

Baltimore Police Department

The New Blue Line



Police Week 2011: We Will Never Forget

By Frederick H. Bealefeld, III

During this year's Police Week memorial services in Washington, D.C., I had the sincere privilege to honor the life, service and memory of fallen BPD Officers James Fowler, III and Thomas Portz, Jr. Their legacy of service, of courage and of sacrifice was, and will always be, the foundation of our great police force.

2010 was a bittersweet year - A year where the men and women of the Baltimore Police Department made monumental progress by reducing violence to levels not seen since the 1970's. Their work on a daily basis is a testament to the definitions of heroism and service.

2010 was also one of the most difficult years in our department's history - we lost some of our finest officers in less than a month's time. These courageous men dedicated their lives to public service and backed up the quality of their work with their lives.

They shall never be forgotten and the people of Maryland should know that their gift and legacy to us all is that they were directly responsible for making Baltimore a safer city.

On September 27th, 2010, Officer James Fowler, a member of the BPD accident investigation unit, died from injuries suffered during an automobile accident. Officer

BPD Bulletin Board



BPD CLASS REUNION INQUIRY

The original 1970's S.T.O.P. Squad, whose office was located on the second floor of the old tactical building (located at Pratt and Calhoun Streets), is contemplating a 40-year reunion.

If you were a member at that time, and would like to participate, write Ret. Sgt. John Lewis, 100 Miles Circle, Hurlock, MD, 21643.

BPD CHOIR PERFORMANCE

On Thursday June 9th, the Baltimore Police Department choir conducted a performance for employees and visitors of Police Headquarters.

For more information on future concerts, please contact Myrna Milburn at extension 2020.

Police Week 2012

Fowler's vehicle went off the road during inclement weather, flipped and hit the center divider while he was on his way to a training class at Penn State University. Officer Fowler joined the Baltimore Police Department in 1976 after he was honorably discharged from the United States Navy. He spent the bulk of his career patrolling the streets of Baltimore before joining the Accident Investigation Unit where he was an expert crash team investigator.

On October 20, 2010 - less than thirty days later - Officer Tommy Portz, a 32 year-old patrol officer who served in Baltimore's Western District, died tragically after his police cruiser collided with an emergency vehicle. Officer Portz came to Baltimore from Long Island and was a member of the force for nearly 10 years. He received the honor of having the U.S. Honor Flag displayed at his funeral. The flag is the one that flew over New York's Ground Zero during 9/11 recovery operations and has grown to become a solemn symbol of service and honor. Tommy loved being a Baltimore police officer, and he was a damn good one. He was also a formidable hockey player and a dear friend to so many.

A part of Baltimore left with these men - but a much bigger part lives on because of them. By all accounts they were the kind of officers, husbands, fathers and role models that everyone strives to be, and that many of us were fortunate enough to have as friends.

Our promise to the families of our fallen brothers is that we will never forget. We will never forget Tommy and Jimmy's service, their ultimate sacrifice, or the joy that their lives brought to so many.

While we can never replace their loss, their families will always be part of the Baltimore Police family. I pledge that we will support and care for them just like these brave men supported and cared for our city.

May their memories live on and may God bless Officers Jimmy Fowler, Tommy Portz and all of you who risk your lives to keep Baltimore safe.



History of Police Week

By Detective Kevin Brown

On May 4th, 1963, President John F. Kennedy Jr. signed a presidential proclamation that designated "...the week of May 12 through May 18...as Police Week, in recognition of the service given by the men and women who, night and day, protect us through enforcement of our laws."

For the 48 years since, peace officers from the all over the world have gathered that week in Washington, D.C. to memorialize the fallen and support those who remain. This year, peace officers came from as far away as New Zealand and Great Britain. Recent estimates place current event participation at upwards of 40,000. It is centered in the Northwest section of downtown that now includes both police equipment vendor booth and beer garden satellite areas.

The event is co sponsored and anchored by the following three entities/activities:

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), who sponsor the Candlelight Vigil Ceremony

Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS), who sponsor the National Police Survivors' Conference

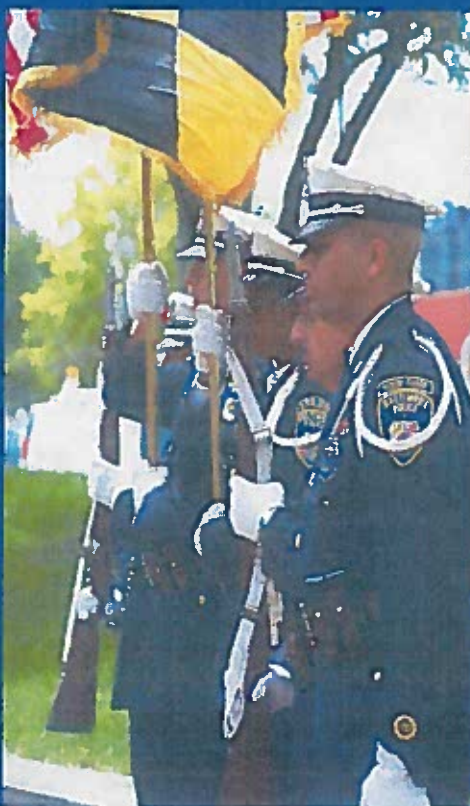
Fraternal Order of Police/Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary (FOP/FOPA), who sponsor the Memorial Service at the U.S. Capitol

The Candlelight Vigil Ceremony started in 1962 as a gathering of approximately 120 survivors and supporters in Senate Park. It has since evolved into a touching tribute to the fallen that routinely includes dignitaries such as the U.S. Attorney General, Director of the FBI and the Secretary of Homeland Security. Held at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, alongside the 19,000 names engraved on its wall, the ceremony is a moving and emotional experience. After speeches and accountings of personal experiences, from one candle a flame is spread through out the crowd, signifying unity. As the name of the recently inscribed are read, the ceremony ends with the shining of a blue laser-light above the crowd into the night sky, poignantly representing the

The National Police Survivors' Conference is held during each Police Week and is comprised of informative seminars that support grieving families and co-workers of the fallen. Attendees are aided in dealing with grief, depression, preparing for trials and more. A tough but necessary portion of the week, its purpose is admirable and necessary.

The culmination of the weeks' activities is the Memorial Service which takes place on the steps of the U.S. Capitol. The U.S. President (or designee) often speaks and expresses heartfelt thanks for the work and sacrifices of law enforcement. Officers dressed in Class A uniforms assemble on the West Lawn and solemnly pay respect as the names of the fallen are read and a commemorative wreath is decorated with roses.

This year, Baltimore Police Officers James Fowler and Tommy Portz were added to the wall, with Officer William Torbit slated to be added in 2012. Let us never forget them, their families and their sacrifice as we continue to support National Police Week into the coming years.



VCIS's Annette Lassiter Becomes Ordained Minister

By Detective Donny Moses

On May 3, 2011, OAH Annette Lassiter of the Violent Crime Impact Section became an ordained minister. She preached her initial sermon in front of 250 people at the New Psalmist Baptist Church. Minister Lassiter preached from the topic, "The Assurance of Insurance of Forgiveness."

Annette Lassiter has been employed by the police department for 26 years. She started out as a 911 call-taker working in the Communications Section. Her other assignments included Personnel, the Chief of Patrol's Office, Central Records, and Community Affairs before landing in the Violent Crime Impact Section.

When asked why she decided to become a minister, she responded by saying, "I believe the voice of God was letting me know that to whom much is given, much is required. So as a way of giving back for the much I've received, I give my life to be used to be a blessing to others through kingdom work as God sees fit."



Perspectives:

By Detective Kevin Brown

"Rookie." The Dictionary defines it as, 'an untrained or inexperienced recruit, as in the army or police.' For the purposes of this article, we will define it as Police Officer Trainee Benjamin Zero, Sequence #J0021, who, as of this writing, is the newest member of the Baltimore Police Department. As an interesting juxtaposition to last issue's interview profiling John McAndrew, the following is a look into the point-of-view of our newest rookie.

