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OFFICER'S SLAYINGS STUN OAKLAND RESIDENTS

OAKLAND, Calif. (March 23) Associated Press -

Bouquets of flowers from grieving residents were piled up at a growing memorial in front of the Oakland police department after its worst single day death toll.

Three officers were killed Saturday during separate confrontations with a 26-year-old parolee who relatives said feared returning to jail. A fourth officer was on life support.

"We lose officers about every 57 hours in this country," said Chuck Canterbury, president of the national Fraternal Order of Police. "But seldom do you have one of this magnitude."

Oakland had never lost even two officers in the line of duty on the same day. Flags at the state capitol were flown at half-staff Sunday. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger returned from Washington, D.C., to meet briefly with Oakland Mayor Ron Dellums and members of the police department.

Police said all four officers were shot Saturday by Lovelle Mixon, 26, of Oakland, a parolee who fled after shooting the first two officers following a traffic stop, then shot two more after a SWAT team entered an apartment in which he was hiding. Mixon was killed by officers, police said.

Mixon was wanted on a no-bail warrant for violating his parole when Sgt. Mark Dunakin, 40, and Officer John Hege, 41, both on motorcycles, stopped a 1995 Buick sedan in east Oakland just after 1 p.m., police said.

The driver opened fire, killing Dunakin and gravely wounding Hege, Oakland police spokesman Jeff Thomason said.

After shooting Hege and Dunakin, the gunman

fled on foot, police said, leading to an intense manhunt. Two hours later, officers found the gunman inside a nearby apartment building.

When a SWAT team entered, the gunman opened fire, police said. Sgt. Ervin Romans, 43, and Sgt. Daniel Sakai, 35, were killed and a third officer was grazed by a bullet, police said.

Officers returned fire, killing Mixon, police said.

Mixon had previously served six years in state prison for assault with a firearm during an armed robbery in San Francisco, the family said. While he was in Corcoran state prison, he married his childhood girlfriend, they said.

Mixon's uncle, 38-year-old Curtis Mixon of Fremont, said his nephew had become

depressed because as a convicted felon he could not find work. His nephew expected authorities to issue an arrest warrant for missing parole meetings, even though the he felt he was not to blame, he said.

"I think his frustration was building up, but he was trying to better himself," Curtis Mixon said. LaTasha Mixon said Sunday her cousin was "not a monster."

Dunakin is survived by his wife of 16 years and their three children, two boys ages 15 and 8, and a 13-year-old daughter, said Maxine Schwab, Dunakin's mother-in-law.

"He was smart, and he was so good with people, very warm and affectionate," said Schwab. "If you met him, you'd be charmed by him."

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's office said that like Dunakin, Romans, who lived in Danville, left behind a wife and three children.



PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as "Police Week". Every year since, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those that have paid the ultimate price.

According to a proclamation by President George W. Bush in 2002, "Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week pay tribute to the local, State, and Federal law enforcement officers who serve and protect us with courage and dedication. These observances also remind us of the ongoing need to be vigilant against all forms of crime, especially to acts of extreme violence and terrorism."

Much of the holiday centers around the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial wall in Washington, D.C., whose walls feature the names of the more than 17,000 law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty.

The first official memorial service took place on May 15, 1982. On that date, approximately 125 people gathered in Senate Park to honor 91 law enforcement officers. Over the past 22 years we have honored over 3,000 law enforcement officers from around our nation. Today, the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service has become one in a series of events which includes the Candlelight Vigil, which is sponsored by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) and seminars sponsored by Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS).

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. at Judiciary Square, honors the more than 18,200 U.S. law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty. The memorial



was established by an act of Congress in 1984, and dedicated on October 15, 1991. Designed by architect Davis Buckley, the memorial features a reflecting pool which is surrounded by walkways on a 3-acre (12,000 m²) park. Along the walkways are walls that are inscribed with names of all U.S. law enforcement officers – federal, state, and local – who have died in the line of duty.

In 2008, at the 20th annual candlelight vigil, the names of 358 law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty were dedicated, including 181 who died in 2007 and 177 who died in previous years but had been lost to history. At the current rate at which names are being added, the current memorial walls are expected to be filled by 2050.

The mission of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund is to generate increased public support for the law enforcement profession by permanently recording and appropriately commemorating the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers; and to provide information that will help promote law enforcement safety.

You can support the Fund in many ways. Throughout the year – and especially during National Police Week – volunteers assist at the store, guide visitors at the Memorial, and help at the Candlelight Vigil. Your support is invaluable to us!" For more information, call 202.737.3400 or e-mail info@nleomf.com. You can visit the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial Fund online at www.nleomf.com.

The Grand Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police and the Grand Lodge Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Police are very proud to be the official sponsor of the Memorial Service.

