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COMMISSIONER'S MESSAGE



As our nation continues to celebrate Black History Month, the Baltimore Police Department can be proud of the rich heritage and unique diversity which adorn each one of us every day. Just a few years ago, African-American pioneers like Violet Hill-Whyte, Harry S. Scott, James H. Butler, Jr. and Milton O. Gardener demonstrated a work ethic to emulate, and exhibited a standard of excellence which all members of the law enforcement community should live by.

Celebrating their marked history and achievement is only appropriate, as they fought to pave the way for many who succeeded them. Today, we reflect on their hard work and sacrifice while overcoming historical obstacles and barriers for the honor of public service. It is only appropriate that we, as an agency, honor those African-American leaders who have worked hard to make Baltimore what it is today - a much better place to live, work, and raise our families.

Be Safe, Love Your Families,

Thomas C. Frazier
Thomas C. Frazier
Commissioner

Baltimore Police Partner with American Red Cross for Memorial Blood Drive

Recently, the Baltimore Police Department and the American Red Cross held a Memorial Blood Drive at 5104 York Road. This event honored the dedication of Baltimore Flight Officer Barry W. Wood and Officer Harold J. Carey, who tragically lost their lives in the line of duty.

In honor of the two fallen Baltimore Police heroes, the goal was to collect one hundred fifty-one pints of blood. The end of the year marked a crucial period for the American Red Cross in their efforts to replenish their blood bank for the many citizens who need their assistance throughout the year. Sergeant Richard Fahlteich, Education and Training Division, said, "This time of the year is a particularly difficult one for the American Red Cross. It becomes significant for law enforcement, as well as the community, to recognize the importance of donating blood."

According to Dr. Paul Ness, CEO of the Greater Chesapeake and Potomac Region of the Red Cross, "The Baltimore Police Department saves lives in our city everyday. The dedication to hold a blood drive in honor of two fallen officers shows their selfless commitment to one another, as well as to the city of Baltimore."

Representatives from the American Red Cross and the Baltimore Police Department were thankful for the participation and support by the community and fellow police officers during the Memorial Blood Drive. Their participation enabled the goal to be surpassed, as a total of one hundred sixty-four pints of blood were collected. Thanks to all of those who contributed!



Officer Harold J. Carey



Flight Officer Barry W. Wood

Baltimore Police

PAL KIDS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIP TO RIPKEN- NOMO INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL CAMP



Pictured left to right: Hideo Nomo, Daniel Baker Jr. and Cal Ripken Jr.



Pictured left to right: Cal Ripken Jr. and Tramon Wright during a training session

On December 14th, four young men were announced as scholarship recipients to the Ripken-Nomo International Baseball Camp. Two of the recipients, 15 year-old Tramon Wright and 15 year-old Daniel Baker, Jr., are members of the Baltimore Police Athletic League.

Tramon and Daniel joined other scholarship recipients from the United States and Japan. This inaugural international baseball camp was hosted by future Hall of Fame shortstop/third baseman, Cal Ripken Jr. of the Baltimore Orioles, and New York Mets pitcher, Hideo Nomo.

The camp was open to Japanese and American youngsters ages 10-16, and was held at the University of Hawaii, Rainbow Stadium Complex, where children learned the fundamentals of baseball, played intersquad games and received coaching from professional ball players.

Tramon and Daniel were nominated by PAL officers and volunteers for several reasons. Tramon is a tenth grader at Lake Clifton High school and plays baseball for the Goodnow PAL Center. Officer Lori Wallace said, "Tramon was nominated for his positive attitude, academic excellence and his athletic talent." Although he was surprised about receiving his scholarship, he was also ecstatic and grateful that he was given this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Daniel is a tenth grader at Southern High School and attends the Brooklyn-

O'Malley PAL Center. As a pitcher for his team, his talent is apparent at a young age. PAL officers and volunteers observed Daniel's positive behavior and strong academic performance. Daniel credited his father, Mr. Daniel Baker, as his inspiration for success. Daniel said, "My father has always told me that I could be successful in anything that I put my mind to. He also told me that I have always worked hard and I deserve all of the opportunities that may come my way."

Mr. Ripken and Mr. Nomo intend for this camp to offer young people the opportunity to play a role in building stronger bridges of communication between the United States and Japan through the language of baseball.

Good News ...

Detective Ronald D. Willis, Sr., Criminal Investigation Bureau, was recently ordained as Deacon of Temple Baptist Church. The ordination ceremony was held at the East Baltimore church on January 17th. Detective Willis has been a member of the department for seventeen years. *Congratulations.*

The Combined Charity Campaign for 1998 has been declared a success. According to Lieutenant Joseph J. Darchicourt, the Baltimore Police Department has already exceeded its 1998 goal of \$101,000.00! Although a final figure is not yet available, it appears that we

RETIREMENTS

Johnson, Clarence C., Jr., Police Officer, Southwestern District, 58 years of age, 23 years of service, December 15th.

Cummings, Edward W., Police Officer, Central Records Division, 54 years of age, 26 years of service, December 18th.

Shields, James C., Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Bureau, 49 years of age, 25 years of service, January 11th.

FINAL ROLL CALL

Joyce, James G., retired Police Officer, 73 years of age, 22 years of service, December 1st.

Bowen, Elmer Z., retired Captain, 91 years of age, 31 years of service, December 1st.

Lawrence, Edwin L. Sr., retired Colonel, 75 years of age, 35 years of service, December 3rd.

A WORD OF THANKS...

A word of appreciation is extended to **Officer Charles Lonick**, Personnel Division, for suggesting the name *The Blue Line*, for the newly revised newsletter.

will surpass last year's total of \$96,395.00 by more than five percent. This success is due to the hard work of campaign volunteers and the generous donations from members of our department. Congratulations to all who participated.

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COLONEL'S MESSAGE



Many call, few respond. This doesn't fit our breed, the many members of the Baltimore Police Department. Twenty-four hours a day we respond in one way or another. From our administrative support staff, to patrol officers arriving to assist a stranded motorist, a child in need of care, or rescue a family in dire straits, collectively and individually we respond to every emergency imaginable.

Since the beginning of 1999, members of this agency have demonstrated their zeal for excellence and superior performance. Some examples include the many employees who left the comfort of their homes to brave storms to come and serve the citizens of Baltimore, officers who risk their lives to save people from burning buildings, and those officers who search and retrieve weapons daily from criminals who plague society with acts of violence. All of these things and more, you as members of the agency do unselfishly. In most cases, these tasks are done without much fanfare because you do them so well or they are thought of as just the right thing to do.

We, the Command Staff, appreciate your deeds and pass on our sincere thanks for continuing to be the best. Your good deeds can only make the agency and this city better.

Robert F. Smith
Chief, Field Operations Bureau

PAL IDITAROD ESSAY CONTEST WINNER ANNOUNCED



Pictured from left to right: D'Antoine Webb, his mother, Annette Belin, and Jim Henson, great nephew of legendary African-American Arctic explorer Matthew Henson.

On February 2nd, 14 year old D'Antoine Webb was announced as the winner of the "I Did It For PAL" essay contest. D'Antoine will join PAL Advisory Board member, Mr. Dan Dent, at the Iditarod dog sled race in Alaska. The Iditarod is an annual, international dog sled race which spans more than 1150 miles from Anchorage to Nome. The race is held to commemorate events in 1925, when dog sled races were used to transport medicine in the epidemic stricken town of Nome. D'Antoine, who attends the Central Rosemont PAL Center and Pimlico Middle School was selected from a group of 10 finalists who wrote on such topics as "Who was the greatest Maryland musher" and "Why I want to be an Idita-Rider." The two top runners-up were Brandon Kanion and Daria Buie. Ms. Annette Belin, D'Antoine's mother says, "I am very proud of my son's achievements and his unwavering desire to always strive for excellence in all his endeavors." Officer Roderick Henry will accompany D'Antoine to Alaska for their snowbound adventure.

SOUTHWESTERN HOT SPOT OFFICER HONORED BY COMMUNITY LAW CENTER

At an awards ceremony held in January, Officer Frank Jarrell, Southwestern District, was recognized at the Community Law Center's Client Celebration, as the *Best Community Police Officer*. Officer Jarrell, a five year veteran, is assigned to the Southwestern Cluster of Baltimore's Hot Spot Program. Major John Bergbower, Commander of the Southwestern District, said "The Southwestern Hot Spot Cluster has moved tremendously forward since Officer Jarrell's assignment to the program. His recognition by the Community Law Center is well deserved." Congratulations!

Baltimore Police Department Presented With Check From United States Marshall's Service



From left to right: George K. McKittrick, U.S. Marshall's Service, Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier, and Gary W. Hartman of the Drug Enforcement Agency.

On January 27th, Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier was presented with a check for \$256,825.81 from the United States Marshall's Service. Commissioner Frazier accepted the check on behalf of the many hard working men and women of the Baltimore Police Department. The check represents a portion of the money taken from drug dealers on the streets of Baltimore by police officers in 1998.

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT GOOD NEWS

This past January, Sergeant Caroline Fowler and members of the Community Relations Unit initiated *Walk For Your Health*. This project was initiated to help senior citizens and other members of the community get in shape and feel safe while walking in their neighborhood. Walkers of various ages are encouraged to come out and participate in this fun and healthy activity. This project will continue on a weekly basis. For additional information please call Sergeant Caroline Fowler, Northwestern District, (410) 396-2466.

Food for thought.....

*"What you will be tomorrow
depends on the choices you make
today."*

RETIREMENTS

Rideout, Ronald B., Police Officer, Northwestern District, 50 years of age, 25 years of service, January 15th.

Coster, Douglas G., Captain, Property Division, 53 years of age, 30 years of service, January 19th.

Croncki, John G., Police Officer, Tactical Division, 40 years of age, 20 years of service, January 31st.

Leso, Andrew F., Sergeant, Tactical Division, 56 years of age, 24 years of service, March 14th.

FINAL ROLL CALL

Garrity, Joseph S., retired Sergeant, 68 years of age, 28 years of service, December 30th.

Podzimek, Charles J. Jr., retired Police Officer, 72 years of age, 27 years of service, January 27th.

Kearney, Charles E., retired Lieutenant, 70 years of age, 28 years of service, January 31st.

Eble, George E. Jr., retired Police Officer, 72 years of age, 25 years of service, February 4th.

Northern District Host Community Breakfast



Many community leaders attended the Northern District community breakfast.

Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier, members of the Command Staff and the Northern District hosted a community breakfast on February 5th at the Scottish Rite Temple on North Charles Street. The breakfast was the first of nine district wide community meetings scheduled throughout the months of February and March. The community meetings provide an opportunity for community leaders and citizens to interact with the

departmental members as they discuss the 1999 goals and objectives of the department. Major Robert Biemiller, Commander of the Northern District, said "This event highlights our commitment to continue building positive partnerships with the citizens who live and work in the North Baltimore community."

Frank J. Battaglia Scholarship Program

Applications for scholarship grants sponsored by the Frank J. Battaglia Signal 13 Foundation, are currently being accepted. The application deadline is April 1st for the fall 1999 through the spring 2000 school year. All interested applicants are asked to call the Foundation at (410) 335-1056.

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COMMISSIONER'S MESSAGE



Thanks to your determined efforts and the support of Baltimore's active citizens, we are making significant progress in diminishing Baltimore's crime rate and forging positive changes in our neighborhoods. The 1998 UCR crime figures have been released and again, crime has fallen in Baltimore. Last year, violent crime fell nearly 8% while property and overall crime fell more than 6%. In fact, during the past three years alone, violent crime has decreased more than 25%, while overall crime has diminished more than 23%. Baltimore's downward trend in

crime ranks with some of our nations most successful cities. Our continued pressure on both property and violent crime has resulted in crime being at it's lowest point this decade.

This is something each and every member of the Baltimore Police Department can be proud of. Once again, congratulations and thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Thomas C. Frazier
Police Commissioner

VICE PRESIDENT AL GORE ATTENDS POLICE CORPS GRADUATION

"You are part of the next generation of American Law Enforcement"

Vice President Al Gore speaking to Police Corps Graduates



Major Walter Tuffy and Vice President Al Gore present Police Corps Graduate, Luther T. Seals III, with his certificate.



Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier salutes Police Corps Graduate, Sarah E. Gilbert, who was joined by her family.

On February 12th, twenty-seven police officers graduated from the Maryland Police Corps Training Academy during a morning ceremony attended by United States Vice President Albert Gore, Jr.

The graduation ceremony was held at the Maritime Institute of Technology in Linthicum, Maryland. As the graduates were sworn in as Baltimore Police Officers, Vice

President Gore joined Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend and Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier in presenting the graduates with their badges and certificates.