Det. Kevin Brown:

"Trainee Zero, where are you from?"

P.O.T. Benjamin Zero:

"I'm from Connecticut, I grew up in a small town called Collinsville."

Det. Kevin Brown:

"And why are you interested in becoming a police officer?"

P.O.T. Benjamin Zero:

"I've been interested in becoming a police officer since I was a child. It has been... a long-term goal, in addition to serving in the military, since before high-school. I went to college for it and now the dream is coming true. I am interested in helping people, making an impact in the community both in a positive light- for the citizens, and helping put the criminals behind bars."

Det. Kevin Brown:

"Did you also accomplish that dream of serving in the military?"

P.O.T. Benjamin Zero:

"I [did]. I was in the army, a Calvary Scout. I left service after four years as a Sergeant and did one tour-of-duty overseas, 14 months in Iraq."

Det. Kevin Brown:

"So, why did you choose the Baltimore Police?"

P.O.T. Benjamin Zero:

Primarily because I am familiar with the area; although I grew up in Connecticut, I went to the University of Maryland, College Park for Criminology/Criminal Justice, so I spent four years in the area. I have friends and some family [here] and fell in love with Baltimore ever since I moved down here. So when I looked to pursue law enforcement I looked primarily back home in Connecticut and in Maryland. Baltimore ended up coming through." (Continued)

Det. Kevin Brown:

"What are your thoughts on being involved in policing, generally?"

P.O.T. Benjamin Zero:

"I'm [awaiting] the opportunity to make a very positive impact on someone's life, whether it would be steering someone's [life] away from crime into education, keeping them in school or sports, and also, on the converse side, helping a community by removing the bad elements from the area trying to clean it up."

Det. Kevin Brown:

"What do you think would be the best singular incident you could fathom?"

P.O.T. Benjamin Zero:

"I would say dealing with a younger individual whose maybe been in a little bit of trouble and steering them in the right path, maybe see them graduate high-school, or get into college. Something like that, an impact like that, would be a huge [experience]."

Det. Kevin Brown:

"What do you think would be negative aspects of policing?"

P.O.T. Benjamin Zero:

"Well, the worst part of policing I would anticipate... is dealing with people on a regular basis which is at the worst moment of their life. Whether it would be the victim of a crime or a criminal being arrested you are kind of regularly dealing with people kind of at a really bad point in their life."

Det. Kevin Brown:

"What do you think would be your singular worst specific incident that you may experience on the job?"

P.O.T. Benjamin Zero:

"Most likely dealing with an injured or killed officer in the line-of-duty. Hopefully I would never have to experience that. I believe that would probably be the worst case scenario of anything I would anticipate experiencing on the job."

Det. Kevin Brown:

"So what do you think will be your most indispensable tool when you are out in the streets?"

P.O.T. Benjamin Zero:

"Building relationships with the community that I am working in, whether it be people that just live on my post; getting to know the community, going into the stores, eating at the restaurants, going to community events



P.O.T. Benjamin Zero

things like that. Putting faces to names and not only a positive image in the light of police, but [for] a source of information in terms of crimes that may occur.

Det. Kevin Brown:

"How has the experience in the academy been?"

P.O.T. Benjamin Zero:

"The experience in the Academy has been very good. I think especially in terms of 'in-doc' week and some of the mental and physical nature. I believe the military assisted me a lot just in dealing with some of those stresses...there is a lot of commonalities. Military discipline helped a lot. I've had it relatively well. Emergency Vehicle Operation Class was a lot of fun. We are currently in geography, so we are learning a lot about the City. Communications and radio has also been a lot of fun."

136th Running of the Preakness Stakes:

By Detective Jeremy Silbert

Saturday May, 21, 2011, started early with officers from the Special Operations Section beginning bomb sweeps at 4:00am. By 11:00pm, a group of officers armed with shotguns waited to escort an armed guard with a significant amount of money through the now deserted race track. Throughout the day, close to 400 members of the Baltimore Police Department supplemented an even larger number of Pimlico security personnel. This was the first year that no arrests were reported inside of the Race Track during the Preakness Day festivities.

The Maryland Jockey Club, which operates Pimlico, reported that 107,398 people attended the Preakness this year, compared to just over 95,000 people in 2010. Attendance levels reached an all time low in 2009, after the Maryland Jockey Club abolished the long standing BYOB policy.

The betting handle for the day was also up from years past with \$75,376,689 wagered. Grammy winners, Train and Bruno Mars, performed on the infield along with Puddle of Mudd and Phil Vassar.



Community Steps into to help BPD Homicide

By Detective Kevin Brown

Recently, Mr. Alex "Crusty" Gross (pictured center) learned of the need for the Baltimore Police Homicide Unit to obtain high-end digital audio recorders for use in conducting interviews. A fixture in the Northwest Community and a true friend to the Police Department, Mr. Gross graciously donated two of the locally purchased recorders. He is joined above by Homicide Det. Sgt. Charles McCauley and Det. Moynihan as they extend a heartfelt thanks for the much needed equipment.



The BPD Mailbag



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April 19, 2011

Frederick H. Bealefeld, Commissioner
Baltimore City Police Department
601 E. Fayette Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Commissioner *Fred* Bealefeld:

On March 30th we experienced an armed robbery of Edward Arthur Jewelers in the Columbia Mall. On March 31st we detained and released a suspect because we did not have enough to hold him on the robbery charges. Unfortunately, he was murdered on April 1st at the intersection of Winchester Street and North Carey Street in your jurisdiction, likely directly related to this case. I would like to thank Lt. James Handley and Sgt. Daniel Santos of your Western District for their fantastic assistance on the morning of April 1st. Subsequently we had an informant that was able to provide our detectives with the names of three suspects.

We met with Detective Ray Hunter and Detective Eric Ragland of Homicide and worked out a plan to apprehend the three outstanding suspects. QRT was alerted and they quickly planned for the simultaneous service of three warrants followed by the fourth. On the morning of April 2nd four search warrants were executed in Baltimore City which resulted in three arrests. From the QRT supervisors and officers mustering at 3:30 a.m., to the Citywide Robbery Detectives, Detective Chris Woerner and Detective Phil Lassahn, to the beat officers, wagon drivers and supervisors, the support we received from your officers was tremendous and should be commended.

Sincerely,

*Thanks for
your help!*

WJ
William J. McMahon
Chief of Police



The BPD Mailbag



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April 26, 2011

Mr. Frederick Bealefeld
Police Commissioner
Central District Police Department
242 West 29th Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21211

Dear Commissioner Bealefeld,

On behalf of the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation, we would like to thank you most sincerely for the excellent job your officers did during our Holy Week Services which were held from April 18 to April 24. Your officers were extremely receptive, helpful, protective and polite to our parishioners.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Sgt. Michael Alessi and Col. John Skinner for their efforts during this same period for their polite demeanor and assistance.

As always, we are very appreciative of Central District's continuing support to our community.

Sincerely yours,

Lucy Hagopian
Business Administrator



The BPD Mailbag



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April 28, 2011

Frederick Bealefield, Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner Bealefield:

Just a quick note to recognize and give thanks for the exceptional work you and the department achieved to honor our friend, William Donald Schaefer. For me it was an historic day as former Mayor of Ocean City to join my predecessor Mayor Roland "Fish" Foxwell and his wife Jeannie, along with current Mayor Rick Mehan to come to the city where I was born and raised and give thanks and prayers to our friend. Although I have been in Ocean City for almost 40 years, I keep a watchful eye on my hometown every night on the news and say prayers for the strength and safety of your department as you remain committed to the citizens of Baltimore.

I would like to take a moment to recognize Major Teny Brown for his assistance in making our trip on this epic day so accommodating. He, along with other members of your department, allowed the love and respect of Governor Schaefer to be fully demonstrated on the streets of our city. For this we have much to be proud.

