Happy St. Patrick’s Day

From the Gendarme

LOCAL CONTROL:

5 Easy Questions... No Easy Answers

See Reprint Article by Mike Guzzi on page 6
Do not become discour-aged or panicked because the “Local Politician Control” measure in the House of Representative has been passed out of the House. Fact is, it was assumed by most “political experts” that this bill would have happened sooner than it has. Because of the inundation of a record number of freshmen legislators in the House, mostly made up of Republicans, it was understood that Republican Party leaders Lt. Governor Peter Kinder and Speaker of the House Steven Tilley would continue their affiliation with Mayor Francis Slay and work toward their goal of “Local Political Control” of the Police Department. The gain for Lt. Governor Kinder and Representative Tilley is this November 2012 Governor (Kinder) and Lt. Governor (Tilley) races. The odd union that Representative Tilley formed with North City State Democratic Representative Jamilah Nasheed, and his enlistment of St. Louis County State Representative John Diehl to manipulate the bill through the House has lacked the appropriate decorum that should be present for such political issues. Heavy pressure was applied to the freshman Representatives of both parties to vote in favor of Nasheed’s bill, or be shunned by the party. Rather than do this, the party decided to mix the lack of truthfulness. This year they assumed that they could intimidate the freshmen legislators. However, it took an NRA-like amendment to get the bill to influence many politicians to vote for the bill. To achieve this “win” Tilley and Diehl have manipulated the legislative process and Mayor Slay, Jeff Rainford, Lewis Reed, the Aldermen and others have told half truths, outright lies and skewed prior court rulings. It is clear that their true goal is the control and reform of our pension system; but they hide behind “local control”. This sure isn’t the behavior I want from elected politicians or from those who will control the Police Department.

Let’s not forget Representative Jamilah Nasheed’s heavy-handed dealings in this whole unholy affair. Her lack of respect for the men and women of the Police Department is shocking. Last year she said that all St. Louis “cops” were corrupt. This year, she postulated that the reason the City of St. Louis ranks #1 in violent cities is because St. Louis Police Officers have spent too much of their off-duty time politicking against “her bill” instead of fighting crime. Her rants and unprofessional conduct will not be forgotten come election time.

The wild card in this whole “Local Political Control” fight is the recent actions of multi-millionaire, Rex Sinquefield. His involvement has challenged the scope of the fight. Now we have to contend with the financial influence he brings to the table. He has threatened to initiate a ballot initiative in favor of local (political) control that has to be taken seri-
The recommendation was to limit the Summary Hearing Board panel's control of the hearing. The recommendation restricted the hearing panel from either affirming the proposed discipline issued by Internal Affairs, increase the punishment or decrease it. This recommendation wanted to remove from the panel the ability to exonerate Officers. This desired change came about because the SLPOA has won every Summary Hearing Board held in the last year and a half. This, other than a lawsuit, is the only means we have to keep Internal Affairs from administering unjust punishment of up to fifteen day suspensions. Fortunately, the recommendation, which Mayor Slay voted to approve, failed.

Board of Police Commissioner's Meeting
At the February Board of Police Commissioner's meeting a change in Rule 7 (Discipline) was recommended.

St. Louis Police Officers Killed in the Performance of Duty During the Month of March:

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ously. We have yet to see the wording of this initiative and thus don't know what recourse, if any, we may have.

Complicating the situation is Mr. Sinquefield's stated desire to eliminate the Earnings Tax in St. Louis and Kansas City, which is a significant portion of each city's revenue. It is unclear what he hopes to achieve through the elimination of the earnings tax (other than potentially bankrupting each city). Yet it is clear that he has influenced Mayor Slay concerning this topic. As much as the Mayor plays to the media about control of the Police Department, he rarely speaks about the elimination of the earnings tax to the media.

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House Bill 71 and Local Control
As most everyone has heard by now, the House version of the local control bill has been voted out of the House of Representatives. The sky is not falling. Our lobbyists expected this would happen this year. As a matter of fact, they expected the bill would pass the house last year too, but our members outworked the City's proponents and we were successful in killing the bill on the floor last session. This year some strange twists severely slanted the momentum in their favor. NRA-endorsed language was amended to the House Bill that would take away many rights of Police Officers to be politically active. The other NRA-endorsed amendment would restrict our ability to perform undercover operations involving gun sales. These NRA amendments caused many of our friends to be painted into a corner where they would risk a black mark on their NRA voting record if they voted against the legislation.

So where do we go from here? The Senate's version of the bill passed out of committee the same week that the House bill passed off of the floor. An amendment was added to the Senate version which would address city government - preventing the transfer of control until the size of the Board of Alderman is reduced. The NRA language from the House bill was also added to that bill. Our lobbyist and your SLPOA Executive Board still feel we have a strong core of allies in the Senate that truly support Police Officers. I am cautiously optimistic that we will still be successful in defeating these bills this year. However, we still have the threat of the state-wide ballot initiative which, as of this writing, has not been released by the Secretary of State's office.

SLPOA Day on the Hill
I want to thank all of you who took the time to come out on SLPOA Lobby Day on Capitol Hill on February 22nd. I estimate around one hundred thirty active and retired police officers made the trip. Even though we lost the battle on the House floor that day, our presence does have an impact.

