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Holiday Message from
the Commissioner



Years from now, when the story of policing is revised and written, 2001 will fill a large chapter. The terrorist attacks of September 11 have revolutionized urban policing, including operations in Baltimore. Our borders of responsibility now stretch beyond the domestic threats of rape, robbery, and burglary to include the international realities of conventional, chemical, and biological weapons.

Your response to our new way of doing business makes me proud to be your commissioner. Every challenge set before you - long hours, security details, information gathering - has been met with professionalism. All the while, your operational and investigative efforts have yielded a double-digit decrease in violent crime for the second year in a row. Without question, we are meeting Mayor O'Malley's goal of dramatically reducing crime in Baltimore.

Thank you for your dedication service to this department and May your New Year be filled with good health and happiness.

Edward T. Norris
Commissioner

PROMOTIONS



Police Commissioner Edward T. Norris promoted fifteen of the department's members on Wednesday, December 12 in a ceremony held at the War Memorial Building.

Promoted to Major
John P. Skinner

Promoted to Lieutenant
Kenneth P. Stanley Mark J. Callaghan
D'Artagnan E. Spencer Scott L. Bloodsworth
Bruce W. Ridley Frederick V. Roussey
David A. Engel

Promoted to Sergeant
Michael K. Norris Teresa D. Adams
Kenneth J. Deluca Charles L. Ausby
William R. Knoerlein Aaron T. Ferguson
Joel F. Heiss

AND STILL... WE RISE!



Class 2000-08 Graduates

On September 24, 2001 Police Commissioner Edward T. Norris joined families and friends to welcome the newest additions to the Baltimore police family, Class 2000-08. The thirty-six graduates were warmly greeted by the crowd of well wishers assembled at the War Memorial Building.

Commissioner Norris was first to formally address the graduates. Drawing inspiration from the bravery and sacrifices of the police officers, fire fighters and other public safety officials who lost their lives during the September 11th tragedy, he said, "Whether you know it or not, you are true American heroes." The guest speaker, Reverend Selwyn Gray, further emphasized the magnitude of the roles of the new officers. He said, "You are the new wave of integrity into the Baltimore community."

Officer Lisa Olszewski, the class Valedictorian, received an award for academic excellence. *Officer Benjamin Cajigas* received the Police Commissioner's Award of Excellence. *Officer Daniel Paige* was the class Firearms Champion and *Officer Stacy Plater* received the award for Skills Champion. Congratulations to all of the graduates.

Classes 2001-01 and 2001-02 Graduate

On October 21, 2001 Police Commissioner Edward T. Norris welcomed classes 2001-01 and 2001-02 into the extended law enforcement family. Class 2001-01 was comprised of 51 graduates, two from the Annapolis Police Department and the remaining 49 from the Baltimore Police Department. Class 2001-02 graduated 45 officers, all from the Baltimore Police Department.

Several awards for excellence were presented to members of both classes. Class 2001-01 recognized *Officer Sheridan D. Spangler* as the Valedictorian, *Officer Timothy McKown* as the Skills Champion, *Officer Teddy O. Casteneda* as the Firearms Champion, and *Officer Stanley K. Ottey* with the Commissioner's Award of Excellence. Class 2001-02 recognized *Officer Irvinette Barnes* as the Valedictorian, *Officer Mark A. Rutkowski* with the Commissioner's Award of Excellence, and *Officer David J. Holmes* as the Firearms Champion.

Police Commissioner Edward T. Norris ended the ceremony by stating "Welcome to the family. Congratulations to all of the graduates."

Academy Classes Participate in 2001 Obstacle Course Challenge

On Saturday, December 1, 2001 Baltimore Police Academy and Sheriff's Deputy trainees participated in the **2001 Obstacle Course Challenge**. The purpose of the challenge was to build camaraderie and esprit de corps among the academy classes. The competitive nature of the event builds teamwork and brings out the best in the trainees.

The challenge consisted of a rope climb, push-ups, a 300-yard run, an obstacle course, and a tug-of-war. As a result of these events, **Class 2001-04** claimed the winning trophy. **Police Trainee Lane Eskins** of Class 2001-04 won a trophy for "**Best Overall Time**," finishing at 6 minutes and 21 seconds.

Officer Stewart Edmondson, Class 2001-04 advisor, said, "*We've started something good today, and that's going to be a tradition for all future academy classes.*"

In the giving spirit of the holiday season, each class collected non-perishable foods, toys, clothes, and blankets that were given to the winning class' charity choice, the **Bea Gaddy Foundation**.



OFFICER OF THE MONTH, NOVEMBER 2001

Officer Jemini Jones was chosen as the *Southwestern District's* officer of the month for November 2001. **Sergeant Alexander Orr** reported that Officer Jones worked a total of 16 days, during which time he handled 177 calls-for-service, conducted 103 field interviews, made 3 car stops, issued 6 parking tickets, walked 20 hours of foot patrol, and arrested 16 suspects.

Perhaps most admirably, Officer Jones did an outstanding job of investigating a shooting on S. Franklinton Road. His constant efforts of conducting field interviews led investigators to a warrant for the shooting suspect.

Letters.....

A Heart Full of Gratitude

This letter to the men and women of the Baltimore police Department is very much long overdue. Mere words are totally inadequate to try to express or describe the outpouring of love shown to my family and especially to my son, **Agent Michael J. Cowdery, Jr.** The members of this department are truly the finest people I have ever met and you have a lot to be proud of. You are among the elitist of the elite.

