

The Call Box



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The Vertigo Club Law Enforcement Memorial Pig Roast

By Tim DeVore SPD Retired Detective #5497

In 2011, I joined The Vertigo Club – a private cigar club located in SODO. It's a wonderful club with many interesting members and visitors. The men and women of this club are from all walks of life, income brackets and political opinions. It's a great place to meet up and solve all the world's problems, with cigar in hand.

In 2012, we decided to honor our Fallen Officers with a gathering at the club and invite our local police officers for food and beverage. It was well attended with officers and deputies from Seattle, King County Sheriff's Office, Bellevue, Duvall, Redmond, Tacoma, Pierce County, and Kitsap County. We also invited our newly formed SPD Pipes and Drums band to perform a few songs as we raised a glass in memory of our fallen brothers and sisters. It was an emotional evening filled with tears and laughter, great food and beverage and, of course, cigars. Everyone decided we should make this an annual event.

During COVID we skipped a year, and then we skipped another year, etc. Many of the club members who supported the event retired and moved out of state. In the meantime, the club hired a new manager, Eric Benson. Eric grew up in New York and developed a great respect for Law Enforcement while living there. Eric heard about the event we used to do and asked me to put another one together – he even offered to cover the cost of the food.

In June 2024, we gathered once again and honored our Fallen Officers. The SPD Pipes and Drums returned and performed many wonderful songs. We even added roast pig sliders to the menu and set up the roasting box just outside the club entrance. During the evening, donations were made to support the Pipes and Drums – including a generous donation from the RSPOA. We acknowledged the band's service and commitment to the police family and the valuable work they do. In June of this year, we repeated the event. It was so well attended we had to seat many people outside by the roasting pig. During the evening, the SPD Pipes and Drums performed several moving songs as we once again raised a glass for the fallen officers and their surviving families. The Vertigo Club presented a wall plaque that will serve as a memorial to the SPD officers who have died in the line of duty since the club was formed in 2008. Three names have already been added. The event was a tremendous success. The SPD Pipes and Drums were honored with another generous donation from the RSPOA and those who attended. If you are interested in attending our event next year, or would like to make a donation to the event (cash, food or beverage), or you would like to know more about The Vertigo Club, please feel free to contact me: Tacomatim2003@yahoo.com or 206-304-4486.



Tim speaks to the large assembled crowd at the Law Enforcement Memorial Pig Roast.



Members of the SPD Pipes & Drums perform at the memorial

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President's Message

By John Nordlund President, RSPOA



First, thanks to Nick Bulpin for filling this space in the last Call Box. His comments about our annual banquet, RSPOA meetings, and RAP are so important. As I write this, the reservations for this year's banquet have almost reached the Sold-Out number of 400. Rich and Kevin O'Neill deserve all the thanks for making the banquet so successful. And thank you to Terri MacMillan and her helpers for the Silent Auction. The attendance at our monthly RSPOA meetings average around 45. The RAP meetings are where the attendance is slowly falling. The membership is aging. I do not know how to increase the numbers except to say I look forward to going to RAP every Thursday. A great group of men and women to socialize with. President Pramhus does her best to make each meeting an enjoyable occasion. Those attending the August RSPOA meeting had the pleasure of meeting Councilwoman Joy Hollingsworth. We all know who Joy replaced in District 3. She is on our side, but the process of bringing back Seattle is a slow one. And again, happy birthday to Mary Hallowell who celebrated her 92nd birthday at our August RSPOA meeting.

This year the banquet will honor the SPD Motorcycle Drill Team. Over the years my association with the team has been social. They are an elite group. Whether it was Tom Murphy building a deck at my house, joining the annual Oregon football trips, golfing with and spending time at "The King" Bernasconi's lake side resort, rooming with Jerry "Hitman" Hicklin, attending Mike Burke's (R.I.P) poker games or anything to do with Ken Jakobsen, the time was special and a lot of good memories. An update on the Select Committee on Pension Policy (SCPP). Rep. Travis Couture (R-35th District) Chairs the Committee; Vice-Chair Sen. Steve Conway (D-29th District). The committee has met twice. There has been no movement on SSB-5085 or SHB-2034. The first meeting was just talk about how the study (due January 2026) would be done and the second meeting was taken up by the State Actuary talking about funding levels. Conway did mention that this was the first time they have ever addressed the issue of an overfunded pension system and is unique in the country. The I.R.S. approval is the big issue that must be overcome. The way the bills are currently written will not pass the I.R.S. muster, i.e., approving the plans as tax qualified.