I also want to thank those members who have assisted Tom and I when making our weekly trips to Jefferson City to speak with legislators. Martin Garcia, Mike Betz, Dave Rudolph, Anthony Boettigheimer, Mike Kegel, Dan O'Brien, Lori Fuller, Ray Jackson, Ed Clark, Jerod Brent, Brent Berry, Curt Burgdorf, Angela Hawkins and Jay Schroeder. These members used their personal days in order to be off so they could fight for our issues in Jefferson City. I also want to thank FOP President Kevin Ahlbrand and FOP Vice President Butch Albert for all of their assistance. We will continue to work this issue in the Senate. If any members are willing or interested in assisting with our trips to Jefferson City, feel free to contact me.
FORMER SLMPD OFFICERS ELIGIBLE TO JOIN SLPVA

Most police officers and retirees can recall Academy classmates and coworkers that left the Department after a few years on the job. Many of those former officers have fond memories of the SLMPD and their police friends. For former SLMPD officers who would like to re-connect with their police roots the St. Louis Police Veterans’ Association offers a means to do that; join the SLPVA.

Former officers who left the SLMPD short of being able to retire are welcome as members in the SLPVA. All that is required is that they left the SLMPD in good standing, that they are of good moral character, and that they complete an application to join the SLPVA. A PDF application can be found and downloaded from our website, www.slpva.com by clicking on “JOIN THE SLPVA” in the left column, right below the SLPVA logo. Prospective members can call and leave a message at 314 329 1005 and we will mail or e-mail an application or they get membership information at a monthly meeting. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30. We meet each month at the SLPOA Hall except in May and September when we have our Cook Out at Picnic Grounds # 1 in Willmore Park at Gravois and Hampton.

DO YOU HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS?

If you have an e-mail address, why not share it with the SLPVA. Just send an e-mail to address@slpva.com and include your name and e-mail address. We’ll add it to the SLPVA address book. Then you will occasionally receive a message from the SLPVA about an important upcoming event, meeting, etc. It’s a quick and easy way to stay in touch and on top of things like the City’s attempt to get control of the Police Pension System and SLMPD.

FEBRUARY MEETING AND ACTIVITIES

February was a busy month for the SLPVA and its members. We had our regular monthly meeting during which Steve Olish updated the members on pension legislation and possible future changes in the pension.

Members also approved a motion to delete the sections of the Constitution and By-Laws that had designated a contribution to the spouse of a deceased member in lieu of flowers.

Members were reminded that at the March meeting all five elective offices and the three trustees will be on the ballot. Members interested in running for an office should contact the Nominating Committee or attend the March meeting. Candidates on the ballot will be those nominated by the Nominating Committee, nominated from the floor at the March meeting and the current officers who are seeking reelection.

SLPVA members also went to Jefferson City on the SLPOA bus to lobby the members of the Missouri Legislature so they would know that both active and retired police officers oppose City Control of the Department and the Police Pension System.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Our April 13th meeting will be the first official meeting of the Spring. We will have our normal business meeting followed by a delicious hot lunch served by Chef Dan Riley and crew.

The Cook Out in Willmore Park will be May 11th. Member and guest are welcome to attend. We’ll have a short meeting followed by good food and good company.

On June 11th we will have a regular business meeting followed by lunch. Jim Chapman, the Will Guy, will prepare meals for members and their spouses after the July 13th meeting.

HEALTH INSURANCE SETTLEMENT

Last month’s article mentioned that the second installment of the Health Insurance Settlement was in its final stages. Nothing contrary to that has been learned since then and the next step in the process should not be too long in coming.

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Dennis A. Hurst 8/21/74
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Pension Update
By James Wurm, Chairman

The Board of Trustees' top priority is ensuring the System's long-term future stability and growth for the benefit of its Members. The Board has asked its Legislative Committee to examine potential short-term changes on a moving forward basis that would positively impact the System's future costs. These proposed changes will be presented to the Members. Any proposed changes to the System will require legislation before the Missouri General Assembly, and we are asking for support from our Members and the City Administration as we move forward with this effort.

THE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF ST. LOUIS
STATUS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS
Plan Year Ended September 30, 2010

Presented By:
The Board of Trustees
Legislative Committee
Report Drafted By:
SAG Consulting

INTRODUCTION

Overview
The Police Retirement System of St. Louis (the System) is authorized under Chapter 86 of the State of Missouri Revised Statutes. The System is a long-range, defined benefit pension plan (Plan) providing benefits to the City of St. Louis Police Officers (the Members) who have dedicated their careers as public servants to the residents and businesses of the City of St. Louis.

The Board of Trustees (the Board) is responsible for administering and providing oversight of the System. Among other things, the Board establishes the actuarial assumptions under which the System operates, the benefits to be provided to the Members, the investment policy and asset allocation to be used in implementing such policy. The Board must continue to ensure the System is well-diversified and the portfolio is continuously managed and monitored following an investment policy established to minimize market risks. The Board must also ensure the System has long-term sustainability in order that the Members have a well-deserved pension when they retire.

The Board has authorized its Legislative Committee to provide an overview and update of the System's status to the Members. The purpose of this report is to offer a summary of information based on data presented in the Preliminary Valuation Summary by the System's actuary, and data presented in the draft Financial Report by the System's independent auditor. The goal of this report is to give the Members a clear picture of the System's current status, as well as a future outlook based on projections. All financial information presented in this status report is for the System's Plan Year that ended September 30, 2010.

SYSTEM'S STRUCTURE

Participants
Membership in the System consists of:
Actives (including DROP, Re-Entries) 1,342
In-Actives (Retirees, Beneficiaries) 1,892
Total Membership 3,234

Covered Members contribute 7% of their salary which is reduced to them upon separation of employment (service retirement, death or service-connected disability).

