



# THE BRIEF

Bringing Relevant Information to Employees & Families  
THE COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

December, 2011



## TWIN SIZE BLANKET DRIVE

Cook County Sheriff's Office

December 1 – December 31, 2011



On an average night, over 500 homeless men, women, and children receive shelter at Pacific Garden Mission. During the cold winter months, that number climbs well above 800.

In our continued efforts to assist those in need throughout Cook County, I am inviting all employees to participate in a twin-size blanket collection drive, benefiting the Pacific Garden Mission. Details as follows.

All new or gently used, clean twin-size blankets will be accepted. Convenient drop-off boxes will be available in each facility as well as on-site.

For further information on this event, please contact Special Projects Coordinator Tracey Steele at (312) 603-3980.

\*All participation is voluntary and will not be used as a consideration in any employment action\*

## NEW YEAR'S DAY Chicago's Pacific Garden Mission

Looking for a sparkling uncommon way to ring in the new year? We are coordinating employees and friends/family members who would like to volunteer at Chicago's Pacific Garden Mission passing out meals to the homeless and working poor that utilize their services.

Sunday, January 1, 2012  
1458 S. Canal Street  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



## GREAT JOB!

While assigned to the front door at District #3, D/S Dianna Shlifka noticed a female subject entering the building and sensed there was something wrong with the woman, who was accompanied by a male subject. D/S Shlifka told the female to step over and told the male to continue going through.

The female subject became very emotional and indicated that the male subject was her husband. He had slapped her across the face with an open hand. D/S called for assistance and supervisors Lt. Brian Foster and Sgt. Jeffrey Ockerlund came to assist.

After speaking to the woman D/S Shlifka took her to get an Order of Protection. Lt. Foster and Sgt. Ockerlund continued talking to the male subject and checked his background discovering he had a recent arrest for domestic battery. The male subject admitted to grabbing the victim by the throat earlier in the week and was placed under arrest, charged with domestic battery.

Excellent work by D/S Dianna Shlifka for sensing there was a problem and stepping in to help!

## REMINDER!

### 5th Annual Family Fun at Winter WonderFest

Thinking of a creative way to celebrate the holidays while enjoying one of Chicago's Premier attractions? Sheriff Dart is inviting all employees to bring family and friends to enjoy the spectacular holiday magic of Navy Pier's Winter WonderFest!

Winter WonderFest is 170,000 square feet of indoor fun with huge inflatable slides, climbing walls, ice skating, rides, entertainment stages, cookie decorating and hundreds of brightly colored trees.

DATE: Friday, December 16, 2011

TIME: 3:00pm—10:00pm

Cost: \$6 per person participating in activities

REGULATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS: NO EXCEPTIONS

Payment: Online Only with discount code received via e-mail only to Special Projects Coordinator Tracey Steele! Discount Code transaction requests and distribution will only available by e-mail to: [Tracey.Steele@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:Tracey.Steele@cookcountyil.gov). One discount code per for wristband transaction each discount code is good for up to four (4) wristbands. Codes cannot be transferred or reused and are void after transaction. Parking Discounts will be available on December 16, 2011, entrance prior to 5:00 p.m. is \$18.00, after 5:00 p.m. is \$10.00. Discount is available for ONLY December 16, 2011

## \*\*\*\*REMINDER\*\*\*\*

### Sheriff's Women's Justice Department Winter Clothing Drive

Donations of winter clothing are being requested to provide the SWJP participants of the Sheriff's Female Furlough Program (SFFP) and other women re-entering the community. The requested items needed are:



Coats, Hats, Gloves, Boots



All sizes are welcome and all participation is voluntary.

Questions – please contact Executive Director Boecker at 773-869-7731

Donations can be dropped off at the following:

Criminal Courts Administration Building  
Sheriff's Women's Justice Programs

2650 S. California B-1

Collection boxes will also be available in all facilities

The Final Date of Collection is December 31, 2011

Participation is voluntary and will not be used as a consideration in any employment action



UPCOMING PROJECT:

GLASS SLIPPER PROJECT



# Department of Corrections Corner

## **A warning from the Director's Office:**

### ***Spokeo.com and Like websites***

This website and other websites like it should alarm anyone who is worried about the safety, security and privacy of themselves and their family. For years, Law Enforcement Officers worried about keeping their personal information private. Now, this has spilled over into the private sector where websites like Spokeo, intellus and zabasearch are trying to make a profit by exploiting the private lives of law enforcement.