Being a police officer is not an easy job. It is one of the few jobs that have life threatening situations, where instantaneous decisions must be made that can alter someone else's life forever, or even your own. Yet, we have cities, and Baltimore in particular, where these events more often than not take place. I have often asked myself, "Where does a police department find such people?" To find someone who is willing to risk his or her life in order to save someone else's. The things that a police officer does day in and day out, the average person would be out of their minds. But we do it. On a more personal note, my father was a Philadelphia City fireman. As a child I couldn't understand why he did what he did, but he did it. The many trips my mother made to the hospital to see my father were just unbelievable. And yet, he would go back to the firehouse and start all over again.

In closing, I would publicly like to thank Mayor Martin O'Malley for having the courage to build, in my opinion, one of the finest police departments in the nation. To Commissioner Edward T. Norris, to lead this department with pride and courage into the new millennium. I would also like to express my feelings of gratitude to **Officer Oscar Requer**, who helped me when I needed it the most. **Major Elfago Moye, Major Donald Healy, Lieutenant Stephen Davis, Sergeant James Roden and officers William Epperson, Renee Carr and Amy Taylor**, just to mention a few and countless others who showed a Philadelphia family what love is truly about. I simply cannot thank all of you for what you have done for my family and especially for my son. I miss him and I am sure that you do also. To the fathers of the Baltimore Police department, hold your sons close to you and tell them exactly how you feel. Don't put off for tomorrow what you can do today. Let New York City be a wake up call where families are concerned. It is the business we're in and the life we chose.

With Respect and Sincerity,
Michael J. Cowdery, Sr.

Dear Mayor O'Malley

On behalf of the officers, Board of Directors, members and staff of the Jewish Community Center, we want to extend to you our heartfelt gratitude for the leadership and support you, your staff and the Baltimore Police Department have provided us in these difficult times.

We have been calmed and comforted, knowing the security of our facilities has been - and continue to be - enhanced by daily police surveillance. We are particularly indebted to the able officers of the Northwestern District under the leadership of **Lt. Col. John McEntee, Jr.** and to **Commissioner Edward Norris**.

It is difficult to describe the feelings we all share, having witnessed the tragic events that took place in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania. We are united as Americans by this unparalleled attack. In our Jewish tradition, this is a time for reflection and atonement for the past, and prayers of hope and renewal for the future.

In that spirit, we thank you and hope that our community and our nation may ultimately share in the blessings of peace. We consider ourselves most fortunate to be members of the Baltimore Community, with such dedicated public servants, and such strong, effective leadership.

Sincerely Yours,
Buddy Sapolsky
Executive Director

Baltimore Police Department K-9 Unit Receives Donations



The Baltimore Police Department has received five additional canines as the result of a partnership with the Baltimore Police Foundation and The Snyder Foundation for Animals. The department has also received \$2,000 from the Northeastern Kennel Club to purchase two additional canines.



RETIREMENT
CELEBRATION!

Congratulations to **Rosalind Williams** on 33 years of dedicated service to the Baltimore Police Department. Rosalind Williams, sometimes called the "Avon Lady," is retiring. Rosalind started her career on November 18, 1968 as a general clerk. She spent her 33 years working in the Central Records Division on the 3 to 11 shift. Rosalind states, "Working in the Central Records Division was a great experience for me. It was like being around family, because that's what everyone was to me, family." Rosalind will be greatly missed...no more Avon for Central Records. Sit back, relax and enjoy, Rosalind. You deserve it!

The Baltimore Police Foundation

The Baltimore Police Foundation was founded in November of 2000 with a mission to make our city a safer place to work and visit. Three specific areas - officer recruitment, equipment, and training - will benefit greatly from the foundation. The foundation has received more than \$1.5 million in contributions from various donors under the leadership of co-chairs Furlong Baldwin and Donald Sheppard.

In addition to the canines received, the foundation has assisted the department in receiving additional equipment for the Mounted Unit, QRT, and a Mobile Command Unit, scheduled to be delivered in February of 2002. QRT will receive 100 Tyvex suits to aid in critical incidents involving hazardous gases, and the Mobile Command Unit will provide a technologically equipped command post for use during major incidents.

The department will benefit greatly from the generous donations provided to the Baltimore Police Foundation. For more information please contact Olive Waxter, Executive Director of the Baltimore Police Foundation, at (410) 539-1684.



The Combined Charity Campaign

Each city agency is given the opportunity to participate in the Combined Charity Campaign. Last year, the police department raised \$125,804, the second most of all city agencies. This year's goal of \$135,000 will be exceeded by approximately \$15,000, a result of everyone's support for the campaign and a belief in the need for giving back to the community.

A heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone that contributed to making this campaign a huge success. Let's continue to make Baltimore the "City of Champions."

Environmental Crimes Enforcement Unit

Mayor Martin O'Malley and Police Commissioner Edward T. Norris have developed an innovative strategy to combat crime and grime in Baltimore: an enforcement unit comprised of investigators from the Baltimore Police Department and Department of Public Works. Since March, members of the unit have been conducting surveillance on popular dumping sites and tracking people known to discard trash illegally in the city.

Illegal trash dumping poses numerous problems to the citizens of Baltimore. It poses health problems by attracting disease-carrying rodents and insects, including mosquitoes that carry the West Nile Virus. It provides a comfortable habitat for criminals to hide drugs and weapons. And it decreases the city's quality of life by creating an eyesore and reducing property values.

