The St. Louis Police Officers Association (SLPOA) didn’t always exist. And 50 years ago when the SLPOA began to organize SLMPD officers it wasn’t the first effort to organize them. The first attempt began in the mid 1950’s when St. Louis police officers began to organize and form a police union. Then Governor Philip Donnelly (1953-1957) openly spoke out against the police having a right to organize and authored “The Police Officer and the Public”. The Police Board, appointed by Donnelly, took notice of the governor’s position on police labor organization and fired the officers leading the organizing effort. The Police Board’s swift and severe action of dismissal ended the mid 1950’s organizing of the officers of the St Louis Metropolitan Police Department. But it would not end there.

The 1960’s were a difficult time for the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. As the Department left the 50’s and entered the 60’s it had a polygraph scandal to defend. The Personnel Division used a polygraph exam to screen police officer candidates. The polygraph examiner apparently used the exam to screen some applicants for his personal attention. The 1960’s, especially the mid 60’s, were very demanding on the SLMPD and most departments. The Civil Rights Struggle and Civil Rights demonstrations taxed the Department’s resources. The Vietnam War and the protests against the war also provided additional demands on the Department. The Selective Service System and the military draft of SLMPD employees and potential recruits made it difficult for the Department to maintain an adequate number of officers on the street and to hire new officers.

Other factors that worked against the Department and its police officers were inflation and an income tax surcharge that cut into police officers’ paychecks. There was no paid overtime in the 1960’s just Pink Sheet Comp Time for hours worked beyond the normal shift, for warrant applications, and for court appearances. The Police Board couldn’t increase salaries. That had to be done in a bill passed by the Missouri Legislature. And the Legislature only met every two years -- in the odd years, 1965, 1967, etc. It was two years between legislative sessions and if and when a police pay bill might be passed. If a pay bill didn’t pass there would be no pay raise and the earliest a pay raise could be considered would the next session of the Legislature -- making it four years between pay increases.

The police and the military were the targets of protests, anti-police and anti-war demonstrations. Some individuals and groups took violent actions against the police. In St. Louis that included the 9th District Station receiving gun fire from passing vehicles on Lucas Avenue. (Just a few years later in May 1970 the ROTC Building in St Louis would be bombed.)

With all these national and local stresses on the SLMPD and other Departments, police officers of the SLMPD began to get together when off duty to discuss their plight. Police officers were in the middle, between citizens who disagreed with federal, state, and local government policies and the city, state and national governments. When the Department suspended several 9th District officers over an allegation of Excessive Force in an arrest of suspects in the police station shooting event, a group of officers met at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery to support the suspended officers. That small group of less than 30 officers decided to issue a call to all off-duty officers to meet in Tower Grove Park to support the suspended officers. Hundreds of officers attended the mass meeting in Tower Grove Park. That meeting in the park gave birth to the St. Louis Police Officers’ Association. Early on the SLPOA did not have a formal structure but it needed a leader, a spokesperson, to address the members and the public. Jim Fitzgerald was selected as the first president. When it became known that Fitzgerald was the President of the SLPOA the Department suspended him. That suspension lasted about a week before the press reported Fitzgerald’s suspension and the Department returned him to full duty.

In the early years of the SLPOA’s existence the Department watched closely. Meetings of the SLPOA at the DAV Hall at Grand and Kossuth would be closely monitored by IAD, command rank officers, the press and others. No one directly prohibited officers from attending the meetings but the Department wanted officers to know they were active in the SLPOA. Years later after the 1975 San Francisco police strike the Department reverted to that same behavior when Jerry Crowley, SFPOA President, addressed SLPOA members at the Carpenter’s Hall. Command rank officers with clipboards stood at the parking lot entrance noting who entered. In plain sight there were photographers taking photos many who entered the Hall. They could try to intimidate but it would not deter us. Jerry Crowley gave the standing room only audience a great speech.

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11:30 a.m.

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EDITOR’S NOTE: Starting this month, we’re adding a new feature to the Gendarme, the “Contract Corner.” Each month, we will highlight a provision in the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) that members may not know about so that you are better able to help us stand-up for your contract rights when the City or the Police Department trod upon them. Remember, when you think you see a violation of your union rights, the SLPOA can’t do anything about that unless you alert us to the violation.