Please know I am available anytime I can be of assistance. May God bless you with good health and continued safety in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Senator James N. Mathias, Jr.





Police Beat Series

Recently, the Public Affairs Video Unit has launched a YouTube video series which highlights different investigative and operational units of the Baltimore Police Department.

Police Beat provides viewers a front row perspective of what it takes to be a police officer and make Baltimore safer.

If your unit would like to be featured in a future episode, please contact Detective Donny Moses at 410-396-2012.

[Our most recent episode takes an in depth look at BPD Aviation Unit and Foxrol. Click here to watch!](#)

Recent Retirements

Officer John McAulreyy

Last Assignment: Western District
Years of Service: 50
Retirement: June 30, 2011

Officer Geraldine Thomas

Last Assignment: Personnel
Year of Service: 26
Retirement: May 27, 2011

Officer Robert Sharpley

Last Assignment: Northern District
Years of Service: 20
Retirement: May 21, 2011

Lieutenant Sonia Ford

Last Assignment: North West District
Years of Service: 23
Retirement: May 10, 2011

Lieutenant Matt Bauer

Last Assignment: Homicide Section
Years of Service: 37
Retirement: May 14, 2011

Officer Paul McLain

Last Assignment: Central District
Years of Service: 24
Retirement: May 4, 2011

Jerome Hardin

Last Assignment: Property Sect.
Years of Service: 35
Retirement: May 1, 2011

Bruce Dählweiner

Last Assignment: Communications Sect.
Years of Service: 23
Retirement: May 1, 2011

Officer Michael A. Wolferman

Last Assignment: Southeastern District
Years of Service: 27
Retirement: April 15, 2011

Officer Stanley Brice

Last Assignment: Evidence Control Unit
Years of Service: 16
Retirement: March 10, 2011

Officer Chris Goldbeck

Last Assignment: Criminal Investigation Division
Years of Service: 36
Retirement: March 10, 2011

Claudette Smith

Last Assignment: Communications Sect.
Years of Service: 31
Retirement: May 1, 2011

Officer Stephen Frasier

Last Assignment: Central District
Year of Service: 21
Retirement: May 2, 2011



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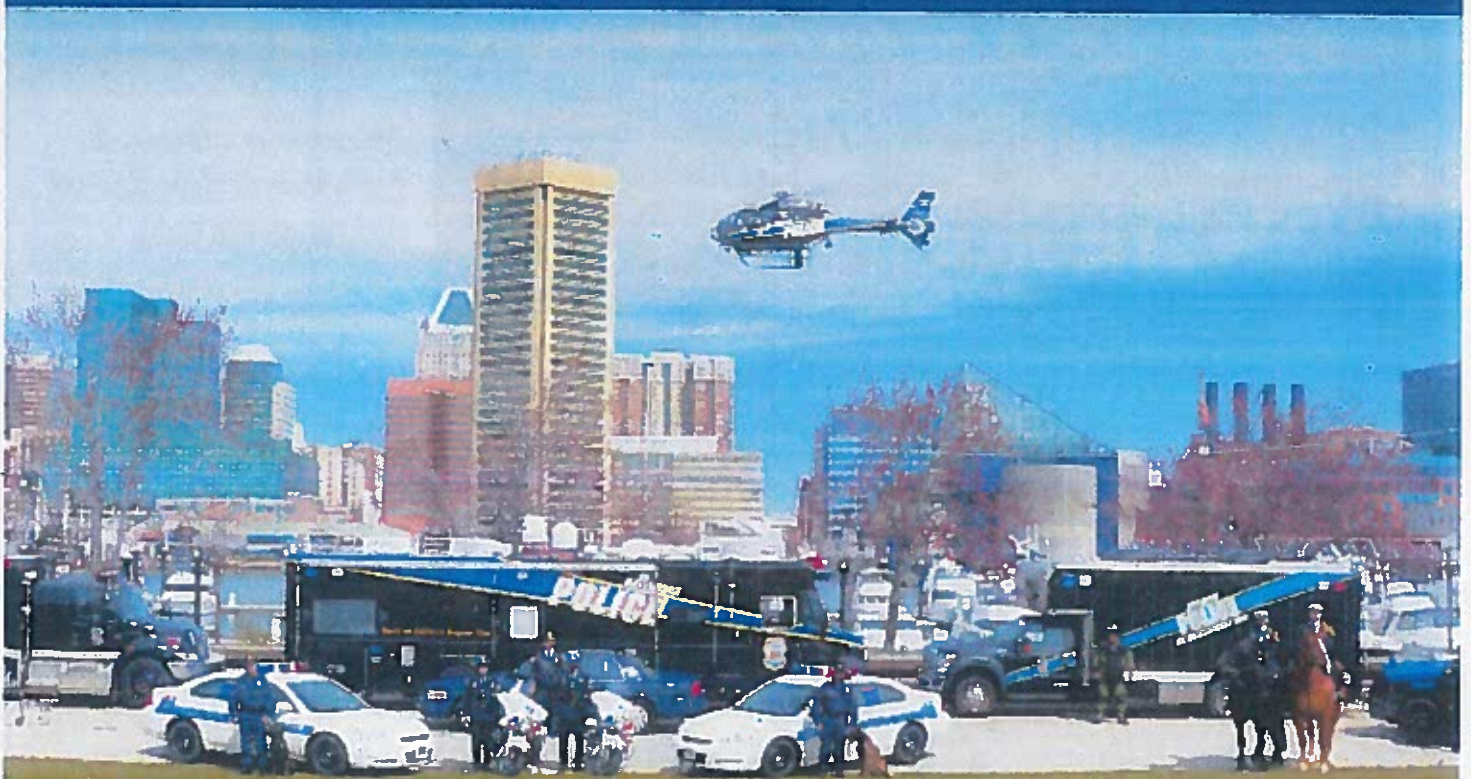


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Perspectives: Q&A with Officer John McAndrew BPD's most senior sworn member

By Detective Kevin Brown

The year was 1961. President Dwight D. Eisenhower announced the U.S. had severed diplomatic ties with Cuba, Ham the Chimp was rocketed into space as a test for eventual human astronauts and John "Mack" McAndrew was sworn in as a Baltimore Police Officer.

Police Officer John McAndrew, Sequence #A636, has served the City for almost five decades, and has seen the Baltimore Police Department progress in policing from near infancy into a technologically advanced, professional law enforcement Agency.

Anyone who spends a few moments with "Mack," as he is affectionately known by co-workers and the community alike, is struck by his gentle, deliberate speech, a quick, easy, knowing smile, and an obvious passion and pride for police-work.

For this inaugural issue of the *New Blue Line*, we thought it befitting to include a profile of Officer McAndrew, the most senior person in the Department.

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NCIS TV Show Features BPD

The CBS television network profiled the Baltimore Police Department on the May 3rd episode of NCIS. The episode featured main character Anthony "Tony" DiNozzo recalling his past as a Baltimore Police Detective.

The set which was used for production was created from photographs taken by Public Affairs Detective Donny Moses and Forensic Videographer Gino Inocentes



NCIS

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CBS

Perspectives: (continued)

Det. Kevin Brown:

"Sir, tell me a little about yourself?"

Officer John McAndrew:

"I'm 72 years old and I came from St. Barnabas, Pennsylvania. I was in the U.S. Army for three years, from 1957 to '60. I was in the military police in the army, and I worked for Ford Motor Company before I came to the Baltimore Police Department."

Det. Kevin Brown:

"What prompted that switch?"

Officer John McAndrew:

"The reason I joined the police department was [because] I always wanted to be a police officer, even as a little boy. That was my goal, to become a police officer. I worked in an assembly plant...we were always getting laid off and getting bumped... police work is more stable and much more rewarding than working at an assembly plant."

Det. Kevin Brown:

"What was your start date, when did you join?"

