



# CHIEFLY CHATTER

## October 2009

# CCPCA

## Association News and Meeting Minutes

### MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 15, 2009

#### HOLIDAY INN

The General Membership meeting of the Cuyahoga County Police Chiefs Association was called to order at 1217 hours by President Maddox.

**Roll Call** Chief Teel led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Bova led the Invocation. Secretary-Treasurer Lipton called the roll of officers. Past President Maine was excused. Members and guests introduced themselves.

President Maddox introduced **Dr. Craig Folton, Tri-C Executive VP of Administration and Finance** who welcomed the Association membership, commented on Tri-C's continued commitment to law enforcement training and thanked the Association for our endorsement of Tri-C Issue 4.

President Maddox thanked Dr. Folton, Chief Clayton Harris and Tri-C for hosting today's meeting and Teresa Bryan for her assistance in putting it all together.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** *A motion to accept the minutes of the September 17, 2009, regular membership meeting, as distributed, was made by Chief Rowe and seconded by Chief LaGatta. Motion Passed.*

**Financial Report** Secretary Treas-

urer Lipton reported that our account balances are as follows:

Money Market \$	15,531.81
Checking	7,149.28
CD	4,334.70
Total	\$ 27,015.79

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

**Executive Director's Report** Bob Bruckner reported as follows:

- We have received no further inquiries from IRS concerning prior years taxes and possible penalties. Our tax situation appears to be settled at this time.
- Due to the extremely low interest rates, the Board approved closing our Scholarship Fund CD and moving the funds into the Money Market account. They will remain earmarked in a scholarship sub-account.

**Legal Update** Steve Parisi.

- Steve commented that the U.S. Supreme Court has reversed 6 recent Sixth Circuit Court cases.
- The Peninsula Police Chief was recently cleared by the Summit County Sheriff's Office of criminal acts alleged by the Peninsula Mayor and two officers.
- Arizona v. Gant, 129 S. Ct.1710. Police may only search the passenger compartment of a vehicle as a search incident to a lawful arrest if the occupant was recently in the vehicle and only if it is reasonable to believe that the occu-

pant might have access to the vehicle at the time of the search, or the vehicle contains evidence of the offense on which the suspect was arrested.

- *Arizona v. Johnson*, 129 S. Ct. 781. Where a passenger was ordered to exit a vehicle following a traffic stop so the officer could ask about gang activities, a matter unrelated to the reason for the stop, a patdown for weapons did not violate the Fourth Amendment since the officer reasonably concluded that the suspect could be armed and dangerous.
- *Pearson v. Callahan*, US\_84 Crim. Reporter 462. The police officer who conducted a warrantless search based on the "consent-once-removed" doctrine was entitled to qualified immunity and therefore the federal civil rights action should have been dismissed.

### Speakers for Today's Meeting

- **C. Frank Figliuzzi, SAC**, Cleveland FBI office spoke of current terrorist activities and threats. Informational packets will be sent to all Departments concerning the potential use of TATP, a peroxide based, extremely volatile, explosive, by lone wolf terrorists. Departments will be asked to forward specific intelligence information.
- **Sheriff Bob Reid and County Prosecutor Bill Mason** provided information on the Justice Reform Initiative which has sped up the court process and reduced prisoner costs. Recent improvements in prisoner transportation and processing, video conferencing, testimony and adjudication have contributed to the success of the initiative. Sheriff Reid provided information on his department's involvement in the Northern Border Initiative with a boat newly acquired with CPD and the Northeast Ohio Regional Fusion Center which recently moved to CPD headquarters. The new prisoner transport bus was on display after the meeting.

### Committee Reports

**Membership:** No new applications.

### **Training:**

- The IACP is offering online in-service training. Complete information has been posted on the website. Flyers are available.
- CCPCA is a co-sponsor of a Managing the Media class, October 20, 2009, Middleburg Hts. Community Center. Sponsored by the Cuyahoga County Emergency Management Agency. Approved for 2 CPT hours. Details are on our website.

