



St. Louis County Retirement News

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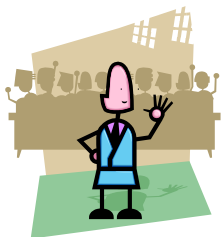


Civilian Retirees

Formation of a Civilian Association of St. Louis County Retirees

Joe Passanise, Retired from the St. Louis County Highways & Traffic is interested in forming a Civilian Association of St. Louis County Retirees. The purpose of the association would be to exchange information by email and meet on a regular basis.

Retirees interested in forming a Civilian Association of St. Louis County Retirees. Please contact JOE PASSANISE at: jpassanise@yahoo.com or phone: 314-567-0648



News On-Line

In an effort to reduce costs for the Retirement Plans Office, the St. Louis County Retirement News will be going online in the near future. This is the last printed issue that will be mailed to your home.

I am still asking you to share your experiences past or present with us, and don't forget to send us pictures. All the retirees and current employees enjoy reading these articles.

By going on-line, we will be able give you more up to date information. We hope to maybe set up a "chat room" for our retirees to share. All the details have not been totally worked out but we will try our best in the next month or so to have this up and running.

The newsletter will be located on the St. Louis County internet site www.stlouisco.com. We will include a short message on the retirement statement to let you know when the online newsletter is available.

Retirements

December 2004

Rose Franzer
Kent Lemp
Sandra Pew
Health

January 2005

Robert Canham
Joan Carnaghi
Ruth Curtis
Richard Daley
John Dunard
Barbara Geller
Gary Ilseman
Edward Johnson
Bruce Kendrick
Benjamin Knox
Mike Maddox
Health
Health
Health
Parks
Highways
BOE
Highways
Police
Administration
Parks
Public Works

Walt Nelson
Alan Reeves
Frank Renna
Mary Carol Roberson
Michael Shelton
Fradi Spilberg
Betty Thompson
Ellen Waters
Roger Ferrell
Steven Jorens
Roy Midkiff
County Exec.
Health
Highways
Health
Parks
Health
County Exec.
Health
Police
Police
Police

February 2005

Daniel Bartlett
Terry Conner
William Diehl
Lawrence Eilbott
Wayne Gromadzki
Terry McKean
Robert Peterson
William Randle
Craig Whyman
Chris Ambrose
Robert Sieck
Revenue
Highways
Health
Highways
Highways
Revenue
Health
Revenue
Police
Police

March 2005

Robert Churchill
Brenda Jenkins
Valinda McPhee
Henry Ragogna
Danny Senters
Margaret Clayton
Roger Hahn
Lynda Hartwick
Thomas Vohsen
Human Svcs.
Personnel
Parks
Sheriff's Office
Parks
Police
Police
Police
Police

April 2005

William Cockburn
Harry Glenn
Joseph Hooper
Joseph Simmons
Highways
Family Court
Highways
Justice Svcs.





Missing the “Good Old Days”?

We have many concerns about our world today. Here are some facts to consider from the early 1900’s.

Average Life Expectancy: 47 years

Average Wage: \$.19/hour

1 in 7 homes had a bathtub

1 in 13 homes had a telephone

Leading Cause of Death: Tuberculosis, Pneumonia & Diarrhea



Police Officer Stays Busy in Retirement

by Gil Kleinknecht

The anticipation that retirement from the St. Louis County Police and the U.S. Marshals Service would be the end of my police career did not happen. Just the opposite took place. I found myself traveling to Belfast, Northern Ireland (NI) as an international police expert three times a year and working with a group of three Americans and three Canadians overseeing the reform of the Royal Ulster Constabulary (now known as the Police Service of NI). In Northern Ireland I have used my previous experiences with the County Police and lessons learned to good advantage.