June is Pride Month in the United States, a celebration of equality and tolerance for people’s sexual orientation.

Over the years, cops haven’t been the quickest to embrace LGBT lifestyles, specifically when it comes to working alongside people with what were once considered “non-traditional lifestyles.”

But, we’ve come along way. Today, cops tend to welcome openly gay and lesbian co-workers and treat them like every other cop, as it should be. Likewise, the employer should treat them no differently than they do any other employee.

That doesn’t always happen though.

That’s why the Association demanded language in Article 2, Section 1 of the CBA that protects everyone from discrimination, not just based on traditional federally recognized protected classes like race, age, gender and religion but also, based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

Although we've never had an LGBT member who felt like they were being discriminated against step forward and ask for us to intervene as a Union on their behalf, we are here for or members if that ever happens. That's why we included trail-blazing anti-discrimination language aimed at protecting LGBT members in the CBA.

We won’t tolerate intolerance.

Despite the bad rap we get from the local media that wants to perpetuate this fantasy that there is a black union and a white union, the SLPOA has a remarkable record of fighting discrimination under the CBA. Even though only about a quarter of our members are African-American, about half of the grievances we file are on behalf of members of color.

And, I'm sure it would surprise many to learn that other than grievances over transfers, the violation of the CBA that we most frequently grieve is the anti-discrimination provision. Take that, all you media mavens out there bent on portraying the SLPOA as a bunch of fat, white, hillbillies with no interest in defending minority rights. The record tells quite a different story.

To all of our members, please remember that we stand-up for your rights every day and there is no right that we hold more sacred than your right to be free from discrimination. If you think you've been discriminated against in violation of the CBA, please, contact the business manager or your division rep and share your story.

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A FEW SMART CHOICES TO A HEALTHIER LIFESTYLE

A ny copper who has been on the job for more than a week will quickly learn that designated lunch hours do not exist and you better eat quickly when the opportunity presents itself. Running call to call, endless hours on crime scenes, and the inevitable meetings, always scheduled at the most inconvenient times, often lead us to one viable option: fast food. While hearing those words makes me cringe when I think about my clients that are on a diet program, we are lucky that quite a few healthy options now exist that will not destroy your progress. A few smart choices a week can save thousands of calories and keep you on track to living a healthier lifestyle. Here are a few quick tips to stay on track when police work decides that fast food is dinner.

1. Avoid liquid calories. A standard large Coke that comes with any meal immediately adds almost 300 calories and 80 grams of carbs to your meal. And, of course, we are not talking healthy complex carbs, these are the simple sugars that will send your insulin skyrocketing. While water or unsweet tea is the best option, simply switching to diet is also a much better alternative. Don’t like the taste? Give it three weeks of only drinking diet. Chances are your taste buds will change and you will never know the difference.

2. Be mindful of sauces! A single serving of ranch dipping sauce nets 140 calories and 14 grams of fat. That delicious BigMac “secret” sauce? 100 calories 9 grams of fat. Subway Southwest sauce? 90 calories 10 grams of fat “per serving”. These sauces, and many like it, can take what you consider a healthy meal and pack on the calories. Instead, opt for plain old ketchup, hot sauces, and mustards to minimize added calories to your foods.

3. Skip the fries. I know, I know, this sounds like blasphemy. But when it comes to maintaining a healthy diet, substituting a healthier side in lieu of fries will go a long way. A large fry from Hardees will add a cool 530 calories, 26 grams of fat, and 66 grams of carbs to your meal. With the majority of my weight loss clients having between 1800-2200 calories in their diet per day, you can clearly see how quickly just your side dish and beverage can destroy your diet.

4. Chill on the Double Burgers. Yes, we all love a big double bacon cheeseburger, and yes, there is a time and a place for them. Save the indulging for a special occasion: post-workout, weekly cheat meal, dinner with the fam, etc. During the work week when you have to roll through a drive thru, focus on grilled chicken options. Nearly every fast food joint has recently healthy options in the grilled chicken department that will not blow your calories, carbs, and fat through the roof. Another added benefit of choosing a grilled chicken option is you will feel much better when you finish eating and avoid that sleepy comatose feeling! Since we all like numbers, here’s some for you: Burger King’s Rodeo King Burger nets 1250 calories, 82 grams of fat, and 70 carbs!

