CHICAGO POLICE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

never forget

In September of 2023, the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation provided $252,062 in assistance including:

$55,874 in Education Assistance
$150,849 in Gold Star Families Memorial & Park Assistance
$6,000 in Officers in Need Assistance
$25,771 in GSF Memorial & Park Assistance
$35,144 in Suicide Prevention & Officer Wellness Assistance
$3,723 in Get Behind the Vest Assistance

In addition, the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation provided assistance to Gold Star Families, Chicago Police Survivors, and Widows of CPD Officers killed in the line of duty.

Total assistance given in 2023: $1.9 million
Total Assistance Given to Date: $19.5 Million Dollars

October 2023 Officers of the Month

No job for a police officer is routine, and officers never know what is coming their way.

They must be alert at all times, and ready to switch gears at a second's notice. And—things aren't always as they seem. Oftentimes, officers have to take many steps to connect the dots. This takes skill, dedication and patience. And it happens because officers take their oath to heart, they listen to their gut and rely on their training.

On September 2nd , 025th District Officers Miranda and Cale were backing another unit up on a call near 4400 W. Fullerton. While enroute, they noticed a car double parked with the engine running, and a lone occupant in the driver's seat. They decided
to investigate, and found the driver unconscious, with his foot on the brake. They worked to safely secure the vehicle, and discovered suspected heroin near the driver in the car. The driver was given medical attention and subsequently arrested for possession of narcotics. The officers didn't leave it at that though. Personal property belonging to a female was found in the car, so they furthered their investigation, and made contact with the owner of the vehicle. It was learned that the owner loaned the car to a family member, with whom she had not been able to make contact. Through the officers' continued investigation, it was discovered that the family member to whom the car was loaned had been murdered; she was found in her residence with a bloodied blunt object nearby. The initiative taken by these officers led to the discovery of a homicide victim and the arrest of the offender. Charges include first degree Murder, possession of a stolen car and the drugs. Thank you, officers, for your follow-through on this. Timely investigation and evidence collection is critical, and your actions provided for that! This is also a perfect illustration of excellent guidance provided by field training officers to the newest members of the Department. The importance of an FTO's role cannot be overstated.

We proudly present this Officer of the Month award to
Field Training Officer Eric Miranda
Probationary Police Officer Luciano Cale

In the early morning hours of September 11th, an offender robbed a retail establishment near 5700 N. California. The offender alluded to having a handgun, and demanded money from the cash register. The victim complied and the offender made good his escape. Sgt. Pat Keane and his team quickly followed up on the investigation. They began the tedious but crucial task of canvassing the area for surveillance video that would aid in the investigation. Again, timely gathering and preservation of evidence is of great importance. Officers Kelly Carroll, Ozzie Maldonado, and Andrew Marzen were able to find multiple video feeds that showed the offender walk from a distance before entering a nearby alley, where he changed his clothing before committing the robbery. The officers were then able to track his flight path following the robbery, and noticed he was going in the direction of nearby motels. The officers presented a photo of the offender to desk personnel at a nearby motels, and learned where the offender was staying. He was subsequently arrested and connected to two other recent robberies in the area, both committed just days prior. The offender was charged with (3) separate robberies of retail establishments. Through the use of technology and good old fashioned police work, a career criminal who was on parole for previous robberies was taken off the streets of Chicago. These officers must be commended for their initiative, investigative skill and dedication to the good people of Chicago.

We proudly present this Officer of the Month award to 020th District team members:

Sergeant Patrick Keane
Officer Kelly Carroll
Officer Oswaldo Maldonado
Officer Andrew Marzen

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VALOR AWARDS
October 25, 2023
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Honoring
Officer Arèanah M. Preston
posthumously with the
Valor Award
Officer
Andrés Mauricio Vásquez Lasso
posthumously with the
Valor Award
19th Ward Alderman
Matthew J. O'Shea
with the
Golden Vest Award
Special Commendations
Area 2 Detective Division &
008th District Officers

At an unveiling ceremony on 10-11-2023, the CPMF dedicated a new plaza at Gold Star Families Memorial & Park that pays tribute to Chicago Police horses and dogs who died while serving on behalf of the Chicago Police Department. The K9 & Equine Plaza recognizes eight K9s and three horses who have died while performing their duties as service animals. When we announced this effort four years ago, we received a jumpstart when Don Levin of the Chicago Wolves hockey team kicked in $50,000 to get this project moving. We are also thankful for the support that Exelon, Motorola, Wintrust and the Chicago Patrolmen's Credit Union provide. This was a stand-alone fundraising initiative, wholly separate from our ongoing fundraising efforts, meaning those who make general donations to our Foundation are supporting Chicago Police officers and the Gold Star Families. Those interested in supporting this specific effort, however, have done so through individual donations and purchasing bricks that line ground at this plaza. Thank you to everyone involved in this beautiful tribute, including our donors and staff, the City Park District, the landscape team and the artists @rotblattamrany who have taken so much time to understand the bond that exists between a police officer his or her service animal.
For more pictures from this unveiling, please visit our K9 & Equine Photo Gallery

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Way to go, Team CPMF! Our stellar Chicago Marathon Team raised over $160,000! Your hard work and dedication extend way beyond those 26.2 miles! Congratulations and THANK YOU to each one of you!

Hockey Season is here…

Your Chicago Blackhawks will be sponsoring a First Responders Night this season on Sunday December 10th at 6pm vs the Washington Capitals. Like last season, all tickets sold through our link will include a donation to the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation! All buyers this year will also receive a challenge coin! Finally, the CPD vs CFD hockey game take place before the Blackhawks game that night, so this is sure to be a GREAT event!

Purchase 1st Responder Night Tickets Today!

Fall is in the air. Get your chilly weather gear [today!]

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Orders for Phase 19 are Now Being Accepted

The CPMF is now offering an opportunity to purchase a memorial brick at the Gold Star Families Memorial and Park for Phase 19. Now is your chance to honor the memory of a lost friend, family, or loved one or honor the career of an officer. Don't miss this chance to be a part of Chicago history by having your personalized, engraved brick set in Gold Star Families Memorial and Park for all to see.

Support organizations like ours when you buy the Police Memorial "Wild Cherry", Instant Ticket from the Illinois Lottery. 100% of the profits go toward police memorials, helping families of the fallen and other support for law enforcement officers.

Since 2007, Total amount of assistance given to Chicago Police families in need is $19.5 million.

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