



RPD VOLUNTEERS HIT THE ICE WITH CITY YOUTH

Members of the RPD Hockey Team are volunteering their Sundays to teach city youth about the fundamentals of hockey. As volunteers for the Youth for Christ beginners' hockey program, the officers work with 36 kids, ages 9 to 16, many of whom are putting on skates for the very first time.

"McQuaid hockey team head coach Al Vyverberg, who runs the Skating Institute of Rochester, approached us about working with kids who wanted to learn to play hockey," explained Lt. Scott Peters, RPD Emergency Task Force Commander, Patrol Division West. "He thought it would be a great opportunity for us to interact with kids who come from the areas we patrol. Our team jumped at the chance!"

Youth For Christ (YFC) Sports Ministry Director Marques Bryant said the response to the program has been outstanding. Several members of the YFC basketball program signed up to play hockey, and others were recruited through area schools and from local neighborhoods. In addition to Lt. Peters, RPD volunteers include Lt. Eric Paul; Sergeants Brian Disalvo, Ed McDonald, Ralph Montinarelli and Bob DiNicola; and Officers Brian Abrams, Joe Ferrigno, Adam Radens, Dale Goudy, Paul Helfer, Tim Dempsey, Adam Johnston and Greg Vasile.



During the first session with the team, RPD members spent the first hour getting the kids outfitted and showing them how to put on the donated equipment. The next hour was spent on the ice and determining their skating abilities. "Some of the kids really surprised us," Lt. Peters said. Marques Bryant echoed his comments. "A lot of them had never skated before," Marques said. "But it was amazing how fast they caught on. They took their falls and got right back up again."



The kids' reaction to learning that the volunteers teaching them to skate, handle a stick and slap the puck were police officers was interesting, according to Lt. Peters. "Apparently, they don't think we do anything but police work. They just couldn't believe we played hockey, too."

The current hockey session will continue through Feb. 27, and then will pick up again in May after the basketball program finishes up. "We couldn't put on this program without these volunteers," Marques said. "The kids get away from the craziness on the streets where

they usually see the police, and have a chance to get to know them as friends when they meet them on the ice."

For more information on YFC, visit www.yfcrochester.org/. The Skating Institute of Rochester website is www.sirny.org.



CAMP GOOD DAYS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Do you have time or resources to share with children and families whose lives have been touched by cancer, sickle cell anemia, violence or similar life-altering situations? If so, Camp Good Days is hoping you will consider volunteering for one of its programs or upcoming special events.

Summer Camping Programs: Hundreds of volunteers are needed for the residential camping programs provided for children and families. The tentative camp schedule includes the KATS Family Retreat April 30-May 1; a June 3-5 camping program that focuses on healing through art for women who have dealt with cancer; and the June 27-July 1 Sharing & Caring/Do The Right Thing residential camping program for children, ages 8-12, who have lost an immediate family member to homicide or are recipients of the Rochester Police Department's "Do the Right Thing" award.

A complete schedule of upcoming camping programs will be included in next month's *RPD News*.

Volunteers must complete the 2011 Volunteer Application Form and attend the required training session(s). The 2011 Volunteer Application Form can be found at: <http://www.campgooddays.org/Volunteer/>. Inquiries can be directed to: Christina Woods at Camp Good Days, cwoods@campgooddays.org.

Special Fundraising Events: A 24-hour dance marathon, Dance for Love, will be Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, 8p.m. to 8 p.m. at St. John Fisher College. Contact Erin Conway at St. John Fisher College, elc02919@sjfc.edu. The St Patrick's Day Parade / Celtic Faire is set for Saturday, March 12 at the Radisson Riverside Hotel, Downtown Rochester, times and details TBA. Contact Laura Osborn at Camp Good Days, losborn@campgooddays.org.

The Finger Lakes International Wine Competition & Auction Dinner has several volunteer opportunities:

- Wine Sorting at Camp Good Days: Saturday, March 12 AND Saturday, March 19
- Wine Competition at Rochester Plaza Hotel, Downtown Rochester: Saturday & Sunday, March 26-27
- Wine Medal Mailing at Camp Good Days: Saturday, April 9
- Wine Sorting at Camp Good Days: Week of April 18
- Wine Sorting at Camp Good Days: Week of April 25
- Wine Auction Dinner at Rochester Plaza Hotel, Downtown Rochester: Saturday, May 7

Contact: Karl Rudolfs at Camp Good Days, krudolfs@campgooddays.org

More information about all of the programs, services, volunteer opportunities and special events can be found at www.campgooddays.org.