DROP
The System implemented a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) in 1996. The DROP option is available to Members of the System who have at least 20 years of credible service and have achieved eligibility for retirement (20 years of service or minimum age 55). For the Plan Year that ended September 30, 2010, there were 201 Members in DROP and 42 Re-Entrees from DROP.

Actuarial Assumptions
The Board of Trustees has authorized the actuary to use the following assumptions:
Actuarial cost method
Asset valuation method
Investment rate of return
Inflation rate
Projected salary increases
Post-retirement benefit increases

SYSTEM'S FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Comparison of Asset Values
The System's actuary examines the financial status of the Plan from an Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA) and a Market Value of Assets (MVA) perspective. The AVA incorporates the 5-year smoothing of investment gains/losses.

- The System's net assets (MVA) were $640.4M as of 9/30/2010, which is a $31M increase over 9/30/2009.
- The System's AVA was $718.1M as of 9/30/2010, which represents a $59M loss over 9/30/2009 (recognizing 20% of the previous years' losses as a result of 5-year smoothing). [Note: See the attached Change in Asset Value table which highlights the difference between market and actuarial value over a 9-year period.]

Another important factor the actuary highlights is the comparison between the System's AVA and its Present Value of Future Benefits. This comparison illustrates the System's Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL), which impacts the System's Funded Ratio.

- As of 10/1/2010, the AVA was $753.6M (including Present Value of Future Member Contributions). The Present Value of Future Benefits (PVFB) was $917.5M. The ratio of these two values represents a negative ($163.9) value. [Note: See the attached Change in Asset Value table which highlights the spread and shows an even larger projected negative ($192.6M) value as of 10/1/2011].

Funded Ratio
The System's funded ratio, expressed as either Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA) or Market Value of Assets over Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL), over the past 3 years, is shown below:

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<td>10/1/2010</td>
<td>88.1%</td>
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Contributions
City's Actuarial Required Contribution (ARC)
The System's actuary determines the City's (Plan Sponsor) ARC based on valuation assumptions and methods. The actuary also accounts for the fact that the City's fiscal year ends June 30th and the System's fiscal year (Plan Year) ends September 30th. The information below shows the 4-year City ARC history, the City ARC for Plan Year 2010 - 2011 (City FY12), and a projected ARC for Plan Year 2011 - 2012 (City FY13):

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<th>System's Plan Year</th>
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2 Based on a 7.75% rate of return on investments, a 5% payroll increase, and all other valuation assumptions and ARC remaining the same in 2010 - 2011 Plan Year.

Notes:
- The above-stated ARC amounts are the result of the 5-year asset smoothing. Absent future investment gains to offset the prior investment losses being smoothed, future City contributions will increase as these price losses become recognized. If asset smoothing methods were not used, the City's contribution amount, based on market value of assets, would be $29.5M for the System Plan Year 2010 - 2011 (City FY12) vs. the $28.0M shown above.
- The City is also paying approximately $3.2M/year (effective FY09) in debt service on the $35.0M total lump sum payment to the System in City FY08 and FY09, in addition to the ARC amounts shown above.

Member Contributions
In addition to the City's contributions, Members contribute 7% of pay which is refunded upon separation of service. The information shown below highlights the comparison of contributions paid into the System vs. benefits and refunds paid out for Plan Year 2009 - 2010:

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The System's actual investment return of $69.0M for Plan Year 2009 - 2010 covered the difference. For the System's current Plan Year 2010 - 2011, the actuary is projecting $68.0M in benefit and refund payments, based on the same valuation assumptions.

OUTLOOK
The System's Future Financial Condition
According to the System's actuary and independent auditor, over the past eighteen months, overlapping with the System's last two Plan Years (through September 30, 2010).
LOCAL CONTROL:
5 Easy Questions... No Easy Answers

By M.W. Guzy,
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If I’ve said it once, I’ve said it a thousand times: I hate redundancy. Phrases like “9 a.m. in the morning” or “a fall day in October” scrape fingernails across the chalkboard of my mind. I am a life-long devotee of trenchant reasoning—say it once, say it clearly and move on.

Certain issues, however, demand repetition by virtue of their stubborn resilience. On the national level, abortion is one such example. No amount of debate, legislation or case law is sufficient to lay the matter to rest. Nobody changes anybody’s opinion, and “discussion” consists of endless recapitulation of the same hackneyed arguments.

Locally, who should run the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department has emerged as a similar source of enduring controversy. The powers that be at City Hall are dead-set and determined to wrest control from the independent board that currently administers it. The cops are steadfastly opposed. The issue has been argued at length, but it demands further discussion because it is still being discussed. Redundantly speaking, it’s something of a paradoxical conundrum.

As the reader is no doubt aware, the present administrative arrangement dates back to the Civil War when state officials with Confederate sympathies placed the police departments in St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph under control of the governor to prevent them from being used to advance the Union cause. For his part, Mayor Slay has pledged that should the state cede the department to him, he will not use it to attack the Confederacy. One presumes that the mayor was speaking in jest, but a literal reading of his words indicates that he would be willing to tolerate the dissolution of the Union and a return of slavery so long as he winds up in charge of the police. Given the fervor with which local control advocates pursue this power grab, that interpretation may not be as ridiculous as it sounds.

As a retired city cop, I have a dog in this fight. Like most of my fellows, I suspect the real source of this sudden urgency to do away with the Police Board has to do with who controls the $700 million or so in the Police Pension Fund. That money was paid into the system by decades of officer pay-roll contributions. Local politicians cite pension obligations as the primary cause of the budget crisis at City Hall, but profess to have no interest in this money. Many even manage to keep a straight face when doing so.