Between March 26 and November 17, the Environmental Crimes Enforcement Unit has achieved great success, the result of 30 arrests, closing of 11 businesses for illegal dumping and improper storage of hazardous materials, and issuance of 59 criminal summonses.

~IN THE NEWS~

Officers in NYC

"You do whatever you can"

Two weeks after the attacks on the World Trade Center, 24 of Baltimore's tactical officers headed north to help their brothers and sisters of the New York Police Department. Under the command of Lt. Mike McDonald, the officers were stationed at "ground zero," where they worked 12 hours a day moving steel and debris from the wreckage.

"I'm glad I went, but it was the absolutely worst thing I've ever seen in fifteen years on the force," said Sergeant Brad Thomas. Thomas said that two weeks after the attacks, the steel beams were still warm to the touch. But Sgt. Thomas says that's not what he'll remember most.

"The New York officers working that site are amazing. They are incredibly close-knit. The work is not just back breaking, it's emotionally draining as well. But they just keep going." Although no formal call for volunteers to go to New York was ever made by this agency, over 860 men and women offered their services.



TAC Officer Maxwell Anderson and actor **Harrison Ford** in New York volunteering their time to help the rescue efforts.

Ron Beverly Honored as Police Officer of the Year

Awards for excellence shouldn't be characterized by mixed feelings. In law enforcement, though, recognition for outstanding performance in the line-of-duty is often bittersweet. Detective Ron Beverly's honor as the *Fraternal Order of Police 2001 Police Officer of the Year* is perhaps the clearest example of this truth.

Many officers performed heroically throughout the year in their successful efforts to reduce the city's violent crime. But Detective Beverly's actions on March 21 were unlike any other's. Working as a member of the Eastern District Initiative, Detective Beverly and his partner, Agent Michael Cowdery, were conducting field interviews on Harford Road when a gunman suddenly appeared and began firing. The suspect fatally wounded Agent Cowdery and shot Detective Beverly in the leg. Detective Beverly, despite his wound, arrested the suspect after a running gun battle on Cliftview Avenue. According to FOP President Gary McLhinney, "Detective Beverly showed unbelievable courage, dedication, and professionalism. He's such a great credit to our department."



In a television interview, Detective Beverly said he was just doing his job that night. Commissioner Edward T. Norris, however, recognizes that not everyone can do the job Detective Beverly did. "I am so proud of him," Commissioner Norris said. "What he did was above and beyond the call of duty. I'm still awed by police officers and what they do."

Mayor Martin O'Malley, Police Commissioner Edward T. Norris, and FOP President Gary McLhinney present Detective Ronald Beverly with the 2001 Police Officer of the Year award in a ceremony held at the FOP Lodge.

~Retirements~

Smith, Shawn M., Police Officer, Southwestern District, 43 years of age, 20 years of service, November 9th.

Williams, Rosalind, OAI, Central Records Division, 61 years of age, 33 years of service, December 6th.

Final Roll Call

Officer Craig Klein, 31, lost his life doing what he enjoyed: riding his motorcycle with a friend. The accident occurred on November 17 when Officer Klein's Harley Davidson crashed into a Dodge Intrepid on Earls Road in Baltimore County.

A four-year veteran, Officer Klein joined the department with a strong desire to help those in need. He was assigned to the Eastern District where he most recently served as a member of the property unit. Sergeant Larry Salmond, a supervisor in the Eastern District, characterized Officer Klein as "a good guy." "He took his job very seriously," Sergeant Salmond said, "but always smiled. It's sad to lose an officer like that."



More Letters.....

Dear Commissioner Norris,

Please extend my personal thanks to every member of the Baltimore Police Department who has responded without question to the heightened security needs of the World Trade Center and Port of Baltimore. The smooth interaction between your department and the Maryland Transportation Authority has been a truly gratifying example of interjurisdictional cooperation. Without your support, we could not have returned to business as usual at the World Trade Center. Your efforts kept the port secure and open to all vessels wishing to call here.

During these difficult times, with images of the total devastation and unimaginable loss of life in both New York and Washington, D.C. so fresh in our minds, the police and firemen who responded to life's worst tragedies truly stand out as heroes. Even as you and your fellow officers grieve for friends, colleagues, and perhaps family members who still have not been found, you find the strength to carry on your jobs and attend to the needs of Baltimore's citizens.

Again, thank you for all your work to keep Maryland's transportation system running.

Sincerely,
John D. Porcari
Secretary of Transportation

Commissioner's Annual Holiday Party



*Detective Sean Harrison, Chief of Staff
John S. Stendrini*



*Major Michael P. Tomczak, Lieutenant
John M. Bevilacqua*



*Kay O'Connor, Agent Gene Cassidy,
Chief Daniel S. O'Connor*



*Myrna Milburn, CSO Beth Boots,
Sergeant Mary Patterson*

Signal 13 Foundation College Scholarship Program

The Frank J. Battaglia Signal 13 Foundation is currently accepting applications for college scholarship grants for the Fall 2002 through Spring 2003 school year. Applications are being accepted until February 15, 2001.

To be eligible for scholarship assistance, the applicant must be a legal dependent of an active member of the Baltimore Police Department who has successfully completed the probationary period. The students must also attend a school in the state of Maryland.

For more information about the Signal 13 College Scholarship Program, please call (410) 335-1056.



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A LEGEND RETIRES

On January 24, 2002, the Baltimore Police Department said goodbye to a distinguished and honored member, Deputy Commissioner Elbert F. Shirey, Jr. Deputy Commissioner Shirey spent over 35 years dedicating his life to fighting crime and improving the quality of life for the citizens of Baltimore.