Dieting is about moderation, finding that balance between keeping your body healthy, and enjoying all the amazing foods out there. When it comes to the daily grind and getting your meals in, focusing on healthy options will go a long way. Save those great foods for a time when you can truly enjoy them! For a complete list of healthy fast food options or for assistance with your diet or fitness program, feel free to email me at mike@gotyour6fit.com. Stay safe out there and watch your six.

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One of my favorite experiences during the five or so years in the Nineties that I worked in various Drug Task Forces — including about 18 months where I worked exclusively out of the city Narcotics office on a joint wiretap investigation — was working with the old Mobile Reserve.

Whether you needed a car stopped or help knocking a door off the hinges, the old salts in Mobile Reserve were about the most reliable uniformed coppers around. It was a legendary unit that has been emulated in other police departments all across the country. Every young city officer worth a lick longed to have that “MR” on their shoulder and that’s what beat officers were toiling toward when they were making pinches on guns, dope and stolen cars.

The whole police department was more productive because the allure of joining an elite squad of crime-fighters galvanized every cop on the street to work harder. It gave them something to strive for and the benefactors of that work ethic were citizens living in high crime areas.

In more recent years, Mobile Reserve has become little more than an afterthought. The Department essentially de commissioned the unit but kept the name alive by buying “Mobile Reserve” decals and slapping them on the sides of the marked units assigned to SWAT. But the SWAT guys didn’t have time to devote to the sort of pro-active, high yield enforcement that Mobile Reserve once embodied. They were busy running to and fro between search warrants and barricaded subjects. When they weren’t hitting a door, the SWAT guys were busy training for the next high-risk entry and had little to no time to devote to the traditional aggressive patrol tactics that were once the hallmark of Mobile Reserve. Essentially, we had a Mobile Reserve unit in name only.

Now, Mobile Reserve has been revived as a stand-alone unit.

But, it sounds like Mobile Reserve has been reversed.

Based on the published job description and what applicants for the unit have been told about the “community engagement” nature of the work they’ll be doing, it appears that the traditional Mobile Reserve model has been turned on its head.

That’s too bad.

Here’s why: because this local and national shift in approach to policing is all based on a myth. There is this oft perpetuated notion that pro-active policing is a failed strategy because violent crime continues to plague our major metropolitan areas.

Here is the dirty little secret though, police departments all across the country (except in New York City where violent crime has plummeted) abandoned pro-active policing a decade ago or more. That was about the same time outside political influence caused Mobile Reserve as we knew it to be castrated here in St. Louis.

Since then, we’ve engaged in nominal facades like “hotspot policing” designed to give the appearance that pro-active policing is still exercised when the truth of the matter is that every unit devoted to aggressive enforcement in the SLMPD has had its nuts cut off by police administrators over the last ten years, while at the same time, police staffing has taken a nosedive.

Still, the millennial modern-day hippies running local government at the moment think we have too much enforcement and too many cops and not enough touchy-feely policing.

What a buncha hooey.

These are the same people who scream bloody murder when there is a crime on the blood-stained cobblestone streets that wind between their high-priced lofts.

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In the 1960’s and even later the Department dictated which organizations officers would belong to, and which organizations officers could not join. SLMPD officers were required to belong to the Relief Association and were permitted to belong to the Funeral Association, religious organizations and some social groups. There was a listing in SLMPD Special Orders and/or the Police Manual of organizations officers could participate in. If an officer wished to join an organization not listed, the officer had to request in writing for permission to join it. Of course, initially neither the SLPOA nor any other labor group was on the Department list of approved organizations. When the Department did approve the SLPOA for membership it was as a “fraternal” group. That would not change for several decades even though the SLPOA’s work went far beyond its fraternal description.

