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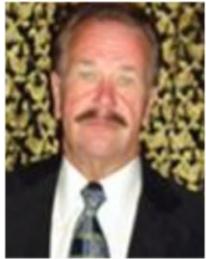
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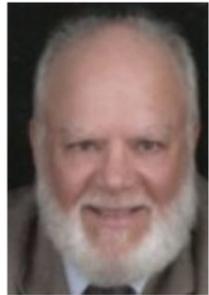


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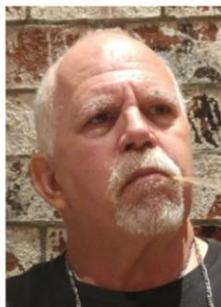


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**JAN-FEB-MAR 2017**



# REGION 11 HOCKEY NIGHT



**FLORIDA PANTHERS vs. OTTAWA SENATORS**

**JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2017 7 PM**

**\$50.00 PER PERSON AT THE OLD DUFFY SECTION**

**ALL U CAN EAT AND DRINK (BEER, WINE SODA AND WATER) AND GAME TICKET.**

**LIMITED AMOUNT OF TICKETS (20).**

**DON'T WAIT! NOT MANY TICKETS LEFT! PARKING IS EXTRA.**

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## REGION 11 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Meeting Starts at 7:00 PM**

**WEDNESDAY, FEB 15, 2017**

***IF YOU ARE EATING:***

***Please Arrive around 6:30-6:45 pm***

**BRU'S ROOM SPORTS GRILL**

**---- PRIVATE ROOM ----**

**5460 W. Hillsboro Boulevard**

**Coconut Creek, FL 33073-4307**

**Go EAST from State Road 7**

**Go West from I-95**

**Located Between Lyons Road and 441 on South Side of Hillsboro Blvd**

**JUST EAST OF KOHL'S Department store**

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## **PRESIDENT's MESSAGE**

**By Bob Killen**

**Wow, here we go; A New Year amongst other new things. I would hope that everyone experienced good tidings from Santa. As many of you already know there is a new board in place from the nominations and elections of the past year (November). The previous Board has stayed in place, with only the 1<sup>st</sup> VP taking on the 3<sup>rd</sup> VP slot; and the 3<sup>rd</sup> VP taking on the 1<sup>st</sup> VP slot for the next 3 years. My many thanks for those who participated in the process.**

**Also a short meeting was held the end of December and it was voted to continue having the meetings at Bru's Room, where we have been for the last 4 years. Mark your calendars and please note that our meetings will be held every third Wednesday in the months of February, May, August and November. Many of you who were at the August 2016 meeting, drafted and accepted for Rich Kreuter to return as the newsletter editor. We all know he was a great asset in the newsletter department, and I know his talents have always been appreciated. Thanks Rich.**

**But I also want to thank Tom Savoca who stepped up to the plate and took on that important position of newsletter; and did a fine job doing it. Tom will remain as the webmaster as well as the "Time Sensitive Editor." Meaning if something needs to be sent out because of the time frame, he will and that usually is just a one-pager. Rich will change the format from bi-monthly to quarterly issues, meaning every 3 months. This issue is for January, February and March 2017.**

**Now very importantly, on something that was voted into By-law (which Region 11 voted against) is: **You must have paid your dues by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year to be a member in good standing;** which is very important. What this means is that if your dues aren't paid by January 1<sup>st</sup> then, at the February meeting, you will NOT be able to make motions, vote, etc. So, please take care of this ASAP via online or paid to our Treasurer, Bob Hurley.**

**The February meeting will also bring something new: A member in good standing will be eligible to WIN \$100.00 cash for attending (another to have your dues paid, huh.) Only members can participate in this. Your name will be placed in a container and if selected the Region will have a \$100.00 check for you.**

**The Region is always looking for input for ideas and volunteers. I also appointed member, Laszlo Pozsgai, for the Sergeant At Arms position for this three-year term. Thanks Laszlo. Also, he is still working on the trip to Hungary, which will be about June 20<sup>TH</sup> – 30<sup>TH</sup> , 2017.**

