THE BRIEF
Bringing Relevant Information to Employees & Families
THE COOK COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE
June 2012

A NOTE FROM THE SHERIFF

As some of you currently working at the Department of Corrections are probably aware, we are seeing a great increase in our jail population; a number that is sure to reach its peak during the summer months. As Sheriff, it is my responsibility to maintain a safe and secure environment at the Jail at all times and to make sure all concerns with a rising jail population are properly addressed. That being said, I want you to know that the Sheriff’s Office is actively working to identify solutions to this problem and will do all that is necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of all employees. On another note, as we enter the summer months, the Sheriff’s Office is looking forward to a number of positive, new initiatives and projects such as garden expansion, honey harvesting, and fish farming. I hope to update you with more information on these and other initiatives throughout the coming months. Finally, mentioned below, you will find that the Peer Support Group has a new location at Oak Forest Hospital; I encourage all employees to utilize the resources and services provided by this group if ever a need arises. Thank you again for all your hard work during the 2012 NATO Summit and all throughout the year to ensure the safety of all citizens of Cook County.

RUNNERS WANTED!!
This year the Law Enforcement Torch Run For Special Olympics will be held on Tuesday, June 12 at 8:30 a.m. and we need runners to help us carry the Flame of Hope! This year’s Kickoff Ceremony will be held in a new location … at the Cook County Boot Camp, 2801 S. Rockwell, Chicago, IL. Runners may participate for any distance … several blocks, one mile, 10 miles or the whole 25-mile course slated for Day 1 of the Run. All runners are welcome and transportation will be available from the course back to your vehicles at the Boot Camp.

For more information to participate as a runner, please contact the following personnel throughout the Sheriff’s Office:

Boot Camp
Bob Pedregasis 773.674.6153
Sgt. John Palok 773.674.7955
Paul Pankiewicz 773.674.7722

Training Institute
Officer Paul Ulanowski 708.974.5606
Officer Jimmy Dominguez 708.974.5779

CCDOC
Lt. Gary Merrill 773.674.5223

Sheriff’s Police
Penny Mateck 708.865.4917

Court Services / Juvenile Court
Deputy Steve Cmamcc

SPECIAL THANKS!
Special thanks to Penny Mateck (Sheriff’s Police) for all of her hard work and organization in planning and preparing for the William Haltour trial that took place in May. She went above and beyond not only during the course of the three week trial, but in the months of planning it took leading up to it as well. We can’t thank you enough for all of your help. You did a great job and we appreciate it.

Thank you also to Kelly Jackson, Eddie Avant & John Corner for your assistance in all of the coordination efforts and being on site every single day helping to keep things running so smoothly.

Finally, thank you Brenda Murphy and Alejandra Hernandez from the Executive Office and ALL of the sworn personnel at the criminal courthouse who helped out each day. Everyone on site was helpful and professional in handling security, signing people in, controlling the crowds, keeping things in order, pitching in to help, etc. Your patience and assistance throughout the entire trial is greatly appreciated.

Several national news outlets complimented the preparedness and professionalism of the Sheriff’s Office staff and we thank you for that.

Frank Bilecki and Nora Sheahan – Communications Department

SAFETY FIRST!
A Safety Reminder from the Fire/Safety Committee:
Remember each fire evacuation plan is different for every building. Do you know your evacuation plan?

Fire/Safety Tip for home and work:
Proper Fire Extinguisher usage is called “P.A.S.S.”

1. Pull the PIN
2. Aim the Nozzle
3. Squeeze the Handle
4. Sweep Side to Side

*PEER SUPPORT GROUP*
The Peer Support Program now has offices at:

Oak Forest Hospital Complex -15900 S. Cicero
Building B12
Oak Forest, Illinois 60452

The program is open to all Oak Forest Office Personnel. For more information, resources and services call:
Director Don Milazzo at 708.633.2588

WELCOME!
Congratulations go out to Deputy Sheriff Jennifer Matthews of Daley Center on the birth of her son Jonathan Eugene Matthews. Mother and son are doing well.

Assistant Chief Tom Fleming who has joined the CCSD, Dist. 4.

Good Luck!
To Sergeant Daniel Helms, Sergeant Robert Krauskopf, Officer Juan Arellano, Officer Samuel Dutch, Deputy Matt Lamb and Deputy Maria Wiskur of the Sheriff’s Training Institute who will be participating in the Inaugural Running of the Ronald McDonald Children’s Hospital at Loyola University Medical Center 5k Race/Walk on Sunday, June 10, 2012.

All proceeds from this race will benefit the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit renovation at the Ronald McDonald Children’s Hospital at LUMC.

In Memoriam

Thank you again for all your hard work during the 2012 NATO Summit and all throughout the year to ensure the safety of all citizens of Cook County.

The Pre-Release Center would also like to honor three retirees.

* Officer Rita Burns 25 years of service
* Officer Dean Grande 30 years of service
* Officer Earnestine Norman for 20 years of service.

Thank you for your years of service!

Phone Discounts

AT&T - 15% of monthly bill using access#: FAN0003549 or 00035182. Call (800) 331-0500 or 611 from your cell phone.

Sprint/Nextel - 15% off monthly bill Call Customer Care (800) 639-6111 or (800) 211-4727. Organization: Cook County, Illinois.

Verizon - 18% off monthly bill of $54.99 or higher, 25% off accessories. Call (800) 899-4249.

* All carriers require you to provide your county I.D.
* Due to the number of calls that have been received, I have contacted all carriers to facilitate the discount process. I have been informed that employees may utilize their county I.D.’s as their only valid form of employee identification.