Officer John McAndrew:

"I joined the Baltimore City Police Department the first of June, 1961. I went into the academy and after I got out of the academy I went to the Western District, and I've been assigned to the Western District for fifty years now."

Det. Kevin Brown:

"So, as the most senior person in the Agency, and one who has served almost fifty years, how have you seen it change, good and bad?"

Officer John McAndrew:

"Well, the good parts of it were I think Police officers then were closer and more united. We had to work closer together and didn't have walkie talkies then. We only had a few radio cars in each district and everybody had to really depend on each other all the time, [to protect] each others lives. And I think the unity was more serious then...the pride was really great. I don't know how the pride is now, but I think pride is one of the big factors in a police department's outcome."

Det. Kevin Brown:

"What didn't you like back then?"

Officer John McAndrew:

"Well, I didn't like the salary, and the working conditions weren't that great, and we didn't have any communications. We had to use the call box to make a call every hour. And [if] we made an arrest we couldn't call for a wagon, we had to put someone in handcuffs and walk them maybe two or three blocks to a call-box and call for a wagon to come pick him up...that always wasn't easy because people don't like to go. We were dependant on the [public]...in the district to call in case we needed help in making an arrest. I think back then we had a lot more contact with the public because we were walking, times have changed now. I think police services are much greater now. We have so many calls now."

Det. Kevin Brown:

"Is that a positive, the increase in availability for service? What do you consider are positives in the agency now?"

Officer John McAndrew:

"The availability for services, yes. And our salaries have increased...equipment has gotten much better...training has gotten much better. And I think one of the big things for me personally was I wasn't crazy about 12 8[midnight] shift. Now they have a permanent shift...which is much better."

Det. Kevin Brown:

"What do you see as a negative within the Agency now?"

Officer John McAndrew:

"I think one of the negatives is that the closeness isn't there like it used to be. It's still in the western but I don't know how it is in the other districts. I think the men stick pretty close together but it is not like it used to be. When I first came on it was very close. Really tight."

Det. Kevin Brown:

"Describe a little of how it was when you first came on, in reference to salaries, benefits, etc.?"

Officer John McAndrew:

"I think my salary was \$3,900 a year. The pension...you had to [have] 30 years of service or [be] 60 years-old."

Det. Kevin Brown:

"How was the schedule?"

Officer John McAndrew:

"We had to work 7 days on before a day off. Every third weekend you got [a weekend] off."

Det. Kevin Brown:

"If you could change one thing in this agency what would it be?"

Officer John McAndrew:

"One thing? I think I would want the salary to be more competitive with surrounding counties of Baltimore City. Right now Baltimore City is a training area for all the other police departments. Officers...get trained and go to surrounding counties, hurting the City in the long run. Another thing would be to keep the men longer in the patrol division, instead of moving them around so much, which is another big factor. They never learn their posts and don't have that pride in [their posts] like when I came on. That's a big factor. I know how to treat people on my post. I tell you what saved my life one time. I knew a guy from when I walked a foot post, black gentleman, who worked in a restaurant. Every night I used to go in there and I always spoke...to him. One night me and my partner got a call, 1800 Blk W, Baltimore Street, for a man with a shotgun. As I was getting ready to get out of the car I hear my partner yell, 'look out he's got a gun!' Here the guy is up in the window pointing a shotgun at me. I didn't find out till later that he knew it was me, recognized me, to court. (cont)



BPD Honors Officers on Front Line of Fight Against Bad Guys with Guns

By Detective Donny Moses

On March 26th, sworn members convened at Valley Mansion in Timonium, Maryland, where they received awards for making numerous arrests for handgun violations.

In front of Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, City Council President, Bernard C. "Jack" Young, Baltimore City State's Attorney Gregg Bernstein, and family and friends, Police Commissioner Frederick H. Bealefeld, III presented Lieutenants, Sergeants, Police Agents and Officers with metals and commendations for demonstrating courage and heroism in their commitment to public service.

Police Commissioner Bealefeld, said "Each and every day, you and your fellow officers are on the front-lines in our fight against bad guys with guns, and without hesitations, are willing to put your lives on the line to improve public safety and the quality of life. It is my honor and privilege to serve as your Police Commissioner."



Perspectives: (continued)

He tried to hang himself in the Southwest. I saw him on the street years and years later, and I said, 'well, why didn't you shoot me that night? What kept you from shooting me?' He said the only thing that kept me from shooting you was that '...you always treated me so nice, and was very courteous to me, and said hello.' That was one thing that saved my life, that always comes back to me, just to treat people right."

Det. Kevin Brown:

"Sir, what has been your saddest moment with the agency?"

Officer John McAndrew:

"The saddest moment for any officer is when another officer in the agency gets killed. The [absolutely] saddest moment is when someone gets killed on your shift, especially when you are working, it is really tough. It's tough when a buddy gets killed."

Det. Kevin Brown:

"Did that happen to you?"

Officer John McAndrew:

"Yes, Officer Koon. Officer Weiner. About 8 since I have been there, knowing three or four personally. It's tough."

Det. Kevin Brown:

"What was the proudest moment in your career?"

Officer John McAndrew:

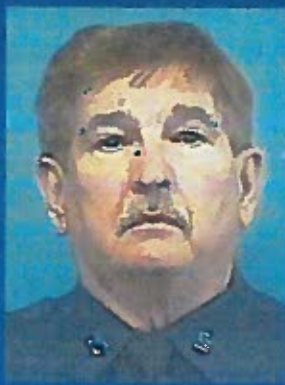
"I think the proudest moment is when someone has committed a serious crime and you make an arrest. It makes you feel good when you put a bad guy in jail. It does something for you. Once a gentleman shot his wife and I had to go down into a basement and get him, talked him out. Back in those days we didn't wait for the SWAT team. We were the SWAT team. Another incident [involved] a young girl her way to school and a guy kidnapped her [and] took her into a vacant school and was going to cut her throat and rape her and we made an arrest on that."

Det. Kevin Brown:

"Any words of advice for us young officers?"

Officer John McAndrew:

"It's gonna be tough. Through the years a lot of things are going to happen. Of



course a lot of things are happening in the police department now, guys getting in trouble. All your assignments won't be good. You just have to think, there are good and bad days and you have to take the bad with the good. Just look down the road to the future. The only other thing I have to say is that I am very proud to have been a Baltimore City Police Officer, and I'm proud to have worked with all the men and women. I can say the police department took care of me in my later years. I have a lot of people to thank for that." END

Citizen on Patrol Walks

By Detective Jeremy Silbert

It was an unseasonably warm evening for the beginning of April. A group of 20 community members were gathered on the parking lot of a Southwest Baltimore Community Center. Police Commissioner Frederick H. Bealefeid, III and a dozen police officers lined up on the parking lot as well along with representatives from the State's Attorney's Office and the Mayors Office. After some brief introductions, the group began to walk.

Citizen on patrol (COP) walks take place several times a week across the entire city. Community members team up with police officers and representatives from other city agencies to walk and identify issues of concern in their neighborhoods. COP walks are a great way for members of the community to take a proactive role in their neighborhoods and accomplish more than just looking for crime. Residents are looking for lighting issues, road obstructions, trash concerns, and other quality of life issues. Neighbors also get to interact with officers and meet other people who live in their neighborhoods. With the warmer weather coming, the number of COP walks will increase.

While on patrol, please stop and say hello when you encounter a COP walk.



Baltimore Police Department Mounted Unit

The Baltimore Police Department's Mounted Unit is the oldest, continuously operated unit of its kind in the nation. Founded in 1888, the Mounted Unit is still going strong thanks to private donations provided by the community.

The unit is most effective at maintaining crowd control and getting to places where vehicles can't go. It's a proven fact the one police officer on a horse is just as effective as ten police officers on foot.