Respect. Honor. Remember.

NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL

www.nleomf.com

HODGKINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOST AUTHOR DAY

Mr. Ralph Fletcher will be visiting Hodgkins Elementary School on Wednesday, May 20th, 2009. Mr. Fletcher has published novels, poetry collections, and picture books.

He will spend the entire day at the school talking with the students about what inspired him to write each one of his books. After each assembly he will autograph books the students and teachers have purchased through a book sale.

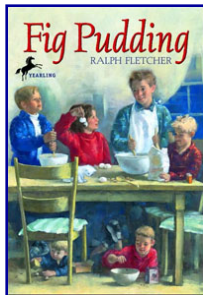
Ralph Fletcher is a nationally known educational consultant and speaker. He is the author of *What A Writer Needs*,



RALPH FLETCHER
AUTHOR

He has worked with teachers and children across the United States, in Europe, and in the Middle East. He spent three years as a senior member of the Teachers College Writing Project in New York City involved with staff development.

Ralph's talks are humorous, anecdotal, and practical. His work with teachers has its roots in his classroom experience as well as his own writing. He has the utmost respect for the difficult, important job teachers have in helping students find their voices for the writing that will



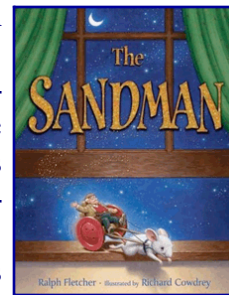
Walking Trees: Teaching Teachers in the New York City Schools, and *Breathing In, Breathing Out: Keeping a Writer's Notebook*, all from Heinemann. His short stories and articles have appeared in *Redbook*, *People*, *Cosmopolitan*, and the *Wall Street Journal*, and he has published his third book of poetry, *I Am Wings* (Bradbury Press, 1994).

shape their lives.

The Hodgkins Police Department's Fraternal Order of Police in conjunction with the Hodgkins School PTO are the financial supporters of our author day.

You can visit Mr. Fletcher's website at:

www.ralphfletcher.com



THINGS NOT TO SAY TO A POLICE OFFICER



"I can't reach my license unless you hold my beer."

COOK COUNTY PEACE OFFICER'S MEMORIAL

The Peace Officers Memorial Foundation of Cook County, Illinois is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization comprised of law enforcement officers from agencies throughout Cook County. These volunteers have come together for the primary purpose of establishing a police memorial in Cook



County dedicated to those law enforcement officers that have been killed in the line of duty or killed while in the performance of duty. Our foundation welcomes volunteers from the federal, state, county and local law enforcement agencies that operate in Cook County every day, all committed to honoring these fallen officers.

The idea to create a memorial came about during a conversation between two officers in 1998. Jason Watson, the founder of our organization, served honorably in the United States Marine Corps before becoming a police officer. Watson recalled one of the most significant memories of his military career was the day that he attended the memorial observance held at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina in honor of the Marines killed in the 1983 Beirut terrorist attack on a U.S. military installation. It was October 23, 1983 that a terrorist drove a truck loaded with explosives into the military compound in Beirut, Lebanon while most of the service men and women were asleep. The explosion that followed killed over 220 Marines. Most of those killed were stationed at Camp LeJeune, so a memorial to honor them was established at the base.

"The ceremony and the memorial monument was a testimonial to their honorable service", Watson recalled. "It was a very emotional day. As a Marine, you couldn't help but to feel the loss of

those that were killed, even though you didn't know any of the Marines personally".

Watson realized that the sacrifices made by our military personnel reminded him of the dangerous encounters and sacrifices sometimes made by police officers while doing their job. It seemed only right that police officers killed in

the line of duty receive a memorial just as we honor our dead military heroes with memorials. And what better place for a memorial than the communities or county in which the officers served. Watson set out to establish what he thought was the right thing to do for the men and women in blue. He enlisted the help of some dedicated friends in law enforcement and created the Peace Officers Memorial Foundation of Cook County (POMFCC).

One of the first goals of the Foundation was to have a special day established to honor all of the peace officers operating in Cook County. With the help of Cook County Commissioner Peter N. Silvestri (9th) and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, every May 10th is now recognized as Peace Officer Day of Remembrance and Recognition in Cook County by County Board Resolution.

The Cook County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners has donated property in the Cermak Woods Forest Preserve in west suburban Lyons for our organization to build the Cook County Peace Officers Memorial.

We now turn our attention to raising the funds needed to complete this project and we welcome your comments and suggestions on the memorial and on ways to raise the \$2.5 million to build it.

www.cookcountypeaceofficersmemorial.com

CHECKS CAN BE MADE PAYABLE TO "PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION OF COOK COUNTY" OR "POMFCC" AND MAILED TO: P.O. BOX 195, OAK LAWN IL 60454



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***MESSAGE FROM THE
LODGE PRESIDENT***

On behalf of the Hodgkins Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 151, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy and Safe New Year.