One of the reasons that the Department tolerated the SLPOA was public support by citizens and especially entertainers such as Charlotte Peters, Marty Bronson and others. Peters had a daily noon TV show on KSD-TV 5. She publically supported the police officers, the SLPOA, and had on her show as many as 25-30 community leaders who agreed with her and us. Marty Bronson owned a nightclub-restaurant downtown. Like Peters he supported police officers and the SLPOA. Bronson’s support continued for years after the SLPOA’s founding with his support and help with the Policeman’s Ball. One of our own, former SLMPD officer Dave Sinclair, also supported his former co-workers as they formed the SLPOA.

Jim Fitzgerald, the first SLPOA President and his brother, Kevin Fitzgerald, designer of the SLPOA’s familiar logo of the SLMPD badge inside the Gateway Arch, were guests at the April St. Louis Police Veterans’ Association meeting. They were two of the very early leaders of the fledgling SLPOA. They both addressed the retiree group and described their efforts in the formation of the SLPOA. We owe them and the other organizers of the SLPOA a great deal for taking a stand and forming an organization that to this day works in the best interest of SLMPD police officers.

Jim Fitzgerald served only that first term as SLPOA President and was succeeded by Robert Nichols. Jim and Kevin both left the Department a few years after the founding of the SLPOA. Both headed for the automotive industry. Kevin worked for Dave Sinclair for about 5 years before opening his own dealership, Fitzgerald Ford, in a Seattle suburb. Jim also went to work for Dave Sinclair as a salesman and sold Sinclair Fords for 25 years. Jim told us that in retirement he got religion and that he now preaches to inmates in the St. Louis County Jail once or twice a week.

Mount the District Police Officers August Schwind and William Ryan were riding their horses through Forest Park at 7:05 AM on June 9, 1918. The officers were on their way to the Mounted Station on the southeast side of the park to be relieved from duty.

Suddenly, Officer Schwind’s mount became frightened and began galloping uncontrollably north on Jefferson Drive. Officer Schwind tried desperately to regain control of his horse. When he tried to turn the horse west onto Clayton Road, the horse stumbled and Officer Schwind was thrown from the saddle. He struck his head on the ground.

Officer Schwind was rushed to the hospital, but doctors could not save his life. He died from a fractured skull at 11:00 AM. Officer Schwind, 41 years old, was appointed as a police officer on August 21, 1899, after working for two years as a telephone operator for the department. He was survived by his wife and son.

*Biographical information extracted from In the Line of Duty: St. Louis Police Officers Who Made the Ultimate Sacrifice-Second Edition by Barbara Mikesick and Kristiana Carnaghi.

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Dear Friends,

My name is Brian King, I am writing in care of a dear friend and mentor Michael Venker. Mike was a lifelong resident of the City of St. Louis and a police officer of the Metropolitan Police Department of the City of St. Louis. Mike served St. Louis and its citizens as an officer for over 35 years.

On November 23rd, 2015 Mike passed away having succumbed to Cardiomyopathy Disease, an illness which he had struggled with for 12 years. At the time of Mike's death, he was just 62 years young.

Among Mike’s favorites hobbies were golf and being a member of the Loyal Order of the Alley Dogs (LOAD). This organization is a State of Missouri recognized non-profit corporation whose main purpose is to raise money for charities and causes that the metropolitan area takes an interest in. LOAD has been in existence since April 12th, 1956 and is listed in Good Standing with the Missouri Secretary of State under file number N00012543.

In keeping with honoring Mike and what mattered most to him, LOAD is sponsoring the third annual Mike Venker Memorial Golf Tournament. This tournament will be held at the beautifully maintained Columbia Golf Course in Columbia, Illinois on August 18th, 2018. Half of all proceeds will be donated in the name of Mike to the FOCUS Marine Foundation. His wife of 38 years Jeannette, their three daughters, and grandchildren agree the FOCUS Marine Foundation couldn’t be a better benefactor of such a function so as to bring awareness and aid to this organization.

On behalf of the LOAD I am asking area business leaders help to support this cause by donating items which could be used as a raffle or silent auction prize. No item is considered too small for such a worthwhile event.

