated for fundraising purposes to the Police Athletic League by Mr. Chick Lord. Tickets for the car raffle were sold months in advance, and because of Mr. Lord's extremely generous donation, nearly \$18,000 was raised for the PAL Program.

As the evening continued, the Baltimore Police Youth Choir charmed the audience and many performers soon followed. All of the participants gave it their best, and were applauded for their bravery while performing in front of their peers, who are often the toughest judges.

When the evening's last performance, a nine-point dance exhibition, came to an end, the tension quickly mounted while the judges tallied their votes to determine who would be the 1st place winners in each age bracket. So, without further delay, here are your 1997 PAL Talent Show winners:

7-11 Age Bracket-----

1st Place - Southern District Pianist Ronald Warczynski

2nd Place - Northwestern District Singers Tiffani Colbert and Donisha Chase

3rd Place - Eastern District Singer Keosha Hall

12-17 Age Bracket-----

1st Place - Eastern District Dancers Latoya Williams, Kapria Kittrel, Nyema Jones, Brashay Rice, Milleasha Rice, Bria Spease, Erwin Daniels, Kiva Hall, Mychael Wallace and Tyesha Cabeza

2nd Place - Central District Dance Performers Latonya Jeffers, Tyra Johnson, Sanchez Ben and Melika Ben

3rd Place - Northern District Dancers Allson Rooks, Shelle Lanmin, Wanda Jones and April Vines

All of the winners received generous gift certificates from the Downtown Locker Room. And, even though everyone who participated did not receive gift certificates, something more important happened that evening. Each person who walked away from the talent show that dark, rainy evening not only felt great about the smiles on all of the kid's faces, they felt great about the wonderful city they live in.

Hamilton PAL Center Opens

The Baltimore Police Department's Police Athletic League (PAL) held an open house on Saturday, November 8th, celebrating the grand opening of the Hamilton PAL Center. The center is located in sector two of the Northeastern District, making it the third PAL Center in Northeast Baltimore. The others are Montebello and Goodnow.

Over 65 youths were pre-enrolled at the center prior to the grand opening, and an additional 45 registered during the open house, according to Officer Robert Gerber, one of two officers assigned to the Hamilton PAL Center.

Many activities were provided, including food, performances by the Northeastern District's cheerleaders and marching bands. Also, representatives from the Enterprise Foundation, a food service company, and the Toast Masters, a public speaking club, were on hand to provide information to youths interested in those fields.

Many of the children enjoyed meeting former Oriole center fielder, Al Bumbry, who spoke to the children and signed autographs.

PAL is a crime prevention program which promotes structured educational and recreational activities while providing a safe environment for Baltimore youth. Nearly 6,000 children ages 7-17 are enrolled in PAL Centers throughout the city and the number continues to grow.

1998 HOLIDAYS

New Year's Day	January 1, 1998
King's Birthday	January 15, 1998
Lincoln's Birthday	February 12, 1998
Washington's Birthday	February 16, 1998
Maryland Day	March 25, 1998
Good Friday	April 10, 1998
Memorial Day	May 25, 1998
Independence Day	July 4, 1998
Labor Day	September 7, 1998
Defenders' Day	September 12, 1998
Columbus Day	October 12, 1998
General Election	November 3, 1998
Veterans' Day	November 11, 1998
Thanksgiving Day	November 26, 1998
Christmas Day	December 25, 1998

Mayor's Greeting

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enforcement duties of the Police Department, you have also been able to put the concept of community policing into action. This involves forging strong partnerships between individuals and groups in our communities in a united campaign to deter and respond to crime. Without citizens taking an active day-to-day role in crime prevention, the efforts of even the most dedicated police officers will be stymied.

Also, the Baltimore Police Department has realized the importance of applying new ideas, new techniques, and technologies to public safety concerns. For example, putting video cameras on strategic street corners in one downtown section has proven to be a great deterrent to car break-ins and other crimes in that area.

At year's end, we have special cause for optimism about the effectiveness of the public safety system we are building in Baltimore. The latest crime statistics showed the most significant drop in violent crime in the City since the mid-1980s. I view this development as a testament to the soundness of our comprehensive, strategic, innovative response to crime. But it is also a testament to the talents of our police officers.

Once again, I must thank each of you for a job well done. The hard work that you perform every day helps to make our city a safer and more pleasant place to live and work.

Best wishes to you and your families for a safe and happy holiday season.