Though I oppose the takeover, I favor civil dialog. In that spirit, I pose five easy questions to the city control lobby. Answer them satisfactorily and I’ll be willing to change my mind.

#1. What, specifically, do you want to change?

The usual rationale for local control is twofold: The present arrangement is an anachronism; and most other cities have their police answer to the mayor.

Admittedly, the Civil War ended 146 years ago. Then again, the U.S. Constitution took effect 76 years before that. Should we also abandon that venerable document simply because it’s worked fairly well for a long time?

The “Gee, Mom, all the other mayors have their own cop shops” argument is likewise less than compelling. We may have inherited a police board by historical accident, but it has functioned to insulate law enforcement from the more pernicious influences of politics.

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local politics.
What, exactly, would you change about police operations? What do you want the department to do that the present arrangement prevents it from doing? What is it currently doing that you want to stop?
How would you improve things? And please, no vague BS about "accountability." The department has an Internal Affairs Unit that does nothing but investigate complaints against cops. How many employers pay full-time wages to people whose sole responsibility is to investigate the workforce?

#2. How are you an improvement?
The Police Board consists of the mayor and four members appointed by the governor. The appointed members must be city residents and must be confirmed by the state senate before taking office. Some have complained that appointees often have no law enforcement experience, which strikes me as a valid point.
Currently, the appointed board is made up of an attorney, a chiropractor, the executive director of a sports foundation and the former chief of the St. Louis County Police. What relevant expertise do politicians bring to the table that these people lack?

#3. Does this have anything to do with favors for the well-connected?
Before they can be hired, applicants to the city force must pass a battery of tests designed to measure their intelligence as well as their psychological and physical fitness for the position. They also must successfully undergo a series of interviews and a life-time background check.
Might you not be tempted to relax these somewhat exacting standards to accommodate, say, the off-spring of a big campaign donor or any unemployed in-laws who may be living in your basement?

#4. Where’s the money go?
When the pension fund’s investments were paying big bucks, actuaries granted the city an 11-year holiday from contributing to the police retirement system. Did you stewards of the public trust set aside some of this windfall in the event future contributions were needed? (Didn’t think so...) Does your spend-every-dime-we-can-find approach to fiscal management have anything to do with your present difficulties?

#5. When did you learn of the Hancock Amendment?
City Hall has just discovered that the police budget is an unfunded mandate imposed by the state in violation of the Hancock Amendment. This contention conveniently overlooks the fact that said amendment was passed in 1980 and that in every subsequent year, the mayor, the comptroller and the president of the Board of Aldermen had to approve the budget before it could take effect. How can a mandate be state-imposed if the city’s top officials agree to it? If the truth is on your side, why are you distorting it?

Those, then, are my inquiries for champions of local control. I will await their cogent replies. I will not hold my breath.

M.W. Guzy is a retired St. Louis cop who currently works for the city Sheriff's Department. His column appears weekly in the Beacon.
Local control of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department has become a hot issue over the last couple of years. It’s no coincidence that the emergence of this topic has coincided with the City’s strained budget. In our estimation, local control is a ruse; it’s about money.

A lot of misinformation has been put out from politicians and through the local media outlets during this time. The proponent’s argument has changed multiple times during the last two years. The St. Louis Police Officer’s Association has not changed its argument in opposition because we have based our position on the facts.

Accountability seems to be the catch phrase for proponents of local control, but the Police Department is already accountable to the City. The Police Department is controlled by a Board of Police Commissioners including the Mayor and four civilian city residents. The Police Board acts as a buffer between the Police Department and local politicians. Proponents have claimed that they do not control the Police Department’s budget.

The City has complete control. Each fiscal year, the Police Board, which includes the Mayor, requests a budget from the City of St. Louis. The budget must be approved by the Board of Estimate and Appropriations, which consists of the Mayor, the Comptroller and the President of the Board of Alderman. Then it must be approved by the Board of Alderman and finally it must be approved by the Mayor himself who has line item veto power. City politicians have input and an opportunity to reduce the Department’s budget at four different stages. They have complete control of the budget.

The City’s latest argument is that the City is only responsible for $66 million of the Police Department budget and the State of Missouri is responsible for the remaining portion, nearly $100 million. As their authority for this interpretation, they cite a 1982 court case Sayad v. Zych. The $66 million was the department’s budget at the time of the ruling in 1982.

In the Sayad v. Zych case, the Missouri Supreme Court ruled that the Police Board was a “state agency” in terms of the Hancock amendment; however, the Court has since interpreted that ruling to be read very narrowly. In each of the three separate subsequent court cases, the Missouri Supreme Court failed to follow the ruling in Sayad v. Zych. The Missouri Supreme Court ruled that the state cannot mandate any new activity onto the city. However, just because there is an increase in the cost of something the City has already accepted responsibility for, doesn’t mean the City is not responsible to fund that increase. This is not something “new” being mandated, it’s simply an increase in the cost of something that has been the City’s responsibility for decades. Therefore, the City’s contention that the $100 million increase since 1982 is suddenly somehow the state’s responsibility is simply not factual; this money cannot be passed back to the State, as the City is trying to do. The City’s argument is nothing more than a political ploy meant to intimidate and mislead legislators into thinking the State is on the hook for this money. It’s simply not true.