All graduates of the Police Corps Academy hold Bachelor's Degrees from 27 various colleges and universities throughout the United States. Police Corps graduates are committed to at least four years of

service with the Baltimore Police Department in exchange for tuition reimbursement assistance. Following field training, the new officers will be assigned to work in one of the six Hotspot areas in Baltimore. Congratulations to all of the graduates and their families. Good luck in your careers!

Central District Celebrates Black History Month



Office Assistant Templena Sheppard, an eleven year member of the Baltimore Police Department, recently created two bulletin boards that were displayed in the Central District Administrative Offices celebrating Black History Month. The two displays highlighted the contributions and achievements that African-Americans have made to our country and the world. Ms. Sheppard is commended for her tribute to Black History Month.

✠ The Chaplain's Corner



Rev. Smith-Mercer
Chaplaincy Coordinator

"Give somebody a smile"

No matter what obstacles are in your path, just remember that it is your faith that will contain you, and your smile that will encourage you and others. *Don't forget to keep smiling!*

"BUDDIES" BOARD MAKES DONATION TO YOUTH PROGRAMS

At an awards ceremony on Wednesday, February 24th, the "Buddies" Board donated \$57,000.00 to Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier and the Baltimore Police Department. The donation will be used to help support the Police Explorer Program and the Police Youth Choir.

The "Buddies" Board is an organization of approximately 29 Baltimore businesspeople, founded in 1954, whose primary goal is to secure funding for police youth programs. For the past 45 years, their fundraising efforts have successfully secured 1.6 million dollars for various police department youth programs. Thank you!

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER HONORED

Southeastern District Community Outreach Officer Nicholas Louloudis was honored by the Maryland Law Enforcement Officers, Incorporated, at a luncheon held on February 24th, at Wilhelm Limited Caterers in Westminster, Maryland.

Officer Louloudis received the Distinguished Service Award for his heroic service to the community during 1998. In February 1998, Officer Louloudis rushed a man to the hospital who had suffered life-threatening injuries during a traffic accident, saving his life. Additionally, in August and September, Officer Louloudis prevented two men from committing suicide, one during a barricade incident. Congratulations!

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!

For

"BUDDIES" NIGHT

Tuesday, May 18th

7:05 p.m.

Oriole Park at Camden Yards

BALTIMORE ORIOLES VS ANAHEIM ANGELS

Part of the proceeds from ticket sales for this game will be donated to the Police Explorers and the Police Youth Choir

For more information contact
Lieutenant Mary Eilerman
or Officer Karla Lerner at
(410) 396-2372

RETIREMENTS

Miele, Catherine D., Police Agent, Central District, 39 years of age, 16 years of service, February 18th.

Akers, Walter M., Jr., Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Bureau, 41 years of age, 20 years of service, February 26th.

FINAL ROLL CALL

Beil, William., retired Police Officer, 78 years of age, 25 years of service, February 14th.

Steinwedel, William H., retired Police Officer, 73 years of age, 26 years of service, February 23rd.

Food For Thought.....

Some days are good, some are bad, however, I am ever mindful of Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for them that love God."

Colonel Alvin A. Winkler
Community Resources Bureau

Congratulations...



Community Service Officer Debra A. Brisbon of the Central Records Division and Mr. Reginald Molock of the International Longshoreman's Association were married on February 12th, in a private ceremony in their Northeast Baltimore home.

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COLONEL'S MESSAGE



The department last year achieved a significant milestone on the road to attaining our primary goal, to prevent crime. Compared with the previous year, violent crime is down. Especially important, however, is that this represents what has been a definitive overall five-year downward trend in crime, an accomplishment which is unprecedented in my experience with the department.

As the Chief of Field Operations-Area II, I am indeed very pleased with what has been done and proud of the fine effort that has been put forth by all of the men and women of the department, both sworn and civilian, to bring us to the point we are today. We realize that none of this could have been done without you.

The Field Operations Bureau's 1999 Work Plan lays out the objectives, goals and strategies for the year that lies before us. The main points of this plan are the Police Commissioner's fundamental objectives of **Crime Prevention, Internal Equity, Community Partnership and PAL**. Also included are those themes which we also feel to be important such as accountability, reinforcement of a sense of urgency, team building, focus on children and families, focus on women, emphasis on our teaching role, technology and staffing. It is my hope that our plan will help to keep us on the track of continued success.

Colonel Elbert F. Shirey
Chief
Field Operations Bureau Area II

CLASS 98-2 GRADUATES



Officer
Richard S.
Worley, Jr.
accepts the
"Skills
Champion"
trophy from
Commissioner
Thomas C.
Frazier

Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier recently joined families, friends and other members of the police department to welcome the newest members of the Baltimore Police Family, Class 98-2. Forty-two new officers will begin patrolling the streets of Baltimore, following the completion of sixteen weeks of field training.

Judge Jamey H. Weitzman, Presiding Judge, District Court of Baltimore, was the guest speaker at the graduation ceremony. Judge Weitzman spoke of positive policing

and one's growth as an officer and a person. She also reminded graduates that "Life is a journey, not a destination." Several awards were presented to outstanding members of the class. Officer James C. Handley was awarded the Police Commissioner's Award of Excellence. Officer Scott A. Suriano, the Class Valedictorian, received an award for Academic Excellence and Officer Richard S. Worley, Jr. was recognized as the "Skills Champion" of the class. Congratulations to all of the graduates!

THIRD ANNUAL HAROMBE!! CELEBRATION HELD

On February 23rd, the Baltimore Police Department held it's 3rd annual Harombe!! celebration of cultural diversity in the Atticus of Police Headquarters Annex Building. Harombe!!, which means "to celebrate" was held to encourage employees to express cultural pride during Black History Month.

Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier joined the celebration as employee, dressed in ethnic attire that represented their cultural heritage. With the help and support of fellow employees, Mrs. Lorraine Carter, Public Affairs Division, has successfully planned and organized this celebration for the past three years. Mrs. Carter said, "It is important for members of this agency to come together and celebrate the richness of our cultural differences that ultimately unify us all." Minister Selway Ray and special guest Minister Moma "Bunny" Warlin offered inspirational words of unity and love. A festive lunch was served and entertainment was provided by the Thomas C. Frazier Voices of Hope Choir. Once again, Harombe!! was declared a big success!

Meritorious Awards Ceremony Held



*Sergeant Frederick Dillon
Received the Medal of Honor*

On March 11th, Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier recognized twenty-five departmental members during an official commendation ceremony at Police Headquarters. Both civilian and sworn personnel of the Department were cited for their achievements and exemplary performance in the line of duty.

Many of the recipients, who were awarded, demonstrated extreme courage and risked their own personal safety, while others were recognized for their administrative achievements and exceptional leadership.

One Silver Star, twenty Bronze Stars and three Distinguished Service Awards were presented. Highlighting the ceremony was Sergeant Frederick Dillon, who received the Medal of Honor, the Department's highest honor. Sergeant Dillon received this honor for the bravery he exhibited on November 19, 1992 when he was able to wrestle a gun away from a suspect who had pointed the weapon at another Police Officer. During the struggle, Sergeant Dillon received two gunshot wounds as he saved the life of his fellow officers.

Northern District Presented with Crime Fighting Tool

The Pen Lucy Community Association recently received a grant from the Governor's Commission on Crime Control and Prevention to purchase a police bicycle to be used as a crime fighting tool in their community. On March 10th the Association presented the bicycle to the officers of the Northern District. Their presentation serves as yet another example of how citizens can partner with police to improve the overall quality of life in their community.



Tiffany Kryzstofiak

Good News

Tiffany Kryzstofiak, daughter of Northwestern District Officer Milton Kryzstofiak, recently won an honorable mention from the National Foundation for the Advancement of the Arts. The NFAA recognizes high school seniors for their talent and accomplishments in art, music and theatre. Tiffany, a senior at The Carver Center for the Arts, was one of more than 530 students in the United States who participated in the competition.

Southern District Initiates Operation Grass Roots

On March 11th and 12th, officers of the Southern District initiated Operation Grass Roots.

Operation Grass Roots was a concentrated effort to recruit Block Representatives, Block Watchers and Citizens on Patrol volunteers in the Pig Town community. Ten officers, supervisors and two volunteers knocked on every door in a 15-20 block radius. Due to their efforts, approximately 70 citizens signed up to participate as Block Representatives or Citizens on Patrol volunteers. Congratulations to the Southern District for the success of this huge campaign!

Congratulations...

Mr. Leon White, Criminalist II, Laboratory Division, coaches the Edmondson Recreation Council's girls basketball team ages 15-17. Under Mr. White's guidance, the "Golden Sparks" won the league championship and finished this past basketball season with an undefeated record. Congratulations to Mr. White and his team!



The Baltimore Police Department is looking for community volunteers to join in making Baltimore a better place to live..

Baltimore Belongs to You.

Join the

Blue Crew

Call 410-396-2572 today!



Food for thought.....

"You may call for peace as loudly as you wish, but where there is no brotherhood there can in the end be no peace.

Max Lerner (1949)

A Note of Appreciation...

Mr. Bill Ramsey, "Buddies" Board President, 1989-1999, recently retired after 10 years of dedicated service. During his tenure, the "Buddies" Board continued their long tradition of securing funding for police youth programs such as the Police Explorers and the Police Youth Choir. Good luck to Mr. Ramsey in all his future endeavors!



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COMMISSIONER'S MESSAGE



This year's first quarter homicide figures have been released and, compared with the same time period in 1998, the murder rate in Baltimore has decreased more than 25% thus far in 1999. Although this downward trend is encouraging, we must continue to work even harder at curbing Baltimore's crime rate.

The Department's sound crime fighting strategies, increasingly stronger community partnerships and our hard working officers are continuing to make Baltimore a safer place to live, work and raise families each and every day.

Our continued pressure on violent and property crime is clearly

paying off, as crime is at its lowest point this decade. The fact that violent crime has fallen more than 25% in Baltimore over the past three years underscores what officers and citizens can accomplish together under Baltimore's strong community-oriented policing program.

Citizens know their police department is making a difference in their lives and continuing to create positive, lasting change. As I've said before, thank you for all of your hard work.

Thomas C. Frazier
Thomas C. Frazier
Police Commissioner

BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT HOSTS NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Mid-Atlantic Association of Women in Law Enforcement

"Lighting the Path into the 21st Century"



Pictured from left to right: Corporal Linda Stascavage - Maryland State Police, Officer Kris Gulden - Alexandria Police Department and Sergeant Sarah R. Mastronardi - Maryland State Police

During the week of March 29th, the Baltimore Police Department hosted the 12th annual Mid-Atlantic Association of Women in Law Enforcement (MAAWLE) training conference at the Baltimore and Towers Hotel.

The three-day conference was attended by hundreds of law enforcement professionals from Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. Participants attended seminars and training sessions which covered topics such as domestic violence, pedophilia, cultural diversity and wireless communications.

Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier welcomed the group on Monday and stated that the Baltimore Police Department is committed to ensuring, very specifically, that women have an absolute equal opportunity in all aspects of this agency, and the same opportunities as men to advance.

Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, U.S. Attorney Lynne Battaglia and District Court Judge Jamey Weissman were among the distinguished speakers who spoke at the conference. Guest speaker Lynne Battaglia stated that as one of 24 female U.S. Attorneys in the country, "I'm enthusiastic and proud to be here today". She further stated that women in the field of law enforcement help all women to break glass ceilings, and that women who see other women serving as police officers know that there is nothing they can not achieve.

Two Maryland State Police officers and one officer from the Alexandria Police Department were recognized as officers of the year. They were Corporal Linda Stascavage and Sergeant Sarah R. Mastronardi of the Maryland State Police and Officer Kris Gulden of the Alexandria Police Department.

Congratulations to Lieutenant Sue Young and the many volunteers from the Baltimore Police Department who made this a successful national event.

Letter to the Commissioner

Whatever the goal of this morning's Central District Community Breakfast, it worked on me. I left the event feeling revved to do more! Looking around the room and seeing so many people I know, both in and out of the Department, showed me how well community policing is working already. You and your people are doing a great job. Without you, I would never attempt to do the work I am doing in the community. Thank you very much for inviting me. I was honored to be included.

Warmest regards,
Doreen Rosenthal, President
Mt. Royal Improvement Assoc.
Central District

GOOD NEWS....

The Curtis Bay Community Association will conduct a grand opening celebration, on Saturday May 1, 1999 for their new Community Policing Center. Everyone is invited to come out and join this effort to help make Curtis Bay an even better place to live, work and play. For more information call 410-354-1273.

A Note of Thanks....

The Board of Directors for the Frank J. Battaglia Signal 13 Foundation, Incorporated, extends their sincere gratitude to all of the employees of the Baltimore Police Department who graciously donated funds to the Foundation this past year through the Combined Charity Campaign. The monetary support enables the Foundation to successfully continue its humanitarian programs.



