



The Call Box



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RETIRED SPD OFFICERS GATHER IN ARIZONA

By Sally Bryant, Bruce Wind & Kim Anderson



In early 2022, Sally Bryant reached out on the Facebook Group, “Blue Line 206”, to find out who lived in Arizona. She was stunned by the response. For about a month, she tracked all the responses and found that sixty former SPD saw the post and live in Az. Some are full time residents, some snow birds and some are planning to move there. Sally created a Facebook page for the Arizona folks from SPD. The page is called AZ SPD. It currently has 91 members as of May, 2023. Sally asked the group members if anyone would be interested in getting together for a “931.” The response was amazing. Sally found that most members lived in the Phoenix area or close by. Sally reached out to retired SPD, Kim Anderson, who lives in Gilbert, for help finding a location. Kim found a restaurant called, “Catching Flights Bar and Grille” that would host 60 plus people. A date, time and place for our first annual “931” was set. Sally was pleasantly surprised with the amount of people that responded to the invitation to attend. Friends from all over Az and a few from different states arrived at 1300 hours and was it a fantastic afternoon. Fast forward to early 2023 and Sally put out an invitation to attend the 2nd annual, “931.” The response was again positive. Kim Anderson took the lead and she jumped in with both feet and did a amazing job organizing this years “931.” Todd Jacobsen also organized a golf group the day before the “931.” The turn out was great. Many returned from last year and some new faces joined this year. Next years “931” is already in the works!



Kim Anderson, Waitress, Sally Bryant

(More from Arizona on page 4)

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President's Message

By Jerry Taylor, President, RSPOA



Jerry's space this month is dedicated to the SPD Motorcycle Drill Team. Jerry's column will return in the September Call Box!

The SPD Motorcycle Drill Team

By Rich O'Neill, SPD Retired Sergeant



Working in traffic as an officer and later as a sergeant, summer in Seattle always meant SeaFair. Even though I wasn't on motors, I remember being so proud as our SPD Motorcycle Drill Team started each parade. People

cheered and waved as the team performed. Sadly, this long honored tradition is no more. 2019 was the last time the Drill Team performed. Covid cancelled parades in 2020 and then the anti-police zealots decimated the ranks of the police department. At one time traffic had over 30 motor officers and three squads of traffic car officers. All have been eliminated except for a mere nine motor officers! That is barely enough to field one squad, let alone the 16 that was needed to field the drill team. The Drill Team started in 1949 and they performed all over the United States and Canada. The team practiced at schools and they did "community outreach" long before some academic came up with the term. SeaFair parades will never be the same and that is sad. Some pictures to reminisce of summers gone by.



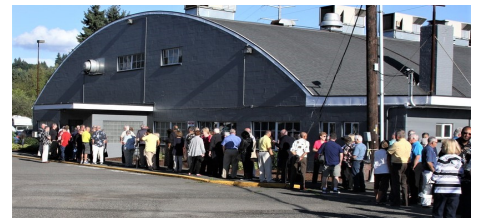
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Deadline to Reserve Tickets: SEPTEMBER 11, 2023. The caterer needs an accurate headcount. RSPOA is charged by the headcount we give to the caterer. Last year, RSPOA incurred a substantial cost by members who said they were coming and then did not show. In order to keep this fun event free for all RSPOA members, please honor your reservation and show up!

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Retired SPD Play Some Golf & Share Some Laughs In Arizona

By "Uncle" Bruce Wind, SPD Retired



Steve Jandoc, Neil Larkin, Eddie Rivera, Landy Black



Todd Jakobsen, Ed Striedinger, Bruce Wind, Donna O'Neal



Paul Jokela, Rick Thompson, Randy Jokela

The day before the AZ 931 gathering at the Catching Flights Bar & Grille, approximately twenty of us gathered at the oldest golf course in Arizona, the San Marcos Gold Club in Chandler. The fact that we were playing at the oldest golf course in Arizona was not lost on the group. Thanks to Todd Jakobsen for organizing the event. Even though there were only five foursomes, cops being cops, somebody had to change the foursomes. You know, like herding cats. As old acquaintances greeted each other, the most common question was, "you down here now?" There is some cult-like sensation that surrounds having a place in the Phoenix area. And of course, those of us who don't "have a place down there" are never shown the secret handshake.