RPD CELEBRATES BLACK HERITAGE MONTH

The Rochester Police Department is celebrating Black Heritage Month with several events at the Public Safety Building, 185 Exchange Blvd., Rochester.

Tuesday, Feb. 15: “Kids and Police...Learning Together” is a greet between 5th and 6th graders from School #20 and Rochester Police Officers. In addition to a Q&A sessions there will be a pizza party, games, readings, a tour of PSB and pictures with Chief James Sheppard. The event is invitation only.

Saturday, Feb. 19: 4-6 PM: “A Glimpse into History” interactive discussion featuring Rochester’s first black police officer, retired Capt. Charles Price, and retired Sgt. John Ashford. A reception will follow. The event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited.

Saturday, Feb. 26, 3-5:30 PM: “Moving Forward, Making Music,” featuring musical performances by Hope Divine Church of God Choir, Greater Harmony Missionary Baptist Church Male Chorus, Holy Light Church of God Voices of Tomorrow and Fifteenth Tabernacle Church of God and Saints of Christ Acapella Chorus, and the Brockport “Top Brass” Youth Jazz Band. The event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited.

WHAT’S NEW ON THE WEB

This month, the RPD has added new pages to the Public Safety section of the City website (www.cityofrochester.gov/police) as part of ongoing efforts to inform the public about RPD services and improve internal communications and coordination.

RPD’s commitment to stopping domestic violence is outlined in a new web page (www.cityofrochester.gov/domesticviolence). Domestic violence is pattern of abuse that often is kept secret from the police as well as the victim’s family and friends until it escalates to the point of physical violence. We believe the information and links we’ve included to organizations that assist domestic violence victims will encourage victims to seek help.

RPD’s Victim Assistance Unit, which provides support and information to all victims of crimes that occur in the City of Rochester, also has a new web page. It can be found at www.cityofrochester.gov/victimassistance.

For RPD members, we will debut a new, revised version of RPD Web in the next few weeks. Most of the previous RPD Portal information will be found there, including access to the Info Update, MCAC reports, officer safety tips, RPD Policies and Procedures, training information, manuals, phone books and community resources, special events calendar and the department forum, The Board. There also will be some new enhancements, including the ability to search every document on the site with one click of your mouse. This time-saver will allow you to enter a word or phrase and search the entire site, or limit it to a specific section.

**NEWS BRIEFS:****OFFICER RECOGNITION**

The following was sent to East Division Commander List on January 24, 2011:

We wish to thank you for (the) thoughtful cooperation with our boxing event at Gantt Community Center (on) 1/22/11. Officers (Jonathan) Least, (Robert) Henkes and (Peter) Woodworth were great in giving out awards after each bout. Boxers were impressed. I believe you will find connecting with community kids to pay off in effectiveness. I found this to be so in my 41 years with the St. Martin Boxing Club and 44 years as a probation officer.

Thanks again,

Don Simkin

St. Martin Boxing Club Coordinator

WORLD POLICE AND FIRE GAMES MARKS 9/11 ANNIVERSARY IN NEW YORK CITY

On the 10th anniversary of September 11th, New York City will host the 2011 World Police and Fire Games (WPFNG), an Olympic-style event featuring over 18,000 firefighters and police officers representing 70 countries worldwide. During the 11-day event, participants will compete in more than 65 sporting events including most summer Olympics sports familiar to the public, as well as competitions more specific to the police and fire professions, such as Pistol Shooting, Police Service Dog competition, Firefighter Muster, Ultimate Firefighter and Toughest Competitor Alive. Two special ceremonies will commemorate the 9/11 anniversary: a "Candlelight Vigil" remembering all those lost on September 11th and a "Thank You Ceremony" where all New Yorkers can express their gratitude for the international support that flooded into New York City. For more information, go to <http://2011wpfg.org/>.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES BENEFIT OFFICERS DURING PROMOTIONAL PROCESS

The Rochester Police Department is committed to developing the leadership potential of all its members, with the intention of creating the standard by which all other police departments are measured. Members can enhance their abilities through community engagement as well as diverse assignments within the Department.

The Professional Development Section has developed a list of experiential learning opportunities that would benefit members and be taken into consideration during the promotional process.

They are: Community Engagement, Volunteering, Involvement with Youth Activities; R/E; Background Investigator; License Warrants Coordinator; FTO/ FTO Coordinator; Chief's Office; Recruitment; P.S.S.; T.S.S.; Specialty Teams: ETF, Scuba, EDPRT, Bomb, Hostage Negotiator, CPO, SRO and Mounted Patrol; Continuing Education; Investigator/Investigative Coordinator; Leadership Training (Instructor/Received) and Stop DWI Coordinator.