Throughout the years, Deputy Commissioner Shirey continued his education while moving up the ranks. In 1976, he completed his Associate of Arts Degree in General Education, received a Certificate in Law Enforcement from the University of Virginia and attended the 105th Session of the F.B.I. National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. In 1978, he attended the University of Baltimore receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. In 1981, he attended Johns Hopkins University.

His impressive career began in 1966 when he entered the Baltimore Police Academy. Promoted to the rank of sergeant in 1971, he quickly moved up the ranks to the appointed position of major in a little over 10 years. His desire and natural ability for leadership did not go unnoticed when in 1997, he was appointed to the rank of colonel. From November 14, 1999 to December 7, 1999, he was the Acting Police Commissioner. On May 9, 2000, he was deservedly appointed to the rank of Deputy Commissioner of the Administrative Bureau.



During his many years of service, he received eight Official Commendations including three Bronze Stars, one Special Commendation, one Unit Citation and one Commendatory Letter. Other awards include the following: Governor's Citation (Unit)-1990, City Council Citation-1996, Maryland State Senate Citation-1997, Governor's Citation-1997 and Mayor's Citation-1999.

Deputy Commissioner Shirey is an extraordinary man who performed many diverse jobs during his years of service. Mayor Martin O'Malley said, "He took the Baltimore Police Department from the basement to the top." He is a thoughtful and compassionate man who possessed an equitable style of management. Commissioner Edward T. Norris says, "He will not be forgotten, only sorely missed."

On February 22, 2002, several hundred people gathered at Martin's Eastwind, to honor Deputy Commissioner Shirey at his retirement celebration. Everyone, including Denise Koch of WJZ-TV, Mayor Martin O'Malley, Commissioner Edward T. Norris and Deputy Commissioner Kenneth Blackwell were reminiscent of his long and successful career.

We wish Deputy Commissioner Shirey a happy and healthy retirement.



Commissioner Norris Makes Command Appointments

In response to Deputy Commissioner Elbert F. Shirey's retirement, Police Commissioner Edward T. Norris announced several command staff appointments. Deputy Commissioner Kenneth L. Blackwell assumed command of the Administrative Bureau, Colonel John J. McEntee, Jr. was appointed Chief of Patrol, and Major Scott D. Williams was promoted and assigned to the Northern District. Several lateral transfers also occurred: Lieutenant Colonel Odis L. Sistrunk was assigned as Commander of the Southwestern District; Major Michael D. Bass went to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Community Policing Institute at Johns Hopkins University; Major Robert F. Biemiller was transferred to the Special Operations Section and Major Michael P. Tomczak was assigned to the Planning & Research Section. Colonel McEntee is very pleased with the moves. "I have total confidence that we have the commanders and plan in place to meet our goals this year, particularly the reduction of violent crime," he said.



Deputy Commissioner Blackwell has dedicated 33 years of service to the citizens of Baltimore. Along his path to the second highest post in the police department, Deputy Commissioner Blackwell has commanded the Internal Affairs Division, Property Section, Quality Compliance Section, Western District, and Patrol Division. His appointment to such an important position was an easy decision, according to Commissioner Norris, who characterizes Deputy Blackwell as "the epitome of law enforcement professionalism and competence". He has received two Official Commendations and attended the 178th Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.



Colonel McEntee has served 29 years with the department, most recently as the commander of the Northwestern District. During his tenure, he has completed tours of duty in five of the nine patrol districts, served ten years in the Criminal Investigation Division, and commanded the Special Operations Section. He is the recipient of eight Official Commendations, including two Bronze Stars, and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Baltimore.



Major Williams is also a patrol officer at heart. Although he served most recently as a supervisor in the Homicide Section, he has dedicated 15 of his 16 years of service to the Patrol Division. In addition to serving three-and-a-half years in the Special Operations Section, he has completed tours of duty in the Central, Southeastern, Eastern, Western, and Northwestern Districts. Major Williams says, "I am extremely honored to now serve in the Northern District."

Central Records Unit Recognized for Hard Work

On April 9, 2002, the Warrant Unit of Central Records was honored by the Baltimore County Police Department. Officer Massey from Baltimore County Court Liaison Office took time to come to the Baltimore City Police Department and personally present awards of appreciation to every member of the Warrant Unit. The members also received a unit citation. The appreciation awards recognized outstanding support and services provided that often time went beyond normal duties. These efforts greatly helped in getting wanted persons off the streets.



The Warrant Unit averages 70 phone calls per day. These calls are from BPD officers, communications personnel and other agencies. The calls are handled in addition to the other routine duties necessary to maintain our files, as well our database.

The members honored were O/S Vanessa Gordon, OA II Patricia Cox, OAII Patricia Harper, OA II Barbara Oster, OA II Frances Wilchinski, OA II Pamela Barnes and Typist II Katherine Holquist.

Luncheon Held to Honor Women and the Badge

Recently, Oxygen Media hosted a luncheon to honor the officers featured on a new television series entitled, "Women and the Badge." Police Commissioner Edward T. Norris, Oxygen Media Consultant Howard Safir, and famed actress, Pam Grier, were on hand to honor the women featured in the television special.



