

Membership Meeting Update – October 27, 2019

Meeting with PC Harrison

President Mancuso met with PC Harrison concerning many issues including the new 407 Unit Policy, about which there is a tremendous amount of confusion. More information on this subject will be provided to the membership as it becomes available. Also, after questioning, the PC stated that building repairs have begun.

Battapaglia Case

The union and SBWLaw are fighting SA Mosby on the continued prosecution of Officer Battapaglia who was criminally charged with Destruction of Property following an incident at the NED. At his first trial, the Jury voted 11-1 to acquit, and many of the jurors expressed confusion as to why the issue was even being handled in Court rather than as an in-house issue. At his 2nd trial, the Jury was again split, with the majority favoring acquittal. The SAO intends to try Officer Battapaglia at yet a 3rd trial, on the same charges.

Vacancy Promotions

The Union has received written confirmation from the Department advising that they will honor the MOU and promote within 45 days of a funded vacancy.

Headquarters Parking

Approximately 4-12 additional parking spots will be made available at the HQ Building for Patrol officers who need to submit or visit one of the offices. These spots will be available at all times, with the exception of during Comstat.

Injured Member

A Motors officer was struck on his way back from DC following the events in honor of the late Congressman Cummings. He was thrown from his bike and landed on his left side. He was transported to the hospital and exploratory surgery was performed. We will keep members informed as we know more.

Court Overtime

1st VP Butler informed the membership that officers are still required to attend Court, even if doing so takes them above their 32-hr OT limit.

Legal Information

2nd VP Blair informed the membership that neither the union nor SBWLaw get involved with EEOC complaints. Nor are lawyers provided for such cases.

Also, if members are called to Internal Affairs as a witness, the union does not provide a lawyer. However, if at any point, the interviewer advises you of your rights or attempts to have you sign a statement of your rights, immediately ask for an attorney.

Labor/Management

Committee Chair Cohen reported that there remain many questions regarding the new 407 Policy. The Union has composed a 2-page list of questions and concerns and is working with the Department to get answers. Members are asked to forward any of their own questions or concerns to info@fop3.org.

SBWLaw Report

Since the arrival of the new Deputy Commissioner of Internal Affairs, there has been improvement in offering reasonable punishments that fall within the Matrix. The law firm is still averaging 35-40 statements per week.

The City has announced that they are paying for another review of the GTTF scandal, despite the fact that the State has passed legislation that created a Commission to do the same thing.

Sometime before the end of this year, letters will be sent regarding the Pension Litigation. The letters will give those eligible for relief the option to opt out of the lawsuit. It is recommended that nobody opt out.

The Grievance in reference to the denial of Detail Days for the 2019 National FOP Conference is going to arbitration in December.

Membership Numbers

Secretary Riha announced that the Lodge now has 4,316 members, including retirees.

Boxer Brandon Chambers

Lt. Butler advised the membership that Brandon Chambers, an ED officer and FOP #3 member won his most recent bout at Maryland Live Casino. Lt. Butler is working to host an event, in Brandon's honor, at the FOP Lounge. Information is forthcoming and all members are invited to attend.

Upcoming Events

December 13, 2019 – Lodge #3 Holiday Open House

September 13 – 17, 2020 Maryland State FOP Conference – Hosted by Lodge #4 –
Ocean City, MD