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What's the Buzz- 1067

In the Line of Duty: Spotlight on Bunker Hill's Campus Police Officers *From an account from Bunker Hill Chief Steward Unit II Christopher Wilkins*

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On April 2, 2007 Officer Ruth Fierro, a campus police officer, was on patrol in Lot 2 of Bunker Hill Community College. Officer Fierro witnessed a tractor-trailer plunge off a ramp from the Tobin Bridge to Interstate 93, striking a car, and landing on top of a sport utility vehicle on the ground below.

Immediately, Officer Fierro called for back up from all outside agencies. First responders on the scene were fellow campus police officers, Sergeant Bobby Barros and Officer Scott Rosenbaum. Both scaled two fences to get to the driver of the truck and were able to stabilize him until more help arrived.

Officer Fierro and fellow campus police officer, Officer Raymond Samms, cleared an unobstructed path from Rutherford Avenue to the scene assisting and allowing all responding agencies to the exact location of this horrific accident.

If not for the immediate reaction by the Campus Police Officers at Bunker Hill Community College, things may have turned out differently and for the worse. Their instinct and professionalism may have helped save a life. Their call to duty was above and beyond their daily activities. Also, an off campus accident is beyond their jurisdiction.



These four Campus Police Officers should be recognized for their selflessness and dedication to their jobs and the actions above and beyond their call of duty. The professionalism and composure each showed with the actions they took to help.

President Field gave each an award of recognition and salutes each for a great job!

Local 1067 Officers:

- President-Lisa Field
- Vice President-Denise Brown
- Treasurer: Marzi Carolpoli
- Secretary: Thomasine Corbett
- Trustee: Jim Klim
- Parliamentarian: David Charbonneau

The Buzz is Back!

Lisa Field

Our Local's newsletter is back!

This newsletter is meant to be a communication tool to keep our members informed and to open communication.

In future issues, we would like to resurrect three columns that were favorites in past newslet-

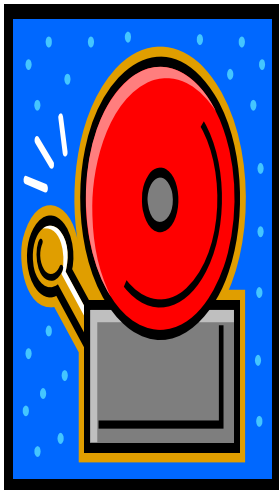
ters: "Membership Tidbits", "Ask the Field Service Director", and "Rap with the Prez".

"Membership Tidbits" are any announcements a member would like published. "Ask the Field Service Director" are for comments and questions to

Gordon Blaquiere, the Higher Education Coordinator, and "Rap with the Prez" are comments and questions to Lisa Field, President of Local 1067.

Any submissions or interest in volunteering, please contact Lisa Field at lfield@fsc.edu.

Safety Forum



In light of the recent tragedy at Virginia Tech and ongoing safety concerns from our members, AFSCME Local 1067 announced on April 24, 2007 that the Local would be holding a safety forum. We asked for the members to send in their main concerns on issues regarding health and safety. Please continue to send in issues to lfield@fsc.edu or to Bbfield1@AOL.com.



PHENOM

PHENOM, Public Higher Education Network of Massachusetts, is a broad-based coalition of students, staff, parents, and faculty. Its principles are to fund public higher education so it can serve the Commonwealth, make higher education affordable, make higher education accessible to all, and to hire more teachers, researchers, and staff, and honor and expand democratic institutions of governance for public higher education.

Legislation for Campus Police Officers in Massachusetts

All members please check with your Chief Stewards to make sure that your name, address, and job title are correct. Please keep your addresses up-to-date!

On May 17, 2007 a legislative committee hearing was held regarding House Bill 2250, an Act to Provide Employees at State and Community College Holding Special State Police Officer Powers with Line of Duty Death Benefits.

Several campus police officers attended the hearing including

officers from Massasoit Community College and Bunker Hill Community College. Vasco Cordeiro, a campus police officer at Bristol Community College testified before the committee.

Officer Cordeiro stated, "Bristol is generally a peaceful

campus, we don't see major crime, but again-you never know. We think about it. And we wonder...what if?"

Kudos to all who attended!

Right to Know Laws

From www.afscme.org



For many AFSCME members, exposure to serious health hazards is all in a day's work. On-the-job exposure to chemicals can make you sick and even kill you. Some chemicals may also pose safety hazards and have the potential to cause fires and explosions and other serious accidents.