Northern Ireland, with a population of over 1.6 million, consists of six of the nine counties of the Old Irish province of Ulster. According to the 1991 census, 51% of the people regard themselves as Protestants and 38% as Roman Catholics. It is a beautiful country, but one that has experienced many “troubles” during the past 30 years. Sectarian violence between Catholics and Protestants has been ongoing. The issues involved (on both sides) are complex and very difficult to explain within the limited space of this newsletter. Basically, the “troubles” seem to center around tensions and disagreements involving politics, religion, housing and employment. During the many years of violence 301 police officers have been killed by terrorists and over 8,000 injured. Since 1969, over 3,200 people have been killed and thousands injured as a result of terrorist campaigns.

When the peace accords and home rule were approved in 1998, one of the conditions involved the reform and reorganization of the 10,000 member national police service, the Royal Ulster Constabulary. An independent Commission on Policing for Northern Ireland (Patten Commission) was established and included recognized experts from a wide spectrum of the national and international community. One of the recommendations was to appoint an independent oversight commissioner to monitor and supervise implementation of the 175 recommendations and report back to the governments of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.

Selected by the Oversight Commissioner as a member of the oversight team, my job is to monitor 50 individual recommendations to determine the level of progress made by the Police Service toward implementation. The team travels to NI three times a year and prepares a report for each trip describing the level of progress by the Police Service, the Northern Ireland Office and the Policing Board. The following is a brief overview of just four key recommendations that I monitor during each trip:

No. 52 Police Stations built from now on should have, so far as possible, the appearance of ordinary buildings; they should have low perimeter walls, and be clearly visible from the street; but they should have security features, which may be activated or reinforced as necessary.

A legacy of the past decades in NI has been a police service physically separated from the public by the fortified (fortress like) police stations or “barracks” because they were not free from the threats of guns, bombs, or rock attacks. Even stations in quiet rural villages have forbidding exteriors. The new plan calls for a new style of station, accessible and welcoming to the public, while providing the necessary security less obtrusively, without presenting a fortress-like appearance.

No. 55 Police cars should continue to be substituted as patrol vehicles in place of armored Landrovers, and the use of armored Landrovers should be limited to threatening situations.

Recipe



Bacon & Potato Breakfast Pizza

1 (8oz) can Pillsbury Crescent Dinner Rolls
1 (9oz) box Green Giant Frozen Roasted Potatoes with Garlic & Herbs
4 eggs
1/3 cup milk
8 slices precooked bacon, cut into 1-inch pieces
6 oz. Shredded cheddar cheese
Salt & Pepper to taste
2 T. chopped parsley

Heat oven to 350 degrees, spray 13 x 9 inch pan with cooking spray. Unroll dough into sprayed pan; press in bottom and 1/2 inch up sides to form crust; press perforations to seal. Bake at 350 degrees for 5 minutes.

Cut small slit in center of roasted potatoes pouch; microwave on high for 2 to 3 minutes or until thawed. Remove potatoes from pouch and cut larger pieces in half.

In medium bowl, beat eggs. Stir in milk, bacon, 1-cup cheese, the thawed potatoes, salt and pepper.

Remove partially baked crust from oven. Spoon potato mixture evenly over crust. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup cheese and parsley.

Return to oven and bake an additional 20 to 25 minutes until golden brown. Cut into squares.

Police Officer Stays Busy in Retirement

(Continued)

Over the years, the police have made extensive use of 450 gray, unmarked, armored Landrovers, not only for public order policing and responding to major incidents, but also for routine patrols in many areas. Over two-thirds of the Landrovers have been transferred back to depots, followed by an increase in the number of marked patrol vehicles used for routine patrol. The Service operates over 2,000 vehicles of various descriptions.

No. 70 The police should be equipped with a broader range of public order equipment than the police service currently possess, so that a commander has a number of options at his/her disposal which might reduce reliance on, or resort to, the Plastic Baton Round (PBR).