Please email Rep Couture and Sen Conway to express your feelings about the pension bills.

Retired Banquet Sept 20 3:00 pm SPAA Range

Monthly Meeting Oct 9th 11:30 Nile

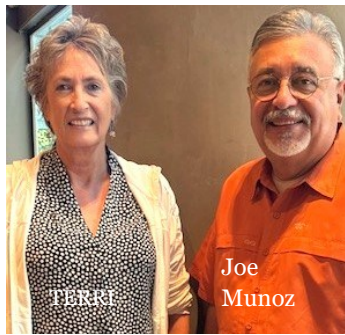
Monthly Meeting Nov 13th 11:30 Nile

EARLY WARNING: CHRISTMAS PARTY, Details to come!

RAP meets every Thursday at the Nile, 11am



RSPOA & APROA MEET TO DISCUSS SIMILAR ISSUES



RSPOA VP Terri MacMillan recently met with Joe Munoz who is retired from Austin, TX PD. and very active with the Austin Retired Officer's Association. Here are Joe's remarks:

I began my career as a police officer at the age of 19 in my hometown of Kingsville, located on the Texas coastal bend, approximately 45 minutes southwest of Corpus Christi. After two years in Kingsville, I joined the El Campo Police Department, situated 45 minutes south of Houston. In 1984, I transitioned to the Austin Police Department, graduating from cadet class #69. My roles included patrol officer, academy instructor, professional standards, recruiting, and leading the citizen's police academy for several years.

The most fulfilling period of my career was spent in the Chief's office, where I served twice as the Public Information Officer, working under four chiefs: Jim Everett (#5), Elizabeth Watson (#6), Stan Knee (#7), and Art Acevedo (#8). The Austin Police Department has had only 11 chiefs throughout its history. I retired in 2008 after 24 years of service, during which I earned seven department ribbons and received 147 commendations. Following my retirement, I took a supervisory position within the Austin Police Department's Office of Community Liaison (Public Relations Division), where I served for five years before retiring again.

In 2013, I became the supervisor of the School Based Law Enforcement Training Division at the Texas School Safety Center, located at Texas State University, which partners with ALERRT (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training), a program you may be familiar with. I oversee the training of over ten thousand officers working in Texas schools, and I continue in this role, although I am scheduled to retire once more in January 2026. During my time in Austin, I was actively involved in community initiatives, serving as vice-president of the Austin Police Association and as Chair of the Austin Police Association Political Action Committee. At that time, the Austin Police Association was highly sought after for endorsements in local politics, a status that has changed in recent years. Additionally, in 1999, I was elected as a board member of the Hays Consolidated Independent School District, a position I held for 10 years. I was the first active Austin police officer to be elected to a position while still serving, thanks to city charter provisions since Hays Consolidated was outside Austin, although it is now within the city limits.

As I mentioned earlier, Seattle shares many similarities with Austin. Both cities are diverse, yet they are governed by a predominantly left-leaning council. We have experienced challenges due to defunding and are still struggling to recover. The department currently has hundreds of vacancies that remain unfilled. While the Austin Police Department offers competitive salaries, officers face the challenge of working under a council that does not fully support them.

Historically, Austin PD was a stellar standout within Texas law enforcement, with over 30 former members advancing to the position of police chief in various cities—a significant point of pride. The department also boasted the largest motorcycle unit in the state, with nearly 100 officers. However, due to staffing shortages, the motorcycle unit has been disbanded, and all motor officers are now reassigned to patrol duties. Currently, officers primarily respond to urgent emergency calls and are not tasked with attending to minor service requests.