The Chaplain's Corner

"There's always tomorrow"



Rev. Theresa Smith-Mercer
Chaplaincy Director

As we reflect on life, often our first thoughts are of the challenges that have confronted us. We gain strength, find hope and are encouraged when we remember how we overcame those challenges. No matter the challenge, we must always remember that with faith and understanding we can persevere because *"There's always tomorrow."*

Baltimore Police Commander Graduates from FBI National Academy



Major Kathleen Patek

Major Kathleen Patek, Commander of the Crimes Against Persons Division, recently graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

She was one of two hundred and sixty-nine law enforcement managers representing agencies from across the United States, and 23 countries. Major Patek successfully completed 11 weeks of advanced and intensive investigative, management and fitness training. Congratulations Major Patek and good luck in all of your future endeavors.

Awards Presented to Officers

Lieutenant Anthony G. Cannavale, Drug Enforcement Division, recently received an award from the U.S. Department of Justice for his outstanding assistance in a joint investigation with the FBI.

Officer Ronald Bryant, a five-year veteran, assigned to the Southeastern District, was honored as "Officer of the Year" by the Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus on March 21, 1999. Officer Bryant received the award for his dedicated service to the citizens of the Southeastern District during 1998.

Congratulations to both individuals.

RETIREMENTS

Zebec, Joseph D. Jr., Police Officer, Central District, 52 years of age, 22 years of service, March 10th.

Streat, Harold, Sergeant, Community Resources Bureau, 52 years of age, 28 years of service, March 12th.



Special Final Roll Call

On March 26, 1999, retired Major Bessie R. Norris passed away at the age of 65 in McBee, South Carolina. Major Norris began her 22 year career as a member of the Baltimore Police Department in August, 1964.

During her career, Major Norris completed tours of duty within several areas of the department including the Education and Training Division and the Criminal Investigation Division. In August, 1983, she was appointed to the rank of Major and assigned to the Southwestern District.

Major Norris is regarded as a pioneer, for she was the first African-American female to be appointed to the rank of Major in the Baltimore Police Department. She retired in 1986. The Department extends its deepest sympathy to the loved ones of retired Major Bessie Norris.

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CELEBRATION HELD FOR D'ANTOINE WEBB AND DAN DENT



Mr. Dan Dent and D'Antoine Webb address crowd of PAL children about their Alaskan adventure. They are also joined by Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier.

On March 31st, Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier joined numerous PAL children in welcoming home Mr. Daniel Dent and 14 year-old D'Antoine Webb from their adventure in Alaska.

The reception was held at the Crispus Attucks PAL Center to honor Mr. Dent, D'Antoine and Officer Roderick Henry for their participation in the 1999 Iditarod. Mr. Dent, a member of the PAL Board of Directors, announced a citywide PAL essay contest in November, 1998. On February 2, 1999, D'Antoine Webb, who attends the Central Rosemont PAL center was selected as the winner of the contest, and in March, D'Antoine and Officer Roderick Henry accompanied Mr. Dent to Alaska to participate in this exciting adventure.

The "Welcome Home" celebration included slide presentations given by D'Antoine and Mr. Dent. D'Antoine showed the group of interested on-lookers, including members of the media, slides of his arrival in Alaska, dining on reindeer sausage for breakfast and, of course, his ride in Mr. Dent's dog sled. Mr. Dent spoke of the warm reception that D'Antoine received in Alaska stating that, "He was a wonderful ambassador for PAL and Baltimore." When D'Antoine went to Alaska, he stated that he wanted to participate in the grueling race because he wanted to look "danger in the eye." He now says that he has a higher standard of responsibility because of this once in a lifetime experience.

Mr. Dent also expressed his gratitude for the warm reception and many warm wishes that he has received from all of the PAL children since he unfortunately withdrew from the race. During the race, several of the dogs on Mr. Dent's sled team became involved in a fight. While breaking up the fight, his hands were severely injured, causing him to withdraw from the Iditarod race. He was, however, able to save the lives of his dogs. Because of his courage and commitment to PAL, Mr. Dent is a hero and was presented with a trophy from Police Commissioner Frazier during the celebration.

COLONEL'S MESSAGE



Recently, our agency has made great technological strides to better serve the citizens of Baltimore and members of the Department. One example of our efforts is the recent acquisition of a Communications Division grant to purchase a Community Notification System from Dialogic Communications Corporation called the "Communicator." The system consists of two independent computers, each with the ability to make twenty-four simultaneous notifications by telephone, pager or facsimile.

It will enable our agency to notify members of the various communities within Baltimore City of crime bulletins, missing children or elderly persons in the community, or when serious situations such as barricades or hazardous spills occur. In addition, this system will allow members of the Baltimore Police and Fire Departments to provide necessary emergency information, as well as any protective measures that citizens should take during a critical incident.

The Notification System will allow a more timely notification of Departmental personnel who are members of special response teams such as QRT, EVU, crisis negotiators and the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team. These members will be notified simultaneously

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FALLEN HEROES DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Fallen Heroes Day Memorial Service will be held on Friday, May 7, 1999 at 1:30 pm, at the Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens in Timonium, Maryland. The ceremony will honor the men and women of Maryland's public safety community who have lost their lives in the line of duty during 1998. Baltimore Police Officer Harold J. Carey and Flight Officer Barry W. Wood are among the eight fallen heroes who will be honored at this year's ceremony. Everyone is invited to come and honor the memory and sacrifices of these fallen heroes. For more information, call Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens at (410) 666-0490.

Colonel's Message (cont. from page 1) about incidents requiring their response. It will also enable the supervisors of these units to keep the "on-call" team updated within the system to ensure the timeliness of information.

The "Communicator," when coupled with the City's new 800 MHz radio system and combined Communications Center, will provide quick, efficient response and resolution to incidents where serious loss of life or property may occur. Technological enhancements such as this greatly enhances the Department's quality of service to Baltimore's citizens.

Robert R. Bolesta, Jr.

Col. Robert R. Bolesta, Jr.
Chief, Technical Services Bureau

Breast Cancer Awareness



The Baltimore Police Department has received a grant from the Maryland Chapter of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation to support a breast cancer workplace education program.

The prelude to this seven month campaign was kicked off in April with a display in the Atrium of Police Headquarters entitled "Portraits in Hope." This uplifting and powerful exhibit featured portraits of breast cancer survivors and their stories.

Beginning in May, there will be six one-hour lunch time lectures and/or panel discussions conducted by some of the country's leading researchers, doctors, and resource experts. These sessions will be held in the 5th floor auditorium of Police Headquarters. The Registration due date is May 10, 1999. For more information call 410-396-2127.

St. Frances Academy Senior Completes Internship



Dustin Coleman, St. Frances Academy Senior, and Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier

Dustin Coleman, a senior at St. Frances Academy, recently completed an internship with the Research and Development Bureau.

During his internship, Dustin conducted a crime analysis study of the East Baltimore community in which St. Frances Academy is located. He was also given the opportunity to learn about the various programs and careers offered

Food for thought.....

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is a process; working together is a success.

-Henry Ford

Good News....



CLTII Claudine R. Carter
Latent Print Unit

Claudine Carter, Crime Laboratory Technician II, volunteers every Saturday afternoon at the Morton Street

Dance Center in Central Baltimore. At the center, Ms. Carter teaches "Ballet IV Point" to high school students. Ms. Carter has studied ballet since the age of three in her native Bahamas. She has received training with the Joffrey Ballet in New York City, the Richmond Ballet, and Virginia Commonwealth University.

As a teenager, Ms. Carter began teaching pre ballet and beginner tap in the Bahamas. Since 1994, she has been teaching at various studios in Baltimore. **Keep up the good work!**

within the department.

Dustin selected the Baltimore Police Department for his intern because he would like to someday have a career in law enforcement. He said, "My internship has provided me with a positive experience that highlights the partnership between the Baltimore Police Department and St. Frances Academy."

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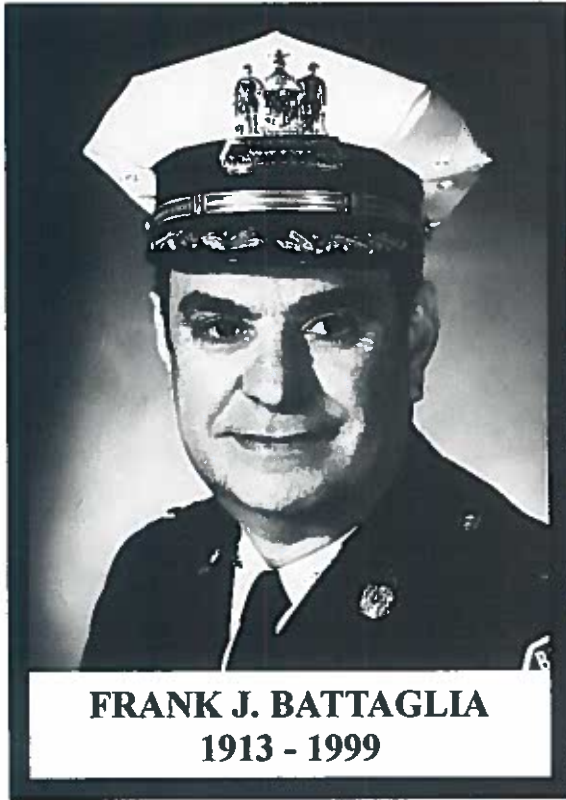
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Thomas C. Frazier, Police Commissioner
May 12, 1999

A COMMISSIONER REMEMBERED...



Former Police Commissioner Frank J. Battaglia passed away on Monday, May 3rd due to complications from a long illness. A native of Baltimore, many will remember Commissioner Battaglia as a compassionate visionary whose contributions to the Baltimore Police Department will last for generations.

In 1981, he was appointed Baltimore's Police Commissioner by Former Mayor William Donald Schaefer. Commissioner Battaglia began his 44-year career in 1940 as a patrolman and left the department in 1942 to serve in the United States Navy during World War II. After three and one-half years of dedicated service to his country, he received an honorable discharge as a Chief Petty Officer assigned to the Naval Intelligence Unit.

In 1945, Commissioner Battaglia resumed his career with the Baltimore Police Department, where he quickly advanced through the ranks. He served in various districts and divisions, including the Northwestern and Southern Districts and the Operations Bureau. During his tenure, Commissioner Battaglia was widely regarded as an "expert" in the field of civil disturbance. He was also described as a poised and wise leader who earned great

respect throughout the police department and the City of Baltimore.

During his career, Commissioner Battaglia was the recipient of thirteen Official Commendations and the Bronze Star. He was actively involved in various community-based and professional organizations. His dedicated efforts also earned him many civic and fraternal awards as well as numerous local, state and federal citations.

One of the former Commissioner's most notable accomplishments was the establishment of the Frank J. Battaglia Signal 13 Foundation, Incorporated in 1982. The Signal 13 Foundation was established to provide assistance to employees of the Baltimore Police Department in times of need. Since 1982, the Signal 13 Foundation has grown and expanded its efforts by providing scholarships to eligible children of Departmental employees, and sponsoring the annual Frank J. Battaglia Signal 13 Family Day.

Commissioner Frank J. Battaglia was a man who exemplified the spirit of service to his country and community. The Baltimore Police Department will forever honor his contributions and extraordinary humanitarian efforts.

A man of humanity is one who, in seeking to establish himself, finds a foothold for others and who, desiring attainment for himself, helps others to attain.

Confucius - 6th c. B.C.

Baltimore Police Explorers Participate in Training Program



Police Explorers completed the training program

The Baltimore Police Explorers spent a portion of their spring break at the Education and Training Division learning various aspects of police work. The Explorers were trained in traffic control, first aid, fire safety, radio communications and participated in a military drill. With this training, the Explorers can continue working effectively with police officers. For more information about the Baltimore Police Explorers Program, call Officer Karla Lerner at (410) 396-2372.

In Honor of National Police Week

*Submitted By
Retired Officer Leonard M. Shiloh*

Somebody killed a policeman today, and
A part of America died.
A piece of the country he swore to
protect
Will be buried with him at his side.
The suspect who shot him will stand up in
court,
With counsel demanding his rights,
While a young widowed mother must
work for her kids and spend alone many
long nights.
The beat he walked was a battlefield, too,
Just as if he'd gone off to war.
Though the flag of our nation won't fly at
half mast,
To his name they will add a gold star.
Yes, somebody killed a policeman today,
It happened in your town or mine.
While we slept in comfort behind our
locked doors,
A cop put his life on the line.
Now his ghost walks a beat on a dark city
street,
And he stands at each new rookie's side.
He answered the call and gave us his all,
And a part of America died.