**Everyone still working on the job, stay safe as 2016 was a very bad year for Police killings. I am scheduled to retire (really for sure this time), February 3, 2017.**

# **SUPERMOTOR FEST IN BARCELONA SPAIN**

**MAY 12, 2017 – MAY 21, 2017**

This Event is Open to: Police Officers, Fire Fighters, Customs Officers, Military personnel, Tax Officers, Security Forces, Emergency Services, Ministries personnel and special invitations by the organization. If you love engines & gasoline, come and enjoy an unforgettable and thrilling multi-experience !! Be part of the action in our Super-Motor event !! One event - two choices !! Join us and enjoy it even if you are not a motor fan with our special companions package!

***DEADLINE DATE: March 1st , 2017***

***FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION IN PDF FORMAT  
PLEASE GO ONLINE TO:***

***<http://www.ipavallesocc.org/SEPERMOTORFEST-ENG.pdf>***

(Yep, that is spelled Sepermotorfest. Don't ask me why - editor)

**For Information and the Registration Contact**

**Please email at:**

**Supermotorfestbarcelona@hotmail.com**

**or**

***ipavalles@hotmail.com***



**Tel: +34649128488 ( from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM - Barcelona local time )**

**IMPORTANT NOTICES :**

- 1) Single hotel occupancy 270 Euros.**
- 2) Extra days before or after the event and / or prices for children, on request at event crew.**



# PRAGUE FRIENDSHIP WEEK JUNE 2017



The Prague Branch 124 of the IPA Czech Republic Section will be hosting a Friendship Week from June 11, 2017 to June 17, 2017 in Prague. There will be numerous side trips to beautiful Czech natural and historic sites in addition to various tours within Prague itself. On Sunday, June 18, for example, a “Day With Police” is planned in which participants can experience and see the technical means and shows of police work in Prague.

Participants will be staying at the four star Olympik Hotel with full board, with police arranged prices.

Please see full details and a beautiful photo of the Prague Castle at <http://www.ipa124prague.com/>

If you have never visited Prague, this will be the perfect time for you to take advantage of the remarkable, outstanding Czech hospitality awaiting you. Start planning now!

Please provide the above information in your section newsletter or other section information sources. The above website provides full details of the event planned by IPA in Prague, but contact me if there are any questions.

Participants are requested to submit the Registration Form together with a booking fee of €100 (approximately \$105. U.S.) by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Full payment needs to be received no later than April 16th, 2017. Booking fee is not refundable. All banking payments shall be made NET, i.e. without any bank charges levied on the recipient.

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## SIX CHANGES COPS THINK WILL IMPROVE POLICING IN 2017

Greater respect for law enforcement, stiffer penalties for those who harm cops, and patrolling in pairs for better officer safety were just a few of the changes that dominated the conversation when we asked our [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) audiences about the changes they would like to see to improve policing in 2017. Take a look at the top six answers below, and sound off on what you'd like to see in the coming year in our comments section.

### 1. National respect for police

With the overwhelming wave of negative attention on law enforcement over the past several years, many police officers wanted to see more support and respect for the police from politicians, the public, and the media. "This erosion of respect, combined with minimal or no extra compensation, ultimately takes its toll on the LEO community in carrying out the enormous tasks officers have to deal with and are responsible for every day," William Belfour Doug wrote. There is a general agreement that the community and officers need to come together because they share the same goals. Some officers had suggestions for how to achieve this – with most emphasizing the need to improve communication with both the public and the news media to get the level of support and fairness they seek. "I would like to see us being more ahead of the curve in reference to use of force," Stephen Garrett said. "UOF has become a media spectacle and we rarely ever get out in front of it and educate the public about the need to comply with lawful orders." Mark Dewald also weighed in on the issue: "For some reason, command staff with most agencies is still beholden to this old school mentality of 'say nothing about an active investigation' when the officer/department is under the microscope. Some agencies are getting the message and have become very proactive with their PR, most have not. Kudos to the departments who really go above and beyond by putting together real-life scenarios and allowing the media and public to come out and role play. Every time this is done it has a positive response and often changes the bias of some in the media and anti-police community. I'm not talking about premature, uninformed comments. I'm talking about this stone wall of 'say nothing' that many agencies employ. It's not working and allows the media to control the narrative. The public's idea of police work is totally based on Hollywood and the media. Shouldn't it be the police who educate the public on these situations?"