While there is no way to escape the growing dangers of the internet or of websites such as these, there are several precautions you can take to avoid their intrusions.

**First**, know that just because you are not in the phone book does not mean that you aren't on one of these sites. A family member of mine argued that since he was unlisted, no one would have his information. I found him in thirty seconds.

**Second**, be careful about what you post on social networking sites. Spokeo and like sites, gather much of its information from sites such as Facebook, LinkedIn and myspace. When setting up your profile, make sure to exclude sensitive material about yourself or your family.

**Lastly**, look for ways to delete yourself from such sites. Spokeo and like sites give you an option to delete yourself by clicking on the "privacy" tab located at the bottom of the website (spokeo.com). Though this should permanently delete your information from the website, be skeptical and verify their promise every few months or so. When it comes to retaining your privacy, every possible precaution should be taken.

**STAY SAFE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!**

# Court Services Communications

## **PROMOTIONS**

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ON YOUR CONTINUED LEADERSHIP**

Lt. Vito Anguilo to Dep. Chief's Office

Lt. Michael Beavers to CCB

Lt. Joseph Bellettier to Civil Division

Lt. James Dillon to CIU

Lt. Leonard Jagielski to CCB

Lt. Erik Mackowiak to Eviction Unit

Lt. Andrew Wodarczyk to Markham

Sgt. Thomas McNeela to CCB

Sgt. Emiliano Valencia to Central Warrants

Sgt. Danielle Callahan to Chief of Courts

Sgt. Heather Bock to OPA

Sgt. David A. Griffin to Police Courts North

Sgt. John Kowalski to Daley Center

Sgt. Jennifer Villalobos to Eviction Unit

Sgt. Dimitrije Nikolich to Markham

Sgt. Jason Augustyniak to Markham

Sgt. Osamu Yokozawa to Child Support

Sgt. Michael Schassburger to Daley Center

Sgt. Larry Schring to Training Institute

Sgt. Cindy Whelan to Skokie

Sgt. Ursula Washington to CCB

#### DALEY CENTER COURTS

Congratulations to D/S Anne McDonald (Cunningham) and husband Nick on the birth of their daughter Hailey Anne. Little Hailey made her arrival on November 7, weighing a whopping 10lbs, 9ozs. Mom, baby and dad are enjoying some much needed rest. Everyone is happy and healthy.

#### CRIMINAL COURTS BUILDING

Congratulations to D/S Angela Pecoraro and her husband Frank on the birth of their son, Vincent Joseph Pecoraro. He was born on 22 September 2011

**Shining Stars**

# Sheriff's Police Notes

## **Congratulations go out to the following officers who were recently honored:**

**Officer Tyra Brown & Officer Larry Draus** received "Certificates of Appreciation" from the Chicago Bar Association Animal Law Committee, in conjunction with the DePaul University College of Law Center for Animal Law, for their ongoing work fighting animal crimes throughout Cook County.

**Officer Dave Stanly** and his canine partner Rocky who received the Paws of Distinction Award from the Chicago Crime Commission for their efforts in locating an undetonated bomb planted behind the Evanston Police station placed there in an effort to hurt police officers.

**Cmdr. Mike Anton, Sgt. Bill Leen, Officer Pat Brosnan, Officer Dan Schaller, Officer Kevin Fourte and Officer Robert Gassmann** honored by the Chicago Crime Commission for "Operation Little Girl Lost" a joint human trafficking case conducted with Chicago Police and the FBI targeting human trafficking in the State of Illinois.

## **RETIREMENTS**

**Chief DeWayne Holbrook**

**Deputy Chief Ray Farinella**

**P.O. Michael Barnes**

**P.O. Kim Petrisha**

**Thank you for your years of dedicated service to the Sheriff's Office!**