If you and your business are interested in such please submit your donation to In Care of the Mike Venker Memorial Golf Tournament and mail it to the LOAD at 4360 Al-Clare Drive, St. Louis Missouri 63123. (Included is a self-addressed stamped envelope; if items require pick-up contact 314-280-5229).

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HAROLD D. NATION

Birth: Apr. 30, 1944
Death: May 20, 2018

Officer Harold D. Nation, DSN 6359, received his commission on 12/19/1966 and entered the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Academy. Officer Nation's 1st uniformed assignment was District 6 on 04/10/1967. On 03/17/1975 Officer nation was transferred to the Narcotic's Section as a Detective and remained there for almost 4 years when he went to the Robbery Section on 03/12/1979. Detective Nation's last assignment was the Sex Crimes Division. During his career Detective Nation was awarded the Distinguished Service Citation on 03/24/1971 for his "Act of outstanding personal bravery intelligently performed at imminent personal hazard of his life." He garnered 7 Chief's Letters of Commendation on 07/18/1978, 11/07/1979, 04/23/1980, 02/17/1981, 11/12/1982, 02/18/1983, and 08/05/1983 for police work above the call of duty. Detective Nation was recognized with 3 Letter's of Honorable Mention on 10/22/1975, 07/30/1979, and 02/28/1984. He retired on 01/03/1987 having served 20.04 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department.

Nation, Harold D. Passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, May 20, 2018. Dear husband of the late Laura J. Nation; dear step-father of Jesse (Kim) Fulkerson and grandfather of Wyatt; dear of uncle of Kathy (Jeff) Shipp, Wade (Kristina) Nation and great-uncle of Jeffrey (Sasha

ANTHONY RALPH “TONY” MICHAELS

Birth: Sep. 31, 1964
Death: May 14, 2018

Officer Anthony R. Michaels, DSN A254, received his commission and started with the Airport Police Department in July of 1992. Officer Michaels worked the midnight shift during his career and would sometimes fill in as a Communications Officer. Officer Michaels was also a Field Training Officer assigned to the Bureau of Field Operations at the Airport Police Department. Officer Michaels retired in July of 2017 having served 25 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Airport Police Department.

It should be noted that Officer Michaels was a 2nd generation law enforcement officer as his father was Officer Ralph C. Michaels, DSN 1480, a retiree of the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department, now deceased.


Loving husband of Lily Michaels; loving step-father of Brendan Nash; loving son of Loretta and the late Ralph C. Michaels; loving brother of Francis (Kim) Michaels.

VINCENT “VINCE” EDWARDS

Birth: Jun. 15, 1944
Death: May 16, 2018

Officer Vincent "Vince" Edwards, DSN 6677, received his commission and entered the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department's Academy on 08/28/1967. During his career Officer Vince Edwards held the following assignments in these districts and specialized divisions throughout his career. They were the 7Th, 9Th, Quality Control Division, 9Th, Traffic Safety Division, 9Th, Traffic Safety Division, Special Services Division, Traffic Safety Division, Special Services Division, Traffic Safety Division, and finally the 1St District. Officer Edwards received 1 Chief's Letter of Commendation on 04/20/1990 for police work above the call of duty. Officer Edwards retired on 01/12/2004 having served a total of 36.38 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department. It should be noted that Officer Edwards was a 2nd generation member his family to serve on the Saint Louis Police Department. His father, Mr. Moses Edwards, retired as a "Turnkey" from the Prisoner Processing Division on 06/01/1983. Officer Vince Edwards was a veteran of the United States Air Force Reserves and served from 06/01/1974 to 09/01/1991 and attained the rank of Technical Sergeant which is an E-6.

No obituary was provided by the family.
SGT CHARLES S. POINER, JR

Birth: Aug. 10, 1955
Death: May 7, 2018

Sergeant Charles S. Poiner, DSN 0552, was originally hired as a civilian working as a Custodian on 02/03/1975. On 10/10/1976 he started as a Communication's Clerk. Sergeant Poiner started the Academy on 06/06/1977. Upon completion of the Academy he served in the following District's and Specialized Divisions' through out his career. They were the 3Rd, 9Th, 7Th, 7Th Bureau, 6Th Bureau, Area III Detective Bureau, and Special Assignment's. Sergeant Poiner was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on 10/06/1993 and subsequently held assignments in the 9Th, Quality Control, Special Assignment's, 3Rd, and finally the 4Th. Sergeant Poiner retired from the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department on 03/13/2000 having served 25.11 years of faithful and dedicated service to the department.