The weather was perfect for those of us from "the north" and transplants felt the need to wear a light jacket. But the sun was shining brightly, and spirits were high. The festivities started on the first tee as nervous hackers tried to land the ball in the fairway rather than the condo balconies, or on the right. As foursomes teed off, those waiting, talked about the second most frequent subject of old friends, medical procedures. Fortunately, we were all here to talk about our ailments.

As the day continued, the temperature rose accordingly, and locals shed their jackets. Scores seemed to rise like the temperature and fortunately refreshments cooled us all. Spending 4-5 hours on the golf course led to the third most frequent question, "remember that time?" Stories led to embellishment and embellishment led to lies, and lies led to denial. Oh, the memories we had from the "good old days".

More Pics from AZ 931



From the Police Museum

By Officer Jim Ritter, SPD Retired, #4710,
President: Seattle Metropolitan Police Museum

GEORGETOWN'S FORGOTTEN FORCE



Many of you reading this article have worked out of the old Georgetown Precinct, but do you know that a different police force originally worked from this building?

Georgetown was established in 1851 as an independent jurisdiction and Seattle's oldest neighborhood. Georgetown hosted the region's first railroad in 1874, and in 1882, the world's sixth-largest brewery. The City of Georgetown also had its own police force: one chief, an assistant chief, and 5 officers. The city was considered a wide-open town where the era's wild-west activities of drinking, gambling, fighting, and prostitution were on full display.

This original Georgetown badge was typical of the style worn from the 1880's through WWII and is one of the few artifacts that document the existence of the small police force prior to Georgetown's annexation to Seattle in March of 1910.

When the new Georgetown city hall was built in 1909, it housed the police force, the fire department, and other city offices. In 1910, SPD and SFD entities were housed in the building, with Seattle Police eventually assigned to the building exclusively.

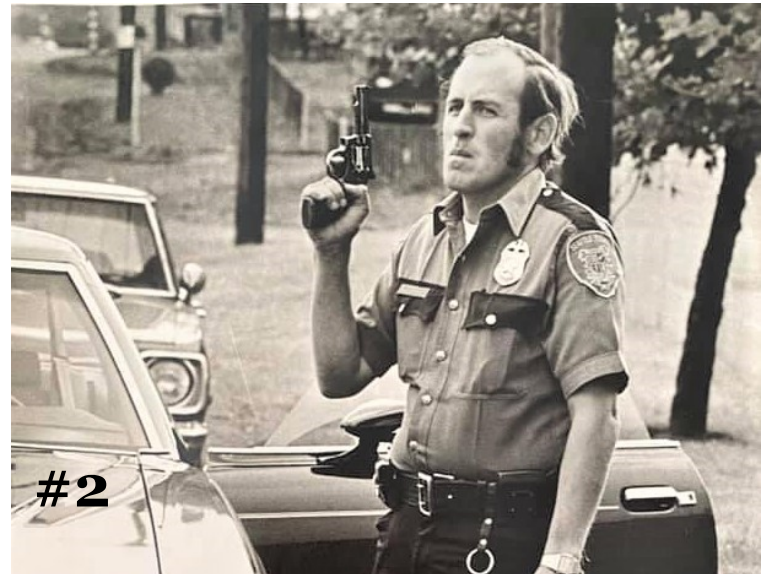
The Georgetown precinct was used by Seattle Police Department from 1910 through 1984 and was closed when officers were transferred to the new South Precinct.

If you have any historic police photos, documents, uniform items, or memorabilia that you would like to share with the Police Museum, please contact me at JamesSritter@gmail.com, or at 206-949-6143.

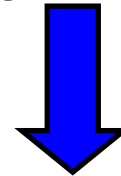


Picture Quiz?

