

**MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF:**

Ladies and Gentlemen,



I want to thank all of the members, volunteers, civilian employees, and citizens who helped make our Black History Month events a success. These events were held at the PSB, in our house, and were well planned, coordinated and attended.

Our first event was “Luncheon with the Law”, which was a huge success. Local businessman Moses Smith, owner of Unkl Moe’s Barbeque, and a few of his employees served up excellent homemade barbeque and soul food. “Family of Soul”, a funk and R&B band which included retired Officer Carl Simms, Officers Cedric Felton and Tony Rodwell, also performed for over two hours during this event.



Our second event was “Game On!” with a total of 30 students, all 5th and 6th graders from Henry Lomb School #20, enjoying the opportunity to bond and play board games with RPD officers that volunteered their time. The officers conducted tours of the PSB for the children, followed by the kids and officers enjoying a pizza lunch together. The officers that participated in this event were: Sergeants Herb Everson, Mark Simmons, Kara Anglin, Justin Collins, and Darlene Rogers; Investigator Jacquie Pulsifer; and Officers Christine Wilson, Bing “Bing-Bing” Reaves, Keith Booker, Ebony Brown, and Antonio Gonzalez.



Our third event celebrating Black History Month was a talent show performed by 25 kids from school #50 and four students from Edison Tech. The four kids from Edison Tech were the winners of the 2011 “Edison Tech’s Got Talent Show”, which I had the pleasure of attending. I was so impressed with the performances, that I asked School Resource Officer Walt Sanders to make sure the winners were included in our Black Heritage Month talent show. All of the kids involved were very excited to perform for members of the Rochester Police Department, and every single one of them gave it their all.

Our final event for Black Heritage Month will be held on Saturday, March 10th, with gospel choirs and bands from around the city and suburbs converging on the PSB auditorium in a concert called “Bring the Joyful Noise!”. Last year’s concert was standing room only, and this year’s event will provide a stellar line-up of the area’s best gospel talent. We are also pleased to announce that the Rochester Police Emerald Society will be hosting an event on March 13th at the Public Safety Building. Volunteer officers from that organization will be engaging with students from school #8, to provide exposure to the Irish culture through interaction, food and entertainment.

These events, as well as the recent visit by several of our members to the Golisano Children’s Hospital, highlight the phenomenal giving hearts of our members, and are the essence of Policing in the Spirit of Service. As we continue our march toward greatness, let us be ever mindful that the job we do and our commitment to serve has a tremendous positive impact on the lives of our citizens, our community, and the perception of the Rochester Police Department.

Thank you.



PAL DAY AT GOLISANO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Rochester Police Activities League (PAL) is excited to announce that they had an overwhelming response from the kind-hearted officers of the Rochester Police Department who volunteered for "PAL Day at Golisano Children's Hospital" on February 21st. Participating officers included Dave Williams, Eric Ferguson, Erin Rogers, Jamar Brumfeld, Walt Sanders, Amy Bauer, Mike Ciulla, Lt. Jeremy Lindauer and Inv. Dave Simpson.

Technicians Dave Williams and Eric Ferguson set up a mock crime scene with stations for the children. When the children came into the room they put gloves and booties on so as to not contaminate "the scene". They collected



and took photographs of evidence, dusted for fingerprints, and were given evidence bags to keep their "evidence" in. The kids were shown all of the equipment that officers carry on their belts and even talked to each other on the police radios.



Here's an edited version of comments made by Rachel Mance, a counselor at Golisano Children's Hospital:

"...the patients and families had a lot of fun and we can't thank you enough. The teens thought it was pretty cool as well so you know that means it was a big hit! ... it is amazing what you do every day for your job and it was so nice to see the fun side of

being a police officer and the patients and families really appreciated that. It was really great that a patient that is going to school for forensic science was able to come down and see some of the stuff that you do."

"I'm glad we were able to see what your PAL program is all about and to see how you all try to help out in the community on a more personal level. It really is quite amazing!"



Here's a comment made by an officer who attended the event:

"This was by far, one of the most emotional and important events that I have been a part of. These kids were hurting in a bad way, many of them facing awful situations that would frighten most adults. You could tell on the faces of these children that it meant so much to see the police. I think sometimes so many of us take for granted what we do for a living, what we mean to so many special people..."

The impact of officers having the chance to touch the lives of such sick little children was an incredible moment that no one will soon forget.



13TH ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HONORS RPD EMPLOYEE



Ms. Pat Huntington-Sigel

On February 10th, The Rochester/Monroe County Domestic Violence Consortium (DVC) presented its Outstanding Performance Award to RPD's Pat Huntington-Sigel during their annual forum. Ms. Huntington-Sigel has over 30 years of experience working in the field of domestic violence prevention at the Rochester Police Department. Her efforts enhance a coordinated response to domestic violence and promote batterer accountability.

The DVC represents over 50 agencies and organizations who are practitioners in the field of domestic violence. It believes it is important to the legislative process to increase awareness and suggest solutions to domestic violence-related issues in our localities, state and nation.