Colonel Crumrine Retires



Colonel Steven A. Crumrine, Chief of the Field Operations Bureau, Area II, will officially retire from the Baltimore Police Department on January 2, 1998 after 23 years of dedicated service.

Colonel Crumrine joined the Police Department in October, 1974. Upon completion of the police academy, he worked in the Central District for five years. Other assignments held by the Colonel include the Tactical Section, Special Operations, Fiscal Division, Human Resources Bureau and the Criminal Investigation Bureau. He was appointed to police agent in 1976, to sergeant in 1983, to lieutenant in 1989, major in 1991, and colonel in 1994.

Colonel Crumrine is 45 years old, married and has two children. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Maryland and a Masters of Science degree in law enforcement from the University of Baltimore. He also attended the 169th session of the FBI National Academy at Quantico, Virginia.

Colonel Crumrine will join the Rouse Corporation as Director of Security. In this position, he will lead the company's security activities at all regional centers across the country. Additionally, he will oversee the implementation of security policy and procedures. Local retail centers that Colonel Crumrine will supervise include The Gallery at Harborplace, Mondawmin Mall, Owings Mills Mall, White Marsh Mall, and The Mall at Columbia. He will also be responsible for many more across the nation.

Colonel Crumrine says, "The Baltimore Police Department has been good to me. I still very much enjoy the job that I'm doing, but I just couldn't pass up this tremendous opportunity with Rouse."

Best wishes to Colonel Crumrine in his new career.

Guess Who?

"Oh! No"....,"It can't be," "Look how cute he was," these are just a few comments that can be heard in the Northwestern District's Administrative Office after everyone sees the Guess Who Wall. The Guess Who Wall has pictures of sworn and civilian members of the district when they were infants, toddlers, and teenagers. The wall has created a lot of fun and excitement as everyone stops in the Administrative office daily to see what new pictures have been added. The staff is getting a kick out of seeing their favorite sergeants, lieutenants and yes, THE MAJOR, as a child.

Many have had to visit mom and grandma to get old pictures of themselves to display on the board. However, many have said that getting a picture to bring in has been hard. Moms are not too willing to let go of their precious pictures for even a short period. All have promised to return the pictures in good condition.

The Guess Who Wall is the latest attraction in the district by Office Assistant Maxine Brown, Maxine is known in the district as the "Creative Director." Maxine is also responsible for the monthly birthday board, and picture board that has recent photos of current and past Northwestern District members. Please feel free to stop by and Guess Who?

Ravens and 3-1-1 Donate Thanksgiving Day Baskets

In the spirit of giving, several gracious donations were made during the week of Thanksgiving. One of the donations was made to assist families of children enrolled in the Baltimore Police Department's Police Athletic League.



Ravens running back Earnest Byner generously donated Thanksgiving baskets. He is pictured here with Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier

Another donation was made by members of the Police Department's 3-1-1 Non-Emergency Center.

On November 25, Earnest Byner, running back for the Baltimore Ravens football team, and his wife, Tina, donated over 100 Thanksgiving dinners to needy PAL families. The dinners were distributed at the Gwynns Falls PAL Center from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The families were chosen within the Southwestern District and throughout the area based on their holiday needs.

Thanksgiving feasts distributed were complete with all of the trimmings, including a turkey, potatoes, vegetables, cranberry sauce, rolls and pies. Gift wrap for the holiday season was also included.

Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier and Colonel Alvin Winkler, Chief of the Youth Bureau, assisted in the distribution of the dinners. Colonel Winkler shared the following sentiments, "We certainly appreciate the generosity of Mr. Byner for this contribution to needy families. More importantly, it underscores how PAL develops good partnerships that benefit the community at large."

Mr. and Mrs. Byner said that they were happy to have the opportunity to give to the community. Ravens player Stevon Moore was also on hand as he and Mr. Byner signed autographs for the children. Baltimore Ravens owner, Art Modell, said of his players, "We have good people on our team and this is typical of their community involvement. They saw a need and reacted." Many thanks to Earnest and Tina Byner, Stevon Moore, the Maryland Food Bank and Enterprise Rentals, who also donated time and equipment to make this a successful endeavor.

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Major France Retires



The Commanding Officer of the Eastern District, Major Wendell France, retired on December 13th after 27 years of dedicated service.