As police departments across the country battle with massive budget cuts, mounted police units in cities including San Diego; Portland, Oregon; and Clarksville, Tenn., have begun the process of disbanding this year. Units in Boston and Tulsa, Oklahoma were eliminated last year.

The cuts reflect a trend that has been growing in recent years. According to USA Today, there were more than 300 full-time mounted units in the U.S. a decade ago, and fewer than 100 remain.

[Click here to view USA Today's interview of Sgt. John Ambrose.](#)



Staying the course and building upon a two-decade low in city homicides

Over the last several years, the BPD has experienced our share of successes and challenges. Excellent policing by a dedicated workforce coupled with improved community partnerships have significantly aided crime suppression and led us to a notable reduction in city homicides - the lowest number in the last two decades.

An accomplishment of this magnitude is a true testament to the hard work and commitment of the men and women of the Baltimore Police Department. Each and every day, our officers provide a great service to the citizens of Baltimore and are willing to back up the quality of their work with their lives.

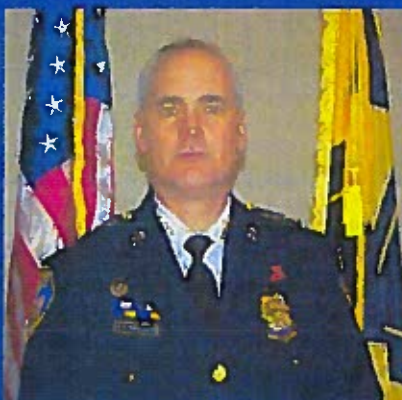
While great strides have been made in improving public safety and making Baltimore a safer city, we must constantly challenge ourselves by raising the bar and improving the quality of service we provide to the people we serve.

Throughout history, practice has shown us that progress is best achieved by pursuing a goal regardless of obstacles or criticism. Over this next year, the Baltimore Police Department will do just that by building upon our existing accomplishments and enhancing our community oriented policing model by working closer with neighborhood associations and faith-based and community organizations.

Developing these relationships takes real work and real commitment. More citizens are participating in crime prevention efforts and the work that we are doing to prevent youth violence is no longer limited to a handful of officers working in isolation.

More of us are walking, more of us are talking to kids and listening to their concerns. More of us are focused on utilizing technology and intelligence data to target violent offenders. And more people are taking notice of the progress that we have made.

We will continue to build upon our momentum and I will do everything possible to support each of you in making Baltimore a safer city.



Frederick H. Bealefeld, III
Commissioner
Baltimore Police Department

Final Roll Call

Retired Sergeant Glenn A. Smith
Formerly Assigned: Detective Division
Date of Death: April 23, 2011

Retired Police Officer Walter R. Ambrose
Formerly Assigned: Southwestern District
Date of Death: April 18, 2011

Retired Police Detective David E. Webb
Formerly Assigned: Arson Unit
Date of Death: April 17, 2011

Active Police Officer Anthony E. Barnes
Formerly Assigned: Communications Section
Date of Death: April 8, 2011

Retired Police Detective Francis J. Perkowski
Formerly Assigned: Criminal Investigation Division
Date of Death: April 4, 2011

Retired Police Officer John J. McHale, Sr.
Formerly Assigned: Central District
Date of Death: March 7, 2011

Retired Detective Robert Livingston Kuhn
Formerly Assigned: Homicide Unit
Date of Death: March 2, 2011

Retired Police Woman Erma Stevens
Formerly Assigned: Southwest District
Date of Death: February 25, 2011

Retired Sergeant Robert Paul Wolf
Formerly Assigned: Education and Training
Date of Death: February 16, 2011

Retired Police Officer James M. Graham Sr.
Formerly Assigned: Southeastern District
Date of Death: February 12, 2011

Retired Sergeant Arnold N. Bedsworth
Formerly Assigned: Administrative Division
Date of Death: February 11, 2011

Retired Police Officer Richard R. Walsh
Formerly Assigned: Comm. Section
Date of Death: February 9, 2011

Retired Police Officer Herbert R. Miller
Formerly Assigned: Southern District
Date of Death: January 18, 2011

Retired Police Officer Robert N. Harrison
Formerly Assigned: Tactical Unit
Date of Death: January 16, 2011

Retired Sergeant Mary J. LaPlante
Formerly Assigned: Criminal Investigation Division
Date of Death: January 14, 2011

Retired Police Officer Daniel H. Doxzen
Formerly Assigned: Northeastern District
Date of Death: January 04, 2011

Retired Police Officer William W. Wade, Sr.
Formerly Assigned: Traffic Unit
Date of Death: January 02, 2011

Retired Police Sergeant Frederick W. Kinder, Jr.
Formerly Assigned: Southern District
Date of Death: January 01, 2011

The BPD Mailbag



Roy Timpe, P.E.

April 21, 2011

Commissioner Frederick H. Bealefeld, III
Baltimore Police Department
242 W 29th St.
Baltimore, MD 21211-2900

Mr. Bealefeld,

I want to praise the actions of Officer Lynch of the Baltimore Southeastern District. On December 2, 2010 a less than optimally documented alien broke the passenger window of my VW beetle and stole the GPS. A pedestrian saw the event, and started to call 911. At that time, officer Lynch happened to round the corner in his patrol car, and was able to apprehend the less than optimally documented alien.

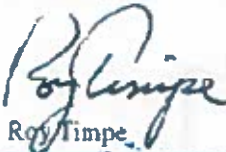
Officer Lynch then ascertained my cell phone number from documents inside the car and called me to inform me of the situation. Officer Lynch was able to identify my GPS from the several GPS units the individual had on his person.

My property was returned. The individual who broke into the car was detained, processed, and is being given appropriate due process as I write this letter.

Officer Lynch handled himself in a professional manner, protected and respected my property rights, and handled the accused in a professional manner.

It is the efforts like those of Officer Lynch and the pedestrian witness that will make Baltimore a nice place to live and a nice destination to visit.

Sincerely,


Roy Timpe



The BPD Mailbag



Terrorist Screening Center
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20535

Commissioner Frederick H. Bealefeld, III
Baltimore Police Department
242 West 29th Street
Baltimore, MD 21211-2908

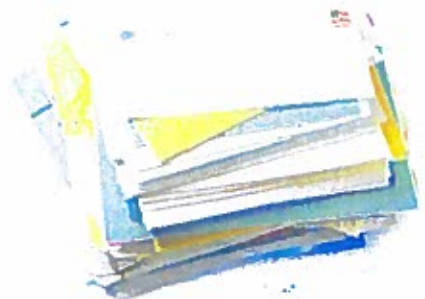
Dear Commissioner Bealefeld:

On behalf of the Terrorist Screening Center (TSC), I want to thank you and commend Officer Richard Robbins of your department on the exceptional work he did during routine duty on October 17, 2008. During the course of his investigation, Officer Robbins followed the appropriate protocol which determined that the encountered individual was a positive match to a known or suspected terrorist on the TSC watchlist. Through Officer Robbins' investigative efforts, he was able to collect intelligence that may prove to be of great value to the Federal Bureau of Investigation as well as the Intelligence Community.

The TSC appreciates your leadership and your entire department's dedication to protecting our nation. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance by contacting our Outreach Coordinator at (866) 872-5678 or by emailing us at tsc@tsc.gov.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Healy
Director



The BPD Mailbag



Corporate Security

Frederick H. Bealefield, Commissioner
Major Dennis Smith
LT Weaver
Baltimore City Police
C/o 242 W. 29th St and 500 E Baltimore St
Baltimore, Maryland 21201-2908

Dear Commissioner Bealefield,

I would like to commend several Baltimore City Police officers for their assistance in the apprehension of a Robbery suspect responsible for at least three Bank Robberies of M & T and 1st Mariner Banks between Oct 8, and Dec 22, 2009.

On Dec 22, 2009 at approximately 8:30am Officer Lakiea Jones responded to a Robbery that just occurred at M & T Bank on S Charles St. Upon arrival Ofc. Jones relayed to fellow officers the location and description of the suspect who was carrying a GPS tracking device concealed in the bank robbery money. This information was being provided by M & T Bank Corporate Security Personnel.

