

THE JUDICIAL NEWS

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JPE is ON THE MOVE! – ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

The NEW UNION is on the move and keeping the membership informed is our number one priority! In 2012, most communication is electronic and we plan on using email and the web to communicate with all members of JPE. Currently, 759 personal member email addresses have been collected. Sadly, we are 500 short of meeting our goal. **Please visit the JPE website (jpeunion.net) to register. Alternatively, just send a quick email to execdirector@jpeunion.net so that we can add you to the communication list.** The “eCommunication” network is vital. At the most recent JPE annual meeting, the ability to vote on union issues via mail or the internet was authorized. This means that being able to communicate with you via email just became the preferred method. We realize that not all members of the Union have access to a computer or the internet. But this is a small percentage of our members and we are willing to assist those members who do not have access to a computer or the internet by providing them with information on public computers (i.e. libraries and schools). **Future newsletters and correspondence may be sent electronically and not by U.S. Mail!**

As a quick update, here are some of the “hot issues” JPE is addressing:

- Safety Concerns for Probation Officers (Ballistic Vests, etc)
- Family Medical Leave Concerns (Maternity, etc.)
- Transfer Lists and the Transfer Process
- Workload and Policy Concerns

JPE is ON THE MOVE! MOMENTUM is strength and strength is our MEMBERS! Please do not hesitate to call or email us if you have concerns or questions. 860.216.1550 or execdirector@jpeunion.net

DUES INCREASE APPROVED

Thank you to the 86 JPE members who attended the Annual Meeting. The dues increase ballot question passed 60 to 24 (2 contested ballots). We recognize that the dues increase comes at a time when pay freezes are in effect. However, JPE is committed to delivering a quality “member service” product that you will find value and satisfaction in. **The dues increase (\$3.00 per pay period) will take effect in the 11/16/12 pay check.**

ATTENTION JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICERS!

DUE TO THE RESIGNATION OF JPO II FRANCIS OKAM FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, A VACANCY FOR JPO REPRESENTATIVE NOW EXISTS. ANY JPO MAY FILL THIS VACANCY. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO execdirector@jpeunion.net . THE DEADLINE FOR EMAIL SUBMISSION WILL BE WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 31st. THANK YOU.



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A Message from THE ACTING PRESIDENT

APO II, James Romano (New London)



JPE Members,

Please join me in wishing Past President John Satti the very best in retirement. John retired from state service effective September 1. He will be missed. Over the past 11 months, President Satti has energized JPE and started to build a new union culture. John will be volunteering his time to help JPE in various ways. The entire Executive Board and I are committed to keep JPE moving forward and providing the highest degree of service to our members.

The JPE Constitution does not allow for mid-term voting to replace John. It allows for the temporary filling of the vacated position by the Vice President. I will serve as the acting President until the September 2013 elections.

There is much work to be done at JPE. Our new Executive Director, Marshall “Chip” Segar, and the Executive Board are rolling up their sleeves and tackling the issues that are important to our members. **One such issue is the recent arbitration award regarding the 2009 Hazardous Duty Early Retirement Incentive Program. Details and instructions are enclosed.**

Thanks, Jimmy (jamesromano@sbcglobal.net)

Upcoming Events

Western Region Members Social

Thursday, October 25th
Waterbury, Litchfield, Danbury, Bristol
Courts-Facilities and Offices
4:30 – 7:00 p.m.
DRESCHER'S
25 Leavenworth St, Waterbury

Election Day

Tuesday, November 6th
Please take the time to cast your ballot for
your favorite candidate

JPE Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 14th
50 Columbus Blvd. Hartford
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Eastern Region Members Social

Thursday, November 29th
New London, Norwich, Danielson,
Willimantic Courts-Facilities and Offices
4:30 – 6:30p.m.
LOCATION TBD

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