Public employees in most states are covered by state Right-to-Know laws or the state's version of federal OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard. These laws give workers a legal right to get information and training on hazardous chemicals that they are exposed to on the job.

This law can be used to identify health hazards on the job and then demand adequate protections so that workers do not have to choose between their health and their jobs.

For more information check out www.afscme.org as well as www.masscosh.org.

AFSCME Family Scholarship

The AFSCME Family Scholarship is sponsored by American Education Services.

Looking for financial support for college? Each year the AFSCME Family Scholarship Program provides at least thirteen \$2,000 awards to high school seniors, scholarships that will be renewed for \$2,000 each year for a maximum of four years, provided the student remains enrolled in a full-time course of study. The scholarship may be used for any field of study.

The scholarship opens on Au-

gust 1, 2007. To be eligible, you must be a graduating high school senior in 2008, be a daughter, son, or financially dependent grandchild of an active or retired AFSCME member, and be an applicant to an accredited college or university and subsequently accepted as a full-time student in a four year degree program.

To apply, submit a completed AFSCME Family Scholarship Application, an essay on the

topic "What AFSCME Has Meant to Our Family", high school transcript, SAT and/or ACT test scores, and letters of recommendation or other evidence of high school activities or academic honors to demonstrate your talents, abilities, and character. See the International's website for more information at www.afscme.org.

Applications must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2007.



From www.afscme.org

AFSCME Local 1067 Scholarship

AFSCME Local 1067 will award eight \$500.00 scholarships for this year (2007). To apply, an applicant must be a member of AFSCME Local 1067, a child of a member of AFSCME Local 1067, or the legal dependent of a member. The applicant must also be a full-time student pursuing a degree in higher education at a

two or four-year College or an accredited institution beyond high school level. Also, the applicant will need to attach an essay of 250 words or less, written by the applicant, which explains his/her achievements, aspirations, and goals. Applications are available from your steward or by contacting lfield@fsc.edu. Applications

must be postmarked no later than August 1, 2007 and will be awarded on August 16, 2007. Send the completed packet to

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Congrats to Gail Feckley, the Unit 1 Chief Steward from Fitchburg State College. Gail graduated in May with a Masters of Arts in English. Kudos for a job well-done.

Union Plus Scholarship

The Union Plus Scholarship program, sponsored by the Union Plus Education Foundation, helps union members and their families defray the cost of higher education.

Members, their spouses, and dependent children (as defined under IRS regulations) are eli-

gible. Graduate students and grandchildren are not eligible. Members must have at least one year of continuous good-standing membership in AFSCME in order for spouses and children to be eligible.

The amount of the award ranges between \$500 and

\$4,000. This is a one-time award sent to individual winners for undergraduate study beginning in the fall of the same year.

Applications are available Sept.15. See www.afscme.org for more details.



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We're on the Web!

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AFSCME, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, is the largest union for workers in the public service with 1.4 million members nationwide. AFSCME organizes for social and economic justice in the workplace and through political action and legislative advocacy. AFSCME represents a diverse group of service and health care workers in the public and private sectors including nurses, EMTs, bus drivers, child care providers, custodians and librarians.

Local 1067 represents over 3,000 clerical, technical maintenance, trades, storekeepers, and public safety employees at the 9 state colleges and the 15 community colleges in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Government for Sale: An Examination of the Contracting out of State and Local Government Services Excerpt from www.afscme.org



From www.afscme.org

After decades of state and local government experiments with contracting out, the benefits of private delivery of public services have proven to be elusive. And now more than ever, the government is the front line in homeland security, the nation understands the importance of an experienced, dedicated public-sector workforce and the dangers of privatization.

Contracting out often results in higher costs, poorer service, increased opportunities for corruption and diminished government flexibility, control and accountability. Contract-

ing out can compromise the security of information and public assets. In addition, the local economy and tax base may suffer as decent jobs with benefits are replaced with low-wage, no-benefit jobs provided by companies located in another part of the country or even overseas.

Innovative and responsible government leaders know that joint labor/management partnerships are the best way to truly improve service delivery. Public resources are most efficiently and effectively deployed when front-line workers and managers work together for

the common good.

Local 1067 takes very seriously the issue of contracting out and the subsequent erosion of living wage, union jobs. Presently, the Local and Council 93 are working on legislation that tackles this issue. Also, the Local has two issues regarding contracting out and third-party management. One is at Mass College of Art and the other is at Fitchburg State College (the Wallace Civic Center). Both the Local and the Council are collaborating on AFSCME's responses to these issues.