The suspect was arrested in a vehicle on St Paul Street within 30 minutes of the Robbery. Due to the quick actions of Ofc Jones, and fellow Central District officers the suspect was arrested, and the money and tracking pack were recovered. The suspect then confessed to additional Robberies to Detectives. Unfortunately, I don't know the identity of all of the Officers/Detectives involved in the search/arrest today, and ask that you thank them for us as well.

The professionalism and dedication to get the 'Bad Guy' displayed by your officers today is both a credit to them, but also the Baltimore City Police Department as a whole. I'm sure you are proud to have such fine Officers serving under your command, as we are fortunate as citizens to have such excellent officers putting their lives on the line each and every day for us.

Please pass on my personal appreciation and that of M&T Bank for a job well done!

Sincerely,

Michele L. Nye
Regional Physical Security Manager





A Tribute to the Troops

In an effort to recognize and honor the sacrifices of our military service members and their families, the BPD partners each year with Governor Martin O'Malley to host injured service members from the National Naval Medical Center to an Orioles baseball game.

The trip begins with a first-class, wounded warrior motorcade from National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda to Camden Yards. Governor Martin O'Malley graciously provides the use of his sky box and Operation Homefront, a national military benevolent organization, ensures that the troops are fed a gourmet meal while enjoying the game.

This year, we arranged for the troops to participate in Orioles batting practice and have an opportunity to meet the Boston Red Sox and members of the Washington Capitals who were in Baltimore visiting.

We owe these men, women and their families more than we could ever possibly repay them and this event allows us to show a small token of our appreciation for their service, personal sacrifice and dedication.

Thanks to all the BPD personnel who volunteered to make this possible for our military colleagues.



Recent Retirements

Sergeant Michael Kain

Last Assignment: Special Operations Section

Years of Service: 22

Retirement: May 6, 2011

Officer Paul M. McLain

Last Assignment: Central District

Years of Service: 24

Retirement: May 4, 2011

Officer Stephen B. Frasier

Last Assignment: Central District

Years of Service: 21

Retirement: May 2, 2011

Officer Darin G. Cover

Last Assignment: Violent Crime Impact Section

Year of Service: 23

Retirement: April 20, 2011

Lieutenant James W. Hagin, Jr.

Last Assignment: Homicide Section

Years of Service: 30

Retirement: April 19, 2011

Officer Michael A. Wolferman

Last Assignment: Southeastern District

Years of Service: 27

Retirement: April 15, 2011

Officer Ernest M. Coppage

Last Assignment: Eastern District

Years of Service: 21

Retirement: April 12, 2011

Lieutenant Sean R. Kapfhammer

Last Assignment: Southwestern District

Years of Service: 20

Retirement: March 31, 2011

Officer Melisa A. Anderson

Last Assignment: Criminal Investigation Division

Years of Service: 17

Retirement: March 18, 2011

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BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



The New Blue Line

Edition 3

TOP COP CAR By Detective Kevin Brown

Whether referred to as a mobile office or home away from home, the police patrol vehicle has long been considered a virtual "mechanical partner" to the men and women in blue. Utilized daily as transport, lunchroom, shelter, locker-room, cover, roadblock, interview room and more, the police car has perhaps become the singular most visual representation of policing, and by extension, government.

Iterations are as varied as the agencies they serve and the functions they perform, ranging in outfitting from a simple fleet sale vehicle to the purpose-built engineering marvel produced by Carbon Motors, equipped with biological weapon detectors. For this issue of The New Blue Line, we will briefly compare the more common police vehicles typically utilized by agencies across the U.S.; the Ford Police Interceptor (Crown Victoria), the Chevrolet Impala (currently used by this agency) and the Dodge Charger.



The most recognizable and widely used vehicle of the group is the Ford Police Interceptor "Crown Vic," a seasoned 9-year veteran that is slated for discontinuation this year (to be replaced by a police-package Taurus). Its 4.6 liter V-8, 107.5 cubic feet of interior space, 20.6 cubic feet of trunk space and general ruggedness makes it a perennial crowd favorite of law enforcement. Time is catching up to our hero, however, and a dated exterior design, relatively poor fuel economy and large turning radius had made it increasingly less attractive to urban police departments.

The Chevrolet Impala, offered in the 9C1 police-package since 2006, has quickly infiltrated the police car realm as agencies look towards increased fuel efficiency. A tight turning radius and front-wheel drive platform makes it a strong contender in the snow-belt and northeast corridor markets where frequent winter snowfalls often render its rear-wheel drive brethren useless. Often thought to be slightly small and less durable for police-work than its stable-mates, 104.8 cubic feet of interior room and beefed-up front suspension pieces make it a viable alternative. It will be the patrol car of choice for the Baltimore Police Department for at least the next year.

The Dodge Charger is the Chrysler Corporation's relatively new re-entry into the police car field, after a 12 year hiatus that ended in 2002 with the Intrepid. Tepid reviews and poor performance resulted in slow sales and it was discontinued until replaced by the Charger, introduced in 2005. The vehicle has quickly made inroads into the police vehicle market offering strong engine options (including a class leading 5.7 liter V-8), aggressive styling, and excellent fuel economy. Hampered only by a small trunk and relatively poor rearward visibility, this vehicle, in most head-to-head comparisons, is the one to beat.

	FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR (Crown Victoria)	CHEVROLET IMPALA (9C1)	DODGE CHARGER (V6)	DODGE CHARGER (V8)
Engine Size	4.6 Liter V8	3.9 Liter V6	3.6 Liter V6	5.7 Liter V8
Engine				
Horsepower/Torque (Net / Ft. Lbs)	250 / 297	233 / 240	291 / 260	370 / 397
Acceleration				
0-60 MPH (in sec)	9.01	8.78	8.65	6.24
Top Speed MPH	129	138	130	146
Braking				
60 MPH - 0 (in feet)	141.6	139.8	133.2	133.9
MPG				
Combined (city/hwy)	17	20	21	19
Interior Volume (in cubic feet)	107.5	104.8	104.9	104.9
Trunk Space (in cubic feet)	20.6	18.6	14.8	14.8

Blue Indicates best in segment

Information obtained from the Michigan State Police Annual Police Vehicle Evaluation. For full performance and testing data, visit

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/msp/VehicleTestBook2011_Web_mi_341027_7.pdf

Currently the Baltimore Police Department is considering for use, in fiscal year 2012, the following additional police vehicle platforms: the Chevrolet Caprice (nameplate returning for model year 2011, it is separate vehicle than the Impala model), and the all new Ford Police Interceptor, based on the current Taurus platform. A committee comprised of police officers are currently reviewing the vehicles to select one, ensuring it will withstand the rigors of police work, is compatible with our issued equipment and meets outward visibility requirements.



Ford Police Interceptor

Deputy Police Commissioner of Administration John Skinner had this to say regarding the testing process. *"The importance of allowing officers to be part of the testing and evaluation process is self-evident. They will be the ones sitting and riding in them daily, sometimes for hours at a time. They will be the ones to realize that the seats are too small to accommodate our duty-belts, or that the rear sight-lines are too obscured for the hurried backing we sometimes do."*

If you have any input about what vehicle is most appropriate, forward a 95 through intra-departmental mail to Public Affairs.

Commissioner's Corner



It is no secret that I have long stressed the importance of service. Not simply routine, go through the motions service, but true dedication to the citizens of this city, the department, and yourselves. To learn why this type of personal investment is necessary, look no further than the events that took place within Baltimore City recently.