Valued Volunteer



Robin Stevenson at work in the Public Affairs Division

Ms. Robin Stevenson, former Fells Point business owner and breast cancer survivor, is a valued volunteer in the Department's Public Affairs Division. She performs a variety of activities, including researching information, answering media inquiries and taking information from the Metro Crime Stoppers Hot Line. Ms. Stevenson is one of the Department's very first citizens to participate in the Volunteers in Policing (VIP) program which began in 1996.

She says, "People need to see how this Department works. I feel very positive about our Department and I'm proud to be part of it." Public Affairs Director, Robert W. Weinhold, says, "Robin's contributions to this Division are invaluable. Her commitment exemplifies the spirit of the Volunteer Program." Thank you, Ms. Stevenson, for all of your hard work and dedication.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

"My Prayer for You"

Through the eyes of
love, there is always hope.
Hope; A strong hold of life,
helps us to find courage for
tomorrow. May God's hope
remain in your heart.



*Rev. Theresa Smith-Mercer
Chaplaincy Director*

Retirements

Lembach, Gary G., Major, Criminal Investigation Bureau, 52 years of age, 30 years of service, April 26.

Smith, Warren A., Police Officer, Northeastern District, 43 years of age, 20 years of service, April 26th.

Harris, Kevin L., Sergeant, Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance Division, 48 years of age, 30 years of service, April 29th.

Matthews, William J., Police Officer, Criminal Investigative Bureau, 51 years of age, 30 years of service, May 6th.

Hawkins, Paul B., Police Agent, Southeastern District, 49 years of age, 23 years of service. May 13th.

Good News.....



Karl A. Paige II

Karl A. Paige, II, son of CSO Davidia L. Paige, Criminal Investigation Bureau, was presented with the Young Adult of the Year Award during the Youth and Young A Awards Ceremony

on April 25th at the Christian Love Baptist Church of Baltimore. He is currently a freshman at Baltimore City Community College. Congratulations Karl for setting a great example.

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BUSINESS COMMUNITY BREAKFAST HELD



On April 26, 1999, Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier and members of the Command Staff hosted a Business Breakfast for members of Baltimore's business community in the Atrium of Police Headquarters. Approximately 50 business leaders were on hand to learn more about the Department while discussing issues such as crime fighting efforts, criminal investigative efforts, the Police Athletic League, recruitment and various technical advancements made in the law enforcement community. Commissioner Frazier explained the 1999 goals and objectives of the Baltimore Police Department, and said, "Community meetings between police and business leaders provide an invaluable dialogue in which mutual goals and concerns can be discussed in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere."

Dr. Calvin W. Burnett, President, Coppin State College, was among several prominent leaders who attended the event. He said, "It was enlightening to participate in a forum where members of the business community could share vital information with the Department, such as the goals they would like to see come to fruition and the roles businesses play in their respective communities."

Appointment and Promotional Ceremonies Held

On May 21, 1999, promotional ceremonies were held in the fifth floor auditorium of the Headquarters building. During the ceremony, Major Timothy J. Longo was recognized for his recent appointment to the position of Colonel. Lieutenant Dawn L. Jessa, Lieutenant Antonio Williams, Lieutenant Elfago Moye, Lieutenant Zeinab Rabold and Lieutenant Michael P. Tomczak were also recognized for their recent appointments to the rank of Major. Ten sergeants were acknowledged for their promotions to the rank of Lieutenant and seventeen officers and agents were recognized for their promotions to the rank of sergeant. Three civilian employees were also recognized for recent promotions.



Col. Timothy J. Longo

Colonel Timothy J. Longo has been a member of the Baltimore Police Department for 17 years. He began his career as a police cadet assigned to the Central Records Division. After graduating from the Education and Training Division in 1983, he was assigned to the Central District. During the next few years, Colonel Longo moved quickly through the ranks and served in many areas of the Department, including the Northwestern District, the Internal Investigation Division and the Communications Division. He is currently assigned to the Office of the Police Commissioner, but will command the Technical Services Bureau upon Colonel Bolesta's retirement.

Colonel Longo is 36 years-old, married and the father of three children. Additionally, he holds a Juris Doctorate Degree from the University of Baltimore Law School and a Bachelor of Science Degree from Towson State University.



Major Dawn L. Jessa



Major Antonio Williams



Major Elfago Moye



Major Zeinab A. Rabold



Major Michael P. Tomczak

Promoted to Lieutenant

Sergeant Martinez Q. Davenport
Southwestern District
Sergeant John W. Dodson, III
Northwestern District
Sergeant Richard C. Fahlteich, Sr.
Southwestern District
Sergeant Regis L. Flynn, Jr.
Southern District
Sergeant Mark C. Matysek
Southwestern District
Sergeant Terrence P. McLarney
Western District
Sergeant John E. Long, Jr.
Northern District
Sergeant Juan R. Rodriguez
Internal Investigation Division
Sergeant John P. Skinner
Northern District
Sergeant John J. Windle
Southeastern District

Promoted to Sergeant

Officer Anthony J. Bickauskas, Jr.
Northeastern District
Agent Leo M. Furman
Eastern District
Officer William T. Gerczak
Northeastern District
Officer John F. Hess
Eastern District
Officer Kathleen S. Jackson
Central District

Officer Christopher M. Kirhagis
Western District
Agent Andre O. Monroe
Western District
Officer Donald R. Muir
Eastern District
Officer Kenneth E. Norris
Northwestern District
Officer Kenneth L. Parks, Jr.
Western District
Officer Richard H. Petrey, III
Northeastern District
Officer Delphine R. Smith
Southeastern District
Officer Dennis L. Smith
Eastern District
Officer Bradley R. Thomas
Western District
Officer Leonard A. Willis, Jr.
Central District
Agent David J. Wimmer
Southwestern District
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Central District

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Retirements

Smith, George J., Police Officer,
Northwestern District, 51 years of age, 30
years of service, May 14th.
Wernz, Charles V., Sergeant, Southwestern
District, 54 years of age, 30 years of service,
May 21st.
Cappadocia, Ronald J., Police Officer,
Special Operations Division, 46 years of age,
20 years of service, May 22nd.
Springer, Robert R., Police Officer,
Property Division, 62 years of age, 40 years
of service, May 27th.

Final Roll Call

Blaszak, Anthony J., retired Police Officer,
73 years of age, 30 years of service, May
29th.
Culatta, Stephen, retired Police Officer, 77
years of age, 23 years of service, April 24th.
Canning, John, retired Sergeant, 68 years of
age, 32 years of service, April 28th.
Battaglia, Frank, J., retired Police
Commissioner, 86 years of age, 44 years of
service, May 3th.
Centineo, Frank, J., retired Police Officer,
96 years of age, 25 years of service, May 9th.
Marozza, John F., retired Police Officer, 69
years of age, 23 years of service, May 9th.

Food for thought...

*Our privileges can be no
greater than our obligations. The
protection of our rights can
endure no longer than the
performance of our
responsibilities.*

*John F. Kennedy
Vanderbilt University
May 18, 1963*

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COLONEL'S MESSAGE



The Community Resource Bureau has dedicated itself to assisting the agency to build community partnerships and continue the development of the Police Athletic League. The Block Representative Program is a great tool in building community collaborations. Imagine if a block representative lived on every street in our city; all working together to solve problems and raise the quality of life.

Additionally, in 3 ½ years, the Police Athletic League has grown and proven to be a model youth crime prevention program. Young people are developing in academics, physical activities, cultural and character development with the assistance of police officers, community volunteers and Americorp workers. There is no

way to explain to anyone the wonders that take place in a PAL Center - "You must go to see it."

I encourage every officer to recruit block representatives in your community. You will see the difference. But most of all, when you clear those corners, send them to PAL. When mom or dad says, "We need help" send them to PAL. Your investment today in our youth will pay big dividends tomorrow.

Col. Alvin A. Winkler
Chief
Community Resource Bureau

DISTRICT WIDE MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD



Western District officers hold memorial service.

On May 19th, a District-Wide Memorial Service was held at each of the nine Baltimore Police Districts to honor and remember the police officers who gave their lives while acting in the performance of their duties. A total of 27 Memorial services, were held at the beginning of each shift, and lasted approximately 15 minutes.

A Baltimore Police Chaplain presided over and opened each ceremony with a prayer. District Commanders recited the names of officers who died in the line of duty throughout the years and officers were given the opportunity to give brief comments about fallen officers they may have worked with in the past.

Reverend Theresa E. Smith-Mercer, Director of Chaplaincy said, "We wanted to let our police officers know that the citizens of Baltimore appreciate not only those who serve daily, but also those who made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives."

OFFICER HAROLD J. CAREY SCHOLARSHIP FUND ESTABLISHED



Pictured from left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Carey, Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier, Julie Haskins-Turner, Esperance Sutton, and Clayton McNeill of Coppin State College.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Carey, the Baltimore Police Department and Coppin State College announced the Officer Harold J. Carey Endowed Scholarship Fund during a morning press conference in the Police Commissioner's boardroom on May 17th.

Since Officer Carey's unfortunate death on October 30, 1998, the Carey family has been working with Coppin State College to establish a scholarship fund in Officer Carey's memory. Mr. and Mrs. Carey chose Coppin State College to establish this perpetual fund because it is located within the community where Officer Carey grew up, a major in Criminal Justice is offered, and because of its mission and partnership efforts with the community and area public schools. Police Commissioner Frazier stated, "This is a wonderful opportunity to do something that will not only benefit a student pursuing a career in the field of law enforcement, but will forever keep the memory of Officer Carey alive."

Anyone wishing to donate to the Officer Harold J. Carey Endowed Scholarship Fund may do so by sending a check to the Coppin State College Development Foundation, 2500 W. North Ave. Balt., Md. 21216

Baltimore Police

Baltimore Police Academy Class Participates in Memorial Run



Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier with Class 99-1.

On May 11, 1999, Trainee Academy Class 99-1 participated in the Concerns Of Police Survivors Memorial Run, joining law enforcement officers from Philadelphia and New Jersey. The officers began the Memorial run in Philadelphia on May 10th, and finished at the Police Memorial Wall in Washington D. C. on May 12th.

Participants stopped by Police Headquarters and were met by Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier, members of the Command Staff and fellow officers. Participants presented a commemorative medal to Commissioner Frazier in memory of fallen heroes Lieutenant Owen Sweeney, Officer Harold Carey and Flight Officer Barry Wood.

The goal of the Concerns Of Police Survivors Memorial Run is to raise public awareness about the organization and gain support for the law enforcement profession, and its survivors.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Rev. Theresa Smith-Mercer
Chaplaincy Director

Rev. Mercer's Mercy
There are times that we wonder when if we do good and do that which is right, is it enough? Doing the right thing is good. When we do good sometimes we're misunderstood.

We need always to remember that when we do good and right, it is more than enough. Faith is not those who think they have it all. Faith is for those who persevere through it all.

Letter to the Commissioner

This letter is written to commend Central District Commander Major Steve McMahon and Lieutenant Wesley Ormrod for their assistance and professionalism in addressing the many problems that we have experienced in and around the market. We reported that we were experiencing much drug activity in front of the market and a central distribution point seemed to be in operation.

Baltimore City Police became very active and the arrests and summons started to flow. The officers were motivated and professional. The result is a dramatically improved climate for the shopping public. Please accept our sincere appreciation for the fine efforts of the Baltimore City Police Department.

Yours very truly,

Leonard Jaslow
General Manager
Lexington Market Inc.

Good News...

On June 18, 1999 Baltimore City will celebrate **Diversity Day**. This event promotes a greater awareness of our respective heritages. Participants are encouraged to wear various forms of attire which best represents their ethnic and cultural heritage. The event will be held at 34 Market Place from 12:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Organizers want to help build bridges which promote respect and understanding in the workplace. During **Diversity Day** there will be plenty of cultural presentations including foods representing the broadest spectrum of our community. All city government employees, downtown workers, families

and friends are invited to visit the festival site and show their ethnic and cultural pride.

Mercy Medical Center Offers Worksite Wellness Workshops

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COMMISSIONER'S MESSAGE



During the first half of 1999, there was a dramatic drop in crime for the City of Baltimore. Currently, the homicide rate is down approximately 19% compared to the same time last year, and crime remains at its lowest point this decade. This significant decrease in crime is attributed to several factors which are simultaneously in motion. The implementation of Sector Management within the nine police districts and the Criminal Investigation Bureau has allowed officers and supervisors more latitude to develop strategies which combat crime in specific neighborhoods. The Department's efforts have focused on gun-related crimes and identifying drug organizations who employ violence on a daily basis. Many initiatives have been, and continue to be undertaken to remove these offenders from our communities. The Department's community policing initiatives, coupled with increased neighborhood and citizen involvement, are truly making a difference. All of these factors are contributing to our goal in reducing crime and the fear of crime in our city.