Another argument often used by proponents of local control is that this would save the City money by being able to combine services. What is not explained is that the City of St. Louis can do that now. There is nothing in State statute that prevents the City of St. Louis from combining services with the Police Department. In fact, some of this has already begun. If continuing to combine services can save City taxpayers money, then City Politicians should be working with the Department to address this now and not trying to manipulate this as a talking point for local control of the Police Department.

Proponents argue that local control is not about the Police Retirement System,PRS. Yet, city politicians have
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The board members are prominent members of the community and have a vested interest in the city. They are not elected officials. They are people who genuinely care about the City of St. Louis and want the best Police services for the community. The Police Board is a civilian review board. The Police Board sets policy and reviews discipline but does not meddle in the day to day operation of the Police Department.

Philosophically, I believe most people think local control makes sense. However, I don’t think people generally agree that the city can effectively and efficiently run the Police Department. Under the current structure of City governance and with twenty-eight Alderman and eleven other citywide elected officials, the propensity for political interference within the police department is inevitable. Cities of similar size (Tampa and Wichita) operate with one-fifth the number of elected officials. The only other cities with more elected officials are New York and Chicago. New York is governed by three citywide elected officials and 51 council members, for a total of 54 elected officials opposed to 39 in St. Louis. St. Louis has a population of 350,000 residents. New York’s population is over 8 million. Clearly City government needs to change in order to be more efficient.

If the City of St. Louis wants control of the Police Department, some real changes need to be made to the structure of City government. St. Louis City government is broken and City residents know it. A recent poll of City residents showed 86.1% said the City has too many elected officials and that the number should be reduced; 87.6% said that they did not trust St. Louis politicians to properly manage the Police Department and 85.4% said they would vote for St. Louis City Charter reform to change City government.

Let’s make changes to City government first. Let’s reform city government first. Let’s make sure there are some protections for Police Officers’ pensions and benefits first. Then let’s talk about local control.

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Among those taking the plunge is Captain Jim Moran (left), Det. Lori Fuller & P.O. Scott Valentine brave the cold.

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Prayer is a subject that is confusing for some people and not just police officers. I have heard people say that they know some prayers, the Our Father or the Hail Mary, but they do not know how to pray. Prayer is not limited to church on Sunday. Prayer can take place every day, in any location, in subtle ways. Prayer is relating to God, and this can happen in many different forms.

Service to others is also serving God. On the side of the police car it says, “to protect and to serve.” This service is a form of prayer. For example, during your shift you recovered a stolen car or some stolen property. You defused a family fight or a disturbance. You caught and arrested a suspect with several outstanding warrants. You found a lost child. The list goes on and on. These are all forms of service to others. These are all forms of prayer. This is prayer in action.

Another way to pray is simply to talk to God. Review your day at the end of your shift and tell God what went on. “Hey God, this is what I did today for the citizens of St. Louis...I did some good things today to help others. I was told to be of service to others, to protect them, and to assist them. God, I did that today, and I just wanted you to know about it. God, you won’t believe what happened on this one call that I got today... Amen.” That’s all; nothing overly pious; just talk to God like you would to another person. Prayer can be asking for God’s help during your shift. You can just say, “Hey God, be with me while I am on patrol today. Help me to make wise decisions and give me patience when I have to deal with crazy or belligerent people. Keep the other officers and me safe from serious harm or injury.”

As always, the Police Chaplains support you, and you are in our prayers. We are available to you and your families for religious services or if you just want to talk. Communications and the Command Post have a list of all the chaplains and our phone numbers. There is an on-call chaplain who can be reached 24 hours a day. May God bless all of you.
FOP Update
By Kevin Ahlbrand, President Mo. FOP Lodge

State FOP legislative chair Butch Albert and I have been in Jefferson City literally every week since the start of the session fighting against the local control bills. Although I am usually at the capitol 1 or 2 days each week, Butch has been spending at least three days in Jefferson City per week working on our behalf. Brothers and sisters across the state have been contacting their respective legislators voicing their solidarity with us. Additionally, the state FOP lobbyists have been working full time on the issue.

We have a tough row to hoe. Public employees across the country are under attack and there seems to be a “perfect storm” against us this year. Just when we were making inroads in Missouri relating to collective bargaining rights, the recent elections have brought us officials whom espouse that public employee organizations are the reason that state and local budgets are in the red. Even with full collective bargaining; public employees are still 7% behind comparable jobs in the private sector. We have become the whipping boys of every politician that is facing a deficit.

It is time for us to stand up. Not only for the fight against city control, but also for full bargaining that will ensure us basic employment rights and fair wages. All across this country, public employees are facing this battle. Politicians see us as the “easy fix” for their budget woes. Unfortunately, without bargaining rights, we have to take whatever they give us.

Although we recognize that spending cuts by governments have to be made, they should not, and cannot come on the backs of the workers who protect and serve the citizens. We have been treated as second class employees for 100 years and we will not be relegated to servant status.

The times are tough and we need to trust our leadership and stick together to weather this storm. The public employees of Wisconsin have stood up to their ill-advised politicians. Tens of thousands of them have collectively voiced their opinions on the politicians’ efforts to take their rights away. We see the same battles being waged in Indiana, Ohio and all across the country. Apathy is our biggest foe. Let’s not become the sheep they want us to be.

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Winning vs. Surviving

As Sergeant Brian Rossomanno and I drive the Officer Safety Program with all our might, I still encounter the rare officer who just does not seem to “get it”. The last encounter, which prompted this writing, echoed of others I have had over the last year or two.