On June 21st, just after 9:00 am, our sister Officer Teresa Rigby was assisting a motorist involved in a single-vehicle accident along the northbound shoulder of I-83, just at the Pepsi sign. It appears that another motorist lost control and

spun-out, hitting the rear of Officer Rigby's patrol car which then struck her, sending her over the retaining jersey-wall and down approximately 20-feet to the pavement below. Understanding the level of dedication and courage it takes to perform police service is what brought multitudes of people, police and citizens alike, to University of Maryland Shock Trauma in concern and support. Likewise, my personal and sincere offering of gratitude for your service and wishes for a full recovery is extended to you, Teresa.

Baltimore City also recently hosted the 79th Annual U.S. Mayors Conference, a four-day gathering of Mayors from cities across the nation with populations over 30,000. Discussions ranged from potholes to public safety, with notable appearances including the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon,

newly elected Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel (former White House Chief of Staff to President Obama) and U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Shaun Donovan. Being honored in allowing Baltimore to host is extremely important as it helps bring national attention to our local needs. All preliminary reports are that attendees were very impressed with all the city had to offer, in particular, the professionalism of the Baltimore Police. Also recently held within the city was the Americas Meeting and Events Exhibition, a three-day conference in which attendees discussed the planning of special events that spanned the range from weddings to concerts.



P.O. Teresa Rigby

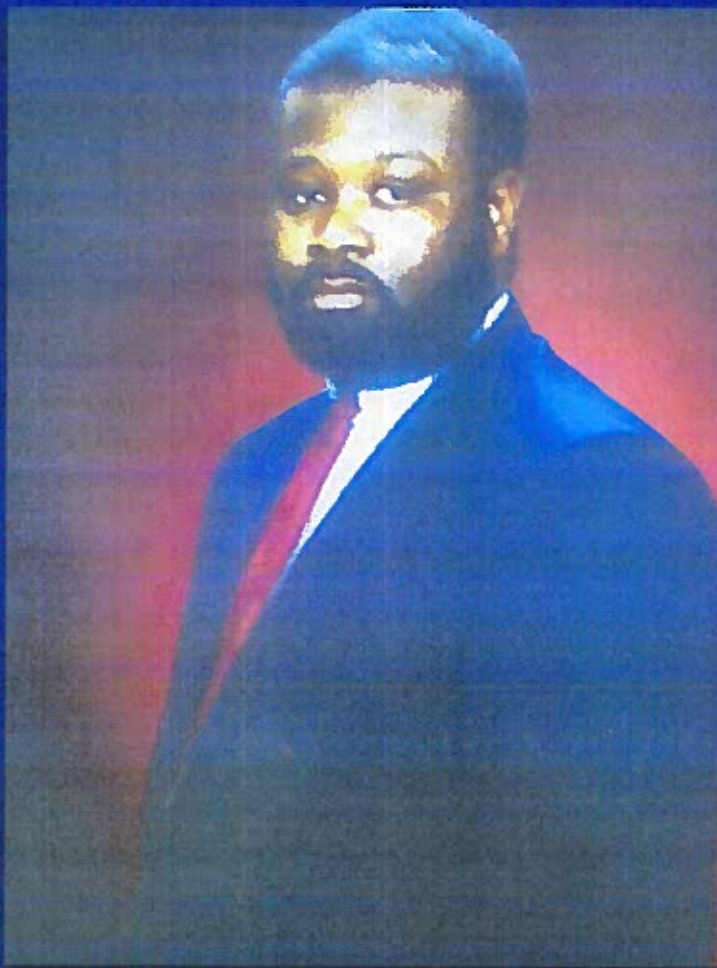
Be safe.

Frederick H. Bealefeld, III
Police Commissioner, BPD



In Memoriam

Detective Irvin Bradley



It is with deep sadness that the Baltimore Police Department reports the sudden death of retired Detective Irvin Bradley. Detective Bradley died suddenly on July 6, 2011. He was 55 years old.

After graduating from Southwestern High School in 1974, Detective Irvin C. Bradley attended Morgan State University where he earned 20 credits towards a business degree. He then joined the Baltimore Police Department in June of 1979 where he ultimately earned the respect of both members of the police department as well as the citizens of Baltimore City.

After graduating from the police academy in 1979, Detective Bradley worked in the Southern District until 1991 at which point he was transferred to the Criminal Investigation. There he built a reputation as one of the Baltimore Police Department's finest investigators.

In his 30 years with the Baltimore Police Department, Detective Bradley received seven official commendations including one commendatory letter, three unit citations and one Silver Star awarded for the arrest of a subject wanted for attempted murder, maiming, several deadly weapons, and resisting arrest.

Detective Irvin C. Bradley will truly be missed.

The Grants & Government Relations Unit recently secured \$34,325 in grant funds from the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) to support Baltimore's Domestic Violence Ex Parte/Protective Order Entry and Service Initiative. This program is designed to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of ex parte/protective order data entry service, and help reduce the occurrence of domestic violence. This will be achieved through the services of a contractual administrative assistant, who will provide ex parte related data entry and coordinate the overall operation of the program, while police officers work on an overtime basis to improve the department's rate of service. The BPD will also analyze and monitor the service demand and conduct the overtime as necessary, during those times yielding the greatest need. The program will assist all victims of domestic violence in Baltimore City who have sought an ex parte/protective order.

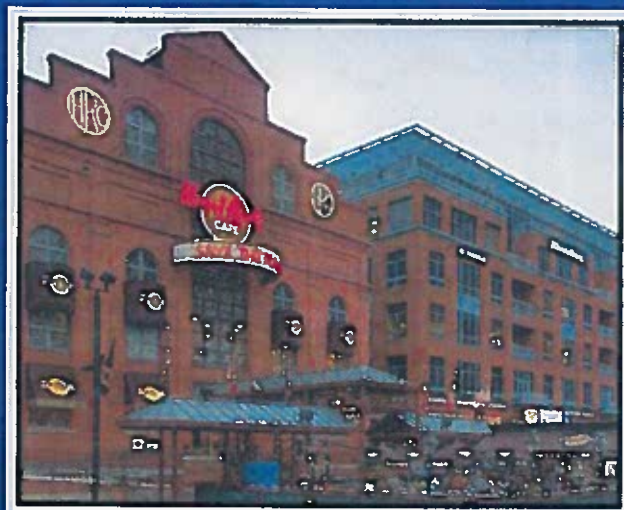
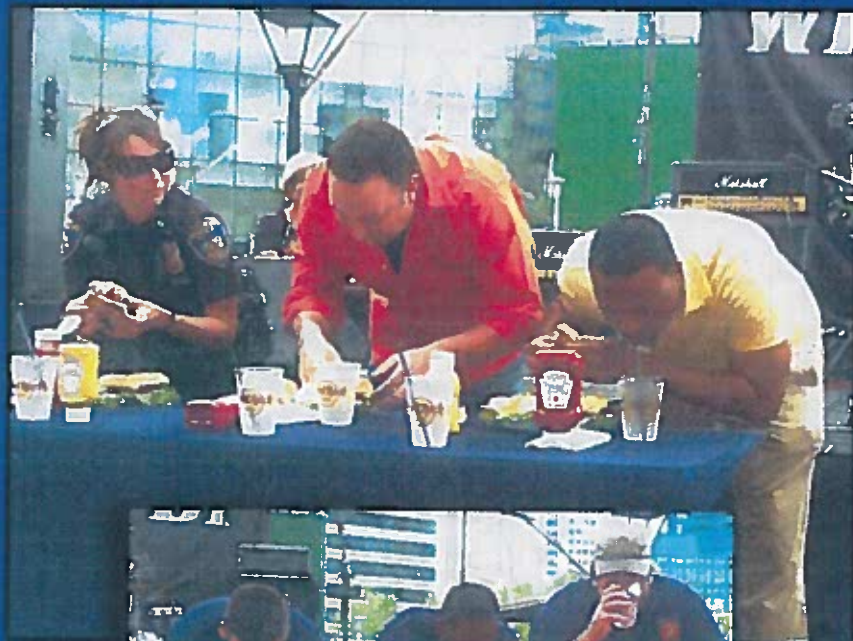


BURGER BADGE BASH

By Detective Kevin Brown Photos, Courtesy of Hard Rock Cafe Baltimore

On June 14th the Baltimore Police Department, in conjunction with the Fraternal Order of Police, participated in the Burger Badge Bash. During the event, officers and firefighters competed in a Guns & Hoses Legendary Burger Eating Contest that benefited the Baltimore Child Abuse Center.