To recognize the hard work of the men and women on the front lines who are making a difference in our city, "Officer Appreciation Week" will be held from September 7, 1999 through September 12, 1999. During this week, there will be a number of activities, including district breakfasts, discounted admission to area attractions such as the Aquarium and the Baltimore Museum of Art, and other special events. All of the planned activities and events will be highlighted by the Frank J. Battaglia Signal 13 "Family Day" picnic on Sunday, September 12th at the Baltimore Zoo. With the entire Department's support and participation, "Officer Appreciation Week" promises to be a week to remember. Please mark your calendars! Be safe, love your families.

Thomas C. Frazier
Thomas C. Frazier
Police Commissioner

Colonel Joseph R. Bolesta Jr. Retires



On June 4, 1999, Colonel Joseph R. Bolesta, Jr. retired from the Baltimore Police Department after 32 years of dedicated service.

Upon graduating from the Education and Training Division in 1966, he was assigned to the Central District. He then moved on to the Southern District until 1970 when he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. During his career with the Department, Colonel Bolesta, had been assigned to various Divisions and Districts including Personnel Division, Tactical Section, Southwestern District and the Northwestern District.

Colonel Bolesta's service to the Department was exemplary, as he successfully advanced through the ranks. In 1983, he was Appointed to the rank of Major. In 1994 he was appointed to the rank of Colonel and assigned to the Technical Services Bureau.

Throughout his career, he has been a part of the constant growth and change of a modern Police Department. His attention to duty earned the respect of his fellow officers and commanders. Colonel Margaret Patten, Chief, Research and Development Bureau, says, "I shall personally and professionally miss Colonel Bolesta. He was always an impressive leader, but until I was appointed to the rank of Colonel, and afforded the opportunity to work with him, did I realize what a truly good person he is and how much he cared about our agency. He really taught me much about our profession."

Colonel Bolesta is married and the father of five children. He is the recipient of two Official Commendations including one for the arrest of two Homicide suspects in 1971. His contributions to the Baltimore Police Department will always be appreciated. Good luck, Colonel Bolesta, in all your future endeavors!

Baltimore Police

Retirements

Brechtel, Richard A., Police Officer, Property Division, 55 years of age, 30 years of service, June 3rd.

Stockwell, Kenneth M., Sergeant, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 56 years of age, 31 years of service, June 3rd.

Sarro, Anthony J., Jr., Sergeant, Southwestern District, 61 years of age, 39 years of service, June 4th.

Gingles, Gordon W., Police Officer, Communications Division, 59 years of age, 23 years of service, June 16th.

Klosek, Alexander W., Sergeant, Special Operations Division, 47 years of age, 25 years of service, June 17th.

Dawson, Thomas T., Police Officer, Special Operations Division, 56 years of age, 35 years of service, June 17th.

Serio, Salvatore C., Police Officer, Northern District, 52 years of age, 28 years of service, June 17th.

Atkinson, Robert P., Police Officer, Central District, 48 years of age, 25 years of service, June 18th.

McHale, John E., Sergeant, Northern District, 44 years of age, 20 years of service, June 19th.

Butts, James P., Police Officer, Internal Investigation Division, 57 years of age, 34 years of service, June 19th.

Gordon, William D., Sergeant, Communications Division, 46 years of age, 24 years of service, June 19th.

Benton, Phillip F., Police Officer, Northwestern District, 51 years of age, 29 years of service, June 23rd.

Hite, Richard A.J., Sr., Police Officer, Personnel Division, 59 years of age, 29 years of service, June 23rd.

Smith, James E., Sergeant, Southeastern District, 51 years of age, 30 years of service, June 24th.

Uhl, Ellwood H., Police Officer, Northwestern District, 49 years of age, 30 years of service, June 24th.

Niemiera, Thomas J., Police Officer, Laboratory Division, 54 years of age, 26 years of service, June 26th.

Letter to the Commissioner...

On Sunday, May 16th, I approached the 1700 block of Woodyear to serve a defendant in a civil case with legal papers. As I came upon the block I was quickly forced to retreat due to a group of men loitering and engaging in drug activity.

I called 911 for police assistance and I was met by Officer Jeffrey P. Archambault. Officer Archambault wasted no time clearing out the subjects so I could complete my court ordered mission. Officer Archambault stood by to ensure that I was safe and conducted himself in a professional manner that deserves appreciation. Despite the conditions, Officer Archambault refused to allow that to get in the way of his courteous service.

Very truly yours,
Edward F. Wladkowski

Good News...



Heather L. Marcus

Ms. Heather Lynn Marcus, daughter of Detective Albert Marcus, Criminal Investigation Bureau, recently graduated from Dundalk Community College. Her academic efforts earned her an award as an Outstanding Honor Student in Photography. Her overall grade point average was 3.94. Ms. Marcus will attend Towson University in the fall. Congratulations and good luck!



Birth Announcement

Congratulations to Officer Kenneth W. Wayland, Jr., Southwestern District. His daughter, **Victoria Lynn Wayland** was born on May 25, 1999 at 6:05 p.m. Victoria Lynn weighed in at 8 pounds 2 ounces.



Baltimore City Employee Home Ownership Program

The Baltimore City Employee Home Ownership Program is designed to revitalize existing neighborhoods and to promote economic development. Existing resources are being marketed to all employees looking to purchase in the city of Baltimore. Employees qualify for a \$10,000 subsidy on the purchase of a home in the Callaway-Garrison, East Arlington and Ashburton neighborhoods. This incentive program is open to all Baltimore City employees, with an added incentive for police officers. A wide range of home styles and prices are available. For more information call (410) 396-8407.

Congratulations...

Police Officer Frank J. Baker, Southeastern District, recently retired after 32 years of service with the Baltimore Police Department. Your family is very proud of you. Your hard work and dedication has paid off.

The Baker Family

Final Roll Call

There are no announcements at this time.

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COLONEL'S MESSAGE



A key strategy in meeting the Department's goals has been forming partnerships with community groups and other law enforcement agencies. The Criminal Investigation Bureau has formed many ongoing partnerships with various federal, state and local agencies. Along with our colleagues in patrol and the other bureaus, we have also participated in many initiatives that involved coordinated efforts.

These initiatives have included the dismantling of many drug organizations and violent gangs, arresting fugitives who are wanted for felonies, and identifying violent offenders. All of these initiatives have proactively addressed quality of life issues for

the citizens of Baltimore.

As a result of these initiatives, we have been able to significantly reduce crime in our city. So, to all the men and women of the department, please accept my thanks for such an outstanding effort.

Colonel John E. Gavrilis
Chief
Criminal Investigation Bureau

Class 99-1 Graduates



The Class of 99-1 is officially sworn in.



From left to right: U. S. Attorney for Maryland Ms. Lynne Battaglia, Commissioner's Award of Excellence Winner, Officer Terry D. Wiemann, and Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier.

On July 16, 1999, Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier joined families, friends and other members of the Department to welcome Class 99-1 as the newest members of the Baltimore Police family. Fifty-one new police officers will begin to patrolling the streets of Baltimore, following the completion of sixteen weeks of field training.

Ms. Lynne Battaglia, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, was the guest speaker at the graduation ceremony. Ms. Battaglia spoke about the importance of integrity and fairness in the law enforcement profession. Several awards were presented to outstanding members of the class. Officer Parker D. Elliott, the Class Valedictorian, received an award for academic excellence. Officer Terry D. Wiemann received the Police Commissioner's Award of Excellence and was recognized as the "Skills Champion" of the class. **Congratulations to all of the graduates!**

Retirements

Snyder, Jack W., Police Officer, Southern District, 59 years of age, 33 years of service, June 26th.

Gunter, David S., Police Officer, Southeastern District, 49 years of age, 31 years of service, June 26th.

Hands, Joseph J., Police Agent, Southern District, 51 years of age, 24 years of service, June 26th.

Cauthorne, Edward, Police Officer, Western district, 53 years of age, 27 years of service, June 26th.

Green, Lloyd W., Sergeant, Field Operations Bureau, 61 years of age, 26 years of service, June 28th.

Hilseberg, William C. Jr., Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Bureau, 58 years of age, 37 years of service, June 29th.

Massey, Josiah F., Police Officer, Southern District, 50 years of age, 26 years of service, June 29th.

Maloy, Lawrence S., Sergeant, Southeastern District, 57 years of age, 32 years of service, June 29th.

Kramer, Donald F., Sergeant, Property Division, 51 years of age, 29 years of service, June 29th.

Reintzell, John F. Jr., Major, Communications Division, 52 years of age, 30 years of service, June 29th.

Anderson, Kenneth N., Sergeant, Southwestern District, 47 years of age, 28 years of service, June 29th.

Brokus, James J., Sergeant, Southeastern District, 55 years of age, 31 years of service, June 29th.

Mize, Lawrence E., Sergeant, Western District, 49 years of age, 28 years of service, June 29th.

Sisson, Melvin W., Sergeant, Northeastern District, 63 years of age, 29 years of service, June 29th.

McCall, William, Police Officer, Planning and Research Division, 54 years of age, 27 years of service, June 29th.

Bowman, Robert J., Police Officer, Northeastern District, 58 years of age, 36 years of service, June 29th.

Katich, Peter W., Police Officer, Property Division, 52 years of age, 29 years of service, June 29th.

Mitchell, John E., Police Officer, Northeastern District, 51 years of age, 25 years of service, June 29th.

Sixteenth Annual National Night Out Held



Officer Melissa Hyatt of Northwestern District interacts with neighborhood children

On August 3, 1999, the Baltimore Police Department partnered with several community organizations to celebrate National Night Out. National Night Out is a nationwide crime prevention demonstration in which residents turn on their outdoor lights and spend the evening expressing the community's unity in keeping crime out of their neighborhoods. Celebrations were held in several neighborhoods within the nine police districts.

Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier and Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend were on hand as residents in the Highlandtown Community kicked off their celebration. Commissioner Frazier said, "National Night Out highlighted strong community partnerships which continues to reflect the downward trend in crime. It is our hope that all residents were encouraged to become more proactive in improving the quality of life in their neighborhoods."



Birth Announcement

Congratulations to Officer Angelo Colletti, Jr., Central District. His twins, Angelo Colletti III and Adrianna Colletti, were born on July 28, 1999. Angelo weighed in at 6 pounds and 6 ounces and Adrianna weighed in at 5 pounds and 4 ounces.

Final Roll Call

Miller, James O., retired Police Officer, 75 years of age, 20 years of service, July 8th.

Ault, William H., retired Police Officer, 77 years of age, 31 years of service, June 14th.

Gontasz, Lucille M., retired Secretary II, 51 years of age, 20 years of service, July 24th.

Porter, Scott E., retired Sergeant, 89 years of age, 31 years of service, July 26th.

Schatz, Allan J., retired Police Officer, 74 years of age, 29 years of service, July 28th.

Mercy Medical Center Offers Worksite Wellness Workshops

*Nutritional Consultation
I Can Cope
Health Education*

For more information about these and other Wellness Workshops call:

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Food for thought...

*He who wants to do good,
knocks at the gate; he who loves,
finds the gate open.*

Rabindranath Tagore - 1916

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Thomas C. Frazier, Police Commissioner
September 29, 1999

Memorials...

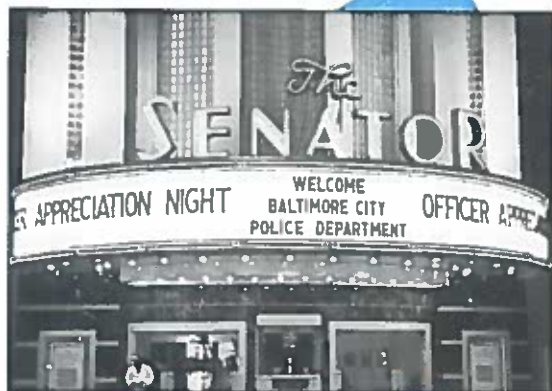
Officer Appreciation Week 1999
September 6th thru September 12th



Tuesday September 7th

Honorary "kickoff" breakfasts
at Headquarters building and
all nine districts for police
officers and civilian employees.

Pictured above: Officer Darlene Cole cuts cake as
other officers look on at Eastern District



Courtesy of Mr. Tom Kiefaber

Thursday, September 9th
movie nite at the Senator Theatre.



Wednesday, September 8th

6 a.m. until 10 a.m.,

Steve Rouse and the Rouse &
Company Morning Show (WQSR-
105.7 fm) broadcasted their morning
show live from the lobby of Police
Headquarters to honor the men and
women of the Baltimore Police
Department.



Later that same day...

Above: From 6 p.m. until 10 p.m.
Several hundred police officers and
civilian employees enjoyed a fun
filled night of food, drinks and music
at the Lava Lounge Nite Club.

Courtesy of the Power Plant and
the Cordish Company

lots of activities on Wednesday !!

