

OHIO ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE



To: President Brandon K. Standley, CLEE 2017/2018 OACP President
OACP Executive Board and
OACP Membership

From: Chief Dwight A. Holcomb (Ret), CPP
Statewide and District 1 Life Member Representative

Date: April 29, 2018

RE: **2017-2018 ANNUAL RPORT OF THE LIFE MEMBER COMMITTEE**

As in past years, the Life Member Committee District Representatives continued to reach out and interact with our retired membership as much as possible during the last year.

As we meet at this year's OACP Chief's In-Service and Annual Conference, we remember Chief Doug Knight who passed on April 13, 2018. Chief Mike Laage, CLEE recently wrote *"We are all sadden by the passing of Chief Doug Knight, Vandalia PD. Doug was a mentor to many of us within the district, as he was actively involved within the many different district and state OACP functions. Doug was a role model for many of us, and I believe if more officers - supervisors - and chiefs were more like Chief Knight - the law enforcement profession would be more of a profession than its current status. Just months away from his retirement, Chief Knight will be missed, but his legacy will live on."*

Life Member Committee - District Representatives

Voluntary participation is paramount to the success of any association. I would like to thank the following Chiefs who contributed their time to the Life Member Committee as a representative to their districts for 2017/2018:

District #2	Chief Michael Ruggles (Ret)	Norwalk Police Department
District #3	Chief Chuck Hitzel (Ret)	North Kingsville Police Department
District #4	Chief Mike Laage, (Ret), CLEE.	Springdale Police Department
District #5	Chief Richard Mayer (Ret), CLEE	Athens Police Department
District #6	Chief Ronald Johnson (Ret), CLEE	Dover Police Department
and		
District #1	Chief Dwight A. Holcomb (Ret), CPP	Upper Arlington Police Department

Newsletter

As a refresher, back in the early 1990's a Newsletter was created to keep our retired members informed on topics that were of concern and interest. Unfortunately, at some point the Newsletter was discontinued for reasons mostly associated with a lack of stories and information to publish.

In 2009 the Newsletter concept was tried again. A total of 23 issues have been written since it was recreated. Nevertheless, obtaining sufficient and useful information to include in the newsletter has become increasingly more difficult.

The issues become a challenge to create with a lack of interesting and substantial information as content. The Newsletter can only be as successful as the material submitted for publication. To that end, as of 2018 the routine editions of the newsletter are being suspended.

At any time should a story of interest be developed, a Special Edition of the Life Member Newsletter will be created and published.

Special Reports from the District Representatives

District 1 Report - submitted by Chief Dwight A. Holcomb, (Ret), CPP

Retired Chiefs from District 1 and the Columbus area along with other retired law enforcement officers continue to pursue their casual dinner gatherings as weather and their health allow. The meetings permit for the continuation of friendships that have been built and maintained for many years.

During this past OACP year I attended nearly all District 1 meetings as central Ohio is my home District. As the Statewide Life Member Representative, I also attended meetings in District 2, 5 and 6 but unfortunately work conflicts and scheduling did not permit me to attend a District 3 or 4 meeting. Furthermore, I have attended all but one OACP Executive Committee Meetings during the past OACP year.

Retired Chiefs who are participants of the Life Member Committee have attended their district meetings as they could do so. Their reports are as follows:

District 2 Report -submitted by Chief Michael Ruggles (Ret)

Chief Ruggles advised he did not have anything to add to this 2018 summary.

District 3 Report -submitted by Chief Chuck Hitzel (Ret)

Chief Hitzel did not have anything to add to this 2018 summary.

District 4 Report - submitted by Chief Michael Laage (Ret). CLEE

Within Hamilton County, many of the retired chiefs continue to meet once a month for lunch, to discuss our medical issues and tell old war stories. We also have distributed a number of OACP watches to retired chiefs at these luncheons. Retired Chief Kunze at times makes the trip from afar Bellefontaine. Always good to see Brad and talk about old times. A number of retired chiefs and career law enforcement professionals just came back from our 3rd cruise, this time to the Panama Canal. We began these cruises a few years ago and try to go every other year. Already planning one for Alaska in 2020.

SA Dave Lichtenfield, FBI, retired; is recovering and getting better each day. Many of our OACP members will remember Dave as the local police liaison with the FBI Cincinnati Office who for many years enabled and guided many officers into the FBI National Academy. Dave is a veteran of our past cruises but had to stay home on the last cruise due to some medical issues. We all wish Dave a speedy recovery.

Thanks to Chief Scott Snow, Reading PD our District 4 Representative on the OACP Executive Board. We hear good things about Scotty and thank him for all his hard work and commitment to OACP.

District 5 Report - submitted by Chief Richard Mayer (Ret), CLEE

Chief Mayer, CLEE did not have anything to add to this 2018 summary.

District 6 Report - submitted by Chief Ron Johnson (Ret), CLEE

Chief David E. Birker of the Gnadenhutten Police Department (Tuscarawas County) retired on March 15th. No other retirements this past year. District 6 has three to five retirees attend the District meetings regularly. No recent chief's deaths to report or other news.

cc: Donna Harrass – Executive Director