Regarding the Austin Police Retired Officers Association, we have eight board members and meet on the second Wednesday of odd-numbered months. I have been a board member for over three years and hold a lifetime membership status. The department has approximately 1300 sworn retirees and about half of them are members of our organization. We host a spring and fall luncheon social for our members. Recently, we have managed to fund these socials entirely through raffle proceeds, with no necessity to use dues. Check out our website:: APROA - Austin Police Retired Officers Association .

I have 4 grown children, 2 boys and two girls and 4 grandchildren. My wife Debbie, is the executive director of the Texas Municipal Retirement System. We live a few miles southwest of Austin in Wimberley nestled in the Texas hill country.

FROM THE PENSION OFFICE

BY STEPHANIE COLEMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

IRMAA Assessment for Part D: By now you should have received a letter at your home from me dated August 13, 2025, relating to the IRMAA assessment some of you may be affected by. If you are paying the standard rate for your Medicare Part B Premiums, you will not be affected by IRMAA for your Part D Prescription plan. If you received a letter regarding IRMAA **please pay this bill** and **please KEEP that document as proof** so we can reimburse you at the time of our annual Medicare reimbursement. If you have any questions, please contact us at 206-386-1286 Ext. 1 or policepension@seattle.gov.

The 2025 Reporting Forms were due on June 30, 2025. As of now, we have 67 forms that are still outstanding. Please reach out to Cassidy at 206-684-3375 or policepension@seattle.gov. Help us maintain 100% compliance with the State Auditor by completing these forms and returning them to us as soon as possible! Thank you!

June Election: The votes for the open Trustee position in the 2025 election have been counted. Joe Bouffiou #3047 received a total of 176 votes and has been elected to serve in this position until June 30, 2028. Thank you to everyone who participated in the voting process.

City and State/DRS Monthly Pension Payments: As a reminder, both DRS and the City make your pension payments on the last business day of each month, meaning the payment you received on August 29th covered the entire month of August.

Paystubs from the City of Seattle: If you're receiving a city check, please be aware that your paystub ceased being mailed to your home address on file in September 2024. I'm working hard to get those back up and running for you! I understand how important this is and appreciate your patience as we navigate some of the hiccups that have come with the transition to Workday for Payroll. Thank you for your patience.

Snowbirds: Please remember that if you move, you need to inform us at the office so we can have your current mailing address on file. Contact Lisa Porter at 206-256-5127 or sa.Porter@Seattle.Gov to update your information, ensuring you receive any mail we send out.

International Travel: If you are planning an international travel adventure, please ensure you obtain travel insurance. Most countries will not bill insurance directly, so you will need to pay out of pocket. Be sure to attach all receipts for any expenses incurred, obtain any necessary translations of services into English and all charges must be converted into US dollars per the exchange rate for the date of service. You can attach these documents to the simple reimbursement form and send directly to UMR.

UMR simple reimbursement form – Some of you have the old document with the physical address on it – please throw those away! You must use the form with the PO BOX listed if you need reimbursement for something you paid out of pocket for. Reach out to Cassidy at 206-684-3375 or Cassidy.fitzsimmons@seattle.gov to obtain the correct form or visit the RSPOA website under Pension and download it. https://rspoa.org/pdf/UMR_SIMPLE_REIMB_FORM.pdf.

Notifications from our office through RSPOA website: I've received questions about why members aren't being notified of passings or other updates. We send notifications through the RSPOA website, and you must be a member of RSPOA to receive this information. You are also welcome to share this information with our LEOFF2 members so they can join and stay informed. To join RSPOA contact Nick Bulpin 206-919-6425 or Rich O'Neill 206-992-9516.

Understanding DRS Definitions is crucial! It's important to clearly grasp the distinction between two key terms: "Beneficiary" and "Survivor." A **"Beneficiary,"** as defined by DRS, refers to someone who will receive a lump sum payment of any remaining contributions from your account upon your death. However, if you've been retired for a while now, it's very likely that all of your contribution funds have already been depleted. On the other hand, a **"Survivor"** is defined as a person who, after your passing, will receive a monthly retirement income for the rest of their life. This distinction is vital! **Do NOT misinform anyone by saying that being a beneficiary means they will receive your pension; that is simply not the case!** Only a designated survivor is entitled to that benefit. Ensuring clarity on these definitions can prevent misunderstandings and ensure that your loved ones receive the appropriate support they deserve.