Baltimore Police

Orioles Night for Baltimore's Officers



Pictured above: The Baltimore Police Department's choir The Thomas C. Frazier Voices of Hope sang the National Anthem for Officer Appreciation Night

Friday, September 10th

At Camden Yards



ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY

**Saturday,
September
11th**

Police officers and their children ages 3-9, were treated to an afternoon of "movies and stories" at Enoch Pratt Free Library and Port Discovery Exploration Center.



PORT DISCOVERY



**Sunday,
September
12th ... Family
Day at the
Baltimore Zoo!
Sponsored by The
Frank J. Battaglia
Signal 13
Foundation**

More than 5000 Baltimore Police Department employees, retirees and their families attended the 12th Annual Frank J. Battaglia Signal 13 Foundation Family Day. Family Day concluded and was one of the highlights of many events and activities during Officer Appreciation Week. Due to the overwhelming participation of Police officers, civilian employees and their families, Officer Appreciation Week, was truly a week to remember. Thank you everyone!

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COLONEL'S MESSAGE



I am pleased to have the opportunity to discuss the Research and Development Bureau and to give a brief overview of our services.

The Bureau's mission is to provide support services of the highest standard to the men and women of the Baltimore Police Department.

The Bureau's mission is implemented and supported by three Divisions: Planning and Research, Special Projects and Grant Compliance.

The Planning and Research Division conducts statistical crime analysis, which includes the weekly CrimeStac presentation; researches and publishes written directives; and obtains grant funding. The Special Projects Division is the birthplace of many innovative ventures, such as the Police Athletic League, the Youth Choir and the Block Representative Program. It also provides monitoring for many of the Department's domestic violence initiatives.

The Grant Compliance Division currently monitors over seventy grants with a value in excess of \$46,000,000.

The Bureau was recently responsible for coordinating the visits of government officials from Russia, the Netherlands and Great Britain, and also coordinated a reciprocal trip by members

of this agency to St. Petersburg, Russia. In addition, we have developed and are currently hosting a six-part Breast Cancer Awareness series being held each month in the Headquarters Atrium for all agency employees.

Early this year we searched for an inspirational quote to best describe the spirit of cooperation and work ethic found throughout this Bureau. We chose an original quote from retired Police Agent William McCall. He said, "Success is achieved when harmony is a success." This combination of success and harmony provides the foundation for a Bureau where people truly enjoy their work.

Margaret W. Patten

Margaret W. Patten
Chief / Colonel
Research and Development Bureau

Promotional Ceremony Held

Sergeant Sheila A. Savaliski receives promotion certificate from Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier.



On September 8, 1999, a promotional ceremony for the Baltimore Police Department was held at the War Memorial Plaza. During the ceremony, four sergeants were promoted to the rank of lieutenant and twenty-two officers/agents were promoted to the rank of sergeant. In addition, five civilian members were also promoted.

Promoted to Lieutenant

Sergeant Marcus D. Brown
Special Operations Division
Sergeant James V. Kelly
Northeastern District
Sergeant Michael D. McDonald
Central District
Sergeant Michael A. Pristoop
Southeastern District

Promoted to Sergeant

Police Officer Schulyer R. Denham
Western District
Police Officer Bryant D. Moore
Northwestern District



Pictured at left:
Ms. Linda C. Murray was promoted to Central Records Shift Supervisor.

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Baltimore Police

**The Maryland Chapter of the
Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer
Foundation Sponsors
"Race for the Cure"**



Join members of the Baltimore Police Department's "Race for the Cure" team as they participate in a 5k or 1 mile fun walk on Sunday October 3, 1999 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Rash Field in the Inner Harbor. The Maryland "Race for the Cure" is one of the largest races in the Komen Series of 5k/fitness walks in the world. Last year more than 15,000 Marylanders participated in this race to help raise over \$725,000 for breast cancer education and research.

The first 50 members of the department to sign up for the team will receive gift certificates from local businesses and the top three pledge earners will receive complimentary one month memberships to Metropolitan Gym. Entry forms are currently being distributed. For more information contact Agent Valerie Brice at (410) 396-2127 or Dara Munoz at (410) 396-2496.



Birth Announcements

Congratulations are extended to Associate Legal Counsel Layla Said for the birth of her daughter, Savannah Nicole Emge, who was born on August 12, 1999. Savannah Nicole weighed in at 7 pounds and 12 ounces.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

*I could not hear, I could not see, as long
as I blamed.
Understanding was not for me, as long
as I blamed.
As long as I blamed I could not be free.
As long as I blamed,
there was no me.*

**Reverend Theresa Smith -Mercer
Director of Chaplaincy**

Police Officer Scott M. Mezan
Northwestern District
Police Officer Melisa A. Enos
Western District
Police Officer Michael W. Fisher
Western District
Police Officer Robert Gaskins, Jr.
Eastern District
Police Officer Dean M. Palmere
Eastern District
Police Agent James Gottschalk
Southwestern District
Police Officer Terry L. Ressin
Eastern District
Police Officer Samuel Hood, III
Southwestern District
Police Officer Sheila Savaliski
Southeastern District
Police Officer Sean Kapfhammer
Northwestern District
Police Officer Scott G. Serio
Southwestern District
Police Officer Adam C. Kirhagis
Northeastern District
Police Agent Louis Tomaschko, Jr.
Eastern District
Police Officer Kyle T. Lee
Northeastern District
Police Officer John W. Wallace, Jr.
Southeastern District
Police Officer Darryl Massey
Northwestern District
Police Officer Nathan A. Warfield
Eastern District
Police Officer Richard P. Wokkittel
Southwestern District
Police Officer Edward P. Youells
Southwestern District

Promoted to Central Records Shift Supervisor

Matthew D. Crouch
Kingsley C. Dingle
Linda C. Murray

Promoted to Fiscal Technician

Ulanda N. Robinson

Promoted to Crime Laboratory Technician II

Franklin Sanders, Jr.

Retirements

Ramsburg, Louis A., Jr., Police Officer, Eastern District, 59 years of age, 31 years of service, July 31st.
Manning David E., Police Agent, Eastern District, 57 years of age, 26 years of service, July 31st.
Steedman James R., Lieutenant, Criminal Investigation Unit, 51 years of age, 29 years of service, July 31st.
Kincaid, Kenneth K., Police Officer, Eastern District, 55 years of age, 27 years of service, July 31st.
Shirey, David W., Lieutenant, Southwestern District, 50 years of age, 31 years of service, July 31st.
Haupt, Donald F., Lieutenant, Southwestern District, 53 years of age, 31 years of service, August 1st.
Becker, Robert H., Sergeant, Central Records Division, 57 years of age, 31 years of service, August 1st.
Davis, Arnold, Police Officer, Northwestern District, 62 years of age, 40 years of service, August 1st.

Final Roll Call

Seiser, William W., retired Police Sergeant, 77 years of age, 29 years of service, August 10th.
Schuman, Harry W., retired Chauffeur, 88 years of age, 25 years of service, July 28th.
Lloyd, Carroll E., Sr., retired Police Officer, 61 years of age, 23 years of service, August 22nd.
Stepcich, William A., retired Police Officer, 94 years of age, 23 years of service, August 23rd.
Peters, Kevin A., active Flight Officer, 45 years of age, 12 years of service, August 23rd.

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COMMISSIONER THOMAS C. FRAZIER THANKS MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT



Many of you already know, I have accepted the position of Director for the Community Oriented Policing Services Office in the United States Department of Justice. The COPS Office is President Clinton's initiative to advance community policing and add 100,000 officers to our nation's streets. I am extremely honored and proud to have been appointed to this position.

When I arrived in Baltimore more than five years ago, I looked forward to the challenges of a big city police department. I found that within the ranks of this agency, there were many bright, hard working men and women with a strong desire for excellence. This excellence has been the hallmark of our administration, as we moved together to make the Baltimore Police Department a national law enforcement leader.

Looking back upon the past five years, the record of accomplishments speaks for itself. Baltimore is clearly a much safer city than it was five years ago. Baltimore's officers are now a respected part of the social fabric of this city. I leave knowing that we have come a long way - Baltimore is proof that community policing truly works.

Dramatic reductions in crime, technological innovations like 3-1-1, prevention programs like the Police Athletic League and innovations such as sector management are just a few of the many accomplishments which have contributed to the health of this Department and this city. Members of the Department and citizens deserve to be proud of what we have achieved together. I am honored to have been part of this winning team.

My special thanks goes to all of you, the men and women who continue to work hard each and every day and night for the citizens of Baltimore. Without your commitment and dedication, our accomplishments would not have been possible.

As someone who has spent their entire career in law enforcement, I can attest to the importance of the COPS Program. It is the first Federal agency in history whose purpose is to serve the needs of local law enforcement. I look forward to the many opportunities and challenges which lie ahead, as I strive to help 11,300 agencies across the nation work with their communities to fight crime.

It has been my honor to lead you, the fine men and women of the Baltimore Police Department, and to serve the citizens of this great city. Thank you for all of your hard work, and much success to each and every one of you in the future.

Thomas C. Frazier
Thomas C. Frazier

Police Commissioner

Baltimore Police Department

Baltimore Police

Appointment Ceremony Held

On September 27, 1999, fifty Police Officers were appointed to the position of Police Agent by Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier. The ceremony was held in the auditorium of War Memorial Plaza. Family, friends and coworkers attended the ceremony. Congratulations to all of the new Police Agents!

Appointed to Police Agent

Officer Kevin J. Allis
Southeastern District
Officer Vicky L. Ardis
Northern District
Officer Jody S. Barnes-Dowell
Personnel Division
Officer Martin A. Bartness
Northwestern District
Officer David A. Bauer
Eastern District
Officer John C. Bilheimer
Southern District
Officer John M. Borelli
Eastern District
Officer Randolph K. Brown
Northwestern District
Officer Jason A. Callaghan
Northwestern District
Officer Charles L. Clayton, Jr.
Southeastern District
Officer Todd F. Corriveau
Western District
Officer Michael J. Cowdery
Northeastern District
Officer Daniel F. Edwards
Western District
Officer Robert J. Elkner
Southern District
Officer Lavern P. Ellis
Communications Division
Officer Carrie R. Everett
Northwestern District
Officer Timothy S. Flaherty
Eastern District
Officer Christopher P. Fraser
Southern District
Officer Craig M. Fulton
Northwestern District
Officer Kevin M. Hagan
Violent Crimes Task Force
Officer Michael J. Howard
Southern District
Officer Timothy G. Hughes
Central District
Officer Melissa R. Hyatt
Northwestern District
Officer Kenneth E. Jackson
Northwestern District
Officer Raynard R. Johnson

Southern District
Officer Shawn J. Johnson
Western District
Officer Michael D. Jones
Southern District
Officer Matthew C. Knight
Northeastern District
Officer Brian D. Kratz
Western District
Officer Joseph T. Lamoureux
Western District
Officer Brett V. Lawman
Western District
Officer Alexander C. J. Lee
Western District
Officer Cynthia M. Lum
Eastern District
Officer Louis C. Nanna, Jr.
Western District
Officer Ethan R. Newberg
Central District
Officer Brooke S. Nice
Northern District
Officer Brian E. Pearson
Western District
Officer Daniel H. Popp
Central District
Officer Brooks L. Poulsen
Eastern District
Officer Owen M. Ray, Jr.
Northwestern District
Officer Brian S. Rice
Eastern District
Officer Regina I. Richardson
Northwestern District
Officer Bryon R. Schimpf
Central District
Officer Keith F. Simmons
Western District
Officer Kevin L. Simmons
Southwestern District
Officer William P. Simmons
Eastern District
Officer Jeffrey R. Stauder
Northern District
Officer Cristin E. Treaster
Northeastern District
Officer Michael S. Vaughn
Eastern District
Officer Kimberly Wilson

Retirements

Boone, Paul J., Sr., Police Officer, Central District, 54 years of age, 32 years of service, August 1st.
Sisserman, Gary S., Police Officer, Northern District, 61 years of age, 25 years of service, August 7th.
Stinnett, Patrick T., Police Officer, Northern District, 47 years of age, 21 years of service, August 7th.
Tomlin, Verna M., Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Bureau, 39 years of age, 20 years of service, August 9th.
Stambaugh, Carl L., Police Officer, Southeastern District, 54 years of age, 24 years of service, August 12th.
Grosskopf, John P., Police Officer, Internal Investigation Division, 51 years of age, 30 years of service, August 19th.
Lee, Michael E., Police Officer, Communications Division, 55 years of age, 33 years of service, August 20th.
Parker, John, J., Sergeant, Criminal Investigation Bureau, 50 years of age, 28 years of service, August 31st.
Green, Trina, Y., Sergeant, Northern District, 44 years of age, 20 years of service, August 31st.

Food for thought...

Change is the law of Life. And those who look only to the past or the present are certain to miss the future.