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“DO THE RIGHT THING” WINNERS RECOGNIZED



Chief James M. Sheppard presented “Do The Right Thing” awards to 10 young people from Rochester and Monroe County at the bi-monthly ceremony held Dec. 9. Pictured with Chief Sheppard are November winners Samia Thompson, 5th Grade, John James Audubon School #33; Shahia Anderson, 4th Grade, Urban Choice Charter School; Abdoul Sow, 8th Grade, Jefferson High School; Sierra Mattice, 12th Grade, School of Applied Technology at Edison; Amy Torres, 12th Grade, School of Applied Technology at Edison; and December winners Luke Trowbridge, 12th Grade, Hilton High School; Evan Pace, 12th Grade, Hilton High School; Tess Morris, 11th Grade, Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School; Sir William Rudolph, 10th Grade, Monroe High School; Charles Lemon, 11th Grade, Monroe High School.

The Rochester Police Department adopted the “Do the Right Thing” program to build self-esteem in youngsters by reinforcing desirable behavior; inspiring identification in the community with positive role models (peers and police) and creating awareness of the Rochester Police Department’s commitment to area youth.

The program is sponsored by the Ames-Amzalak Memorial Trust, C.J. & B.S August Family Foundation, Camp Good Days and Special Times, Coca-Cola Refreshment, Daisy Marquis Foundation, *Democrat and Chronicle*, Dynamic Recording Studios, Excellus Blue Cross/Blue Shield, J & T Security Associates, McDonald’s (Upper Falls Blvd.), Memorial Art Gallery, News 10NBC, Pirate Toy Fund, Rural Metro Medical Services, Seabreeze Amusement Park, TOPS Friendly Markets, Trophies and Awards by NYRA, The Battery, The Buffalo Bills, The Rochester City School District, Salvatore’s Old Fashioned PIZZERIA, Walmart (Hudson Ave. store) and the Wildlife Educators Coalition.

To nominate a deserving youngster or for more information on the “Do The Right Thing” program, visit <http://www.DoTheRightThingRPD.org> or contact the DTRT office at 428-7863.





REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN HEROES

Thirteen officers have died in the line of duty over the 193-year-history of the Rochester Police Department. In upcoming issues of the RPD News, we will honor their memory by sharing their stories with members of our department. Our thanks to Capt. Johnston for researching and providing the information.

PATROLMAN JAMES H. UPTON

APPOINTED MAY 6, 1914

1889 – MARCH 19, 1919

BADGE #274



On Wednesday, March 19, 1919, at approximately 2:30 a.m., Patrolman James H. Upton was shot and killed on South Plymouth Avenue near Tremont Street by Luigi Guadagino. A shoemaker by trade, Guadagino tried to escape after attempting to enter a building at 223 South Plymouth Avenue with the intent to destroy it by means of a fire. Business rivalry was the motive for the decision to set the fire.

The incident began at 2:15 a.m., when a call came into police headquarters that four men were observed attempting to enter the fruit store at 223 South Plymouth Avenue. Patrolmen James Upton and William Sponenburgh were at headquarters at the time and were detailed to investigate the case. The patrolmen parked their vehicle a short distance from the location and approached the scene on foot. They spotted two of the men who upon seeing the Officers started to run, but were quickly apprehended. At this time, a woman from across the street yelled out that two other men involved were running in a northerly direction on South Plymouth Avenue. Patrolman Upton then turned his prisoner over and immediately gave chase, gaining on Guadagino when he suddenly secreted himself behind a tree. As Patrolman Upton continued to approach him, the fleeing man opened fire with a .38 caliber revolver. A bullet penetrated the Patrolman's heart, causing him to fall to the ground. Patrolman William Sponenburgh, who witnessed the chase, ran to the Patrolman's side and yelled for an ambulance and more policemen. Luigi Guadagino escaped but was later apprehended, convicted and sentenced to 20 years in Auburn Prison.

An autopsy revealed that Patrolman Upton was four to five feet away from the suspect and death occurred within ten minutes. The bullet passed directly through the center of his heart, into the liver, lodging in the back near the sixth rib, close to the spine.

The Pastor who conducted the funeral services for James Upton paid a touching tribute to the courageous guardian of the peace who gave his life in an effort to prevent the violation of law and destruction of property.

Patrolman Upton was buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery on March 22, 1919. Patrolman James Upton's name appears on Panel 45, E-1 on the National Law Enforcement Memorial located in Washington D.C.