

DECEMBER 2017

## Anchorage APOA NEWSLETTER

### ANCHORAGE CHAPTER

BY MICHELE LOGAN

Welcome to December 2017! The photo below of the Thin Blue Line Tree is courtesy of Raymond Garivey, Jr., Chief of Police of the Freeport (Texas) Police Department. His wife did an awesome job of decorating the tree for him, and I would agree!

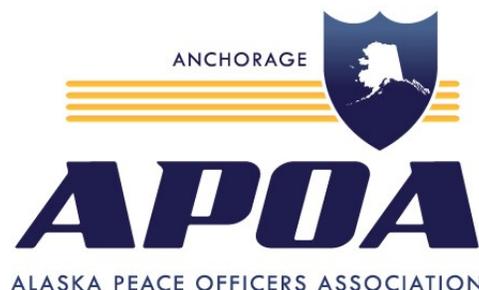
The highlight of December for the APOA Anchorage Chapter is our annual Christmas Party extravaganza. The party will once again be held at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel and Spa on Saturday night, December 16, 2017. Tickets may be purchased online at the following registration link:

[https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause\\_pdetails/MjQ0Njg](https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MjQ0Njg)

The Sheraton is also offering a special room rate for the party dates - \$89 plus tax for a standard room. Room reservations may also be made at the registration link. Congratulations to Jason Whetsell and Mark Pearson who each won the drawings for the two free Sheraton rooms given away at the November luncheon for early-bird registrants.

Tickets will be on sale through 5:00 PM Tuesday, December 12, 2017. In other words, **the cut off for purchasing tickets to the party is Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 5 PM.**

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As is customary, there will be plenty of fabulous door prizes at the party including four (4) hand gun drawings – two (2) of the hand guns, will be drawn for current paid-up-dues members of APOA only, and the other two (2) handguns will be drawn for party attendees at large. If you would like to increase your chances for winning one of two Glock 43's or one of the Smith & Wesson M&P Shield hand guns, make sure your dues are paid current, or if not, by paying your dues for 2018. You can pay your dues online at [www.apoaonline.org](http://www.apoaonline.org) or by contacting our business manager, Kalie Bell at (907) 277-0515.

The Anchorage Chapter board will also be donating at least \$4,000 to local Anchorage charities in December, the season of giving.

**SAVE THE DATES – May 8-11, 2018.** APOA will once again have a crime conference in 2018 after having departed from the conference format in 2017 for the traveling trainer classes. The 2018 APOA Crime Conference will be at Pikes Waterfront Lodge in Fairbanks May 8-11, 2018. Details on the training tracts will be forthcoming after the first of the year.

Our luncheon speaker for Tuesday, December 5 will be local representatives from the National Crisis Response Canines, and how their trained crisis response dogs, which are different from therapy dogs, can help the community in times of crisis or disaster. Their website is <http://www.crisisresponsecanines.org/faq.html>.

**We hope to see you December 5 at 11:30 AM at the Golden Corral, 4520 Union Square Dr. (Tudor and C Street) in Anchorage for the December luncheon!**



## THE COST OF THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

It's beginning to look (and feel) a lot like Christmas! If you're in the gift-giving mood, consider that purchasing all the gifts in the classic carol "The 12 Days of Christmas" will cost you \$34,558.65 in 2017, a boost of just about \$200 from last year. That's the official tally according to the 34th PNC Christmas Price Index.

Here's the entire list:

Partridge in a Pear Tree: \$219.95

Turtle Doves: \$375.00

French Hens: \$181.50

Calling Birds: \$599.96

Gold Rings: \$825.00

Geese-a-Laying: \$360.00

Swans-a-Swimming: \$13,125.00

Maids-a-Milking: \$58.00

Ladies Dancing: \$7,552.84

Lords-a-Leaping: \$5,618.90

Pipers Piping: \$2,708.40

Drummers Drumming: \$2,934.10

If you add up the cost of all the gifts in 12 Days of Christmas song this year, it would cost you \$34,558.65, about \$200 more than last year's total. If, however, you *really* want to impress your true love by nabbing all 364 items – the number of the items as repeated throughout the song over and over (and over) – you'd have to cough up \$157,558.00, about \$1,000 more than last year.



## Your Anchorage Chapter Board ~ A phone call away

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 5, 2017.....APOA Meeting 1130 am Golden Corral Buffet

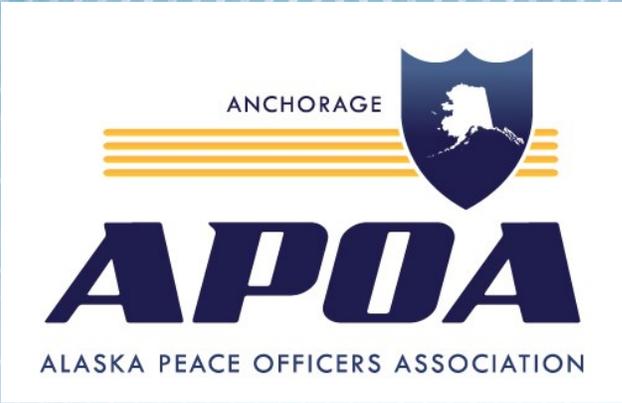
Dec 9, 2017.....5:30 pm Board Meeting 327 E. Fireweed Lane

Dec 16, 2017.....6:00 pm Anchorage Chapter Christmas Party

.....Anchorage Sheraton Hotel and Spa

Jan 2., **2018**.....APOA Meeting 1130 am Golden Corral Buffet

Jan 9, **2018**.....5:30 pm Board Meeting 327 E. Fireweed Lane



## GOALS

Promote the objectives of peace officers across the state.

Offer job-related training.

Build and enhance relationships between agencies and members.

Increase professionalism among members.

Through involvement with the legislature and the governor, offer suggestions to improve Alaska's justice system.

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