



# The Fourword

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## ROLL CALL MARYLAND 2010 \*\*\*\*\*

**Officer Thomas Jensen**  
Prince George's County PD  
March 9, 2010

**Officer Hector Ayala**  
Montgomery County PD  
April 4, 2010

**Trooper First Class  
Wesley Brown**  
Maryland State Police  
June 11, 2010

**Officer James Fowler, III**  
Baltimore City Police Department  
September 27, 2010

**Officer Thomas Portz, Jr.**  
Baltimore City Police Department  
October 20, 2010

## FALLEN HEROES



*Greater love has no one than  
this, that he lay down his  
life for his friends.*

## ROLL CALL BALTIMORE COUNTY \*\*\*\*\*

**Officer Edward Kuznar**  
December 9, 1969

**Officer Charles Huckeba**  
July 6, 1977

**Corporal Sam L. Snyder**  
August 23, 1983

**Officer Robert Zimmerman**  
November 14, 1986

**Sergeant Bruce A. Prothero**  
February 7, 2000

**Detective John W. Stem Sr.**  
October 19, 2000

**Sergeant Mark F. Parry**  
January 21, 2002

**Lieutenant Michael Howe**  
August 11, 2008

Each year during the month of May, we reflect upon the tragic loss of life sustained by our Law Enforcement family. Nationally during calendar year 2010 one hundred sixty officers were killed in the line of duty.

On May 6, 2011, the 26th annual Maryland Fallen Heroes Day will be observed at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens. The staff at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens are committed to honoring Maryland's Public Safety Officers who lost their lives in the line of duty, as well as providing comfort and support to their families. Six of the eight fallen heroes from the Baltimore County Police Department are interred at this location.

The Baltimore County Police Department will honor its fallen officers on May 13, 2011, at our Police Memorial in Towson. Please remember these officers and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

On May 15, 2011 the National Peace Officer's Memorial service will take place in our Nation's Capital. Tribute will be paid to our fallen colleagues for their acts of courage and heroism.

Never forget their passion for making this county, state, and nation a better place in which to live. Never forget their commitment to the Constitution of the United States of America, and to the enforcement of our nation's laws. Continue the work they started; support their families, and each other in their loss. It is our sustained diligence to the profession of law enforcement that validates the sacrifice of our fallen comrades.





**MEETING MINUTES**

**March 2011**

**Recorded by Dave Folderauer**

The March 2011 General Business Meeting was held on March 28, 2011 at FOP Lodge 4. President Weston called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Chaplain Merkle gave the invocation. President Weston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

Brother Bergin was in Annapolis, Brothers J. Caskey and R. Massey were working, and Brother Scally and Chaplain Merkle were excused. All other elected officers and board members were present. Legal advisor Mike Marshall was also in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

A motion was made by Brother Cullum to accept the minutes of the February 2011 General Membership Meeting. A second was made by Brother Folio. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

~ **PRESIDENT WESTON** ~

- March 1 Met with a member concerning retirement planning, attended the county council work session, and a meeting of the Baltimore County Retired Officers Association.
- March 2 Attended a fundraiser for Councilwoman Vicki Almond of the second district, addressed the In-Service training

class, met with the Director of Human Resources over pending litigation, and met with members of Nationwide Investment Services.

- March 8 Attended the Pension Board of Trustees meeting.
- March 9 Addressed the In-Service training class.
- March 10 Attended the Police Assistance and Relief Fund meeting and met with the Director of Human Resources regarding pending litigation.
- March 11 Chaired a meeting of the Negotiation and Legal Advisory Committees.
- March 16 Addressed the In-Service training class.
- March 17 Attended the promotion ceremony.
- March 21 Chaired a meeting of the Negotiation and Legal Advisory Committees and attended the Executive Board of Directors meeting.
- March 23 Attended a fundraiser for Councilman Tom Quirk of the first district, addressed the In-Service training class, and attended a fundraiser for Councilman David Marks of the fifth district.
- March 24 Attended the Bi-monthly meeting between Chief Johnson, the Bureau Chiefs and the Executive Board of Directors for FOP Lodge #4.
- March 27 Attended the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual FOP Lodge #4 Bull and Oyster Roast.
- March 28 Chaired the General Membership meeting.