If you re-married after your retirement and did NOT add your spouse as a survivor, please call Lisa Porter at 206-256-5127 or email her at Lisa.Porter@seattle.gov.
If you are still married to the same person you were at the time of your retirement, don't worry, your spouse will be your survivor automatically should you pass first.
If you re-married after your SPD retirement and added your spouse as a survivor and are paying an actuarial assessment from your pension, that's great, she will receive your LEOFF pension should you pass first.

Getting married? Getting Divorced? Did your (non-spd member) spouse pass away? Call Lisa Porter at 206-256-5127.

RECENT DEATHS

Writing a Last Ring takes time, particularly in gathering information. If you can help honor our friends and co-workers by sharing a memory—whether it's good, difficult, funny, or historical—please reach out. Your contributions are invaluable. Contact me at 206-348-8018 or email stephnie.coleman@seattle.gov to share your stories. Note that some submissions may be edited for brevity. Thank you!

Ron Chapman #2563, July 9, 2025

James Vaughan #2169, July 14, 2025

Bob Nelson #3212, July 17, 2025

Ed Stovall #1698, July 20, 2025

Mike Murray #2730, July 25, 2025

Bill Berg #2618, July 25, 2025

Hal Fogus #2061, July 29, 2025

Dan Engle #2777, July 31, 2025



Last Ring



LEOFF1 & 2 Sworn Members: None ready to print this month.

Legal Beneficiaries:

Eiko Johanson, wife of deceased retired Seattle police officer Robert Johanson #3320, passed away July 4, 2025, at the age of 91.

Colleagues:

John T. Pino #5202, retired Seattle Police harbor patrol mechanic, passed away on July 11, 2025, at 70 years of age. John was hired on September 2, 1987, and retired on January 3, 2011.



Antonia Concepcion #3857, retired Seattle Police Data Technician, passed away on May 24, 2025. Antonia was hired on June 24, 1998, and retired on December 25, 2007.

Gloria Tortorice #2971, retired Administrative Specialist I, passed away on June 3, 2025. Gloria was hired on September 16, 1968, and retired on October 13, 1992.

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

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War Stories

By Detective Cloyd Steiger, SPD Retired, #4313

I was assigned to work out of Georgetown, 3rd Watch right out of FTO in the Spring of 1980. When I went to work, I was put in Robert Sector, working for Sergeant Emmett Kelsie. Steve Sparby, from my academy class, was also assigned to Robert Sector. Ed Striedinger and Greg McFadden from my class were also assigned to Georgetown; Striedinger in Sam Sector, and McFadden in William Sector. After roll call that first night, Kelsie asked to speak to myself and Sparby in the sergeant's office.

"You guys may think you're real cops now," he said, "but before you're accepted, you're going to have to prove yourselves to the other officers on the watch."

"They'll be watching you, and I'll be watching you."

A few nights later, I was paired up with Kenny Baggen. For those of you who didn't know Baggen, he was the epitome of a street cop. Tough as nails with good street sense.

We were driving around the in the valley about ten o'clock when Bob Alexander, working a one-man car, went out on a shake west of where Rainier Avenue and Empire Way, (MLK Way now) cross. We drove there to back him.

When we pulled up, Alexander had a guy standing near the hood of his car. He was pretty big.

"He's crazy as a loon," Alexander said. "I ran his name for warrants." Sure enough, the guy had a warrant.

Bob walked up to him.

"You have a warrant for your arrest," he said. "Turn around." "F**k that!" the guy said and bolted west into the wooded area. Alexander took out after him, and I ran after Alexander.

The lights from Empire Way were bright in the background, but the woods were dark. I could see the suspect's head bobbing, and Alexander's head bobbing. Then suddenly the suspect's head disappeared. Then Alexander's head disappeared.