1. Can you name the SPD Detective holding the shotgun in picture #1?
2. Who is the Officer in picture #2?



Picture Quiz Answers



Picture # 1 is Bruce White #2483
Picture # 2 is Pat Powers # 2951

FROM THE PENSION OFFICE

POLICE PENSION OFFICE NEWS:

The position of the LEOFF1 member elected Pension Board Trustee is open for voting from June 1 through June 30th. The ballots were mailed to each LEOFF1 member on June 1. Results will be announced in July.

We have a lot of snowbirds returning. Please be sure the Pension office has your current mailing address. Contact Lisa at 206-386-1286 option 2 or email the information to policepension@seattle.gov.

Annual Reporting forms have a due date of June 30, 2023. If you have lost yours, and need additional, please let us know. Contact Lisa at 206-386-1286 option 2 or email us at policepension@seattle.gov.

After July 15, 2023, the UMR member portal will allow our members to sign up for and receive reimbursements via direct deposit for out-of-pocket expenses submitted for reimbursement. If you are interested in this option, log into your UMR.com account, click the direct deposit icon, and enter your banking information, including routing and account numbers. The pension office cannot do this for you.



Last Ring

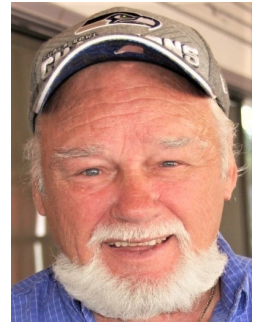


Please go to www.rspoa.net for more detailed obituaries for all those featured in the Last Ring.

Kenneth Baker #2325, Retired Seattle Police Officer, passed away on April 3, 2023, at 83 years of age. Hired: 3-4-63, Class #47, Assignments: Patrol. Retired after being injured in an off-duty incident in 1969. Ken was dragged by the suspect vehicle as he tried to apprehend the suspects. Ken is predeceased by his son Scott and is survived by his wife Nancy, son Jason, daughter Lisa, and four grandchildren.



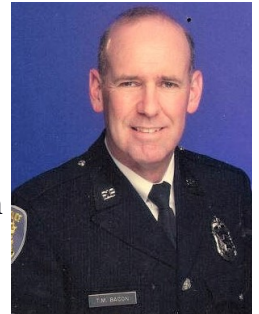
Dan Cameron #2192, Retired Seattle Police Patrol Sergeant, passed away on February 11, 2023, at 89 years of age. Hired: 10-2-61, Class #44. Assignments: Patrol, Three-Wheelers, Promoted to Sergeant in 1975. South Pct., Harbor. Retired: 12-31-88 after 27 years of service. Dan is survived by his nephew Steve and longtime partner of 60 years, Carole.



Dick Hume #2223, Retired Seattle Police Detective Sergeant, passed away on February 10, 2023, at 89 years of age. Hired: 2-26-62, Class #45. Assignments: Patrol, Seattle Center, IIS, Burg/Theft, Checks/ Forgery, Promoted to Sergeant in 1977, North Pct. Retired: 3-12-99 after 37 years of service. Dick is survived by his wife of 61 years, Joan; his daughter Rachel; son Matt; and five grandchildren.



Thomas Bacon #5144, Retired Seattle Police Detective, passed away on February 19, 2023, at 67 years of age. Hired: 3-25-87, Class #183. Assignments: Patrol, Traffic DUI Squad, Accident Investigations. Retired: 12-1-21 after 38 years, including time with Pacific P.D. & Des Moines P.D. Tom is survived by his wife, Sandy; daughter Jennifer; and sons Alexander, Kyle, and Craig; Three grandchildren and his sister Jolene.



Gary Fowler #2920, Retired Seattle Police Detective, passed away on January 5, 2023, at 82 years of age. Hired: 5-21-68, Class #56. Assignments: Patrol, Burglary, Robbery, Checks & Forgery, Homicide, Gang Unit, Organized Crime Intelligence Unit, SPD Marching Drill Team. Retired: 6-2-93 after 25 years of service. Gary is survived by his wife of 62 years, Virginia; his daughter Kim and son Kyle, three grandchildren; and many more who were either born into the family or acquired family.