Major France joined the Baltimore Police Department as a cadet in June of 1970. After completing his entrance level training, he was assigned as a patrol officer to the Northern District. In 1979, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and assigned to the Southwestern District. For the next 13 years of his career, Major France completed tours of duty in the Traffic Division, Personnel Division, and the Criminal Investigation Bureau. In 1992, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and again assigned to the Northern District and subsequently to the Criminal Investigation Bureau.

In August, 1996, he was appointed to the exempt rank of major by Commissioner Frazier and assigned to the Eastern District.

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News In Brief

Congratulations to Sergeant Rufino Garcia, Internal Investigation Division, who was recently honored by the Hispanic National Law Enforcement Association. Sergeant Rufino received the Association's Community Outreach Award, which is presented to officers and citizens who demonstrate the unique ability and desire to assist and promote the Hispanic community. This award represents Sergeant Garcia's commitment to improving the quality of life in the Hispanic community and his continued effort to improve the relationship between the community and the Baltimore Police Department.



Congratulations to lieutenant Michael Tomczak, Northwestern District, who recently won the Maryland State Doubles Handball Tournament at the Merrit Racquet Club in Towson. In addition to winning, Lieutenant Tomczak also instructs racquetball for beginners at the University of Baltimore.



The Baltimore City Retired Police Association is sponsoring a Children's Holiday Movie Theatre Show on Saturday, December 27th at 10:00 a.m. at the Beltway Movies 6, 7660 Belair Road. For ticket information please call 410-654-0628.

Operation Clean-Up at Western District Demonstrates the Spirit of Cooperation

Submitted by Sergeant Lawrence E. Mize

As the sun beats down on the hot asphalt in front of the Western District, the temperatures were expected to climb into the nineties on this hot summer day. During the month of July, Baltimore was in its muggy, hot, and humid heat spells. On the corner of Mount Street and Riggs Avenue, three men from the Western District's Home Detention Detail and Police Officer Bruce Button, the Sandtown-Winchester footman, were hard at work clearing out the overgrown bushes, weeds and vines in front of the Western District Station House.

The Home Detention Detail is a cooperative effort on the part of the Baltimore Police Department and the Maryland Department of Correction, Home Detention Unit. The purpose of the detail is to utilize combined resources to address the ongoing problem of litter and the overgrowth of weeds which seem to plague some neighborhoods. The simple act of "weeding and cleaning" improves the quality of life in these West Baltimore neighborhoods.

Originally initiated by the Neighborhood Service Unit, the Home Detention Detail, under the direction of the Western District's Neighborhood Services Foot Unit, has provided the various communities in the Western District with a much needed service. Responding to complaints from residents, the men of the Home Detention Detail help the community clean alleys and vacant lots, and spruce-up community gardens. Supervised by any one of six community foot officers, they have become a familiar sight in the Western District.

On this particular day, the detail began in the early morning attacking the sucker vines, weeds and small trees that seemingly had sprouted overnight from the bushes in front of the Western District. The bushes had become so overgrown they were an eyesore.

The men labored far into the late afternoon until a dump truck arrived to be filled with the waste generated by the clean-up. Dubbed Operation Clean-Up, the men on the detail transformed an eyesore into a clear, grassy area before going back to the Department of Corrections. Another job well done. It's efforts like this that improve the quality of life year 'round in Baltimore's communities.

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Cedrick Whitehead v. State of Maryland (1997)

On September 12, 1994, Cedrick Whitehead was stopped by Trooper Bernard Donovan for driving 72 miles per hour in a 55 mile per hour zone. When Whitehead could not produce his driver's license, he was ordered out of his vehicle, but the passenger was asked to remain in the front seat. The trooper asked Whitehead where he was driving from and then asked the same question of the passenger. Consistent answers were given. When asked who the individuals had gone to see, however, Whitehead and the passenger gave conflicting responses.

Then, the trooper ran a check on Whitehead and his vehicle. The trooper later testified at a suppression hearing that he first became suspicious as a result of the conflicting responses to his second question. While awaiting the results of the records check, the trooper ordered Whitehead into the police cruiser and handed him a consent to search form which he typically used as a tool to judge the person's reaction regarding a possible search for contraband. According to the trooper, Whitehead became nervous, began to stutter and refused to sign the form. The records check then revealed that there were no outstanding warrants for Whitehead nor was the vehicle stolen. Nevertheless, the trooper detained Whitehead and the passenger while he conducted a K-9 scan of the car. Crack cocaine was found in a backpack behind the driver's seat. Whitehead was subsequently convicted of possession of cocaine, possession with intent to distribute, and importation of cocaine into Maryland.