There are currently 551 female police officers within the agency and 7 of the finest were chosen to participate in the television program. Among the chosen were Sheri Albrecht of the Public Affairs Section; Lynette Nevins of the Homicide Section; Lisa Olszewski of the Southern District; Carol Opher of the Homicide Section; Amy Robertson of the Southeastern District; Charmaine Thomas of the K-9 Unit; and Loretta Young of the Vice Unit. Police Commissioner Edward T. Norris says, "We've got women in very critical jobs, and this shows women the careers they can have in the Police Department."



Invited members of the luncheon were given the opportunity to meet and greet Pam Grier. After a delicious lunch, guests were treated to a premier of the television

series. Congratulations to everyone involved.

You have made this agency shine once again.



Agent Cassidy Carries Olympic Torch



Police Agent Gene Cassidy proudly carried the Olympic Torch as it passed through Baltimore recently. On-lookers cheered as Agent Cassidy made his way down Eastern Avenue paying homage, he says, "to the Baltimore Police Department and to the thousands of officers

killed in New York City on September 11." Agent Cassidy joined more than 30 other Baltimoreans carrying the torch as it traveled through 46 states in 65 days on its way to Salt Lake City, Utah for the start of the Winter Olympic Games.

Baltimore Police Received Funds to Aid in DNA Testing

Baltimore Police have approximately 5,000 unsolved cases that include homicides, rapes, and sex offenses. Many of the cases have physical evidence that were never tested for DNA evidence due to the extreme cost to perform such tests. Baltimore Police teamed up with ABC News in an effort to provide DNA testing.

Baltimore Police chose 50 crimes to be analyzed for DNA evidence. ABC News agreed to split the cost of the testing and a Virginia based company analyzed the evidence. As a result, detectives have charged four suspects in unsolved murders and rape. Additionally, ABC News 20/20 aired that a man convicted of rape was released after serving three months awaiting trial.

It is obvious that the testing is a necessary tool in law enforcement; however, the cost has become a huge obstacle for our agency. The Abell Foundation will contribute up to \$350,000 towards future testing. Additionally, Mayor Martin O'Malley has provided \$350,000 from his Special Projects Account to the Baltimore Police Department's Crime Laboratory for DNA analysis of evidence samples from cold cases. Efforts are underway to convince legislators to provide funding to assist law enforcement agencies across the country with the cost of DNA testing.

GOOD NEWS



Congratulations to the Eastern District Tire Masters for winning the South Baltimore Touch Football Championship against the South Baltimore Shaggy's, final score of 27-7.



Congratulations to Colonel Robert Stanton whose son, Robert M. Stanton, Jr., recently received the Eagle Scout Award from Boy Scouts of America.

CONGRATULATIONS



A retirement celebration was held on January 5, 2002 at The Heritage Parkville Gardens for Major Charles Wesley Wells. In 1982, he joined the Baltimore Police Auxiliary Unit under the direction of Commissioner Frank J. Battaglia.

Final Roll Call

Derrenberger, Gilbert O., Retired Sergeant, Chief of Patrol's Office, 77 years of age, 21 years of service. December 4, 2001.

Herman, Heidel, J., Retired Police Officer, Traffic Section, 75 years of age, 30 years of service. December 16, 2001.

Morsberger, John W., Retired Sergeant, Central District, 81 years of age, 22 years of service. December 10, 2001.

Minderlein, James P., Retired Lieutenant, 85 years of age, 27 years of service. December 18, 2001.

Krause, Anna T., Retired Office Assistant II, Laboratory Division, 83 years of age, 24 years of service. December 25, 2001.

Ranke, Vernon C., Retired Lieutenant, Tactical Section, 82 years of age, 26 years of service. December 27, 2001.

Barron, Walter F., Retired Sergeant, Northwestern District, 85 years of age, 26 years of service. December 27, 2001.

Retirements

WILLIAMS, ROSALIND S., Office Assistant III-D, Central Records Section, 61 years of age, 33 years of service. December 8, 2001.

BLOODSWORTH, DAWN M., Police Officer, Central District, 39 years of age, 18 years of service. December 19, 2001.

KNIGHT, KENNETH R., Police Officer, Planning & Research Section, 58 years of age, 30 years of service. January 2, 2002.

WHEELER, JOHN M., Sergeant, Southern District, 53 years of age, 33 years of service. January 3, 2002.

BRANDT, MICHAEL W., Police Officer, Special Operation Section, 44 years of age, 18 years of service. January 7, 2002.

BROWN, ROBERT L., Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Division, 52 years of age, 30 years of service. January 17, 2002.

STAHM, CHARLES R., Police Officer, Special Operation Section, 42 years of age, 21 years of service. January 19, 2002.

SHIREY, ELBERT F., Deputy Commissioner, Administrative Bureau, 56 years of age, 35 years of service. January 24, 2002.

SCARAGGI, RAYMOND G., Police Officer, Southeastern District, 46 years of age, 22 years of service. January 24, 2002.

ROSS, ROBERT J., SR., Police Officer, Southern District, 58 years of age, 33 years service. January 26, 2002.

PELEKAKIS, NICHOLAS, Police Officer, Western District, 46 years of age, 22 years of service. January 29, 2002.

WEIR, DOROTHY J. N., Police Report Reviewer, Central Records Section, 65 years of age, 34 years of service. February 7, 2002.

DONATHAN, DORIS M., Police Information Technician Supervisor, Central Records Section, 65 years of age, 31 years of service. February 7, 2002.

O'BYRNE, EDWARD P., Police Officer, Northern District, 58 years of age, 28 years of service. February 14, 2002.