~ **1<sup>st</sup> V. P. COMEGNA** ~

- March 11 Attended a meeting of the Negotiations Committee.
- March 21 Worked at the Lodge office and attended the Execu-

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**ELECTED OFFICERS**

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**President**  
(443) 956-2679

Steven G. Comegna <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b> <i>PC3 - Traffic</i> (410) 409-0293	David M. Rose <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b> <i>F.O.P Lodge 4</i> (443) 956-2643
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David J. Folderauer, Sr. <b>Lodge Secretary</b> <i>PC 4 - IST</i> (410) 382-2075	Robert W. Caskey <b>Treasurer</b> <i>CID-Robbery</i> (443) 956-2615
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W. Donald Patterson <b>State Trustee</b> <i>Materials &amp; Facilities</i>	Richard J. Bergin <b>Sergeant at Arms</b> <i>VNS - CDVIT</i>
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Paul A. Merkle <b>Chaplain</b> <i>Retired</i>	L. Timothy Caslin <b>Past President</b> <i>Retired</i>
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**EXECUTIVE BOARD of DIRECTORS**

Kenneth F. Schubert <b>Chairman</b> <i>Employment</i> (410) 416-2800	Mike DiCara <b>Vice Chairman</b> <i>PC 6</i>
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Thomas G. Scally <i>CID - Arson</i>	Louis J. Lagna <i>Retired</i>
Donna Patterson <i>Planning &amp; Research</i>	Patrick Zito <i>PC 7 - Traffic</i>
James P. Rommel, Jr. <i>K9</i>	Ryan Massey <i>Homicide</i>
Joe Caskey <i>Homicide</i>	Tony DiCara <i>PC 12</i>

**LODGE STAFF**

Larry Sibley—Office Manager  
Juanita Bouthner—Administrative Assistant

**LEGAL ADVISORS**

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IAS Cases Michael Marshall

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**Fourword Editor**  
Kathryn Greenbeck  
*Precinct 2*

**Congratulations to our  
March Promotees!**

Sergeant to Lieutenant  
Michael L. Eubank

Corporal to Sergeant  
Christopher L. George

Officer to Corporal  
Mandy L. Biter

tive Board of Directors Meeting.

- March 25 Worked at the Lodge office and completed the PAC data entry.
- March 28 Worked at the Lodge office, attended a special meeting of the Executive Board of Directors and attended the General Business Meeting.

**~ 2<sup>nd</sup> V. P. ROSE ~**

- March 1 Attended the Retired Officer's Association meeting.
- March 2 Met with representatives from Nationwide Deferred Compensation.
- March 9 Met with a member about a disability retirement.
- March 11 Attended a Negotiations Committee meeting.
- March 15 Met with Kathleen Cahill about the Blake case.
- March 17 Attended the promotion ceremony at the public safety building.
- March 21 Attended a Negotiations Committee meeting and the Executive Board of Directors meeting.
- March 23 Attended a fundraiser for Councilman David Marks.
- March 24 Attended the Executive Board of Directors meeting with Chief Johnson.
- March 27 Attended the 40<sup>th</sup> An-

nual Bull and Oyster Roast.

- March 28 Attended the General Membership Meeting.

**~SECRETARY FOLDERAUER~**

- March 11 Attended a meeting of the Negotiations Committee.
- March 21 Worked at the Lodge office and attended the Executive Board of Directors Meeting.
- March 28 Worked at the Lodge office, attended a special meeting of the Executive Board of Directors and attended the General Membership Meeting.

**~TREASURER CASKEY~**

- March 27 Attended and worked the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Bull and Oyster Roast.
- March 21 Attended the Executive Board of Directors Meeting.
- March 28 Attended a special meeting of the Executive Board of Directors and the General Membership Meeting.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS REPORT**

**~ Kenny Schubert ~**

- An Executive Board of Directors meeting was held on March 21, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. All elected officers and board members were present. Legal Counsel Mike Marshall was also in attendance.
- Motions that were made, after receiving a proper second, were discussed, voted upon, and appear in this issue under the appropriate committee reports.

