



CHIEFLY CHATTER

September 2009

CCPCA

Association News and Meeting Minutes

MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

HOLIDAY INN

The General Membership meeting of the Cuyahoga County Police Chiefs Association was called to order at 1207 hours by President Maddox.

Roll Call Chief Wozniak led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chief McQuaid led the Invocation. Secretary-Treasurer Lipton called the roll of officers. Governors Bova and Dease were excused.

Members and guests introduced themselves.

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

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

Money Market \$	18,031.81
Checking	5,123.21
CD	4,334.70
Total	\$ 27,489.72

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

Executive Director's Report Bob Bruckner reported as follows:

- The display case has been moved to the HIDTA office. It is on display and it will be updated in the near future. These arrangements were made through the cooperation of John Sommer prior to his death.
- A thank you letter was received from Marion Taylor, Past President of the Ohio Retired Police Chiefs Assoc., thanking the CCPCA for selecting Bluecoats as the 2010 "Person of the Year".

Legal Update Steve Parisi.

- Steve suggested that members look at the details of the recent case in Shaker Hts. where the Fire Chief was fired for failing to enact layoffs as ordered by the mayor, due to budget cuts.
- The U.S. Supreme Court recently elaborated on 3 guidelines to determine mental retardation in death penalty cases. 'Defendants claiming retardation must prove significantly sub-average intellectual functioning which is presumed with an IQ under 70; a lack of two or more social and practical skills; and that both conditions were present before age 18.'
- A psychiatric evaluation indicates that Timothy Halton, Jr., accused of killing Cleveland Hts. officer, Jayson West, is competent to stand trial.

- The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that prisoners have no constitutional right to DNA testing that might prove their innocence after their convictions.
- The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that in age discrimination cases the worker has to prove that age was the key factor in an employment decision.
- Steve commented that due to recent Ohio Supreme Court rulings, it appears that Home Rule is changing and may be over.
- The U.S. Supreme Court has held that ‘A strip search at school usually cannot be justified’.
- The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that the tester of scientific evidence must testify concerning that evidence in court.
- Steve reiterated the necessity to keep the city as a defendant in cases naming the city and officers, citing a recent Canton case where the finding was against the city and the officers were cleared.
- Due to a recent OSHP case involving employee’s use of social networking websites, Steve feels that each department should establish a policy concerning employees’ use of these types of sites. Check with your law director on this policy.

Speakers for Today’s Meeting

- **Don Davies, New Directions.** Spoke concerning their available programs and services.
- **Ursula Kaunas, Project Manager, Cuyahoga County Information Service Center, and Joe Kosar** updated the membership on the current status of video conferencing and Grand Jury testimony. Information was distributed concerning methods and costs of participation by departments.
- **Fred Wolk, Assistant Executive Director, OPOTA, Richfield, Ohio.** Presented information on a proposal for a northern Ohio Tactical Training Academy and requested support for their proposal for funding. **Resolution 2009-2** was read indicating our support for this proposal. *Motion to approve Resolution 2009-2 made by Chief Kancler and seconded by Chief Wright. Motion passed.*

Committee Reports

Membership: This morning the Board approved the Law Enforcement Administrative Membership application of **Executive Lieutenant Jeffrey S. Porter**, Lyndhurst Police Department.

Training:

- Ohio Attorney General’s Law Enforcement Conference is coming up on October 2, 2009.
- The CCPCA will co-sponsor a “Managing the Media” class coming on Oct. 20. See our website for details.

OACP: Chief Wright commented on the current status of Advisory Services.

Old Business

- **2010 Installation Dinner:** A reminder that the location has been confirmed at Red Tail Golf Club, Avon, but the date has been changed to January 16, 2010. Please note this change in the date. President Maddox commented on the successful June Golf Outing at Red Tail.

New Business

- A letter of support was sent by President Maddox on July 29, 2009 to OAG Cordray in support of the funding application for the Children Who Witness Violence Program by the Cuyahoga County Department of Justice Affairs.
- The Board voted this morning to make a donation of \$ 1,000.00 to the National Law Enforcement Museum.
- Chief Repicky commented on the Urban Area Workgroup, the proposal to move the EOC to Tri-C. and the potential of the MARCS system. He asked that Chiefs consider becoming more involved.

Health and Welfare, Members Ill or in Distress:

None noted.

Good of the Order:

- **Chief Harris** thanked everyone who participated at Heroes Night at Indian’s Stadium.
- **Angel Morales** announced that he has been appointed as the **Director of The North East Ohio Regional Fusion Center** and outlined some changes coming to the Center.

Next Regular Meeting: will be at 12 Noon, Thursday, October 15, 2009 at the Holiday Inn, Independence.

(Note: The meeting location has been changed to Cuyahoga Community College, Corporate College-East. See page 3 for details.)

Adjournment: *There being no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Chief Harris and seconded by Chief Kostura. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1339 hours.*

2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

BOARD MEETINGS BEGIN AT 1030

REGULAR MEETINGS BEGIN AT 12 NOON

September 17	Tri-C, Corporate College*
October 15	Holiday Inn, Independence
November 19	Holiday Inn, Independence
December 17	Holiday Inn, Independence

*Advance reservations are required for these meetings

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 12 Noon

**Cuyahoga Community College
Corporate College—East**

4400 Richmond Rd.

Warrensville Heights

First Floor, Main Auditorium

Chief Harris is hosting this meeting and providing the lunch.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

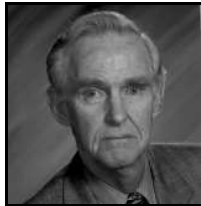
Please call Teresa Bryan 216-987-4121 with your reservation.

Deadline for reservations is

1700, Monday, October 12, 2009

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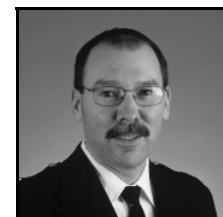
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