

President's Message

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The roster book has been mailed and we are happy that you approve of the format. We were able to make some subtle changes to the format thanks to Glen Miller and his computer skills. This is just an example of our endeavoring to make the changes necessary to keep the organization up to date to service the membership.

I can report that we have never had more paid memberships. It is gratifying to know that what we are doing is being noticed. It also points out that there is a lot work to be done and we want you to know that we will continue to represent you in whatever way we can.

The past year or so we have reported on the old hire pension audit and we are involved in making accountability to retirees the norm rather than the exception. It has been a long and arduous task but unlike the New Hire program the Old Hire Board is composed of new hire officers that have acted without any regard for the laws regarding open meetings and the keeping of records. Hopefully we have changed some of the ways they do business.

We are not just about Old Hires. We are familiar with the New Hire plan. New hires are fortunate to have the FPPA to fall back on for any questions concerning their benefits. The active member of the FPPA Board is a Denver Detective, Tyson Worrell. Any questions about benefits or the reasons behind benefit changes, can be referred to him or the FPPA staff.

Pension benefits are only one issue we think about. There are several things retirees need to keep tabs on. We will involve ourselves in anything that affects our retirement. There was recently an issue with retired officers carrying firearms to functions at the DCPA. We were able to learn that the firearm ban was requested by the event management of the play at the DCPA. The officers, who work at the DCPA are talking to the DCPA about retirees with proper CCW permits as a supplement to security. We will let you know if anything changes with this issue. Right now, everything seems calm and that is just the way we want it.

We just had a lunch meeting at The Great Wall restaurant. In March we decided that we would try a lunch format so as not to conflict with the museum dinner honoring police women. We were surprised that we had more reservations for the lunch than we typically get for a dinner. There were members there who had never been to a dinner event. Driving at night and traffic are the main deterrents to dinner participation. Paying only for what you eat was also a positive for many of the members there. The success of this event makes it apparent that we need to continue with this format. Look for a mix of dinner and lunch events in the future.

We are looking forward to representing your interests in the future. If there is anything you need in the meantime let any member of the board know.