Association of  
Baltimore County  
Retired Police  
2011 Meetings

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May 3  
September 6  
November 1

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All meetings are held  
at Parkville Heritage  
Gardens at 7:30 p.m.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**DONATION REVIEW**

**~Paul Merkle~**

- The Donation Review Committee met on 3/21/2011 and considered the following items:
  - A motion was made to purchase two tables of ten for the PAR Fund awards breakfast on April 8, 2011 at a cost of \$300.00 per table for a donation of \$600.00.
  - A motion was made to donate \$500.00 to the Police Unity Tour in which Sgt. Warehime will participate to honor our fallen heroes during Police Week 2011. The ride benefits the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C.
  - A motion was made to donate \$500.00 to the COPS Ride on June 12, 2011 to benefit the Maryland Chapter of the Concerns of Police Survivors.

**Bereavements**

**Flora M. DeCrispino**  
**Aunt of Brother Michael Price**  
**and Great-Aunt of Brother**  
**Marques Price and**  
**Cadet Jeremy Price**  
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**Raymond W. Faloni**  
**Father of Sister Jennifer Scott**  
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**Henry P. Himpler, Jr.**  
**Father of Brother Henry**  
**“Butch” Himpler, III**  
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**Allan M. Schwartzman**  
**Father of Brother Phillip**  
**Schwartzman**  
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**Judith “Karen” Stallings**  
**Mother of Brother**  
**John Winters**  
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**Dennis G. Darcey**  
**Brother of**  
**Brother Michael Darcey**  
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**Mary Beth Coon**  
**Sister of Retired Brother**  
**Richard P. Kaschner and**  
**Aunt of Brother Richard A.**  
**Kaschner**  
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**Gary W. Fiedler**  
**Brother of**  
**Lodge 4 Past President**  
**Brother Marc O. Fiedler**

- These motions were approved by the Board of Directors and the General Membership.
- A request to donate to NAPO for an upcoming awards dinner was considered. No motion was made.

**LEGAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
 ~Dave Rose~

- The Stanley Siedlecki case, which was scheduled for March 24 at the Board of Appeals, has been postponed.
- Briefs that were due at the end

of March for the Employee Relations Act case and the Retiree Subsidy case at the Court of Special Appeals have been postponed.

Briefs in the Blake case from Baltimore County were due February 28, 2011. A response to the County’s briefs was due to the Fourth Circuit March 14, 2011.

We have received the name of the arbitrator from the American Arbitrators Association for the Step #4 grievance over same sex spousal benefits. Our attorneys will be in contact and try and get a date for the hearing.

**PENSION COMMITTEE**  
 ~ Cole Weston ~

The Pension Board of Trustees met on March 8, 2011 and approved 12 service and accidental death in service retirements. Two ordinary disabilities were approved, one previously approved disability was rescinded. Two honorable and faithful cases were reviewed and both were approved, allowing for one additional service retirement and the other to remain vested in the system, should the member choose to.

**POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
 ~Dave Rose~

- The committee reviewed six (6) new policies this month. There were no bargaining issues identified.
- The committee met to discuss the latest revision of the proposed tattoo policy. After some discussion, the committee members voted to accept the current version. The committee recom-

mendation was presented to the Executive Board of Directors and the recommendation was approved.

- The speed camera policy is written. The final draft of the policy must go through the administrative review process and the FOP before it is signed by the Chief and implemented.
- A bill was introduced in the House of Delegates to exempt police vehicles from red light and speed camera violations but the bill was withdrawn by the author. This bill was opposed by the Maryland State Police.
- The secondary employment policy is almost complete and is going out for command review. The committee received a draft of the proposed changes. Once it is written, the final draft of the policy must go through the administrative review process and the FOP before it is signed by the Chief and implemented.

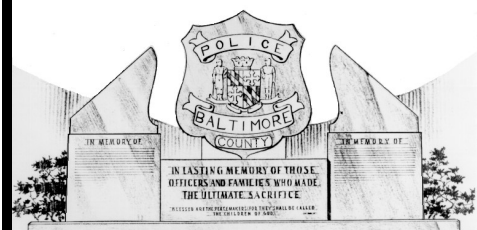
Baltimore County Police  
**Memorial Day**

**May 13, 2011**

**10:00 a.m.**

Courthouse Plaza,  
 401 Bosley Avenue  
 Towson, Maryland 21204

**All are welcome to attend a reception at Lodge 4 following the ceremony.**



## **Congratulations to the Recipients of the 2011 Fallen Heroes Scholarship Awards!**

**Michael A. Greco**, son of Brother Michael Greco of the Tactical Section, is a Junior at Binghamton College as an Engineering major. He received \$3000.