John F. Kennedy, June 25, 1963

Final Roll Call

Kalmbacher, Edward, retired police officer, Northwestern District, 53 years of age, 21 years of service, August 26th.

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MESSAGE FROM THE COLONELS



Colonel John E. Garvrlis
Chief, Criminal Investigation Bureau



Colonel Elbert F. Shirey
Chief, Field Operations Bureau
Area II



Colonel Robert F. Smith
Chief, Field Operations Bureau
Area I

Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier has embarked on a new career as head of the Community Oriented Policing Services program in Washington, D.C. The Honorable Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke has appointed Colonels John E. Gavrilis, Elbert F. Shirey and Robert F. Smith to lead the agency for the next several weeks.

This management team will continue to aspire toward the goals and objectives of the Department. Together we will ensure a smooth and orderly transition for the new administration. We have an aggressive workplan in place, and have shared many successes. As a result, crime is down in every category for the first six months of this year, and crime is at its lowest point this decade. The community continues to support and appreciates all your efforts.

Keep up the good work!

Colonel John E. Garvrlis

Colonel Elbert F. Shirey

Colonel Robert F. Smith

Baltimore Police Department Participates in the Maryland Race for the Cure



The 1999 Baltimore Police Department Run/Walk Team

On October 3, 1999, 44 members of the Baltimore Police Department competed in the Maryland Chapter of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's Race for the Cure. As members of the Department walked and ran, more than \$1,100.00 was raised for breast cancer research.

Lieutenant Marcus Brown, Tactical Division, and Ms. Olive Waxter, Public Affairs Division, had the best time for the Baltimore Police Department's team. Additionally, Ms. Betty Chaney, Central Records Division, was the top pledge earner for the Department at \$355.

Each member of the team received gifts or gift certificates for their participation. Thanks again to everyone in the Baltimore Police Department who helped to make this event a big success.

EASTERN DISTRICT PARTNERS WITH BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO RE-DEDICATE STATIONHOUSE



Major James Hawkins of the Eastern District presents a Certificate of Recognition to Mr. Ross Lukman, of the National Lumber Company

On September 16th, a re-dedication ceremony was held at the Eastern District. During the dedication at the newly renovated stationhouse, Eastern District Officers who have died in the line of duty and their family members were honored. Members of the East Baltimore Business Community were also given special recognition for their generous contributions.

Major James Hawkins,

Commander of the Eastern District, presented Certificates of Appreciation to representatives of several local businesses and organizations including the National Lumber Company, State Farm Insurance, the American Legion and the Eastern District Community Relations Council. Plaques of special recognition were also presented to Lieutenant William Robbins, Officer Eric Mentzer and Ms. Robin Stevenson, a volunteer with the Public Affairs Division.

Reverend Thomas Schwind, Eastern District's Police Chaplain, delivered the invocation and closing remarks. Major Hawkins said, "This event could not have been possible without the joint effort between the East Baltimore Business Community and members of the Baltimore Police Department. We are truly grateful for this special day, which exemplifies what police and community partnerships are all about."

Retirements

Roberts, Ronald E., Police Officer, Planning and Research Division, 52 years of age, 27 years of service, June 30th.

Towson, George W., Sergeant, Central District, 58 years of age, 36 years of service, September 1st.

Broseker, Carvel W., Police Officer, Central District, 51 years of age, 28 years of service, September 1st.

Blow, Collis M., Police Officer, Northern District, 55 years of age, 31 years of service, September 1st.

Delair, Harry E., Jr., Police Officer, Southeastern District, 47 years of age, 26 years of service, September 7th.

Vanlandingham, Leak, Police Officer, Central Records Division, 55 years of age, 30 years of service, September 9th.

Lysakoski, Gregory E., Sergeant, Central District, 54 years of age, 32 years of service, September 9th.

Freund, John M., Police Officer, Western District, 53 years of age, 27 years of service, October 1st.

Lupus, William A., Jr., Police Officer, Eastern District, 49 years of age, 24 years of service, October 2nd.

Horney, Charles E., Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Bureau, 44 years of age, 20 years of service, October 19th.



Birth Announcements!

Congratulations to **Police Officer Edward Carrington** and his wife **Tonya** on the birth of their daughter, **Cameron Alexandria**, and son, **Courtney Alexander Carrington**, on August 30, 1999. Cameron weighed in at 6 pounds and 3 ounces and Courtney weighed in at 7 pounds and 8 ounces.



Congratulations are also extended to **Police Officer Michael Whiting** and his wife, **Lora**, on the birth of their daughter, **Amber Patrice Whiting**, on September 12, 1999. Amber weighed in at 7 pounds and 13 ounces.

Mercy Medical Center Offers Worksite Wellness Workshops

Weight Management Support Groups will be begin on Monday, November 15, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Medical Center. For more information call (410) 337-1508.

Final Roll Call

Wrzosek, Frank A., retired Police Officer, 78 years of age, 25 years of service, August 27th.

Harbin, John W., retired Police Officer, 64 years of age, 25 years of service, September 18th.

McKay, Donald S., retired Sergeant, 73 years of age, 28 years of service, September 29th.

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Thomas C. Frazier, Police Commissioner
November 16, 1999

COLONEL'S MESSAGE



As we wait at the threshold of the 21st century, two critical challenges face our profession. The first such challenge is our ability to gather and disseminate timely and accurate data to our patrol force so that they can make wise decisions and function more efficiently. The implementation of a new Records Management System that has clear interface with our Computer Aided Dispatch System will enhance information flow to Mobile Data Terminals in patrol vehicles. In order that we may make optimal use of this technology, I have directed that we explore software that allows officers to perform data entry on their Mobile Data Terminals, thereby permitting electronic transfer, audit,

approval, and storage of report data. Implementation of our new 800 MHz Communications System offers greater flexibility and brings state of the art communications technology to our department. Through a combined Communications Center we will now have the ability to interface with other emergency/public service providers during critical situations.

The second challenge facing our profession is our ability to win back the "public trust." Honesty and Courage are values that we must demand of one another. They are absolutes that can never be compromised. Both, I believe, stand as the two greatest of values to be possessed by a law enforcement officer. Not only are these values critical on the front line, but the senior leadership of this organization must demonstrate and serve as an example of these attributes each and every day. You should expect nothing less.

Oftentimes issues arise within our workplace that weaken morale and create dissension. Whether these issues effect individuals or the collective membership of our department, each of us, regardless of rank or position, have a duty to work towards restoring confidence and raising moral for the betterment of us all. Success in any organization requires commitment and heart. It requires unyielding dedication and effort. It requires an attitude that is both positive

and creative. It requires an attitude of action and of progress.

As we continue through a transition of leadership, remember the words of Charles Swindoll: "The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company, a church, a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past, we cannot change the fact that people will act in a very certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% of what happens to me, and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you, we are in charge of our attitudes."

Thanks for the contribution that you make each and everyday. I am proud to be a part of your team and strongly support your courageous efforts. God Bless.

Colonel Timothy J. Longo, Sr.
Chief
Technical Services Bureau

Northern and Northwestern Districts Sponsor Haunted Houses



The Northern District hosted a free haunted house from October 29th through October 31st. Officers of the Northern District and students from the Johns Hopkins University, Loyola College and the Maryland Institute College of Art volunteered their time for this exciting Halloween experience. Following the haunted house, visitors were treated to a brief theatrical presentation given by students from the Maryland Institute College of Art with an important drug-free message. According to Northern District officers, approximately 5000 children and adults visited the haunted house during a three day period.

The Northwestern District hosted a haunted house on October 30th. Admission to the haunted house was 50 cents or one canned good. Proceeds will be used to purchase items for Thanksgiving Day food baskets which will be distributed to needy families during the holiday season. More than 500 children and adults visited the haunted house. Thanks to all of those individuals who made Halloween a special time for our communities.

Baltimore Police

Baltimore Police and Ethnic Communities Participate in Soccer Tournament



Sgt. Scott Rowe, Public Affairs Division accepts the 2nd place trophy.



Players from the Baltimore Police Department and Chinese team face off on a terrific match.

On October 24th, members of the Department participated in the First Annual **Baltimore International Community Cup**. The Baltimore Police Department, the Korean Society of Maryland and the Baltimore Community Relations Commission sponsored the soccer tournament held at Herring Run Park.

Throughout the day, teams representing the Baltimore Police Department and the Chinese, Latino and Korean Communities competed against one another in the universal sport of soccer.

Each team played three games, with the Baltimore Police Department finishing in second place, with two wins and one loss. The Korean Team won first place honors after a come from behind win against the Baltimore Police Department in a very competitive match.

The players and their families were treated to Korean barbecue and other entrees during the event. The Baltimore Police Department would like to attract other ethnic communities to participate in future soccer tournaments.

Good News...

The newly formed **Liberty-Garrison Citizens on Patrol** group recently purchased nine radios. Also, three of the radios were purchased through the Baltimore City Forfeiture Funds coordinated by Officer Lisa Turner.

The **Baltimore City Retired Police Association Incorporated**, will be hosting their Children's Holiday Movie Theatre show on January 8, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. at the Beltway Movie Theatre, 7660 Belair Road. Tickets are \$25.00 and include admission for two children and one adult. For more information please call (410) 654-0628.

Recently, Mr. Edwin Donald Wayson, Jr., Planning and Research Division, was selected as the Public Employee of the Year by the Mayor's Commission on Disabilities. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

Congratulations...

The National Association of Police Organizations awarded "TOP COPS" honors to three Baltimore Police

Officers for their efforts in the dismantling of a violent drug ring last year.

Detective Christopher P. Graul, Sergeant James Hagin Jr., and Lieutenant Robert Stanton were honored in a ceremony in Washington, D.C. on October 22, 1999. The awards were presented for their arrest and convictions of the Anthony Jones drug organization, which sold heroin and cocaine and was responsible for more than a dozen homicides in Baltimore. The national Top Cops program honors law enforcement officers who worked on the largest criminal cases during the preceding year.

Retirements

Horney, Charles, E., Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Bureau, 44 years of age, 20 years of service, October 19th.

Canton, Mark, A., Police Agent, Education and Training Division, 41 years of age, 20 years of service, October 1st.

Christ, George, J., III., Police Officer, Southern District, 51 years of age, 27 years of service, October 21st.

Menas, Robert, Police Officer, Northwest District, 54 years of age, 31 years of service, November 18th.

Final Roll Call

McNally, John, J., retired turnkey, 78 years of age, 21 years of service, October 1st.



Baltimore Zoo

Sponsors

"Zoo Lights Night"

for the

Baltimore Police Department



The Baltimore Zoo is sponsoring a "ZOO LIGHTS NIGHT" for employees of the Baltimore Police Department on Thursday, December 9th from 5:30 p. m. until 9:30 p. m. "Zoo Lights Night" admission will be \$1.00 for Departmental employees and their families. No one will be admitted after 9 p. m.

Anyone interested in attending this event may contact the Public Affairs Division by November 17th. The Rain date for this event is Friday, December 10th.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD FOR FLIGHT OFFICER BARRY W. WOOD



Mrs. Martha Wood accepts a plaque from Officer Phillip A. Earp, Southern District, as Officer James McKinley, Southern District, stands nearby.

A memorial and dedication service was held at the B & O Railroad Museum on November 4th to honor Flight Officer Barry W. Wood on the first anniversary of his death. On November 4, 1998, Flight Officer Barry Wood and his partner, Officer Mark Keller, were assisting ground units in the area of 900 West Pratt Street as they searched for a stolen auto. At 2:28 p.m., the helicopter that he was flying experienced a technical malfunction and plummeted to the ground. In a heroic attempt not to injure anyone on the ground or his partner, Flight Officer Wood strategically maneuvered the aircraft, absorbing most of the impact

himself. A saddened Officer Mark Keller stated at the service, "He turned that aircraft around to his side to save my life."

The ceremony began outside of the museum at 2:00 p.m. and a plaque, which will be posted near the site of the fateful crash, was presented in Flight Officer Wood's memory. At 2:28 p.m., the Baltimore County and Maryland State Police Aviation Units flew over the scene as hundreds of friends, fellow officers, city officials and family members observed a moment of silence.

The ceremony concluded inside the Roundhouse of the B & O Railroad Museum where many people spoke thoughtfully of Flight Officer Wood. Among the speakers were Mayor-elect Martin O'Malley, Colonel Elbert Shirey, Major John McEntee and Mr. Tom Matarazzo. A Mayor's Citation was presented to Mrs. Martha Wood, widow of Flight Officer Wood, and a letter was read which was sent from United States Presidential candidate, Governor George Bush, Jr.

Mrs. Wood recognized countless friends who have helped her during this very difficult year, including Mrs. Elaine Sweeney whose husband, Lieutenant Owen Sweeney, was also killed in the line of duty.