### 2. Stiffer penalties for those who harm or kill cops

"Blue lives" legislation to impose stiffer penalties for attacks on LE was introduced in many states and at the [federal level](#) this year, including in [Texas](#) and [Kentucky](#). In May, Louisiana [became the first state in the nation](#) to expand its hate-crime laws to protect cops and other first responders. Many cops called for a continuation of this trend in 2017, saying criminals who target police should face tougher prison sentences. Some even called for a mandatory death penalty for cop killers. One thing is clear: Officers believe violence against LE is rampant and must be put to a stop, and many believe harsher penalties would go a long way to reversing the trend.

### 3. Patrolling in pairs

This year, two devastating ambush attacks on officers in Dallas and Baton Rouge shocked the nation and rattled all those who wear the badge and uniform. For many cops, it was their worst fear becoming reality. So it's no surprise that a large numbers of officers told us that the most important change they'd like to see is patrolling in pairs. Many said this would better protect cops from ambush attacks and other forms of violence. With the dramatic uptick in line-of-duty gunfire deaths this year, officers believe constantly watching each other's backs is more important than ever. Other suggested safety improvements to help reduce the chance of a deadly attack included adding bullet-resistant windows on patrol cars, in-car cameras that capture 360-degree video as well as motion sensors on patrol cars for better situational awareness, and the ability to automatically clear radio traffic to all nearby departments when an officer under attack calls for help. "The last thing you should have to worry about is keying a mic," Jeff Lasko wrote. Cheryl Lin had a different perspective on running two-officer cars: "For large agencies, this might

be doable, but for smaller departments, like the one I currently work at, that isn't an option. That said, I don't think two-man cars are the end all to violence against officers. I think better tactical training, being aware of your surroundings at all times, not putting yourself in a tactical disadvantage when responding to calls, waiting for backup to arrive before you make your approach, if possible ... there are any number of things. These were things I learned 30-plus years ago that I don't think are harped on as much in training new recruits. You can't teach common sense but you can train for scenarios so that as you are driving around, on a slow night, you can 'what if' yourself to keep your mind sharp."

#### **4. Ending the stigma around mental health treatment**

How can police officers and agencies prevent and treat the crippling effects of trauma that can occur after an officer has been involved in a critical incident? Ending the stigma attached with seeking help would go a long way, as well as improved access to services and policy that makes treatment mandatory. "At a time where an officer's activity, actions and judgments, both personally and professionally, are immediately questioned and criticized by the public, having trusted, confidential, knowledgeable and accessible professionals available 24/7 is the least we can do for our officers," Holly Lemke Hakes said. "Mandatory counseling," Marcia L. Gould Crosby wrote. "No one can judge because everyone goes. Every 17 hours in this country, an officer takes their life. We *must* do better by our officers. PTSD awareness is crucial. In the end, after a long 30-year career, there should be something left of these men in health and in mental health. Let's make it easier in any way we can for the men and women with the rarity of courage to wear the badge."