**Amanda Kelly**, daughter of Brother Brian Kelly of Precinct 6, is a sophomore at Towson University as a Nursing major. She received \$3000.

**Travis Cahill**, son of Retired Brother Bill Cahill and Sister Betty Cahill, is a sophomore at George Washington University as a Spanish & History major. He received \$3000.

**Brittany Brooks**, daughter of Retired Sister Debbie Ireland and deceased Retired Brother George Brooks, is graduating from Patterson Mill High School. She will be attending Frostburg University, majoring in Elementary Education. She received \$1500.

**Gabriella Brooks**, daughter of Retired Sister Debbie Ireland and deceased Retired Brother George Brooks, is graduating from Patterson Mill High School. She will be attending Wake Forest University, majoring in Sports Medicine. She received \$1500.

**Devin Schruhl**, daughter of Brother Charles Schruhl of SOD/TMU, is graduating from Edgewood High School. She will attend Harford Community College and has a goal of becoming a CPA. She received \$1500.

**Lindsay Schruhl**, daughter of Brother Charles Schruhl of SOD/TMU, is a Junior at West Chester University as a Sports Medicine major. She received \$1500.

**Samantha Price**, daughter of Brother Steve Price of Precinct 9, is graduating from Perryville High School. She has been accepted to Towson University as a Computer Engineering major. She received \$1500.

**James Moss, Jr.**, son of Retired Brother Jim Moss, is graduating from Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School, and will be attending Indiana University in PA. He will be majoring in Business. He received \$1500.

**Brittany Schmidt**, daughter of Sister Terri Schmidt of Precinct 11, is attending Howard Community College in the Nursing program. She received \$1500.

**Lauren Ciepiela**, daughter of Brother Paul Ciepiela of the Operations Bureau, is graduating from North Carroll High School. She will attend Carroll County Community College as a Nursing major. She received \$1500.

**Karley Knudsen**, daughter of Brother Bob Knudsen of Precinct 11, is a Sophomore at the University of South Carolina majoring in Biology - Pre Med. She received \$1500.

**Lauren Knudsen**, daughter of Brother Bob Knudsen of Precinct 11, is a Junior at Towson University as an Elementary Education major. She received \$1500.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

~Tim Caslin~

- The Scholarship Committee processed 37 applications for the 2011 “Fallen Heroes Memorial Scholarship” awards. Thirteen applicants were selected as finalists and were personally interviewed by four members of the Scholarship Committee on March 26, 2011. Congratulations to all the finalists.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- A reunion of retired Baltimore County Police Officers will be held on August 19, 2011 at the Knights of Columbus hall on Klosterman Ave. Details are in this edition of the newsletter.
- During the month of March, the Lodge sent three (3) flower arrangements and twelve (12) sympathy cards to bereaving members. Four (4) fruit baskets were sent to members or their family members for hospitalizations. Ten (10) “Thank You” cards were received.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.



**Baltimore County Police  
First Annual Reunion and Bull Roast**

**When:** Friday August 19, 2011

**Time:** From 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

**Where:**

**Columbus Gardens** (Fullerton)  
4301 Klosterman Ave. 21236

**Menu:**

Pit Beef, Ham & Turkey, Crab Soup, Salads, Beer, Set Ups & Open Bar Hot Buffet – Shrimp Creole with rice Kielbasa and Sauerkraut, Barbecue Chicken, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Penne Pasta, Meatballs and Sliced Carrots