* This is to accommodate those employees without a cookcountysgvt address. Please pass along this information.

Reminder:
Our Cell Phones for Seniors Program will happily accept any Cell Phones that are no longer in use and would like to donate. The Cell Phones for Seniors Program collects used cell phones at most court facilities and many other sites across Cook County. The cell phones are given to seniors, who do not have a cell phone of their own, to use in an emergency to reach 911. To find a collection site near you or receive more information, visit www.cookcountysheriff.org or call 708.974.6042.

The Cook County Sheriff’s Office will be marching in the 2012 Gay Pride Parade; all employees are encouraged to join in our float. Further meeting location and theme information will be given via email blast in the next couple of weeks.

When: Sunday, June 24, 2012
Time: 12:00pm kick off

The families of Deputy Sheriff Carol Kubanda & Deputy Sheriff Irene Gavitt on their recent deaths. Both Deputies were assigned to Dist. 4 Courts, Maywood.

Officer Foster Bradley, on the death of his mother-in-law Janice Jackson.

Retired Sgt. Ernie Marinelli, on the death of his father Vince Marinelli.

THOMAS J. DART, COOK COUNTY SHERIFF

Pepperidge Farm and Ocean Spray donateikk
Sergeant Peter Powers acted quickly on May 6, 2012 while traveling in Kentucky with his wife. The two witnessed a mini van swerve and skid out of control striking the windshield of one of the passengers. State troopers arrived on the scene and they assisted with traffic control until Laurel County Deputies arrived. Great Job!

Officer Eric Velez and Officer Ricky Hernandez on May 1, 2012 while conducting a search of a living unit, they discovered pages of gang information and one metal object in the mail of an inmate. The contraband was confiscated, sealed in an evidence bag, and placed in Division 5 safe. Congratulations!

Officer Daphne Taliaferro, Officer James MacAuliffe, Officer Doris Turner, Officer William Davis, Jr., Officer Justin Hook and Officer Chandra Perry for their actions taken on April 30, 2012. Their commitment and hard work during the DOJ Inspection which made the overall visit a positive learning experience and a valuable message for staff throughout all of the Divisions on all three shifts. It gave everyone an idea of what team work can generate. Congratulations!

Officer Antonio Jimenez on April 29, 2012 a detective stated that he was having suicidal thoughts due to the death of his father. Officer Jimenez notified Sergeant Marcos and the detainee was escorted to the Dispensary and the Psych Staff transferred the detainee for further assessment. Congratulations your quick response and a job well done!

Investigator Reginald Beach and Investigator Barron Alston were awarded commendations for their actions taken on Monday, May 7, 2012 in which they conducted patrol at Damen and Archer. They observed a female victim assaulted by a man wielding a knife. The subject was ordered to drop his weapon, but the subject fled. They pursued the subject and apprehended him. The subject was searched and 10-12 weapons were found. The subject was taken into custody. The victim fled the scene when investigators arrived.

Congratulations on a job WELL DONE!

Officer Frank Corona and Officer Mayra Ortiz on April 21, 2012 while conducting the morning count, they noticed several cells not in compliance. The Tier IM was given time to remove items from the widows and door but did not comply. Well done!

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**BRIDGEVIEW**

On March 1, 2012 a male civilian in courtroom 210 at District 5 Bridgeview appeared to have a seizure. Paramedics were called but the victim quickly lost consciousness. There was no stoppage, but they stopped breathing. Sgt. Gina Stubbie quickly stepped into and administered CPR. Deputy Sheriff Mark Varkalis retrieved the AED and applied it. Following the directions of the AED, 2 shocks were administered. The victim regained a pulse and breathing, and was conscious before the paramedics left the facility.

**DAILY CENTER**

Keep your quick observations of an unusual go home in one piece.

**DALEY CENTER**

**JUVENILE**

**SWAP**

On May 23, 2012 while conducting a routine search of SWAP participants at District 6 Deputy Sheriff Lance Zytowski discovered 5 bags of a white powdery substance suspected to be Cocaine. Suspect was taken into custody by Deputies Zytowski and Doyle. A field test was conducted that indicated the presence of Cocaine. The suspect was arrested and charged with Felony Possession of Cocaine. Deputy Sheriff Frank Czerniwich of District 6 assisted with the field testing, and processing the arrest.

**SHERIFF'S PolICE Notes**

Detective met with Palatine Police Department and an individual from MarMaxx Loss Prevention who requested assistance from Cook County Sheriff's Police Department's Financial Crimes Unit with a multi-jurisdictional investigation into group defrauding MarMaxx group companies, the parent company for TJ Maxx, Marshalls, HomeGoods and other stores. Loss Prevention related in late December 2011 their National Task Force along with assistance from Loss Prevention and store Management from their stores identified 4 individuals involved in a fraud scheme. The project's goal of scheme was to obtain for cash stolen merchandise fraudulently refunded with counterfeit state IDs and altered receipts. Video surveillance of 3 of the offenders in each store carrying out this fraud as well as copies of refund receipts were collected. Offenders would go to various stores and steal items and then purchase less expensive items, return the stolen items with forged receipts. After surveillance was conducted on the offenders and the vehicles they use were positively identified a search warrant was executed.

Deputies were able to recover false IDs, false IDs not yet laminated, receipts for refunds, written log books on the offender's travels, management and a few computers. They also recovered notebooks with descriptions of property that was taken and the refunds given. A GPS that contained a log of numerous stores in various states that were date and time stamped. Thank you, Deputy Sergeant Histogram.