**Urban Area Work Group:** Chief Mark Sechrist has been appointed by President Maddox as the CCPCA representative on this committee replacing Chief Kocab.

**OACP** Chief Kocab advises that a proposed change in the Constitution will combine the Chief's In Service Training and the Annual Conference. Additional changes will include a trade show at the conference which will be held at a hotel rather than at a state park. Changes in election dates and terms in office are also proposed. An e-mail is forthcoming.

### Old Business

**2010 Installation Dinner:** The ticket price will be \$40.00 for the Dinner Dance at Red Tail Golf Club, Avon, on January 16, 2010. The **Bluecoats** organization will be honored as our "Person of the Year" for 2010.

### New Business

- **Chief Wright** commented on recent legislation passed by Cleveland which allows the surviving spouse and dependents of a city employee killed in the line of duty to continue to purchase health care insurance through the city's plan. He asked that the Association endorse a request for each city to adopt similar legislation. This issue has been tabled by the Board pending additional information.
- **May 2010 Police Memorial Day:** The Association has endorsed the 2010 Law Enforcement Memorial. 2010 will be the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Peace Officers Memorial Society.
- **Citizens for Cuyahoga Community College:** The Board has approved the Association's endorsement of County Issue 4, tax levy. A letter of endorsement, signed by President Maddox, will be sent.
- **Chuck LoBello:** thanked the Association for selecting Bluecoats as the 2010 Person of the Year and reminded chiefs of the upcoming Fall Bluecoats Dinner. He commented further on a proposal to construct a Safety Forces Memorial Garden in Lakeview Cemetery.

### Health and Welfare, Members Ill or in Distress:

Chaplain Bova

**John K. Joyce**, Retired Chief RTA Police Department

now residing in Cumming, GA had emergency surgery on Sept 11<sup>th</sup> for a perforated colon. More surgery is due in Late Oct. or Early Nov. A fruit basket was sent and a thank you email was received from John.

- **Associate Member Rich DiGeronimo** of Independence Excavating died on September 30, 2009. A donation of \$ 60.00 was sent to the Cornerstone of Hope in Independence. A card was also sent to the family.
- **Associate Member Dan Ponstingle's mother, Gertrude Ponstingle**, died on October 9, 2009. A card was sent.

**Good of the Order:**

- **Associate Member Ed Drellishack**, President of Pro-Tech Security Sales, has invited CCPCA members to a law enforcement open house on October 22, 2009. Details and registration information are posted on the website.
- **A job posting** from Cleveland State University for a Director for their Center for Emergency Preparedness is posted on our website.

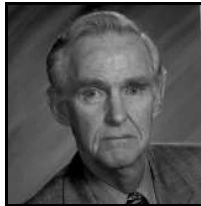
- **LE Administrator Member Bob Cermak** has been promoted to Senior Manager. Cuyahoga County Department of Justice Affairs, Public Safety Division.
- **Life Member, Allen Shoaff**, was appointed as the new CRIS Manager on September 28, 2009.
- **Dave Easton, Cleveland Clinic Police Department** commented on the prohibition on off duty officers carrying firearms in the hospital and problems recently encountered.
- Chiefs should be aware that the Plain Dealer has been making inquiries concerning UCR reporting by Departments

**Next Regular Meeting:** will be at 12 Noon, Thursday, November 19, 2009 at the Holiday Inn, Independence.

**Adjournment:** *There being no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Chief Kostura and seconded by Chief Bova. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1349 hours.*

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**2009 MEETING SCHEDULE**

BOARD MEETINGS BEGIN AT 1030

REGULAR MEETINGS BEGIN AT 12 NOON

November 19                      Holiday Inn, Independence  
 December 17                     Holiday Inn, Independence

January 16, 2010                Red Tail Golf Club, Avon\*

\*Advance reservations are required for these meetings

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**NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 12 Noon**

**HOLIDAY INN, INDEPENDENCE**

**Buffet cost \$ 14.00**

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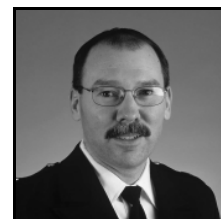
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