Last Ring



(from Page 2) SPD MOTORCYCLE DRILL TEAM

Rodney Jackson #1196, Retired Seattle Police Bomb Squad Lieutenant, passed away on March 8, 2023, at 95 years of age. Hired: 2-26-51. Class #25. Assignments: Patrol, Detective in 1961, General Investigations Unit, Promoted to Sergeant in 1968, Bomb Squad, promoted to Lieutenant, Retired: 8-27-83 after 32 years of service. Rod is survived by his daughter Denise, son Cecil; three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and a beloved dog named Bitsey.

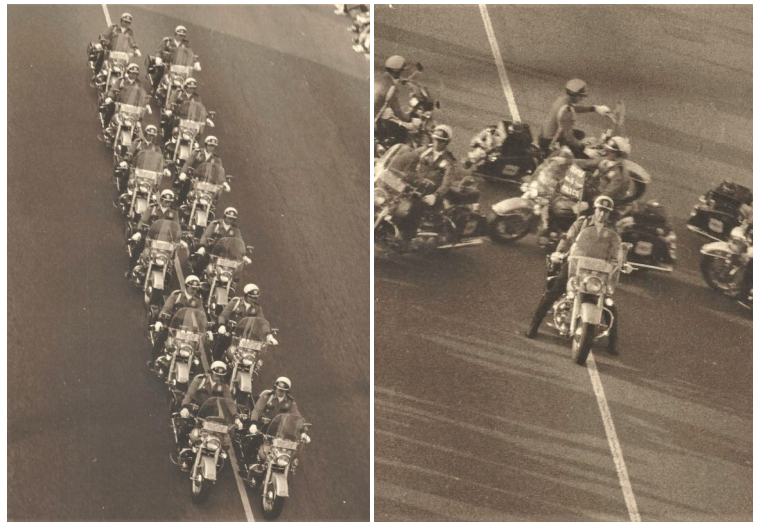


SPOUSES:

Lurienne Winney, wife of deceased Patrol Officer Luis Winney #1409, passed away on April 12, 2023, at 88 years of age.

Linda Noon, wife of retired Seattle Police Patrol Officer William Noon #2135, passed away on May 19, 2023, at the age of 82.

Eileen Christensen, wife of retired Seattle Police Patrol Officer Carl Christensen #2480, passed away on April 29, 2023, at the age of 73.



FRIENDS:

Steve Zielke #7097, Retired Dispatcher III, passed away at his home on May 10th, 2023, at the age of 64. He spent 18 years dispatching for the Seattle Police Department as a Call Taker, Dispatcher, and Acting Chief Dispatcher from 2003 until his retirement in 2021.

Michael Simmons #5373, Retired Seattle Community Service Officer, passed away April 18, 2023, at 63 years of age. Michael was hired on May 15, 1989, and retired on December 31, 2002, after 13 years of service.



And Until We Meet Again, May God Hold You in The Palm Of His Hand.

WAR STORIES

By Cloyd Steiger,
SPD Retired Detective, #4313

When I was a kid in the 60s, I loved going to the Woodland Park Zoo.

My favorite attraction there was Bobo the Gorilla, a Silverback. I loved watching him. He would stay to the side of his enclosure and suddenly run across, pounding on the glass as he went. My sisters and I would squeal with delight.

In the mid to late 80s I was working in the East Precinct, Third Watch. One early morning, about 3am, I was dispatched to a silent burglary alarm at the Museum of History and Industry, when it was on the Montlake Cut across from the University of Washington. The wind gust-ed that morning as I arrived at the scene. I pulled around the lower north side of the lot. I'd been there many times before. As I came around the bend, I noticed that the emergency exit door on that side was ajar. I radioed that I had an open door on the north side. I parked my patrol car and approached the door. I pulled it open and looked into the vast darkness of the museum beyond the door. I reached around but found no light switch to illuminate the area. Over my radio, I heard other units arriving. I stepped inside the door. I held my flashlight in one hand and my gun in the other.