It was held at the Inner Harbor Hard Rock Cafe, emceed by Matt Davis of 98 Rock fame, and featured a live performance by local rock band WA-SA-BI. Although we didn't win, a loss for a good cause is acceptable...this time! A heartfelt thank you is extended to all those who participated!



Police and Community Build Playground

By Detective Donny Moses

Photos, Courtesy of Howard P. Fink



On June 16th members of the Baltimore Police Department's Central District, Kaboom, a non-profit organization, the Baltimore Ravens, and citizens of the Reservoir Hill Community joined forces to build a playground. The Reservoir Hill community raised over \$10,000 to go towards this project and over 150 community members came out and donated blood, sweat, and tears in efforts to revitalize and make their community a safe place for their kids to play.

Police Officers Clarissa Fields, Robert Horne, Charles Lee, Scott Grigsby, Derrick Rowe, Michael Bullock, and Edward Parker felt a sense of pride as they dirtied their uniforms for this worthy cause.

Major Dennis Smith of the Central District says, "I felt tons of satisfaction knowing more than 150 residents showed up to get dirty and contribute in upbuilding their community. Also, it felt good to see my officers working hand-in-hand with members of the community and that I've gotten great feedback from the community."

Bridges of St. Paul's Visit the Baltimore Police Department

Written and photographed by: Alexa Robinson (Summer Youth Worker)



The Baltimore Police Department is full of dedicated workers who spend their time ensuring a safer place for others. Their work days are often hectic with people shuffling through papers, phones ringing off the hook, and fingers running wildly across keyboards. Still, those men and women made time to assist children in building their future.

On July 7, 2011, the Bridges summer camp embarked on an outing to the Baltimore Police Department from St. Paul's School. The Bridges Program is a camp that gives children in grades 3 through 9 a chance to experience an exhilarating summer bursting with educational, fun opportunities. With that goal in mind, the counselors brought their sixth grade students to the Baltimore Police Department.



The children were greeted by Detectives Donny Moses and Jeremy Silbert, who served as their personal tour guides. During their visit they were able to see just how many resources were needed to ensure public safety, such as: horses, K9 partners, motorcycles, and helicopters. They were also able to listen to dispatcher calls and view a real interview by WJZ Channel 13. They will never forget just how amazing it is to be a part of the Baltimore Police Department.



GET WELL SOON

By Detective Mario Notargiacomo

Recently, Jeff Hidy was admitted to Franklin Square Hospital for what he describes as "minor brain surgery." To quote Jeff, "The Lord will carry me through this, too." The surgery went well and he is looking forward to recovering and returning back to work. For all those who know Jeff and what he has been through and overcome, please honor his faith by keeping him in your thoughts and prayers.



Retirements

DEO III Barbara C. Hunter

Last Assignment: Central Records Section

Years of Service: 38

Retirement: July 1, 2011

OAIII Lorraine Carter

Last Assignment: Internal Investigation Division

Years of Service: 31

Retirement: July 1, 2011

911 Opr. Veronica A. Ragsdale

Last Assignment: Communications Section

Years of Service: 28

Retirement: July 1, 2011

OAI Palestine Turner

Last Assignment: Central Records Section

Years of Service: 14

Retirement: July 1, 2011

P.O. Bravett M. Bull

Last Assignment: Intell Section

Years of Service: 23

Retirement: July 1, 2011

P.O. Kimberly J. McLean

Last Assignment: C.I.D.

Years of Service: 25

Retirement: July 1, 2011

P.O. Tracey J. Gills

Last Assignment: Central Records Section

Years of Service: 21

Retirement: July 1, 2011

P.O. Dianna L. Ckyyou

Last Assignment: Southeast District

Years of Service: 20

Retirement: July 2, 2011



Larceny from Autos

By Detective Jeremy Silbert

Over the past month, the Southern District has experienced an increase in larceny from autos in the sector 3 area. On June 19, 2011, Lieutenant Butler's shift conducted a larceny from auto detail. Working with a business owner in the area, officers were able to find a covert position and watch a parking lot and a portion of Pratt Street. Within an hour, officers observed a suspect enter the parking lot and begin to look into the windows of several vehicles on the lot. After a few minutes, the suspect picked up a rock, broke the window of a car, and removed a GPS. Officers then approached the suspect and took him into custody without incident. The suspect was transported back to the Southern District and interviewed by detectives. This is just one example of patrol officers being proactive and working closely businesses and community members to reduce crime.



The BPD Mailbag



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Dear, Friends, Family, & Supporters

June 28, 2011

I want to thank you for your support in coming out to the China Room on Saturday June 25, 2011. Each and every one of you who showed your support, you also helped sow the first seeds in the groundwork for the Troy Lewis Memorial Scholarship Foundation. Your presence and participation helped every public safety athlete move one step closer to the World Police & Fire Games. And your continued support honors the Legacy of the Troy Lewis Memorial Scholarship.

Please look forward to our celebratory Black Tie affair on October 21, 2011 at the Historic Baltimore Museum of Industry when we celebrate the accomplishments of the World Police & Fire Games & The Troy Lewis Memorial Scholarship Foundation.

Please follow us on Face book @ Maryland United Police & Fire Olympic Team or e-mail questions to Team.MD.United@gmail.com

Respectfully,

Angelo Brooks, President

Maryland United Police & Fire Olympic Team



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Baltimore Police Department
Office of the Commissioner

Dear Commissioner:

I have been remiss in not sending this letter sooner. I want to bring to your attention a "trio" of police officers.

For months, community officials from the Concerned Citizens of Brooklyn had been raving about a new Sergeant. I was thrilled for these citizens on 2nd St. They have an ongoing problem with prostitutes, drug dealers and even a burned-down house in which a man died. If not for the alertness of these citizens, their house would have gone up in flames along with them at 5AM in the morning. (The fire was set off by a prostitute and drug dealer breaking into an empty house.) Thank God one of the citizens is a fireman and could hose his house down.

Then, Curtis Bay began calling me about the new Sergeant at Southern.

I finally got to meet this new Sergeant.

You know me - I love all our police people. Whether the police are working at 70%, 100% or 150%, we need them all.

Let me tell you about these "trio" of angels. You've heard of the TV show "Charlie's Angels. Well, they have come to Brooklyn.

I met Sergeant Simon, Officer Gary and Officer Zeller last month. I am now calling them "Pat's Angels. I know that is selfish. I can't claim all for myself so I'll call them "Brooklyn's Angels.

Sergeant Simon and her team are everywhere. I mean everywhere. I swear it is like they are 10 people instead of 3. Their enthusiasm knows no bounds.

They have visited businesses and advised them on security on Patapsco Avenue. Even though my business and the one next door are cautious, it is great that Sgt. Simon and her team took an interest. Sgt. Simon and her team have moved along loitering men at Sunspot Tanning at 9:30 PM (That business had two robberies several years ago) and told the local "bad boys" on Hazel St. in Curtis Bay to pick up trash. This may not sound like much but it sure impresses the everyday citizens like myself and I think it lets the "criminal element" know they are being watched.

I see the trio parked at trouble spots, especially since the two murders lately. I think that makes 3 murders in 2-3 months for Brooklyn. One at Maynards Bar on S. Hanover St., another murder at 5th and Patapsco Avenue, and the third murder at 10th St. and Stoll. I am 65 years old. I swear, I can barely remember 1 or 2 murders in all of Brooklyn in my lifetime.

Thanks,
Pat Wills *Pat*