In August this year, the Court of Special Appeals held that the cocaine seized in this case should have been suppressed. The trooper did not have probable cause to search the vehicle. The use of conflicting details as to who the suspects had been visiting was unavailing to show probable cause to suspect possession of narcotics. Additionally, the Court declared that to condone the use of a citizen's reaction to a consent form as a litmus test to determine probable cause would be to render the Fourth Amendment a dead letter and the requirement of the police to secure a valid waiver anullity.

After receiving information that neither Whitehead nor his vehicle were suspect to criminal activity, the trooper was under a duty to expeditiously complete the process of either issuing a warning or a traffic citation for whatever traffic offenses that he had observed. There was nothing to indicate that Whitehead was involved in drug trafficking; neither drugs, weapons, or paraphernalia were observed on the scene. The Court reasoned that [t]he nervousness or lack of it of the driver pulled over by a Maryland State trooper is not sufficient to form the basis of police suspicion that the driver is engaged in the illegal transportation of drugs. There is no earthly way that a police officer can distinguish the nervousness of an ordinary citizen under such circumstances from the nervousness of a criminal who traffics narcotics. Consequently, more evidence was necessary to establish probable cause to conduct the search in this case.

Major France Retires (Cont'd. from pg. 5)

Major France is 45 years of age and a native of Baltimore. He holds an Associate of Arts Degree in Law Enforcement from the Community College of Baltimore. He is married and the proud father of six children.

During his career, Major France received six Official Commendations including one Commendatory Letter and one Special Commendation for shooting and killing a subject wanted for numerous assault and robberies and the attempted murder of his fellow officers.

Major France will continue his career with the Maryland Department of Safety. He feels that he is leaving the Baltimore Police Department with a sense of pride and accomplishment.

Good luck to you,
Major France.

Don't Be Duped!

One night, a police officer was staking out a particularly rowdy bar for possible DWI violators. At closing time, he saw a fellow stumble out of the bar, trip on the curb and try his keys on five cars before he found his own. Then he sat on the front seat fumbling with the keys for several minutes while everyone else left the bar and drove off. Finally, he started his engine and began to pull away.

The officer, who was waiting nearby, pulled him over, read him his rights and administered a breathalyzer test. To the officer's amazement, the results showed his blood alcohol content to be 0.00. The puzzled officer asked the driver how that could be?

The driver replied, "Tonight, officer, I'm the designated decoy."

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Additionally, on November 26, three members of the 3-1-1 Non-Emergency Center donated Thanksgiving dinners to two local families in need. Officers Ray Fabian and Deidre Booker, as well as Police Communications Assistant Diana Pons, gave Mrs. Hazel Johnson, a blind, 80-year-old grandmother, a Thanksgiving dinner. Mrs. Lisa Rivers, whose husband recently lost his job, also received a holiday feast.

All of the members assigned to the 3-1-1 Center contributed to bring the gift of Thanksgiving to those who are experiencing some difficulty during the holiday season. After making several phone calls to area churches, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Rivers were chosen to be recipients of the dinners. Officer Booker stated that the members of the 3-1-1 Center wanted to show their appreciation to the citizens of Baltimore for their continued support of the Baltimore Police Department.

Retirements

RAUB, GARY E., Police Agent, Southeastern District, 54 years of age, 27 years of service, November 3.

LYLE, ELAINE R., Police Human Resources Associate, Personnel Division, 46 years of age, 27 years of service, November 7.

CARRE, ROBERT W., Police Officer, Southeastern District, 44 years of age, 23 years of service, November 8.

SUTER, SAMUEL P., Police Officer, Southern District, 40 years of age, 21 years of service, December 10.

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Final Roll Call

McLELLAN, JOHN G., retired Sergeant, Northeastern District, 63 years of age, 15 years of service. October 10.

ELGERT, GERALD F., retired Sergeant, Tactical Division, 85 years of age, 26 years of service. October 31.

NORTON, ROBERT E., retired Major, Communication Division, 83 years of age, 36 years of service. November 3.

JONES, LEON N., Police Officer, Western District, 56 years of age, 27 years of service. November 4.

GREEN, THOMAS C., retired Police Officer, Tactical Division, 74 years of age, 26 years of service. November 19.

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