

Membership Meeting Update – June 24, 2019

Consent Decree

- Mike Pool, Consent Decree Comm. Chair, is currently working with SBWLaw to develop the Lodge's response to Draft Policy 1809: Exculpatory Evidence Disclosure. The comment period ends in July.

Lodge Website

The new webpage has been launched and is available at www.fop3.org. There is a Members Only section which will only be available to the membership and is the place where we will be posting information that will be unavailable to the public. We suggest that our members submit their request for access as soon as possible. This can be done directly on the webpage. Once a request is made, you will receive an email from Word Press within 48 hours. This email will include instructions for setting up your account. If you do not receive this email within 48 hours, please check your spam folder, then contact the Lodge Office. This technology will also allow us to create and maintain an accurate list of member personal email addresses in order to permit communication when issues such as the recent ransomware attack take down the City's email system.

Legal News

- SBWLaw was successfully able to argue our case regarding the Statue of Limitation expiration for IAD cases. Members are urged to keep track of any IAD cases in which they are involved.
- A mistrial was declared in the case against P/O Battaglia. The Jury was polled afterward and reported that they felt the charges were inappropriate and the issue should have been handled departmentally. There is a new trial date scheduled in July but there is no word as to whether or not the SAO will retry the case.

Promotions

The Department is not promoting in a timely manner, as required by our current MOU and, as a result, the Board of Directors has voted to proceed with further action to resolve the situation.

2020 Maryland Legislative Session

It is our intension to again introduce legislation that will provide us with Binding Arbitration for Working Conditions. There was a recent meeting with SBWLaw, Lobbyist Frank Boston and various committees in order to develop a strategy. It is imperative that Mayor Young endorse our effort and, as such, we have requested a meeting to discuss the matter. As yet, we have no response, nor do we believe one will be forthcoming. Mayor Young's cooperation, or lack thereof, will determine how we proceed with support of him during the upcoming Mayoral election.

2019 National Conference

Secretary Riha announced that she has established a Facebook page for Conference Delegates. It can be found at FOP Lodge #3 2019 Biennial Conference. The Delegates meeting has not yet been announced but will be held at some point in August; the date to be determined,

Building Repairs

It is anticipated that the work should begin within 2 weeks.

Guardian House

A developer has announced plans to build an apartment building on Gay Street that will cater to incoming Public Safety members. The apartments will be priced to accommodate starting salary levels and will include amenities such as an exercise gym, a boxing gym, and a sauna. Lodge #3 has written a letter of endorsement.

Health Insurance

There will be a 4% increase in health insurance costs, effective 1/1/2020. There has not been an increase for the previous three years.

Staffing Shortages

Members are asked to document shift staffing shortages, where possible. District Commanders are not always reflecting true numbers in their reports. And, per current MOU, drafting is for 4 hours, only.