

President's Message

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May I start by wishing everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

This year will start with a 4% raise for old hires. This is the last year of the current contract and bargaining for the next contract will commence later this summer.

Looking back on 2024, we can report that we had a successful year. The luncheons and dinners were well attended, and we will continue with our commitment to a good social atmosphere was a success.

We held several theatre events with the Denver Police Museum, and they were all extremely popular. We will continue to partner with the museum to hold more this year. I would encourage members to watch for the museum announcements. These events promote our department, and they are positive reinforcement for the active officers. This is another opportunity to get the good image of the department before the community.

The Pension Board did not have any problem issues to report last year. It is important that retirees continue to have a presence on the Board so that if a problem should arise, we can have a say in the solution before it gets out of hand.

This month Congress finally passed the Social Security legislation removing the offsets for public pensions. The President signed the legislation, so it is now the law. As of this date no one knows exactly how this is going to work. If your benefit was offset, you will surely have a raise coming in your social security benefit. I would encourage you to set up your account information by going to the Social Security web site and following the prompts to set up your personal account.

The 2025 Roster Book has been updated and will be sent out shortly. If you have not paid your 2025 dues, do it now so there will be no problems in getting your book and e-mails.

In 2025 we will have the usual lunches and dinners each month and we will have the summer picnic and the Laughlin Reunion and the Christmas Party. Staying in touch, promoting camaraderie, and being there when there is a need is our mission.

Watch for coming announcements, and please join us whenever you can. We look forward to seeing you this year.