Then I was in the air, having run off about a fifteen-foot embankment. The suspect landed and took off. Alexander landed, hitting his knee on a boulder, and was writhing in pain. After I landed, I took off after the suspect. I caught him and tackled him. We rolled into a blackberry patch.

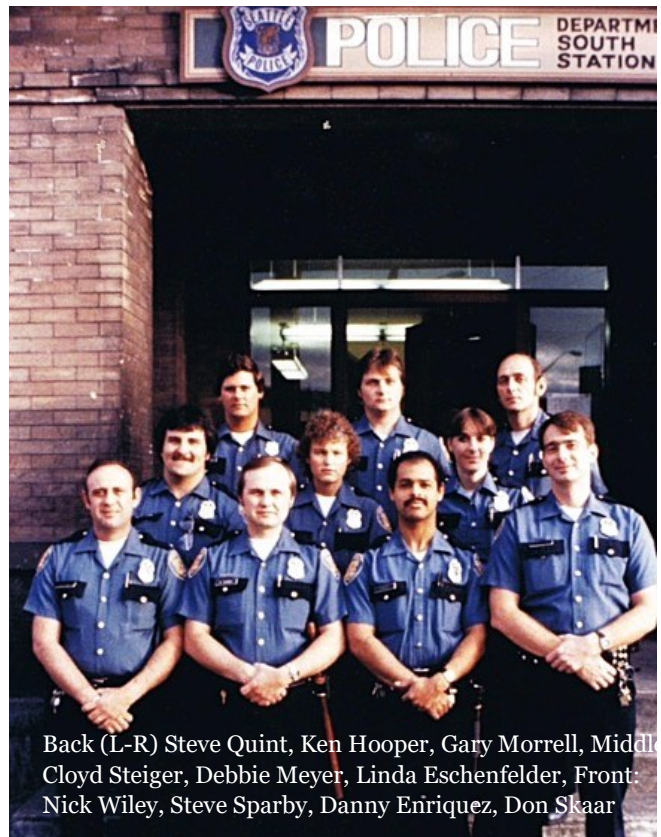
I was saying, "Please sir! Don't resist," and doing everything I could to de-escalate the situation--well, maybe not. I grabbed for his face several times and my fist kept bouncing off. Suddenly Baggen appeared and put the guy in a chokehold. The suspect briefly lost consciousness. We were just putting the cuffs on when he regained consciousness and struggled again. Now Baggen's hand kept bouncing off his face. We were able to drag the guy back to our car, while helping Alexander limp along.

When we arrived back at Georgetown, we went in by the back door near the gas pumps. Alexander was limping, my uniform was shredded, and I had blood all over me from being scratched by the blackberries.

Emmett was in the sergeant's office. When he saw us, he literally jumped up and came running out to see what happened. Later, Alexander went to the hospital along with Baggen. Alexander's knee was messed up and Baggen broke his hand on the guy's head.

Emmett called me into his office. "I heard what went down out there," he said. "I told you you'd have to prove yourself and you did. Good job."

Great memory



Back (L-R) Steve Quint, Ken Hooper, Gary Morrell, Middle Cloyd Steiger, Debbie Meyer, Linda Eschenfelder, Front: Nick Wiley, Steve Sparby, Danny Enriquez, Don Skaar



Seattle Police Relief Association

The Seattle Police Relief Association has some wonderful condos for rent at great prices. To enter the drawing and for more information go to www.reliefassociation.org. Occasionally, there are cancellations at the condos. To get your name on the list to be called in case there is a cancellation, contact Traci Speziale at 206-817-3807.



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RAP SUMMER PICNIC

Thursday August 21st was the annual RAP Summer Picnic at the Nile Country Club. A small but fun crowd gathered and enjoyed the food, drinks and summer games.



Pepper Prahmus & Greg Pote



Dave Demoss & Sandy Bulpin

From the Police Museum

By Officer Jim Ritter, SPD Retired, #4710,

“Calling All Cars”



Prior to the advent of television in the 1950s, citizens received their community information and entertainment through their A.M. radios. During the 1930's when police agencies began using A.M. patrol car radios to receive their calls for service from headquarters, the public was able to listen in.