URPS, INA I., Office Supervisor, Central Records Section, 59 years of age, 28 years of service. February 21, 2002.

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Champion of Courage



Lieutenant Stephen Davis of the Special Operations Section's Tactical Mobile Enforcement Team (MET) was selected by Fox 45 as a, Champion of Courage. Lieutenant Davis gives back to the community by giving his spare time to help the youth. He is the president of the Young Adult, College and Career Ministry and the New Antioch Baptist Church of Randallstown. He also visits schools in the city and county talking about the dangers of drugs, as well as career choices.

Lieutenant Davis has been a member of the Baltimore Police Department since March 1988, starting his career as a police cadet in the Communications Division. After completion of the police academy, he was assigned to the Northwestern District from 1990 to 1993. During that time, he was nominated for Police Officer of the Year and was awarded a Bronze Star for the arrest of an armed robbery suspect and one Official Commendation also for the arrest of an armed robber.

After reassignment to the Northeastern District, Officer Davis worked in the Drug Enforcement Unit and was later assigned to the Major Crimes Unit. In May 1996, Officer Davis was promoted to sergeant and was again assigned to the Northwestern District, working in patrol and in the Professional Standards Unit.

Sergeant Davis was placed in charge of a newly formed "hot-spot squad," that consisted of himself and six officers in 1997. The unit was credited with making 2,470 arrests over the course of the next two years and was largely responsible for dramatically impacting the occurrence of homicides in the district. In fact, no homicides occurred while the unit was physically working during that two-year period.

In April 1999, Sergeant Davis was transferred to the Criminal Investigation Division's Drug Enforcement Section, where he helped to refocus the unit's efforts back toward tracking and arresting major drug dealers and away from street level enforcement.

Sergeant Davis' efforts were recognized and rewarded with a promotion to the rank of Lieutenant and assignment to the midnight shift of the Northeastern District in May 2000. Lieutenant Davis proved to be an effective and efficient manager. He greatly improved morale on the shift and at the same time reduced the use of medical leave by his officers.

In June 2000, Lieutenant Davis applied to become a part of the newly formed Tactical Mobile Enforcement Team (MET). The concept of MET was to build upon the success of the Eastern District Initiative, targeting violent crime, guns and illicit drugs. Lieutenant Davis was one of four platoon commanders selected to head up this unit and has shown that he is able to effectively impact violent crime by directing his officers in the most crime prone areas of the city. Since the creation of MET, violent crime has been reduced and gun and narcotics seizures have increased significantly.

Graduation Ceremony

On February 22, 2002, Mayor Martin O'Malley and Police Commissioner Edward T. Norris welcomed new officers into the department's ranks. The Graduation Ceremony for Class 2001-03 and 04 was held at the War Memorial Building and was a long time coming for the new officers. Mayor O' Malley stood before the classes and their families and stated to the new officers, "Thank you for your commitment to the city."

Additional achievement awards were given to those officers who have demonstrated excellence in four categories. Those presented with the awards were:

Commissioner's Award of Excellence

- Class of 03/ Bradley Wayne Bennett
- Class of 04/ Matthew John Gibson

Academic Achievement Award

- Class of 03/ Billy D. Cross
- Class of 04/ Kevin Theodore Brown

Skills Champion

- Class of 03/ David J. Curci
- Class of 04/ David G. Collier

Firearm Champion

- Class of 03/ Adam Vazquez
- Class of 04/ Robert L. Brown, Jr.

Police Commissioner Edward T. Norris addressed the classes welcoming them to their new police family.

WINGS FOR THE AERIAL OBSERVERS

After several years of being grounded, Foxtrot is once again patrolling the skies of Baltimore. Members of the Aviation Unit have unselfishly committed themselves to making the unit a success. Recently, a small ceremony recognizing the hard work and dedication was held.



Lt. Brock presented Aerial Observer Paul Coursey, a twenty year veteran, with his wings and plaque.

Lieutenant Darnell Brock, Commander of the Aviation Unit, presented each Aerial Observer with a set of wings. The wings are earned by accumulating a set number of flight hours, combined with the knowledge and performance of the aircraft equipment. Additionally, each member was presented with a framed patch and photograph of Foxtrot.

Trainees Take Plunge for Maryland Special Olympics

Lieutenant Colonel Stanford O. Franklin and police academy trainees participated in the Maryland State Police 6th Annual Polar Bear Plunge at Sandy Point State Park on January 26th, raising \$3,347 for Special Olympics of Maryland.



An Exemplary Officer

I am writing this letter on behalf of **Officer Chris Lundy**. I've been busy for quite some time, so I'm just getting around to writing this letter.

I met **Officer Lundy** a few months back when I suspected that someone had broken into my father's residence on N. Mount Street. First, he escorted me down to the home. During this time, I noticed his mannerisms and politeness. While we're both probably within the same age range, his response was always, "Yes Ma'am." Once we reached the residence, **Officer Lundy** began a difficult and risky journey inside the home. He scaled a barbed-wire fence in the rear of the residence, climbed atop the roof and subsequently went inside. Once he checked everything inside the home, he came back out the same way he went in and assured me everything was okay.

I cannot fully explain within the confines of this letter just how much I appreciate everything that **Officer Lundy** did that day, but I can let you, Commissioner Norris, know that **Officer Lundy** is a shining example of what every police officer should be like. He even offered to pay for the lock he had to break to enter my father's home. **Officer Lundy** exemplifies going above and beyond the call of duty to serve the citizens of Baltimore City.

