



CHIEFLY CHATTER March 2007

CCPCA

Association News and Meeting Minutes

MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 15, 2007

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COLLEGE

The General Membership meeting of the Cuyahoga County Police Chiefs Association was called to order at 1204 hours by President Kocab. Chief Bova, Warrensville Hts. Police Dept. welcomed the members on behalf of Chief Harris who was unable to attend.

Roll Call Chaplain Falzone led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation. Secretary Treasurer Lipton called the roll of officers. Mitchell and McQuaid were excused. Members and guests introduced themselves. President Kocab thanked the Staff of Tri-C for their hospitality in hosting today's meeting.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes *A motion to accept the minutes of the regular membership meeting of February 15, 2007 as distributed, was made by Chief LaGatta and seconded by Chief Dease. Motion passed.*

Financial Report Secretary Treasurer Lipton reported that our current account balances are as follows:

Money Market	\$ 13,800.51
Checking	\$ 5,597.21
Scholarship CD	<u>\$ 4,131.59</u>
Total Current Balance	\$ 23,529.31

A Motion to accept the Financial Report was made by Chief Rowe and

seconded by Chief Maine. Motion passed.

Executive Director's Report Bob Bruckner reported as follows:

- **CCPCA website.** The complete CCPCA Membership Roster Document has been placed on the website along with the final 2007 Committee appointments. Please use the website. It is a valuable resource.
- **Baldwin Wallace Scholarships.** The Board approved the presentation of two \$500.00 scholarships at Baldwin Wallace on May 17th this year. To date we have not received any scholarship donations as we did last year so the entire amount will come out of the CD.
- **Dues Invoices.** Will be mailed over the next several weeks. Watch for them and please pay promptly.

Legal Update Steve Parisi reported on the following:

- The 11th Ohio District Court of Appeals recently ruled that a police dog handler could be held personally liable for injuries caused by the police dog even though the dog was owned by a governmental entity and the handler was off duty.
- STATE v. HUNTER, 169 Ohio App.3d 65,2006-Ohio-5113. Concerning the admissibility of rape kit evidence at trial. "A strict chain of evidence is not always necessary for the admission of physical evidence." "Evidence of a process or system to produce an

accurate result is sufficient to satisfy the rule.”

- The Supreme Court will soon decide a case, which may establish new benchmarks about when, and how law enforcement officers can chase suspects and use their vehicles to stop them. The Georgia case alleges that an officer violated a subject’s Fourth Amendment right against unreasonable seizure when he struck the subjects car to end a pursuit and the subject died as a result.
- Steve commented on the possible problems with the Court Reform Pilot Project intended to speed cases through the courts.

Speakers for Today’s Meeting:

Bill Mason, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor, spoke briefly concerning the Court Reform Pilot Project. The goal of this project is to speed cases through the court system, decreasing the current time of 220 days from arrest to indictment and to dispose of F3 and F4 cases in 10 to 15 days. It is going well and he will report more on the progress and a specific implementation plan at future meetings. In response to a question concerning the Crime lab status he advised that although there is no current progress it is not dead. The Ohio Attorney General favors the project.

David Zimmerman, Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor, reviews all cases involving mental health issues; competency & sanity. He spoke concerning the methods of the prosecutors office in handling these cases. Contact him directly if you have a case involving these issues. He highly endorsed the Mental Health Training sponsored by the Highland Heights Police Dept. coming up in April.

Bill Sweeny & Gary Houlehan, Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society spoke concerning the upcoming Memorial events May 17-20, 2007. See their website for detailed information. www.policememorialsociety.com. Also on our website. The Board has approved a \$100.00 donation to the Memorial Society.

Committee Reports Committee appointments for 2007 are posted on the website.

Membership Bob Bruckner. The Board approved one new applicant this morning for active membership.

Chief Tom Miller, MetroHealth Medical Center Police Department.

William F. Rode, Jr., Capital Electronics, Sales Manager, has submitted his application for Associate Membership. *Motion to approve made by Maine, Seconded by Dease. Motion passed.*

Constitution & By-Laws. President Kocab Advised that the Board has denied requests from Peter Gray and James Zindroski for Life Membership as their particular circumstances fall beyond the legal application of the Constitution & By-Laws.

