

# SEATTLE POLICE PENSION OFFICE

To: All members  
From: Stephanie Coleman

To assist in our continued efforts to complete a Last Ring/Biography of each of our members after they pass, we have come up with a list of questions most commonly used to put together a bio of each of you.

If you would please take some time to answer any, all, or some of the questions about yourself, including whatever thoughts or memories you would like known about you, it would greatly reduce the amount of time it takes to gather information from multiple sources.

If you have the ability to email it to me, that's great, if not, that's ok too. You can send it handwritten to me in the office as well. The information will be stored in your personnel file in a locked cabinet.

If I can ask one more thing. If you see that someone has passed and you worked with/around/or for, if you could call or email me and you could tell me a story about them (these can be edited for appropriate content) or a call you were on together, so we can honor their service on the department in their last ring, it would be greatly appreciated. As we all get older, and because this office did not keep work assignment history, it can be very hard to piece together someone's actual timeline without information from all of you.

If you have any questions at all, or just want to talk about these questions please feel free to call me at 206-348-8018 or email me at [stephanie.coleman@seattle.gov](mailto:stephanie.coleman@seattle.gov) if this is easier.

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**To help you, here is a list of prompting questions that we ask to assist us in the writing of the Last Ring. Please tell us about you:**

Where were you born/raised in Seattle? If not Seattle, where and why did you/your family move here?

Growing up, were you involved in sports or activities, in or out of school?

Where did you graduate High School from?

What work did you do before working for SPD? Give details, who/what/when:

Were you in the Military? What branch? What was your MOS? Where was Basic? What rank were you? Did you serve during war? What year did you enlist? When were you discharged? Did you serve in the reserves? When did you serve in the reserves?

After High School, what did you do? Go to college? Work? What did you study? Where and or what kind of work did you do and for who?

Were you a Cadet in the department? What did you enjoy about being a cadet vs an officer? Where did you enjoy working as a cadet most?

Why did you want to become a police officer?

Did you apply to other police agencies and why did you choose Seattle?

Academy class number? Or who was in your academy class with you? Any favorite memories of the Academy?

What units did you work in or what was your assignment history? Assignments were not kept by the Pension office, only your promotion dates.

What was your favorite assignment and why?

Did you have or do you have any family in law enforcement? In SPD? What other agencies?

Who were some of your favorite supervisors or co-workers and why?

Please mention any achievements, awards, commendations you may have received.

Any stories you want to share from your time on SPD?

Have you stayed in touch with others from SPD? Who?

What did you do after retiring from SPD? Did you work? Who for? How long?

What hobbies did you have? Travel? Hike? Gardening? Building?

How did you meet your spouse?

Most rewarding memory while on the SPD?

How many children do you have? Grandchildren? Great grandchildren?

Anything else you think would be of interest or that you would like people to know about you?

Please tell us any funny, interesting stories or calls you were on. Who was with you on the call? About what year? What happened?

Do you have a nick name? What was it and how did it come to be?