Similar to the modern-day police scanners, citizens could sit in their living rooms and select between the regular “broadcast” channels, where they could listen to music and vaudeville-style radio programming, or to the “police” frequency, where they could hear police headquarters dispatch policemen to calls throughout the city.

During that era, Seattle’s policemen could only listen to the calls being sent to them since the technology did not yet exist for them to respond to HQ that they had received the call. Once at the crime scene, patrolmen would have to use a nearby phone to call back to the dispatcher to advise them of their status.

This photo depicts a Philco radio used by a citizen in Seattle during that era, where you can see familiar local radio stations such as KJR, KOMO, and KIRO with the Broadcast and Police frequencies clearly visible.

If you have any historical police related artifacts, uniform items, badges, photographs, vintage news articles, or other items that you would like to share, donate, or sell to the police museum, please contact me at: JamesSritter@gmail.com or call #206-949-9143.

RSPOA MEETINGS JULY & AUGUST



A large crowd gathered in July.



VP Terri MacMillan introduced Chief Best.



Chief Carmen Best addressed the crowd.

For the July Meeting, Terri MacMillan was called to introduce guest speaker Carman Best. Terri read off a lengthy list of achievements by Carmen including her tenure as Seattle's Chief of Police and including her proud military service. Chief Best thanked everyone for the opportunity to appear before the group. She reflected on her rise through the ranks of the SPD since joining in 1992. She spoke about her career and the state of policing today. She frankly answered several questions including those related to the summer of 2020 and the social unrest protests. She was applauded at the conclusion of her remarks and was awarded a RSPOA badge.



Four Decades of SPD Women

L-R; Carmen Best '92, Fran Smith '85, Terri MacMillan '75 and Marlynn McLaughlin '69

For the August Meeting, the guest speaker was Seattle City Council person, Joy Hollingsworth. President Nordlund read an extensive background of Joy before introducing her. Joy is City Council representative of district #3 as well as chair of Seattle Police Pension board. She is a four-generation resident of Seattle and still lives in her grandmother's house purchased in 1944. Her family has been active in area civil service and education along with activism. Joy stated she has a positive outlook on the direction the City is moving especially concerning first responders and she has hopes to fund additional hiring. She spoke about trying to improve the safety of city parks and to encourage good relations between the community and the police.

She responded to several questions. She was awarded RSPOA badge and thanked by all.



Mary Hallowell celebrated her 92nd birthday with her son at the August meeting.



John Nordlund thanks Joy Hollingsworth



Joy Hollingsworth speaks to the group

MARK THE NARC

By Officer Mark E. "Buzzy" Katzer

SPD Retired #3159



Back at school, some of those nibbles began to pay off. I made a couple of buys. Again, not many transactions took place on school grounds, so often I had to hop in my Mustang or on my bike and go off campus to conduct business. There was one event of note. I met a student-guy off campus and bought some cocaine. After I made the buy, I headed back to the P.S.B. to write my reports and get a preliminary report on the coke. I took my sample to the lab and after a cursory evaluation, I was told there was no cocaine present. The chemist told me that my sample was actually "procaine", used by dentists for numbing a patient's gums. It wasn't illegal. Damn, it was only the second time I had been burned in a buy. I met with the guys in the unit and advised them of the negative report on the coke. They decided that the next day I would return to the

school, go to my classes, and eventually drive off campus to the house where I had bought the dope. They would cover me, and I was to berate the dude that sold me "bunk." So, that's what I did.

Once at the house, I met up with the guy from yesterday and made my beef. He apologized big time, and seemed surprised that the shit he sold me was bad. He invited me inside and offered to make amends. I went inside and there were some other dudes around. We had some talks and I ended up making another buy of some LSD. I got outta there and drove away. I later met up with my cover team. We went back to our office and I did my reports and booked my evidence. While I was writing reports, the lab guy called me back and said that after more thorough testing he established that the coke from the earlier buy was, in fact real. We now had another target house for our upcoming raid.