#### **5. Better training and equipment**

Officers should never have to suffer due to lack of equipment or training. For many cops, this was the biggest change they'd like to see to improve policing in the coming year. SWAT gear and training, patrol rifles, more scenario-based training and better body armor were just a few of the tools and training PoliceOne readers would like to see for patrol officers, no matter the cost. "Teachers, nurses and doctors are never viewed by politicians as an opportunity cost. I would like to see mayors, governors and federal leaders view policing as an investment in the quality of life of its citizens," Frank Hartle III wrote. "More and better trained police means better relationships and better communities." "I'd like to see a national committee on training standards for all LEO," Larry McFann said. "All departments need to become accredited to those standards." Those who weighed in also pointed to the need for better training for command staff, in addition to cops on the beat. "One big and important change I would love to see in 2017 is for mid and upper management to periodically and consistently remind themselves where they came from and what it was like for them as a grunt," Gabriel Bogart said. "Think about the things they wanted and needed from their department during that time and then give it to their subordinates when they ask for it." Chris Trublood agreed: "All ranks required to go 10-8 as a beat car at least twice a month. Too many command staff are removed from the everyday grind that patrol staff endure and make policy that hinders patrol operations."

#### **6. Better pay and benefits**

To say cops have a difficult job is an understatement. Better pay and benefits would let them know they're appreciated and make their lives easier at home – a key component to the long-term health and wellness of public servants who carry a heavy load on every shift. "\$25/hour minimum mandated for law enforcement and first responders," Tom Lafia said. Officers also want these benefits to extend to retirement (healthcare included in pension), those critically injured on the job or forced to medically retire (financial and medical support), and for the families of fallen officers (financial support). Some also argued these benefits would also help combat staffing issues. "For officer safety and service to the community, nationwide there needs to be better coverage and staffing," David Dempsey said. "In this day and age, it is going to get harder to find good candidates as LE gets more dangerous and more disrespected by the media and some members of the public. Pay and benefits will have to be excellent to compete with other industries and opportunities to retain and attract good officers. There will be a staffing crisis for several years until communities and politicians recognize this and pony up the funding." END



## Region 14 Presents: 2017 NEC/NDC

### In beautiful Charleston South Carolina



The 2017 International Police Association National Executive Committee and the National Delegate Committee sponsored by Region 14, will meet from October 1<sup>st</sup> through October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Charleston, South Carolina. Friendship Week will be held from October 6<sup>th</sup> thru the 10<sup>th</sup> with a bus trip to parts of South Carolina and Savannah, Georgia.

For additional information please go to [www.ipa-usa.org](http://www.ipa-usa.org)

After you sign in, go to "Trips" and then click on the link mentioning this event which can be found under "Calendar of Events" (bottom right).

**THIS EVENT WILL OPEN ONLY AFTER YOU SIGN IN!**

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### US-IPA ACTIVE OFFICER EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The US IPA's Active-Officer Exchange Program is new and growing! This is a wonderful benefit **exclusively available to IPA members** to host foreign police officers (usually officers in line for promotions) and then have the opportunity to go overseas themselves to learn about policing methods, new cultures, share ideas, experience, knowledge, and so much more. To find out more, please go to: <http://www.ipa-usa.org/?page=ExchangeProgram>

### SWITZERLAND'S FINEST RETURNS TO REGION 11

On Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 6:00 PM, Region 11 members enjoyed the company of Switzerland IPA member, Daphne Daetwyle, at the Bru's Room on University Drive in Coral Springs. Back in August of 2016, Daphne and her dog Harper were here enjoying the Florida sunshine and the company of Region 11 member Rose Murphy who opened her heart and her home to them. Daphne and Harper then left Florida and drove to California so Daphne could continue her Mixed Martial Arts studies at an arranged training facility out there.

Daphne has now returned to the warmth of South Florida and into the arms of our wonderful Rose Murphy. Not too many people know that Rose and her husband Frank (now deceased) had opened their homes to IPA visitors for many years in the past. Rose is one of the nicest and most loving individual we are privileged and blessed to have in our region.

Tonight, however, President Bob Killen along with members Rose Murphy, Kerry Draddy, Laszlo Pozsgai, his brother Andreas Pozsgai, Rich Kreuter and Daphne celebrated her safe return to South Florida. We ate and toasted our guest. All of us wished Daphne luck with her career, her MMA studies and safe journey back home. We will miss you and look forward to seeing you again. Nous vous souhaitons tout le meilleur.