Former Baltimore Police Commissioner, Bishop Robinson, stated, "The time spent at this memorial is short, but so is life. Don't forget why we came. We came to honor a man who gave us the greatest gift of all - his life."

COMMENDATION CEREMONY HELD



Flight Officer Barry W. Wood

October 20, 1999, forty-one individuals were recognized in an official Departmental commendation ceremony. Those who were honored included both civilian and sworn members of the Baltimore Police Department who have been cited for their achievements and exemplary performance in the line of duty.

Many of the recipients demonstrated extreme courage and risked their own safety, while others were recognized for administrative achievements and exceptional

leadership. Three Silver Stars, thirty-three Bronze Stars and five Distinguished Service Awards were presented.

Highlighting the ceremony was the posthumously presentation of the Medal of Honor to Flight Officer Barry W. Wood. Officer Wood died tragically in the line of duty on November 4, 1998. His widow, Mrs. Martha Wood, was present at the ceremony and received a standing ovation as she graciously accepted the award on her husband's behalf.

Class 99-2 Graduates



Colonel Elbert F. Shirey congratulates Mrs. Beverly Land, Personnel Division, for 20 years of dedicated service.

On November 5, 1999, forty-seven probationary police officers became the newest members of the Baltimore Police family. The graduation exercises were held at the War Memorial Plaza amidst a large gathering of families and friends.

Mr. Stuart O. Simms, Maryland's Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, was the distinguished guest speaker. Several awards were presented to the outstanding members of the class. Officer Bryan L. Ruth was awarded the Police Commissioner's Award of Excellence. Officer Steven Harris, the Class Valedictorian, received an award for

academic excellence and Officer Michael C. Collins was recognized as the "Skills Champion" of the class. During ceremony, twelve civilian employees were also recognized for their years of dedicated service to the Department. Congratulations to all of the graduates and our civilian employees.

*Happiness is food, family, and fun!
Have a
Happy Thanksgiving!*

SAFETY ALERT!

WINTER DRIVING TIPS



Driving in Snow and Ice

- ◆ Before the weather turns frosty, prepare your car, get a complete tune-up.
- ◆ If you should skid do not brake. Take your foot off the accelerator and turn your car in the direction that you want the front wheels to go.
- ◆ If you get stuck in the snow, don't continue to spin your wheels. Instead pour sand, salt, or gravel around the wheels to give them something to grab onto and improve traction.

Retirements

Street, Christopher M., Sergeant, Special Operations Division, 42 years of age, 20 years of service, October 12th.

Canton, Mark A., Police Agent, Education and Training Division, 41 years of age, 20 years of service, October 21st.

Alderman, James E., Sr., Police Officer, Western District, 51 years of age, 29 years of service, October 29th.

Christ, George J., III., Police Officer, Southern District, 51 years of age, 27 years of service, October 30th.

Final Roll Call

Burger, Clarence, retired Police Officer, 75 years of age, 23 years of service, October 10th.

Feulner, John W., retired Police Officer, 82 years of age, 25 years of service, October 13th.

Ellis, Oliver R., retired Sergeant, 94 years of age, 28 years of service, October 16th.

CIB Property Detectives Honored by Recording Industry of America



Pictured left to right: Det. H. Burris, Det. R. Willis, Phillip Brooks-Recording Industry, Col. John E. Gavrilis, Frank Walters-Recording Industry, Ofc. E. Woods, Det. R. Purcell and Det. D. Crawford.

On Wednesday, November 3, 1999 the Recording Industry Association of America honored detectives from the Criminal Investigation Bureau's Property Crimes Division. The Detectives were presented with golden records for the joint investigations that have been conducted with the recording industry during the past two years. investigations resulted in the confiscation of more than one million dollars worth of bootleg compact discs, audiotapes, long play albums and electronic devices used to manufacture these items.

Birth Announcements!

Congratulations to Community Service Officer, Troy J. Kane, Central Records Division. His daughter, Jordan Lanae Kane, was born on October 30, 1999. She weighed in at 6 pounds and 9 ounces.

Congratulations are also extended to Western District Police Officer Shawn M. Green, Sr. & his wife Betty on the birth of their son, Shawn M. Green, Jr., who was born on November 10, 1999. Shawn Jr. weighed in at 9 pounds and 1 3/4 ounces.

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MARYLAND POLICE CORPS GRADUATION



Class 99-1 and their instructors who represent various law enforcement agencies throughout the state of Maryland

On November 20, 1999, upon the best and the bravest of our commencement exercises were held for eighteen Maryland Police Corps cadets at the Maritime Institute of Technology in Linthicum, Maryland. Graduates of Class 99-1 will soon begin patrolling neighborhoods in Baltimore, Baltimore County and Prince Georges County. Maryland's Lieutenant Governor, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend was the guest speaker for the graduation and said, "Today, the biggest threat to our democracy is the fear and violence here at home, and the Police Corps has called

Class 99-1

Kirk Black
Edward Carnes
Steven Choma
Albert DellaRocco
Robert Elseman
Michael Lash
Vincent Lash

Joshua Laycock
Kelly Lennon
George Livingston
Matthew Logue
Ivo Louvado
Charles Manners
Diane May
David Robinson
Matthew Sapone
Brian Santori
Michael Young

For Your Information

Y2K probably won't cause any major problems, but there could be some minor inconveniences you can avoid if you prepare now. Here are a few tips that may be useful as we celebrate the new millennium!

Protect your water

Put aside enough water to last three days: one gallon per person per day.

Stock up on a few groceries

Buy a little extra canned foods, juice, toilet paper, pet food and any other essentials

Fill up your gas tank

It's a good idea to fill your tank before December 31" on the off chance that gas stations could experience electronic problems.

Stash some extra money away

How much? Try to have at least three to four weeks worth of cash on hand that would cover normal expenses including those you pay for with credit cards.

Put together a family emergency kit

These items include an over the counter first aid kit, a non-electric can opener, flashlights with new batteries, extra blankets.....

Baltimore Police Year 2000 Calendars



Officer John Rynn, Quick Response Team, repels down a 30 foot training wall while Officer Juan Oliver and Officer Bob Probeyalm spot him on the ground

Reserve your Baltimore Police Department Year 2000 Calendar today! You can enjoy twelve months of pictures featuring various units of the Department at work. The cost of each calendar is \$10.00, and all proceeds will benefit the Police Athletic League (PAL). Checks and money orders should be made out to the Baltimore Police Athletic League. All calendar orders can be placed through the Baltimore Police Athletic League. For more information, please contact Mr. Tom Hayes at PAL, (410) 396-2166. Thanks for your support.

Letter to the Department



Officer McGruff poses with Officer Cassidy Broadwater and children while visiting St. Jerome's Head Start.

Thank you for allowing Crime Dog McGruff and officers of the Southern District to attend our first Health Fair. We hope that you will participate again next year. Major Elmer Dennis and Officer Cassidy Broadwater were most helpful.

Sincerely,
Ms. Nancy Thomas
St. Jerome's Head Start Center

Northeastern District Holiday Clothing Drive

The Northeastern District is currently sponsoring a clothing drive for those who are less fortunate in the community. Canned goods as well as new or used toys in good condition are also being collected. For more information call the Northeastern District Community Relations unit at (410) 396-2444.

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Retirements

Pitt, William Jr., Police Officer, Community Resource Bureau, 43 years of age, 24 years of service, November 8th.
Madden, Elsie L., Police Officer, Communication Division, 55 years of age, 20 years of service, November 18th.
Gilbert, Charles R. Jr., Police Agent, Southeastern District, 52 years of age, 20 years of service, November 18th.
Keel, Timothy C., Lieutenant, Criminal Investigation Bureau, 41 years of age, 18 years of service, November 20th.
Kingsbury, Jerry M., Sergeant, Communication Division, 42 years of age, 20 years of service, November 23rd.
Hyman, Kenneth B., Police Officer, Western District, 55 years of age, 30 years of service, November 25th.
Willie, Addison L., Police Officer, Special Operations Division, 51 years of age, 24 years of service, December 11th.

Final Roll Call

Smith, William F., retired Lieutenant, 83 years of age, 27 years of service, October 27th.
Smoot, Roy T., retired Police Officer, 65 years of age, 32 years of service, November 2nd.

Good News

Congratulations to **Detective Albert Marcus** of the Criminal Investigative Bureau. He recently competed in the annual United States Marine Corps Marathon. Detective Marcus efforts allowed him to successfully complete the 26.2 mile race.



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"Peace on Earth"

Martin O'Malley, Mayor

Baltimore, Maryland

Elbert F. Shirey, Acting Police Commissioner

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MAYOR'S HOLIDAY GREETING



To the men and women of the Baltimore City Police Department:

It's a great pleasure to greet the men and women of the Baltimore City Police Department for the first time in this space. As you know, I have long admired the police officers of this city. You are the people who choose to take on one of the toughest, most important jobs in our society. You chose to make a difference in the lives of most people.

Now, I believe you are going to make a much greater difference than you ever have before.

Under the leadership of Police Commissioner Ron Daniel, the BCPD will move from being a reactive police force, whipsawed by changing missions, to one that is centrally focused on crime-fighting done lawfully and with respect for all citizens. You will see a department where fairness and professionalism become hallmarks of leadership and operating principles instilled throughout the ranks. And you will see a department where the Police Commissioner and the mayor support you when you are in the right and doing all in your power to perform your job effectively, assertively and by the book.

I realize this job will take some time, but I share with Police Commissioner Daniel and you, some impatience that this transformation happens as quickly as possible. The lives of the people of Baltimore depend on it.


Mayor Martin O'Malley

ACTING COMMISSIONER'S HOLIDAY GREETINGS



The holiday season is once again upon us, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your dedication and good work over the past year. I do sincerely believe that we make up the finest group of law enforcement people, both sworn and civilian, in the world, and it has been my distinct honor and pleasure to serve as your Police Commissioner for the last month of this millennium. Your support and encouragement during this time has been most appreciated.

The new year promises to be a momentous one for us. There will certainly be many new and unexpected challenges ahead, but I am sure we will continue to do honor to our badge and profession. Whatever we undertake will certainly be done well. Please know that you and your loved ones have my best wishes for a wonderful season and a great new year.



Colonel Bert Shirey
Acting Police Commissioner

Baltimore Police

Holiday Schedule 2000

New Year's Day
January 1, 2000

**Martin Luther King's
Birthday**
January 17, 2000

Lincoln's Birthday
February 11, 2000

Washington's Birthday
February 21, 2000

Maryland Day
March 25, 2000

Good Friday
April 21, 2000

Memorial Day
May 29, 2000

Independence Day
July 4, 2000

Labor Day
September 4, 2000

Defenders Day
September 12, 2000

Columbus Day
October 9, 2000

Election Day
November 7, 2000

Veterans Day
November 11, 2000

Thanksgiving Day
November 23, 2000

Christmas Day
December 25, 2000

Northeastern District G.R.E.A.T. Officer Spreads Holiday Cheer



Officer Barry Lester, Northeastern District, visited area nursing homes, schools and day care centers from Wednesday, December 15, 1999 until Wednesday, December 22, 1999 spreading holiday cheer. Officer Lester will be dressing as Santa Claus and giving out candy canes to children and seniors.

Memorial Blood Drive To Be Held

On Thursday, December 30, 1999, the Baltimore Police Department in cooperation with the American Red Cross will conduct a Memorial Blood Drive from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at 5104 York Road. This time of the year marks a crucial period for the American Red Cross in their efforts to replenish their blood bank for many citizens who will need their assistance throughout the year. The goal is to collect one hundred fifty-one pints of blood. Free parking will be available and all donors will receive a commemorative millennium tee shirt. For more information call Lieutenant Richard Fahlteich, Southwestern District, (410) 396-2488.

Retirements

Homer, Timothy M., Police Officer, CRB, 38 years of age, 17 years of service, December 1st.

Mills Maxine C., Police Officer, Education and Training Division, 39 years of age, 20 years of service, December 1st.

Berger, Edgar C., Sergeant, Central District, 50 years of age, 27 years of service, December 10th.

Final Roll Call

Thanner, Bernard F., retired Police Officer, 78 years of age, 25 years of service, December 4th.

Wernz, Charles V., retired Sergeant, 55 years of age, 31 years of service, December 4th.

Johnson, Charles H., active Police Officer Southeastern District, 58 years of age, 35 years of service, December 5th.

Birth Announcement



Congratulations to **Community Service Officer, Rosanna Carter-Landefeld, Management Information Systems Division**. On December 7, 1999, she gave birth to **Reina Helene Carter-Landefeld**. She weighed in at 7 pounds and 10.2 ounces.

Food for thought... Peace is a daily, a weekly, a monthly process, gradually changing opinions, slowly eroding old barriers, quietly building new structures.
John F. Kennedy - Sept. 20, 1963

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