Some of the forum's speakers included Chief James Sheppard, Greece Police Chief Todd Baxter, Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley, Empire Justice Center's Senior Staff Attorney and Coordinator of the Domestic Violence Legal Program, Amy Schwartz, New York State Senator James Alesi, and domestic violence survivors.

RPD AND S.E.E.D.S. PROGRAM COLLABORATION AT THE COMMUNITY PLACE

S.E.E.D.S. (Strengthening Eating + Exercising Daily Successfully) has teamed with the RPD to expose families to a healthier lifestyle, which includes physical activity and better nutritional habits. The goal of the collaboration is to allow families to strengthen the relationship between themselves and the RPD. It is a community-wide program held free of charge.

RPD members' focus is a walking club. For one hour every Saturday through June, parents or caregivers with children ages 2-19 meet at the Community Place, located at 145 Parsells Avenue, and walk the surrounding neighborhoods.

RPD BOOK DRIVE A HUGE SUCCESS

In the month of February, RPD Volunteer Coordinator Anne Powless was instrumental in the RPD Book Drive. The RPD Book Drive was for the students at Clara Barton School No. 2 on Reynolds Street. Books were collected with the expectation that the students would continue to read through the February recess.

On Friday February 17th, Chief Sheppard attended a student assembly where he was able to present five cases of books that were donated by the men and women of the RPD. School Principal James Palermo said he was grateful for the generosity of the Rochester Police Department.



*Volunteer Coordinator
Anne Powless*

IN MEMORIAM...



“ARO”, K9-10

Faithfully served with Officer William Danno from 2000-2010.

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Aro was a patrol/narcotics dog. He had 39 criminal apprehensions (we call them bites!). That's 39 people who either ran, tried to run or fought to get away...He once stood on his hind legs and barked at the ceiling in a building where the suspect was located directly above him on top of the drop ceiling! His entire career was spent as unit K9-10.

RPD BADGE NUMBERS HAVE FAMILY LEGACIES

I was contacted by Sgt. Naser Zenelovic last summer, and asked if I would be willing give up my badge, #1, to another officer, Benjamin Mitchell, whose grandfather Benjamin Herrman had worn it. I agreed. I then requested if I could get badge #40, my father's badge.

Sgt. Zenelovic looked into the situation and made it happen. My father, Gary Cannon, wore badge #40 in 1970 as a new officer. My father retired from RPD as a Lieutenant in 1991. His last assignment was as the sergeant in Special Events - Downtown, until he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant. He then retired shortly after his promotion. I would like to thank all those involved who allowed this badge legacy to happen.

Officer Brian Cannon



WE PRODUCE LEADERS

Over the years, the Rochester Police Department has developed a national reputation for excellence due in large part to the tremendous talent, commitment and innovative thinking exhibited by those who have worn the uniform of the Rochester Police Department. The "We Produce Leaders" series highlights RPD alumni who have gone on from the Department to continue serving the community in a variety of leadership roles. We hope these articles inspire current RPD members and demonstrate the many ways that the skills and professionalism gained as a RPD officer benefits the community for a lifetime.



RETIRED CAPTAIN EDWARD A. GIBLIN

Edward Giblin served the RPD for over 24 years (1985–2009) in various sections including Maple, Highland, Research & Evaluation, Professional Development and Office of the Chief. He also served as Commanding Officer of the Special Investigations Section, Genesee Section and the Administration Bureau.

DESCRIBE A HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR CAREER IN RPD AND HOW THAT SHAPED YOUR FUTURE:

Rather than feature a specific incident, Edward prefers to acknowledge the "many fine folks", sworn and non-sworn, that he worked with over the years in the variety of patrol, investigative and administrative assignments. He says, "It's a tremendous benefit to work in a large organization that affords a broad spectrum of opportunity and experience. I especially enjoyed my assignments in the Patrol Division because that's where the direct community contact is at its best, and I was always encouraged by the quality and character of the police officers and civilian staff who serve Rochester so well."

ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE YOUR RETIREMENT:

Edward is currently the Assistant Chief of the New York State University Police, College at Brockport. He finds campus policing very rewarding because it is yet another opportunity to serve a community and work with those who are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for students to live and learn in. He also remains an active Roman Catholic deacon assigned to Holy Cross Parish in Charlotte.

ADVICE THAT YOU WOULD GIVE TO THE OFFICERS CURRENTLY ON THE JOB:

"I would encourage officers to try to experience a variety of different assignments within RPD because such exposure gives you a better appreciation of all that it takes to serve the community as a professional police organization. Sometimes we tend to get stuck with tunnel vision, that only our current assignment is the important one, when in reality a ton of important work gets done by women and men all through the RPD. I'd also encourage officers to remember always that a police officer's job is vital to community wellbeing and that the community who empowers its police officers always deserves officers who are honest, hardworking and committed to doing the job for the right reasons."

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