In a discussion, prompted by the other party, I am quizzed on what a “warrior” is or what I mean by a “warrior mentality”. These discussions are exclusively with officers who have no prior military experience, are non-competitive in nature and generally have never been seriously dominated in a fight; i.e. had their butts kicked. This also comes from those who have not taken the initiative to attend training like the recent ly provided LEOKA Class or the Calibre Press Street Survival course. These are the officers that seem confused between the concepts of “Winning” verses “Surviving”.

My first thought is always to say, “look up the definition of the two and then let me know your goal in your next fight”, but that is really just a minor dimension of the concept. If you have not been there and just “don’t get it”, I am not sure words are going to help you, but I recommend reading Colonel Dave Grossman’s books and in particular his dissertation “On Sheep, Wolves and Sheepdogs”. I have read it once a month for the last year or two. That is really just a minor dimension of the concept. If you have not been there and just “don’t get it”, I am not sure words are going to help you, but I recommend reading Colonel Dave Grossman’s books and in particular his dissertation “On Sheep, Wolves and Sheepdogs”. I have read it once a month for the last year or two. That is really just a minor dimension of the concept.

For the sake of my point here, I am not going to get into a tactical analysis of these scenarios; we are just considering the officers mindset, reaction and the end result. Let’s take a look at several of my favorite examples.

Patrolman Don A Hull of the Oklahoma City Police Department responded to report of robbery in progress at a gas station. Upon making entry into the station he and another officer immediately began exchanging shots with the suspect at close range. The other officer was hit and went down and Patrolman Hull was hit in the face with a blast from a shotgun. Severely bleeding and beginning to lose his eyesight he charged the suspect and took him to the ground. Hull remembers thinking “I’m not going to let this maggot take me out, I’m going to be fine and I’m going to finish my job”. Hull took the suspect to the ground and “thoroughly adjusted his attitude” until he could not see any more and assisting officers arrived. A WIN for the good guys.

Sergeant Don Roberts of the Oregon State Police Game Division along with a probationary officer stopped to assist what he believed was a disabled pickup truck on a lonely country road. They quickly discovered two escaped juvenile suspects each armed with a .30-30 caliber rifle. The probationary officer was able to un-holster his weapon but later dropped it at the order of the assailants who had their rifles pointed at the officers. Sergeant Roberts never un-holstered his weapon and dropped his gun belt after the offenders told the officers they were going to kill them. Believing another car was approaching, both offenders fled in their vehicle after disarming both officers. Thank god they SURVIVED.

Officer James Jastram of the West Valley City Utah Police Department responded with his partner to a grocery store for a disturbance. Upon arrival they found a .63, 295 pound suspect breaking out the windows of the store. The offender fled and the officers gave chase. As they rounded a corner, the offender had stopped and turned on them. He hit Jastram’s partner so hard in the chest with a tire jack that it lifted him off his feet and knocked him to the ground. Jastram believed his partner dead or seriously injured and knew he was next. He squeezed his trigger twice after pointing his service weapon at the offender and ordering him to stop. The weapon failed to fire due to a broken mainspring. The officer closed on the officer and the fight was on. Jastram remembers thinking to himself “bullshit man, you ain’t taking me out!” He beat the offender into submission with his pistol before handcuffing him as assisted officers arrived. A WIN for Jastram.

It was a chaotic scene Oct. 21, 2010, when Morrow County Sheriff’s Deputy Brandon Moore was shot four times, once in the groin, through his vest and into his ribs and in his left foot and leg.” About two steps after I got out of the door of my SUV, I heard the pop, pop, pop of a rifle behind me. Then, I started feeling these burning hits on my body. “It felt like an eternity as you realizing what is happening,” said Moore. “I tried to run and only made it a few steps before collapsing.” “When I hit the ground, my training kicked in.”

“I reached for my gun and everything became extremely calm,” said Moore. “There was...
nothing but my gun and the guy who was trying to kill me." According to Moore, most of the shooting between he and Roush happened near the Blazer. Roush was shooting at Moore with a rifle, and Moore was returning fire with his sidearm. "I was shooting underneath my Blazer," said Moore.

He said Roush shot out the back window and rear tires, trying to hit Moore who was on the ground, using the front tires and engine as protection. Moore said Roush started to move around the SUV, but instead of firing at Moore turned his attention to a family nearby.

"I expended my last couple of rounds of ammunition in my gun, and then he was on the ground, waving his hands in surrender," said Moore. "It was the last bullet in my gun that ended the fight." After the shooting, Moore took off his belt and put a tourniquet on his own leg. WIN

On February 13th of this year, West Union Ohio Canine Sergeant Jason Daniels made contact with the offender Phillip Evan at a gas station fuel pump. He believed him to under the influence of alcohol and informed him he was under arrest. The sergeant was unaware that the second offender approaching the scene was Evan's brother. After eventually tasing Evans, Sergeant Daniels was attacked from the rear, taken to the ground and brutally kicked and beaten by both offenders until two citizens intervened. Both suspects effectively surrendered at the scene and were taken into custody by the sergeant and assisting officers. If you have not seen the video, let me know and I will be happy to send it to you. You need only watch, listen to the sergeant's voice and look into his eyes to know if he thinks he won the engagement or simply SURVIVED.

Let me make one final point. Warren train to win. They use mental rehearsal for a myriad of scenarios on a daily basis, both on duty and off. But again, warriors train, they prepare, they research and study their adversaries. They talk about their adversaries with other warriors and discuss and develop tactics to engage him. Warriors study philosophy. They understand why they are warriors and why those that walk among them are safer simply by their presence. They are professionals. Warriors understand that by winning they create survival as a by-product. They understand that winning is not a by-product of simply surviving. And they know that sometimes a warrior simply survives and sometimes he does not.