Sincerely,
Ursula V. Battle

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

Officer Robert Flanagan of the Northeast District would like to announce the birth of his twin daughters Abigail and Bethany born on December 08, 2001.

Sergeant Gary Cumbo, Sr. of the Inspections Unit and his wife, Glenda, would like to announce the latest addition to their family. Corey Jullian Cumbo made his appearance on December 31, 2001, weighing in at 8lbs. 9 ounces.

Detective Duane Dixon of WATF and his wife Judith, would like to announce the birth of their son Juwan Anthony Dixon born on February 8, 2002, weighing 7lbs. 10 ounces.

Officer Neyland Vaughn of the Central District and **Detective Valencia Vaughn** of the Western District are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Neyland Chancellor Vaughn. Baby Vaughn was born on April 16th and weighed in at 8lbs. 9 ounces.

Southwestern District Officer of the Month

January 2002

Officer Erik Gillenwater was chosen as officer of the month during the month of January. Officer Gillenwater handled 108 calls-for-service and arrested 21 people while working as a floater. Among the arrested persons, two were charged with robbery and a handgun was recovered. Using his investigative skills, he was able to obtain information on other suspects committing robberies in the Southwestern District. Officer Gillenwater also conducted 44 car stops, 46 field interviews, and wrote 32 traffic citations. Congratulations on a job well done.

February 2002

Officer Robert Neuens was chosen as officer of the month during the month of February. Officer Neuens worked 18 days during this time period and was Officer-in-charge for 9 of those days, the other 9 nine days he performed wagon duties. Officer Neuens surpassed his assigned duties by answering 100 calls-for-service with 30 vehicle stops and 25 field interviews.

March 2002

Officer Jemini Jones was chosen as officer of the month during the month of March. Officer Jones responded to a call for an armed robbery on March 24 at Jiffy Lube, located at 3617 Wilkens Avenue. Due to the quick response by Officer Jones, he was able to observe 2 cars speeding away from the scene and obtained a description of 3 suspects wanted for the armed hold up of the business. Officer Jones provided a description through KGA of the wanted suspects and began following the wanted vehicles. As a result, he pursued and arrested all 3 suspects. Upon further investigation, he was able to recover the handgun used in this armed hold-up, as well.

April 2002

Officer Matthew Dzambo was chosen as officer of the month during the month of April. Officer Dzambo worked 19 days during this period, and he handled 145 calls-for-service, made 16 arrests, 4 of which were felonies. Officer Dzambo also conducted 36 car stops, where he issued 9 moving citations and 4 non-moving citations.

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In the Line of Duty



Police Officer

Crystal Deneen Sheffield

November 8, 1966 to August 22, 2002

*Although each day brings challenges, and things that are unknown,
you need not face them by yourself, or deal with them alone.
For others care about you and will keep you close in prayer
and above all God will guide you.*

In Life, We Loved You Dearly; In Death, We Love You Still



Youngest and Brightest

Wednesday, August 21, 2002 will forever mark one of the saddest and darkest days in the history of the Baltimore Police Department. On that date, not only did this department lose one of its youngest and brightest, but so did the citizens of Baltimore. Officer Crystal D. Sheffield, a three-year veteran of the department, was responding to the location of Baltimore and Carey Streets to assist an officer requesting extra units.

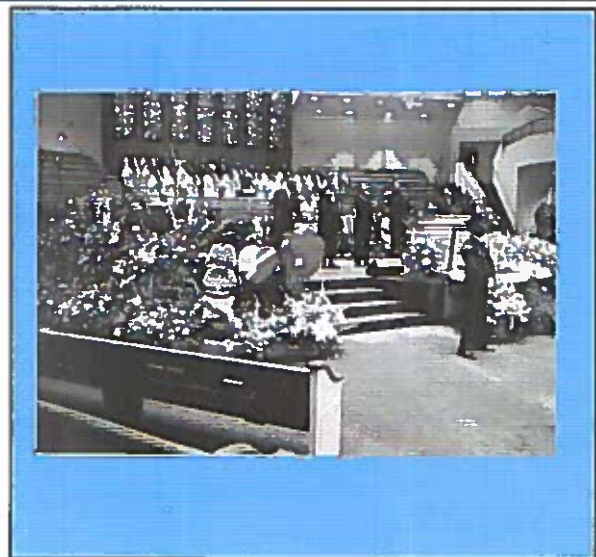
At approximately 11:30 p.m., Officer Sheffield was traveling east bound on Lafayette Avenue, while operating a marked departmental vehicle when she collided with an unmarked police car, which was traveling south bound on Carey Street, and responding to the same location.

After the accident, Officer Sheffield was transported by medics to the University of Maryland's Shock Trauma Center where family, friends, fellow officers, as well as Mayor Martin O'Malley and Commissioner Edward Norris waited, hoping and praying for Officer Sheffield's recovery.

Tragically, that would not be the case, Dr. Thomas Scalea addressed the group and explained that Officer Sheffield sustained massive internal injuries due to the accident and despite all of their medical efforts to save her life, she succumbed to her injuries.

Officer Sheffield was 35 years old and is survived by her husband, Baltimore Fire Lieutenant William Andre Sheffield and an 11-year-old son Darian. Additionally, she has several relatives who are members of the Baltimore Police Department: a sister, Lieutenant Barbara Magness of the Central District; a brother, Officer Frederick Allen of the Community Affairs Division; and a brother-in-law, Sergeant James Magness of the Inspections Section.