A day or so later, there was an occurrence I would later learn of. Namely, on the corner of 3rd and Cherry (which separated the police department building and the Arctic Building, which housed the Narcotics Office) while waiting for a walk light, a detective from our Narcotics office stood alongside a Detective from the Intelligence Unit. The guy from Intelligence mentioned to the narc that they had an informant in the area of the U-District who reported that there was a group that had figured out there was a narc working out of Nathan Hale and he was known as "Mark the Narc" and that there was a plan to "take him out." The Intelligence guy asked the narc if they had such an agent working there. The narc wasn't sure, but he'd ask around. That narc detective ended up contacting our office and yes indeed, we had such an agent at Nathan Hale.: It was Me! So the next morning the Juvenile Narc Detectives had a meeting. I was already on my way to Nathan Hale. At about 1100hrs I was hanging around with three other guys in one of the foyers at the school when the Vice-Principal (the only administrator at the school that knew my true purpose) came up to the four of us and put on an act of annoyance. He reamed us all out for not being in class and ordered all of us to the office. He put us all in separate rooms. When he came to my room he said I was to wait there until some detectives showed up. I asked what was going on, but all he said was that he got a call from our office and was told to isolate me. About a half hour later, a couple of my detectives came into that room and said I had been "blown." They asked me where I had parked (I was riding my motorcycle that day) and where my locker was. They escorted me to my locker where I recovered some stuff, and then to my bike. They had guns. I didn't. They followed me back to the P.S.B. and our office and then they told me about the threat that they had learned of from the detective from the Intelligence Office. My days at Nathan Hale were over.

A few days later, another early morning raid was planned. It was staged out of the North Precinct. I remember being at the precinct after all of the raids were conducted. In one of the lobby areas I saw Janet sitting there, with what I guessed was her parents. She saw me and said something like "oh Hank, they got you too." Then she noticed I wasn't wearing handcuffs and she realized, and said "oh, you're one of them." I nodded. She at first looked pissed at me, but then said. "I understand. I still like you." I later had an opportunity to talk to Janet's parents and told them about the arrangement Janet had with her boyfriend about selling weed, and about how I had suggested to the detectives about "turning her" to help us. They appreciated that. I don't know whatever became of her, but I hoped she got her shit straightened out.

To be continued..

LEGISLATIVE STATUS UPDATE

By RSPOA VP Terri MacMillan

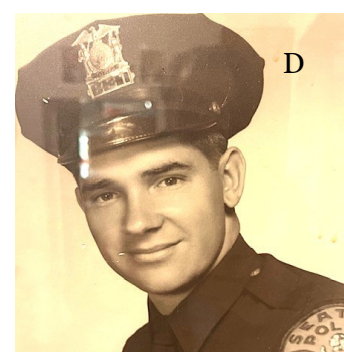
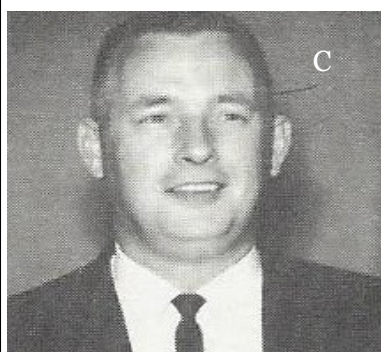
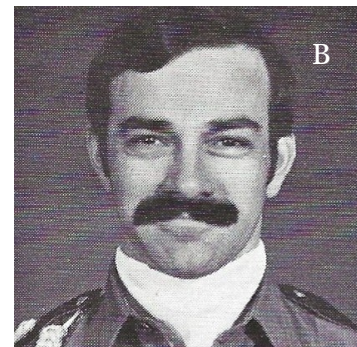
SSB5085 passed through the WA State Senate on 3/3/2025 by a vote of 28 yeas and 21 nays. This bill is intended to merge three pension funds (LEOFF1, TERS1 and PERS1) and provide COLAs for TERS and PERS. This bill was then sent to the Select Committee On Pension Policy (SCPP) for study. Their report is due in January 2026. To date, the Committee has just heard testimony from key state agencies, including Lisa Won from the State Actuary Office. They will be studying legal implications, make sure their report is correct and updated and check policy and administrative impacts prior to January 2026. The Committee has several concerns. -5085 and 2034 are budget bills with the intent of using pension funds for non-pension purposes. -The LEOFF1 pension fund is over funded and this is a unique situation in the whole country. -IRS rulings for both bills are needed -Any other legal decisions are to be reviewed. **SHB 2034** is in Committee in the House and has not moved forward to date but it is commonly referenced in comparison to **SSB 5085**. It is a very complicated bill and will certainly continue to be referenced and may be updated. Jacob White, representing the LEOFF2 Board, gave an update: Leoff 2 pension is currently funded at 104%, member contributions were 8.53%, employer 5.12% and the state 3.41%. - Active members 19,311, service retired 8,377, employers 393 .