The next time you are in a gunfight, the next time you are toe to toe with your adversary in a fight for your life, what is your goal; to WIN or SURVIVE? TRAIN LIKE YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT.

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We have Sweatshirts, Polo Shirts (long and short sleeve) and T-shirts, they are available at the Association Office.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
The General Membership meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month. Please make every effort to attend and ask your own questions about what is going on in the Association. Many issues are being discussed; the Association’s Executive Board needs and wants your input.

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When was the last time you really evaluated your workout or made any changes to your routine? Many people make these very simple mistakes during their workout routine as well as many more. If you are not receiving the results from your workout that you would like or expect— common mistakes in your routine are often the cause.

Correcting simple mistakes in a workout routine could mean the difference between slimming down and wasting time. Check out just a few of the mistakes below to see if they are the cause for your fitness plateau. Also, don’t be afraid to check with a fitness professional on advice to help mistake proof your workout.

MISTAKE # 1:    
Believing the Calorie Counters on the Cardio Machines

Do not dive into a big dinner simply because the treadmill said that 700 calories had been burned. That number might be significantly inflated. Some cardio machines overestimate the calorie burn by as much as 25%. Machines are based on standard formulas that do not take into account variables like height and lean muscle mass. They can be especially unreliable if the quick start option is used, which fails to factor in body weight.

Quick Fix: It is okay to use calorie readouts as an estimate if you enter in your weight, but do not fixate on them. Instead, try to focus on exercise intensity, the length of the workout, and how it makes you feel.

MISTAKE # 2:    
Spacing Out During Exercise

If the pace and intensity of each workout is hard to determine, then an exercise routine could lack the fat/calorie-burning routine that is desired.

Quick Fix: Every few minutes, check the machine’s monitor and be sure to keep yourself challenged by varying pace and intensity. When you are doing cardiovascular exercise you should still be able to speak, but if you can hold on a conversation— try to mix things up from time to time to help decrease boredom, burnout, and fitness plateaus. To keep things fresh and avoid dreaded fitness plateau. Try to train in cycles of gradually higher intensity then finishing with a lower intensity cycle. Switch up the order that you do some of your exercises or choose a different exercise for that same body part. There are a million of options out there to use when you develop your workout program—try to mix things up from time to time to help decrease boredom, burnout or any plateaus.

MISTAKE # 3:    
Not Changing the Settings on the Weight Machines

Failing to adjust the machine to fit body size may deprive each person of the full benefit of his or her workout, while also increasing the risk of injury.

Quick Fix: Though each machine requires its own adjustments, be aware of the signs of a poor fit. Feeling pulled or pushed out of the seat is an indicator that the position is incorrect. It should not be necessary to adjust the position during the movement in order to achieve full range of motion. Record the number of the seat/arm setting so that you can adjust to the correct position easily each time.

MISTAKE # 4:
Turning Strength-Training Sessions into Social Hour

Hitting the gym may be a great time to catch up with friends, but chatting with a chum can compromise the performance level. When strength training take the time to focus on each repetition and while doing cardio, watch the intensity level.

Quick Fix: Limit small talk to locker room or rest periods between sets. Any break that lasts longer than one minute is a waste of your time.

MISTAKE # 5:
Watch Your Form

It is hard to get out of old habits, especially when you have never b

Quick Fix: Learn the right way to do a push-up or a lunge. Most gyms have fitness professionals that can help a person learn the correct way to perform an exercise. Use the mirrors when working with weights—that’s what they are there for. Watch your form in the mirror to make sure that you are using proper technique.

MISTAKE # 6:
You Never Change Your Workout

Doing the same routine over and over will lead to boredom, burnout, and fitness plateaus. To keep things fresh and avoid dreaded fitness plateau. Try to train in cycles of gradually higher intensity then finishing with a lower intensity cycle. Switch up the order that you do some of your exercises or choose a different exercise for that same body part. There are a million of options out there to use when you develop your workout program—try to mix things up from time to time to help decrease boredom, burnout or any plateaus.

MISTAKE # 7:
You Rely on Your Memory When Working Out

It is important to keep a log sheet of both your cardiovascular routine as well as your strength training routine to ensure that you are challenging yourself each time and progressing. It is impossible to know what the next step should be if you are unsure of the weights or cardio set that you performed the last few sessions. Keeping a training log will help ensure that you are challenging yourself and advancing your workout when appropriate.

Quick Fix: Bring a small notebook along with you the next time you go to the gym and write down each exercise performed, how many repetitions, how many sets, and rest intervals for your strength training and your pace/time or interval sets for cardiovascular exercise. Each time you workout refer to this notebook so that you know when it is time to increase your workout in one of the areas listed. You can also show this notebook to a fitness professional so that they can give you advice as to how to improve or change your routine based off of your workout history.

NOTE: Make sure to always consult a qualified medical professional before beginning any nutritional or exercise program.
Fraud Prevention Taskforce
By Dan Rechtien, Coordinator

The Fraud Prevention Taskforce is a free service offered by Circuit Attorney Jennifer Joyce. Retired SLPOA Member Dan Rechtien is available to provide answers to all fraud-related questions and can be reached by telephone at (314)612-1412 or via email at rechteriend@stlouiscao.org. Informational seminars on a wide range of topics related to fraud prevention are available to any group living in, working in, or providing services to the City of St. Louis. Contact Dan Rechtien to schedule your free Fraud Prevention Seminar.

