**Membership Meeting Update – August 26, 2019**

**Scholarship Winners**

 $4000 Rodney Gross – Morehouse

 4-year Samantha Morris – Towson

 4-year Allure Cooper – Bucknell

 Owen Sweeney Memorial Scholarship Brittany Grubb – Salisbury

**Injured Officers**

 Sgt Carrington has been released from Shock Trauma and is currently at Kernan Hospital.

Sgt. Shiflett has also been released and is recovering at home. Both men suffered devastating injuries and will have a long road back to good health. If anyone is interested in donating to assist them, there are multiple avenues by which to do so. Contact the Lodge Office (410-243-9141) for more information.

**Solicitation Scam**

2nd VP Blair submitted the following information: Please be careful if called by the group “Police Officers Support Association.” They are using local area telephone numbers asking you to donate to assist the families of police officers killed or injured LOD. They suggest you donate using a credit card. When I asked them to send the paperwork, the paperwork, when it arrived, showed an address in Milwaukee. I do not believe any money raised will be spent on any local police officer.” Members are advised to also inform their friends and families of this information.

**National Conference**

Lodge Secretary, Lisa Riha, was elected to serve as National Trustee from Maryland and Past President Bob Cherry has been appointed to serve as the National Legislative Chairman. Congratulations to both!

**Lodge Website**

The new webpage has been launched and is available at [www.fop3.org](http://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.

**City Hall**

Our lobbyist, Frank Boston, was finally able to schedule a meeting for Mike Mancuso to meet with the Mayor regarding his support of our upcoming Binding Arbitration legislation. When the Mayor called Boston to find out the topic of the meeting, he said that he did not support our legislation and, therefore, there was no reason for him to meet with Mike.

**Legal News**

* SBW has been able to secure numerous victories against the Department in reference to administrative charges being levied against members, despite the lapse of the Statute of Limitations after one year. The Department has filed appeals.
* Several grievances remain pending.
* SBW is responding to represent our members in approximately 30 accused statements per week.
* To date, there have been 45 applications submitted by citizens who wish to sit on Trial Boards. No determinations have been made.

**Lodge Repairs**

Contracted work to make repairs to the building and parking lot have begun. Unfortunately, a midday rainstorm wreaked havoc on the back of the building as it came up very fast and contractors did not have time to get a tarp cover on the open roof. Clean-up and damages will be paid by vendor’s insurance.

**Upcoming Events**

October 5, 2019 – Memorial Crab Feast @ Lodge Hall

 October 21, 2019 – Memorial Golf Tournament