



# CHIEFLY CHATTER

## February 2012

# CCPCA

## Association News and Meeting Minutes

### MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2012

#### Holiday Inn Independence

The General Membership meeting of the Cuyahoga County Police Chiefs Association was called to order at 1225 hours by President Harris.

**Roll Call** Chief Kostura led the Pledge of Allegiance and Chaplain Szeredy led the Invocation. Secretary Treasurer Loftus called the roll of officers. All present. Members and guests introduced themselves.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** *A motion to accept the minutes of the regular membership meeting of January 21, 2012 as distributed, was made by Chief Miller and seconded by Chief Maddox. Motion Passed.*

**Financial Report** Secretary Treasurer Loftus.

\$ 5,856.06	General Fund
\$ 5,163.46	Scholarship Reserve
<u>\$ 6,813.66</u>	Checking
\$ 17,833.18	Total

*A Motion to accept the Financial Report was made by Chief Viland and seconded by Chief Wright. Motion Passed.*

**Executive Director's Report** Bob Bruckner.

- **Edward and Catherine Lozick Foundation** has again donated

\$1,000.00. These funds will again be used for the Baldwin Wallace scholarships in May.

- **Membership Drive reminder.** Chiefs are asked to sponsor their second in command and other command staff if possible. All other members, including Life Members, are asked to sponsor one new member. We have a good start with eleven new applications having been received so far this year. The membership application is available on our website.
- **2012 Dues Invoices** have been mailed and you should have received yours. Please let me know if you have not received your invoice.

**Legal update** Steve Parisi.

- The FBI has expanded its definition of "rape" as reported in the UCR reports. Consequently, this will show an increase in the number of reported rapes.
- Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine has issued new guidelines that require all police departments to submit rape kits to the state lab for testing. The CCPCA and the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center are cooperating in writing a model policy to handle compliance that could become a state prototype.
- The US Department of Justice has recently initiated a greatly increased number of cases against local police for profiling and use

of force issues.

- Ohio Supreme Court justice Paul Pfeifer has urged repeal of capital punishment in Ohio. Steve cautions that Chiefs should be prepared to comment on this issue if questioned by the media or others
- The US Supreme Court has refused to require courts to examine suggestive eyewitness evidence with extra care unless it was produced by police misconduct. Cross-examination, jury instructions and the usual rules of evidence are sufficient safeguards.
- The Ohio Supreme Court has declined to hear the case of a homeowner convicted of killing an intruder wherein the 8th District Court of Appeals overturned the conviction on the basis of self defense under the “Castle Doctrine”. The Cuyahoga County Prosecutors office will determine if new charges will be brought in this case.
- The Ohio Supreme Court has heard arguments concerning a Massillon case concerning a fire truck crash that killed two people. At issue is whether the violation of a traffic law while a fire truck was responding to an emergency can be used as the basis to deny the city immunity from civil liability.
- The US Supreme Court recently ruled that police violated the Fourth Amendment’s ban on unreasonable searches when they attached a GPS device to a suspect’s car without a valid warrant.

### Speaker for Today’s Meeting

**Steven M. Dettelbach, United States Attorney, Northern District of Ohio** spoke concerning a number of issues involving his office. They included:  
Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative  
Northern Ohio Violent Crime Consortium  
Firearms Initiative  
Sex Trafficking  
Spring Use of Force Training

### Committee Reports

#### **Membership:**

- The Board has approved the following four Police Chiefs for Active Membership.  
**Chief Richard Edelman**, Mayfield Village Police Department.  
**Chief Kenn L. Thellman**, Walton Hills Police Department.  
**Chief John W. Minek**, Olmsted Township Police Department.

**Chief John Elek**, North Royalton Police Department.

- The Board has approved the following five officers for Law Enforcement Administrative Membership.  
**Patrick A. Rhode**, Executive Lieutenant, Lyndhurst Police Department.  
**Bill Crates**, Lieutenant, Rocky River Police Department.  
**Ronald Whitmer**, Executive Lieutenant, Gates Mills Police Department.  
**Kris Nietert**, Deputy Chief, Bedford Police Department.  
**Carmen Battaglia**, Lieutenant, Olmsted Falls Police Department.
- **Associate Membership** applications have been received from:  
**William D. Healy**, Director, North Coast Polytechnic Institute.  
**Kelli Youngpeters**, Branch Manager, Creative Safety Products (Officer Phil Program). *Motion to approve the Associate membership applications of William D. Healy and Kelli Youngpeters made by Chief Maddox and seconded by Chief Viland. Motion passed.*

#### **Golf:**

- **Chief Kostura** advised that this years June Golf Outing will again be held at Beechmont Country Club on a date as yet to be determined.

#### **Jail Standards:**

- **Chief Viland** advises that he is the Buckeye State Sheriffs Assoc liaison to change the existing jail standards. For the foreseeable future, jail inspections will be self audits.

**Old Business** No old business.

#### **New Business**

- **2012 Committee Appointments.** Anyone who wishes to serve on a committee, or who no longer wishes to serve on a committee for 2012, please contact President Harris immediately.
- **HB 422** Removing the requirement to notify law enforcement of a handgun in the car. Chief Noga, Twinsburg Police Department advised that the Summit County Police Chiefs Assoc. has passed a Resolution in opposition to this legislation and he requests that the CCPCA consider passing a similar resolution. This issue will be discussed further

at the March meeting.

**Health and Welfare, Members Ill or in Distress**

Nothing noted.

**Good of the Order**

- **Parma Police Department** will be presenting a motorcycle operators course in the Spring.
- **Dennis Burke, AAA**, advises that they have a 90 minute New Driver Program that is available to requesting departments.
- **Retired Chief, Marion Taylor** advises that the Ohio Retired Police Chiefs Association is currently taking pre-publishing orders for the "Ohio Retired Police Chiefs Association History Book". Order forms will be posted on the Association website.

**Next Regular Meeting:** 12 noon, Thursday, March 15, 2012, Cuyahoga County Medical Examiners Of-

ice, 11001 Cedar Ave. Lunch will be provided. (Use the Cedar Ave. garage entrance.)

**Adjournment** *Motion to adjourn made by Chief Duber and seconded by Chief Crivel. Motion passed.* The Regular Meeting of the Cuyahoga County Police Chiefs Association adjourned at 1345 hours.





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**CUYAHOGA COUNTY POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION**  
**2012 MEETING SCHEDULE**

BOARD MEETINGS BEGIN AT 1030

REGULAR MEETINGS BEGIN AT 12 NOON

March 15	Cuyahoga County Medical Examiners Office
April 19	Cleveland Clinic, location tba
May 17	Baldwin Wallace College
June TBA	Golf, Beechmont CC
July	No meeting
August	No Meeting
September 20	Solon Recreation Center
October 18	Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland
November 15	Holiday Inn, Independence
December 20	TRI-C, location tba

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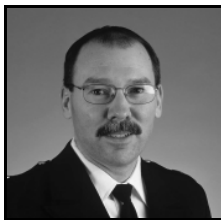
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