Commissioner Norris said, "Officer Sheffield represented the best this department had to offer the citizens of Baltimore and reflects the highest standard of honor that we should all strive for."





It was as if God himself were shedding tears of grief on that gray, rainy morning when thousands of family, friends and fellow police officers filled the church at 6000 Radecke Avenue to honor a fallen hero, Officer Crystal Sheffield.

Officer Crystal Sheffield, who was the first female police officer in the history of the Baltimore Police Department to die in the line of duty, will be remembered by many as a hero—a brave, young officer who died while trying to help another. But to others, she will be remembered as a loved one, a mother, a daughter, a sister and a friend. An energetic and vibrant personality who had an incredible zest for life and a smile to match. A remarkable person who leaves a remarkable legacy.

She was a three-year veteran who joined the Baltimore Police Department in September 1999. Immediately upon graduating from the Police Academy, Crystal was assigned to the Western District. During her short time in the Western, she came to be known as an extraordinary woman who was dedicated and committed to the community she was sworn to serve. As Police Commissioner Edward T. Norris intoned, "Crystal was truly a hero, and a model for all. Thank God for her life."

Viewing services for Crystal were held on August 26th and 27th at March Funeral Home. On Wednesday, August 28th, a Christian service was held at Mount Pleasant Ministries where family, friends and thousands of police officers from all across the region came to Baltimore to say a final farewell and pay their last respects to a fallen comrade in blue. During the services, Mayor Martin O'Malley commented, "Every day she made a difference in one of the hardest jobs in the world and her work will live on in a sea of blue." Major Williams, Commander of the Western District said, "I remember the time when I needed some help and Crystal was there to back me up. She gave 110% of herself to make life better for everyone. She was the epitome of an excellent police officer."

Following the funeral, an honor procession of hundreds of police cars traveled to Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens to lay Officer Crystal Sheffield to rest. There, as a relentless rain fell, there was one final unsuccessful attempt to raise unit 7C25. Yet, to those who knew and loved Officer Crystal Sheffield, she will never truly be gone. As Pastor Clifford Johnson said during the service, "Nothing is lost when you know where it is." We know where Crystal Sheffield is and we will never forget.



Lieutenant Barbara A. Magness

Lieutenant Magness began her career as a police officer in October of 1980. No stranger to hard work and public service, the career change was an easy transition. Prior to becoming an officer, she worked for the Maryland Department of Health and served in the Army National Guard.

She is currently assigned to the Central District, and has proven herself to be an accomplished member of the department by earning her Associate's Degree in Law Enforcement, Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and Master's Degree in Management while working as a sworn member. In 1993, she was part of the Baltimore Police Department's Critical Incident Stress Team and was awarded a Unit Citation for providing support services to 107 members of this agency.

Lieutenant Barbara A. Magness is a devoted wife, mother, and sister who has dedicated her life to the mission of public service. For more than two decades, the Baltimore Police Department has been graced with her ethic, drive towards excellence, and wisdom. Affectionately known to many as "Bobby," October 27, 2002 will be her 22nd anniversary with the department.

Officer Frederick Allen

Officer Frederick Allen has been a member of the department for eight years, starting his career on November 28, 1994. Officer Allen began his career in the Eastern District where he remained serving the citizens of that community for four years. After working in the Eastern District, Officer Allen was transferred to the Youth Bureau (PAL) in March of 1998. Since his time at the Ft. Worthington PAL Center, Officer Allen has given back greatly to the community in which he was raised on the east side of Baltimore. "My mother always told my sisters and myself no matter how much money you make always give back," says Officer Allen, and giving back is exactly what he has done. Officer Allen has received numerous awards from the NAACP along with the Eastern District Community Relations Council for Outstanding Community Service. He also received the PAL Officer of the Year Award in 1990. Whatever it takes to get the job done is Officer Allen's attitude. In the eyes of many, Officer Allen has been a hero to the Ft. Worthington PAL kids. His enthusiasm, devotion and creative thinking become apparent within the first few minutes of a conversation with him.

Special Thanks.....

At this time, it's hard for me to write individual thank you cards, because it's so F-I-N-A-L.... Through my hands came \$1210.00. Last Friday morning, I gave this money to Crystal's husband, Andre. For a brief moment, I wanted to leave the money on the porch and run away as far as I could but instead I knocked on the door and spent a few moments in Crystal's home. This was rough. It was hard to do this because this was kind of "it." (If you know what I mean. I felt that as long as there was something in my house that still needed to be done for Crystal's sake, it wasn't over yet.)

I believe that I speak for my entire family when I say that there aren't enough words to express how we feel. Therefore, we will simply thank everyone for their great show of love and support. There are seven family members who are officers in this department, also, one relative is a civilian and a cousin is awaiting her acceptance as a cadet. Please keep us in your thoughts.

I would like us to move on and celebrate life.

Sincerely,

Barbara Magness



To Those I Love And Those Who Love Me

*When I am gone, release me, let me go,
You have so many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I travel alone.
So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a time that we must part,
So bless the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear
All my love around you soft and clear
And then when you come this way alone
I'll greet you with a smile and say
"WELCOME HOME"*

Letters of Thanks

I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for all the support that was provided to the Western District during our loss. Some filled in to work for us when we needed it; some provided vehicles; some sent flowers, cards, etc; some sent words of expression; and many sent their prayers.

Thanks to everyone. It is times like these that we really come together as a family.

God bless you and keep you,
Major Antonio Williams

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