"Seattle Police!" I bellowed. "Come out now!"

I received no response. I stepped inside the door, sweep-ing my light around to look for any threats. Suddenly, I saw a black face with menacing eyes. I swung my gun around and was just about to blast this dastardly figure. Just before I did, I recog-nized it as the stuffed body of Bobo, the gorilla, an animal I had adored in my childhood visits to the Woodland Park Zoo.

I laughed uncontrollably, realizing how close I came to adding a hole or two to his display.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 12 RSPOA Monthly Meeting 1100 at the Shoreline Elks

August 9 RSPOA Monthly Meeting, 1100 at the Shoreline Elks

August 10 RAP Summer Picnic 1200 at the SPAA Range Outdoor Grass Area.

August 12 SPAA Barbecue 1200 at the SPAA Range Outdoor Grass Area

September 11 DEADLINE TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT FOR THE BANQUET

September 20 79th Annual Retired Officers' Banquet at the SPAA Range. Doors Open at 1630.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

JERRY TRETTIVEK #2155

HIRED: 10-1-61 ACADEMY CLASS #44 RETIRED: 10-1-88

What were some of your memorable assignments ?

Intelligence Unit, Narcotics Unit, and Homicide Unit

Who were some of your partners and supervisors?

Joe Sanford, Bob Lowman, Rudy Sutlovich & Stan Fridell

Who was your favorite police chief and why?

Frank Moore. He was there to back you up if needed and we went on numerous ski trips and we golfed together.

What do you miss most about SPD?

The camaraderie and friendships that still remain.

LIFE AFTER SPD

What did you do, where do you live?

I built a place on Lake Chelan and lived there for twenty five years. For health reasons, we moved back to Seattle last year and I sold the place. I am presently residing in Cristwood Park in Shoreline and my wife is in Mukilteo Memory Care.

Tell us about your family?

I have a son and daughter both living in the Mill Creek area. I am blessed with six granddaughters and 16 great grandchildren.

Hobbies & Activities?

I play golf with friends and I am interested in watching all sports including football, baseball and now hockey.



Top Row: A. Baird, J. Taggart Jr., **G. Trettevek**, D. Bown, T. Dolan, R. Sprinkle, R. Parke, P.Knapp, D. Applegate, J. Richardson, W. MacPherson, R. Neal, L. Habryle. **2nd Row:** J. Moore, D. Hartwig, V. Adams, R. Wedlund, H. Haines, D.Cameron, Sgt. A. Benner, Lt. R. Corr, B. Mayhle, J. Mooney, R. Kelley, R. Goad, R. Skagen, D. Douglas, D. Blackwood, **Front Row:** J.L. Norvell, D.E. Clark, L.D. Benjamin, W.J. Converse, B.K. Gray, L.D. Grout, R.A. Gonstead, A. Zampardo Jr., P.B. Hurd, D.P. Vert, G. Jorve

RSPOA MEETINGS MAY & JUNE

PHOTOS BY JOHN NORDLUND



The RSPOA meetings always have guest speakers. In May, the guest speaker was Q-13 meteorologist, Brian MacMillan. He gave a very informative and enjoyable talk on not only forecasting the weather, but being on live TV. Brian is the son of retired SPD Terri MacMillan and the late Don MacMillan. Jerry Taylor thanks Brian after his talk.



The guest speaker at the June meeting was Everett Chief of Police, Dan Templeman, who talked about the changes in policing during his 31 years on the job. With Myrle Carner.

FYI, the RSPOA lunch is \$10.00.

Retired Seattle Police Officers' Association (RSPOA)

2nd Wednesday of each month - Doors open at 10:30 AM

Shoreline Elks - 14625 15th Ave NE, Shoreline, WA 98155

We usually have around 45-50 retired officers attending, guests welcome.

We always try to have a guest speaker.