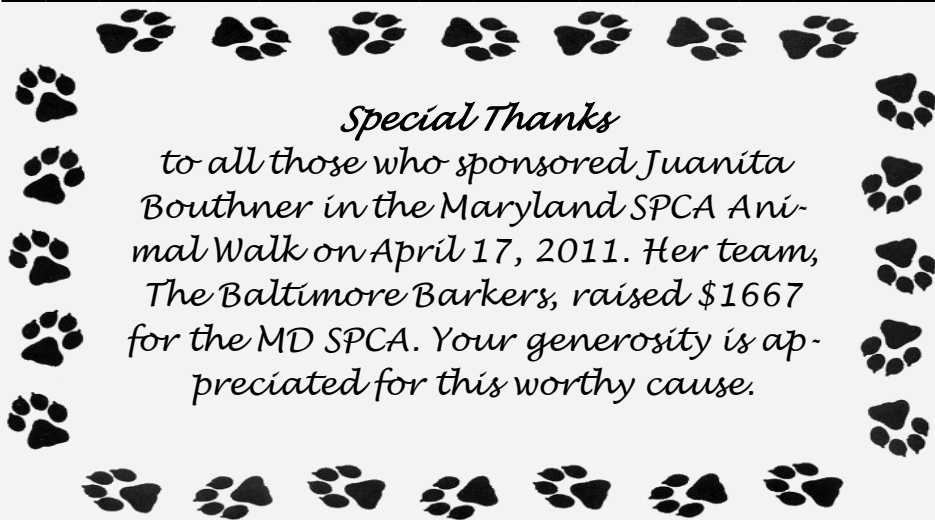
**Music:** DJ Andy Armetta

**Cost:** \$35.00 per person

**For Tickets contact:**

Roger Sheets at 410-836-8462/ [rsheets10@verizon.net](mailto:rsheets10@verizon.net)  
John Cullum at 410-661-8226/ [jcullum@verizon.net](mailto:jcullum@verizon.net)  
Paul Gilland at 410-598-5761/ [pjgboss302@aol.com](mailto:pjgboss302@aol.com)

**Please make checks payable to:  
The Baltimore County Police Memorial Fund**  
Proceeds to be donated to the Baltimore County  
Police Memorial Fund.



*Special Thanks*

*to all those who sponsored Juanita Bouthner in the Maryland SPCA Animal Walk on April 17, 2011. Her team, The Baltimore Barkers, raised \$1667 for the MD SPCA. Your generosity is appreciated for this worthy cause.*



# **12th Annual Motorcycle Ride & Public Safety Expo to Benefit C.O.P.S.**



## **CONCERNS of POLICE SURVIVORS**

**Hosted by Maryland Fraternal Order of Police  
Sunday, June 12, 2011**

### **Registration at the Following Staging Locations:**

- Eastern Performance - Gambrills, MD. 9:00 - 10:30am
- Harley - Davidson of Maryland - Elkridge, Md. (Parking lot) 10:00 - 11:00am
- Harley - Davidson of Frederick - Frederick, MD. 9:00 - 11:00am
- Harley - Davidson of Baltimore - Baltimore, MD. 9:00 - 10:30am
- Harley - Davidson of Annapolis - Annapolis, MD. 9:00 - 11:00am
- Battley Harley - Davidson - Gaithersburg, MD. 9:00 - 11:00am
- Red Eye's Dock Bar - Kent Island, MD. 9:00 - 10:00am
- Chesapeake Harley - Davidson - Darlington, MD. 9:00 - 10:00am
- Old Glory Harley - Davidson - Laurel, MD. 9:00 - 11:00am
- Greene Turtle Restaurant - Prince Frederick, Md. 0830 - 0930am
- All American Harley - Davidson - Mechanicsville, MD (registration Eastern Performance)
- Harley - Davidson of Washington - Ft. Washington, MD. (registration Eastern Performance)
- Harley - Davidson Shop of Ocean City, MD. (registration Red Eye's Dock Bar)
- Howard County Fairgrounds - 10:00am - 1:00pm

### **All Riders Will be Escorted to Howard County Fairgrounds**

2210 Fairgrounds Road, West Friendship, MD

**for Lunch, Sponsored by *The Outback Steakhouse* & Run T-Shirt**

**Minimum Donation of \$25.00 per Person Required.**

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Prizes for Riders Collecting Most in Pledges!**

**Door Prizes, 50/50 & Vendors**

**All Riders, Motorcycles & Public Safety Vehicles (antique & current) WELCOME!!**

For More Info, Call Earl Kratsch 410-442-8260

[www.mdcops.org](http://www.mdcops.org)

Make Checks Payable to "C.O.P.S. Maryland Chapter"

**Rain Date: Sunday, June 26, 2011**

The May

**FOP Lodge 4  
GENERAL  
BUSINESS  
MEETING**

will be held on

**Monday,  
May 23, 2011  
7:30 p.m.**

at  
FOP Lodge 4  
9304 Harford Road

The June

**FOP Lodge 4  
GENERAL  
BUSINESS  
MEETING**

will be held on

**Monday,  
June 27, 2011  
7:30 p.m.**

at  
FOP Lodge 4  
9304 Harford Road