Training: Bob Bruckner

- The Highland Heights Police Department is hosting “Mental Health Training-101 for Law Enforcement” April 18 & 19, 2007 at the Highland Heights Community Center. Call Chief Jim Cook for additional information (440-442-7405). Posted on the website.
- The 2007 Enforcement Expo will again be held at the IX Center, July 11 & 12. Complete registration information can be found at www.enforcementexpo.com and on our website.
- Reminder of the upcoming EROC Supervisors Class at Bay Village PD. See the website for details.

Installation Dinner Ad Hoc Committee Please contact a member of this committee if you can suggest an alternate, less costly, location for the 2008 Installation dinner. (Kalavsky, Maine Maddox & Kocab)

OACP Chief Wright. See the OACP website for updates on the Assessment Program and the 2007 Conference.

Old Business

- **OIBRS Mandatory Reporting:** The Board has approved Resolution 2007-1, submitted by The Cuyahoga County Dept of Justice Affairs, to “encourage” the participation of Cuyahoga County police departments in the submission of data through OIBRS.

New Business

- Bob Reid, Bedford PD, Ret., President of the Ohio Retired Police Chiefs Association, advised they are seeking new members. If you are a retired chief, contact him or Bob Bruckner for membership information.
- Board of Governor’s Opening. Chief Lester Mitchell has retired from the Cleveland State University Police Dept. Consequently there is an

opening on the Board of Governor's. A special election will be held at the April 19, 2007 meeting to fill this position on the Board. If you are interested in running, contact President Kocab prior to April 19th.

Health and Welfare, Members Ill or in Distress. None

Good of the Order

- Chief Charles LoBello, Gates Mills Police Department is retiring effective April 5, 2007. He will be working for Bluecoats as their Executive Secretary. Their new address is: Bluecoats, Inc., Huntington Building, Suite 2000, 925 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44115. Phone 216-861-7788. E-mail: bluecoatsctl@sbcglobal.net
- Jim Repicky was appointed Chief of the Euclid Police Department on February 11, 2007.
- The September meeting location has been changed to Edgewater Yacht Club. Details to follow later.
- Captain Roger Hannay, Ohio State Highway Patrol, advised that their truck enforcement section will be available to any Department that is having problems

in that area of enforcement. Contact him for details. He also advised that OSHP will begin enforcement again on Cuyahoga County urban interstates on April 15, 2007.

- Chief Dave Wright is collecting patches from all Cuyahoga County Departments to make a plaque for outgoing Bluecoats Executive Secretary Bob Cummings. Send your patch to Chief Wright by 0830, Monday April 2nd. Do not send to Bluecoats. This is a surprise plaque.

• **Next Regular Meeting** will be held at 12 noon on Thursday April 19, 2007 at Holiday Inn, Independence.

Adjournment *There being no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Chief Dease and seconded by Chief Reid. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1332 hours*

2007 MEETING SCHEDULE

BOARD MEETINGS BEGIN AT 1030

REGULAR MEETINGS BEGIN AT 12 NOON

April 19	Holiday Inn, Independence
May 17	Baldwin Wallace College*
June ?	Golf—TBA*
July	No meeting
August	No Meeting
September 20	Edgewater Yacht Club*
October 18	University Hospital*
November 15	Holiday Inn, Independence
December 20	Holiday Inn, Independence

*Advance reservations are required for these meetings. Information concerning reservations will be distributed in advance of the scheduled meeting in the prior month's Chiefly Chatter and on the website.

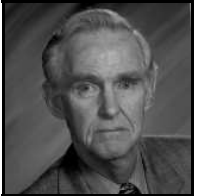



Note: Dates and locations are subject to change dependent upon unforeseen circumstances. Adequate advance notice will be given concerning firm meeting dates and locations in the newsletter and on the website.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 19, 2007, 12 Noon

HOLIDAY INN, INDEPENDENCE

Board Meeting 1030

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