Our Office often receives calls from persons who have just discovered their identity has been stolen. They are in a panic, desperate for information, and have already been directed to agency after agency without obtaining the information they need. I would like to provide you with a "cheat sheet" of the initial steps needed to begin to repair the damage caused by Identity Theft.

Step One: Report the Incident to the police.
In both Missouri and Illinois, the local police where you reside are required by state law to prepare a report of identity theft, regardless of where the incident occurred. Get the police report number immediately from the officer, even if the report may not be available till later. Give the police COPIES of all documents which support your claim, while retaining your originals. Contact the Fraud Prevention Taskforce at 314-612-1412.

Contact the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftc.gov or 1-877-382-4357 to get a copy of the FTC’s ID THEFT AFFIDAVIT. Have this document notarized. This affidavit and the police report are the first links in your paper trail to pursue your case with creditors who have been victimized in your name. Make numerous copies of both documents.

Step 2: Check your bank and credit accounts.
If someone is using your bank account or credit cards immediately close the accounts and ask your bank to notify its check verification service. This service can notify merchants not to accept checks from your account. Seriously consider starting over at a new bank to avoid being targeted twice by the same criminals who may use “social engineering” skills to obtain information on your new account from your bank.

If you believe someone has opened a new checking account in your name, you can ask for a free copy of your consumer report from Chex Systems (800-428-9623 or www.chexhelp.com) the consumer reporting service used by most banks. If you bank does not use Chex, ask for the name and number of the consumer reporting service it uses.

Step Three: Contact the Credit Reporting Agencies.
As soon as you know your identity has been stolen and you have your police report number, call one of the credit reporting agencies, which will report the incident to the other two. They are Transunion (800-680-7289), Equifax (800-525-6285) and Experian (888-397-3742). If you are the victim of fraud or ID Theft, a fraud alert can be placed on your account for seven years, alerting you whenever someone attempts to establish credit in your name.

Continue to monitor your credit reports regularly for three years for any additional thefts or unauthorized charges.

Step Four: Monitor your creditors.
If you observe unauthorized charges on any billing report, contact the fraud department of that creditor immediately. You have 30 days from the date your receive a banking statement and 60 days from the date you receive a credit card statement to report errors or unauthorized charges on your account.

Step Five: Notify the FTC database of your case.
Call the FTC’s toll free hotline to get your case in their database by calling 877-438-4338.

Tips for reporting ID Theft:
• Act immediately to report the incident to authorities. Never allow anyone to tell you that since the bank or credit card company reimbursed your losses, “you are not a victim” and do not need to file a report. Your credit is at risk, and you need to report the incident.
• Keep a log of all conversations, noting date, time, agency, phone number and name of person spoken to.
• Keep copies of all emails sent or received. Never mail original documents.
• Use the FTC’s ID THEFT AFFIDAVIT and get it notarized.
• Always use certified mail with return receipt requested.
• Be persistent. This will take time and effort, but only you can correct the problem.

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Did You Know…

By Matthew Simpson,

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First year Police Officers made $8190.00 a year in 1970.

After reading Did You Know? in last month’s edition of the Gendarme, Sergeant Herm Ubben sent me the following photos.

Sgt. Herm Ubben with the first miniature radio. His call letters were Miniature #1. Sgt. Ubben had to call every 15 minutes to give them his location. The radio had four D Cell batteries.

Sgt. Ubben putting his batteries in the radio. 3 batteries in the receiver and 4 in the transmitter. It was the weight of a 5lb bag of sugar. He walked a foot beat downtown and had to stop to give his location every 15 minutes.

Will Preparation
Living Will/Living Trust
By Barbara Miksicek

Jim Chapman will be returning to the Police Library to prepare wills on Wednesday, March 23rd and Wednesday, April 6th. If you need a will or living will, call me at 444-5581 to sign up for a half hour session with Jim. Commissioned and civilian employees and their spouses/partners are welcome, as are retirees. Times fill up quickly, so lock in your preferred time ASAP.

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The GENDARME has a four-fold purpose of publication:

1) Informing the membership of what’s happening in the Department and the Association and reporting the Association’s progress.
2) Reaching those in the power structure, at both the local and state level, with the Association’s story, in order to better resolve existing problems and, if possible, to preclude potential problems.
3) Serving as a forum for discussing Department policies and practices which, in the opinion of the Association’s Executive Board, are detrimental not only to the police officer, but to the Department in general, and 4) Acting as a forum for Association members on issues NOT usually acted upon by the SLPOA Executive Board or the Department.
Gateway Big Dog Motorcycle is proud to offer a Big Dog K9 motorcycle, valued at $35,000, to be raffled off to benefit Responder Rescue (see photo above). Tickets are $20 each and are available from PO Sherri Absher in District 2. You can view the bike and get more details about it at http://www.bdmstl.com/ or http://www.responderrescue.org/. Drawing will be held July 30th, 2011 during the PT’s Poker Run in Centreville, Illinois, which will also benefit Responder Rescue! More details of the Poker Run will be released soon!

Sherri will also be responding to several roll calls at all three area stations prior to the drawing date to sell tickets as well.

Thank you for all the continued support of our first responders in need!

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MONTHLY DRAWING**

Every month fifty dollars ($50.00) will be awarded to one member attending the General Membership Meeting.

The General Membership Meeting IS ALWAYS THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

**NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY**

**MARCH 30, 2011**