It is important for pensioners to keep sending their opinions and concerns to legislators and SCPP AND also attend hearings in Olympia. The next dates are: **September 16, October 21, November 18, and December 16.** Meetings begin at 10:00 am. The Executive Hearings are open and begin at noon after a half hour break. You can also listen in the meeting by going to leg.wa.gov and following the prompts. Search for SSB 5085 and SHB 2034 on line for the full information. **We must stay vigilant!**

PICTURE QUIZ

Can you name these officers?

Answer below.



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Picture Quiz Answers: A: John Nordlund, B: Jack Coddington, C: Dale Schenck, D: Ivan Feilberg



Fallen SPD Officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the months of August and September.



AUGUST

Harold E.S. Williams	8-21-1931
Joselito A. Barber	8-13-2006

SEPTEMBER

Albert C. Shaneman	9-14-1913
Matthias H. Rude	9-24-1910
Edwin Wilson	9-24-1919
Robert L. Litsey	9-25-1924
Lyle F. Tracy	9-8-1928
Emory R. Sherard	9-15-1928
Eugene W. Perry	9-12-1930
Walter G. Cottle	9-29-1930
Ralph H. Ahner	9-13-1932
David P. Richards	9-1-1967
Dorian L. Halvorson	9-24-1976
Bryan Van Brunt	9-13-2019

Editor's Corner

By Rich O'Neill
SPD Retired #4451

September is here already! Some of our best weather usually occurs during this month. I hope I didn't just jinx it! The biggest happening this month is of course, the Retired Officers Banquet on Saturday, September 20th at the SPAA Range Pavilion. By the time you read this, our reservations are most likely closed, as we are well over 400 reservations! I want to thank everyone who used the electronic registration system with Eventbrite.com. This saved us from taking reservations over the phone and by text. I know the system isn't perfect and "online things" can be confusing for some, but it was really a time saver. If you've already registered, then your name tag and dinner ticket will be waiting for you at the door. A HUGE thank you to Stephanie Coleman and her staff at the Pension Office as they are printing up all of the name tags and will greet you at the door, along with Sandy Bulpin. If you are uncertain if you registered correctly, just call or text me and I can assist you. (206-992-9516).

My brother, Kevin and I are busy making all the preparations for the banquet. We will be at the range pavilion setting up, starting on Monday, September 15 and extending through the week. Many hands make for light work! We will also need help on Sunday, September 21 for take-down and cleanup. For the "heavy lifting" type work, if you have adult children or grandchildren who would like to help, just contact me for the exact times and days that we will be down there.


This year, at the banquet, we will be honoring all those who ever served on the SPD Motorcycle Drill Team. We will remember all officers who passed since the last banquet in our solemn Last Ring ceremony. We will also have fun awards and the always popular, "Guich Door Prizes \$\$\$!" Terri MacMillan has worked very hard securing some great items for the Silent Auction. Just to name a few: 4 tickets to a Mariner baseball game, a trip for 2 on the Victoria Clipper with a one night hotel stay, a day on Lake Washington for 6 people on a huge boat with food and drinks included, 4 tickets to a Thunderbird hockey game, 2 suite tickets to Seattle Sounders soccer match, and many specialty themed baskets to bid on. Bring cash or check for the Silent Auction!

The best part of the banquet is just getting together, seeing old friends and sharing a few laughs. I hope to see you all at the 81st Annual Banquet!

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