The most controversial aspect of public order policing in NI has been the weaponry used by the police, in particular plastic baton rounds (PBR). Since 1981, the police have discharged over 40,000 rounds with 11 deaths and 615 injuries attributed to PBR use. The unique problem, which explained their use in NI, was the widespread use of petrol bombs, blast bombs and firearms in riot situations. The government and Police Service is currently making a substantial investment in a research program to find an acceptable, effective and less potentially lethal alternative to the PBR. Although the research has not been fully completed, the Police Service has purchased several vehicle-mounted water cannons for use in public order policing.

No. 121 An equal number of Protestants and Catholics should be drawn (hired) from the pool of qualified candidates.

The Pattern Commission also pointed out the main problem facing policing in NI has been the political divide between Protestants/Unionists and Catholics/Nationalists and the identification of the police, in the minds of many nationalists, with unionism and the British state. Prior to implementation of this recommendation, a large majority of officers were considered Protestant/Nationalist. This recommendation required a plan to employ new police officers at a 50:50 ratio over the next several years. The recruiting and employment of recruits has resulted in 50% classified as Catholic and 50% as Protestant. This 50:50 employment goal will apply to civilians hired.

Conclusion

Although NI and the Police Service of Northern Ireland are far removed from St. Louis County, the problems facing police agencies on both sides of the ocean are very similar. Many of the recommendations for reform came out of success stories in the United States. Likewise, the U.S. police agencies can learn a lot from the experiences of the professional men and women serving with the Police Service of Northern Ireland. The oversight process will continue for the next year or so. If you desire to learn more about the police reforms in NI, or about the Police Service, look up: www.oversightcommissioner.org or www.psnipolice.uk



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In Remembrance of Our Friends

SEPTEMBER 2004

BERNARD MCDONNELL, SHERIFF 09/23/04

NOVEMBER 2004

DONALD PURCELL, HIGHWAYS 11/13/04

JOSEPH RUPES, SHERIFF 11/10/04

BETTY WILSON, DOH 11/22/04

DECEMBER 2004

GILBERT BRADLEY, PUB. WKS. 12/13/04

GERALDINE DEJONG, ADMIN. 12/26/04

WAYLON MERRIWEATHER 12/27/03

BETTY RICHARD, DOH 12/31/04

JOSEPH VONSTEELE, FAM. CT. 12/26/04

JANUARY 2005

MARIE BARNES, CIRCUIT CLK. 01/04/05

MILTON BERWIN, POLICE 01/20/05

WILLIAM CALAHAN, PUB. WKS. 01/04/05

ALBERT JENNINGS, PUB. WKS. 01/24/05

THOMAS REAGAN, REVENUE 01/07/05

LYMAN TETER, PUB. WKS. 01/25/05

RICHARD SEYMOUR, POLICE 01/29/05

FEBRUARY 2005

THELMA BENARD, DOH 02/03/05

LILLIAN FAGAN, DOH 02/18/05

ZENOBIA JAMES, DOH 02/07/05

ESSIE MCALLISTER, DOH 02/22/05

ANDREW MORGAN, JUST. SVC. 02/23/05

JOAN WHEELER, SHERIFF 02/16/05

MARCH 2005

LELA APPERSON, COUNTY COUN. 03/28/05

GERALD BEQUETTE, SHERIFF'S 03/22/05

RICHARD DRISKELL, REVENUE 03/13/05

JAMES HOLT, POLICE 03/31/05

EDWARD MARTIN, PROS. ATTY. 03/31/05

H. CLIFFORD MITCHELL, DOH 03/19/05

APRIL 2005

ORA BOLTON, DOH 04/25/05

PAUL BRINKMEYER, PUB. WKS. 04/17/05

CHAS. BRIQUELEUR, PUB. WKS. 04/14/05

HENRY RAGOGNA, SHERIFF'S 04/11/05

MARILYN SCHNEIDER, HIGHWAYS 04/23/05

CARROLL SWINFORD, SHERIFF'S 04/10/05