Retired & Active Police (RAP) - more informal group

Every Thursday - Doors open at 10:30 AM

Shoreline Elks - 14625 15th Ave NE, Shoreline, WA 98155

We usually have around 30 persons attending, guests welcome.



Fallen SPD Officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the months of June and July.



JUNE

William H. Cunliffe	6-17-1911
James M. Forbes	6-21-1974
James H. St. Delore	6-21-1974
Antonio Terry	6-14-1994
Alexandra Harris	6-13-2021

JULY

Enoch E. Breece	7-31-1902
Henry L. Harris	7-04-1911
John F. Weedon	7-24-1916
Robert R. Wiley	7-30-1916
Amos J. Corner	7-05-1924
Harry W. Vosper	7-21-1949
James C. Brizendine	7-21-1955

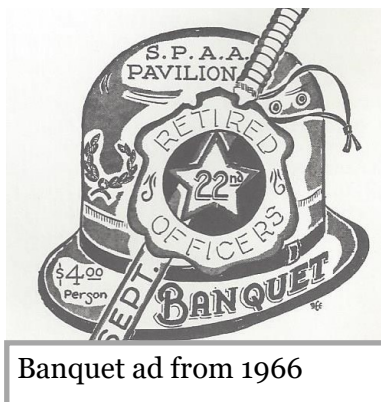
Editor's Corner

By Rich O'Neill #4451
SPD Retired

I am excited to announce that the 79th Annual Retired Seattle Police Officer's Banquet is a go! It will be held on Wednesday, September 20th. Please look at page 3 for all the important details. When the Nile Country Club underwent changes to its' catering company, it presented a definite challenge for the RSPOA and our banquet. With the blessing of the RSPOA Board, my brother, retired Officer Kevin O'Neill and I decided to get involved to coordinate the event. The banquet will be back at the SPAA Range Pavilion. The Seattle Police Relief Association made a very generous donation to help us keep this tradition going! I hope all retired will make it a priority to attend. Appetizers, a full dinner with several options and some delicious dessert is in the works. Oh and yes the bar will be OPEN! The best part of the banquet is getting together, seeing old friends, sharing some stories and laughs. Please remember that tickets must be reserved in advance. NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR!

Please have a fun and safe summer and I hope to see you all in September.

DON'T MISS THE FUN!
September 20, 2023



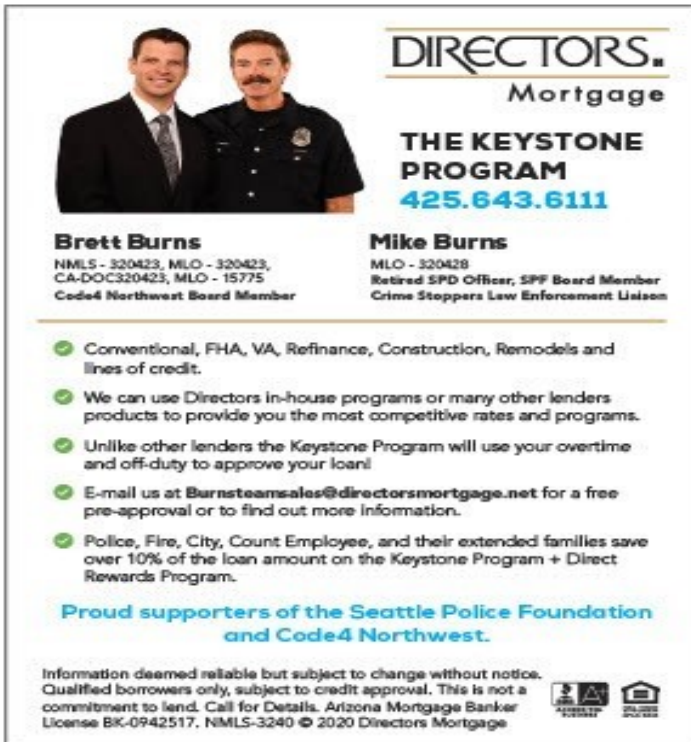
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