Our annual Associate Membership Drive is in full swing. In this issue of our newsletter, you will find a Membership Form (page 7). The funds received from the drive along with our other various fund-raising events help us sponsor many charitable events throughout the year.

Our fundraisers allow us to support many charitable causes in our area. We have supported most of these local charities for many years. Your support is truly the key to our success. We DO NOT USE TELEMARKETERS. The only solicitation you will receive is this newsletter. If you receive a solicitation from a telemarketer, either by phone or mail, please contact the Hodgkins Police to see if it is a valid organization.

We are proud of the great relationship that we have with the community which is reflected by the great response that we receive each year during the membership drive and our fund-raising events.

Thank You,

Doug Bird

Officer Doug Bird
President Lodge 151



*Ofc. Doug Bird
Lodge President*



Show Your Support: Become An Associate Member Of The Hodgkins F.O.P. Lodge #151

For the past 27 years, the Hodgkins Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #151 has maintained a close community relationship. We are proud of the number of charities and activities that we have become involved with, and contributed locally and nationally, for various causes.

We have a strong commitment to the youth of our society. This commitment is demonstrated by the number of youth related programs that we remain active with on an annual basis. One of our proudest accomplishments is the formation of the Hodgkins F.O.P. Scholarship. We award 5 scholarships a year, one of which is awarded to a Hodgkins D.A.R.E. graduate. A portion of each fund raising activity that we sponsor throughout the year is placed into the scholarship fund.

In the spring of the year, the Hodgkins Fraternal Order of Police help support the Annual St. Jude Bike-A-Thon. This event is mainly comprised of local elementary school kids and is not only a great cause to support, but also very personally gratifying. Then-Lt. Phil Kringlie coordinated the first police department

sponsored Bike-A-Thon 18 years ago. This program has raised over \$21,000.00 since that time.

“Safety Day” and “Anti-Gang Day” are two other programs that are sponsored by the police department and receive support from Lodge #151. Each year, the Hodgkins F.O.P. provides lunch for these programs for the entire Hodgkins Elementary School. We are also a proud team sponsor of the Lyons Township National Little League.

Needless to say, our support of these and other programs rely on our successful fund raising activities. Our annual ‘Associate Membership’ Drive is one way that you can show your support for these programs.

For only \$25.00 you will receive a Hodgkins Fraternal Order of Police Associate Membership Card, window decals and a years subscription to our “Friends Of The F.O.P.” newsletter. On the next page is a membership application for the year 2008. Please take the time to fill it out and send it back to us or just drop it off at the police station. Feel free to recommend us to your relatives, friends and neighbors. Your support is greatly appreciated.

F.O.P. LODGE 151 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS GRADUATING IN 2009

F.O.P. LODGE 151 AWARDS 5 SCHOLARSHIPS TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS GRADUATING IN 2009. APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE AT LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL OR AT THE HODGKINS POLICE DEPT.

DEADLINE IS APRIL 30, 2009.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE IN MARCH 2009.



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HODGKINS F.O.P. LODGE 151 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I, THE APPLICANT, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM AN AMERICAN CITIZEN OF FULL LEGAL AGE AND GOOD MORAL CHARACTER, DO HEREBY APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE HODGKINS FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE #151

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **St:** _____
Zip: _____ **Phone:** _____

We will be glad to include your immediate family members who reside with you on your membership. Just print their names below, and we'll send their membership cards and decals along with yours.

Associate Membership Fee: \$25.00

Thank You For Supporting The
Hodgkins Fraternal Order of Police
Lodge #151

This is the only solicitation you will receive. No one will call your residence from our local lodge.

Hodgkins F.O.P. Associate Members will receive:
1 Year Subscription to the Hodgkins F.O.P. Newsletter "Friends of the F.O.P.",
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*Please make Check or Money Order Payable to:
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Drop off or mail to: 6015 Lenzi Avenue, Hodgkins, Il. 60525*

Please Remember:
You will receive no further solicitation
from ANYONE with the opportunity
to join the Hodgkins F.O.P.
We DO NOT use Telemarketers



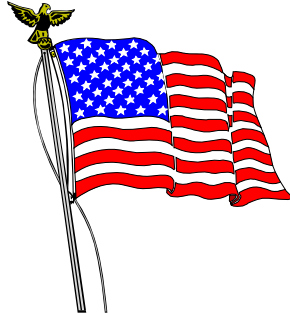
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Thank You for Your Support!



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~ George Washington

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