Dearest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. and Ernestine Poiner.

No obituary was provided by the family.

SGT JOHN MINICK “JACK” FOLLUO

Birth: Nov. 11, 1929
Death: Apr. 30, 2018

Sergeant John “Jack” M. Folluo, DSN 4221, received his commission and entered the academy on 09/18/1961. During his career he served in the following districts and specialized divisions. They were the 4Th, 7Th, 3Rd, Juvenile Division, and the Office of the Chief of Police. He was promoted the the rank of Sergeant on 10/11/1974 and transferred to the 4Th District, followed by an assignment in the 1St. During his career he was awarded 2 Chief's Letter of Commendation on 01/06/1969, and 09/19/1969 for police work above the call of duty.

Sergeant Folluo also received 2 letters of Honorable Mention on 11/30/1967 and on 04/24/1970 exceptional police work. Sergeant Folluo retired on 09/21/1986 having served 25.01 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department. Sergeant Folluo was a veteran of the United States Navy and served during the Korean War from 09/29/1948 to 09/19/1953 achieving the rank of F.A. which is a Fireman's Apprentice (E-2).

Dearest son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Clarence B. and Lucille M. (nee King) Folluo.

Folluo, John M. “Jack” entered into rest on Monday, April 30, 2018 at age 88.

Beloved husband of M. Joann (nee Boswell) Folluo for 60 years.

Beloved father of Ellen (Dave) Wilke and John (Deanna) Folluo. Loving grandpa of Jenna and Amanda Folluo and Chloe Wilke. Dear uncle, cousin and friend to many.

He was a member of the International Police Association. St. Louis Police Veteran's Association, St. Louis Police Leadership Organization, Classic Car Club of America, Cadillac La Salle Club, Horseless Carriage Club, RV Amateur Radio Club, American Legion, and Concord Trinity UMC.

Memorials to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PANCAN.ORG) are appreciated.
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Each year is reflective of continued accountability and progress.

2014
• Set a priority to bring rogue (unlicensed) businesses into compliance by redefining the role of the compliance officer who focused on eliminating multi-year delinquencies
• Published informational literature in Braille, Spanish, Bosnian and Vietnamese to accommodate the evolving demographics and multicultural society of our city
• Convened forums related to business topics: The impact of the Affordable Health Care Act on Small Businesses, and The Business of Manufacturing

2015
• Initiated a comprehensive business closure policy, affording tax payers due process when not in compliance
• Participated in funding the inaugural STL Youth Jobs program

2016
• Earned a second consecutive, “No Deficiencies / No Recommendations” Annual audit of the Finance Department from the Comptroller’s Office

• Initiated “City Business Open House” series for businesses to showcase and/or sell their products and services in the City Hall Rotunda

2017
• Implemented the use of wireless technology for field staff to increase efficiency and processing of remote payments
• Increased patrol efforts to identify businesses operating without a license

2018 (to date)
• Launched the first phase of implementing online business license filings that will increase the efficiency of the License Collector’s office and save business owners time

Mavis T. Thompson was born and raised in the City of St. Louis and still resides in her childhood home in the Jeff Vander Lou area. She graduated from Lutheran High School North, where she was recently inducted into the Hall of Fame. Mavis received her Bachelor degree in Nursing and Law degree from the University of Missouri. She is a graduate of the JFK School of Government at Harvard. She has served as President of the National Bar Association and is a proud member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Mavis made history as the only African American female to hold two city-wide elected positions; Circuit Clerk and now License Collector.

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Don’t get it wrong, though. The work the Mobile Reserve unit is slated to do is important stuff. Community engagement, neighborhood revitalization, موقف الم튜ن... it is all very important work. It’s just not police work. And, it shouldn’t be done by policemen.

Maybe we should recruit local clergy to lead the charge on the feel-good stuff. Instead of “hotspot policing” we could call it “hotspot preaching.”

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