



# National Association of Retired Police Officers

## Nottinghamshire Branch (076)

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### Commutation Factors

As a result of the Home Secretaries Announcement at the Police Federation Conference this year changes were made to the commutation factors of those Officers who wished to commute part of the Pension, this in some cases amounted to the male retirees receiving thousands of pounds extra, however the down side of this was that the Home Secretary would only back date it to the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2007.

What in effect has happened is that the commutation factors for male retirees has been raised to the same level as that of female retirees who historically received more pound for pound than their male counterparts.

Now you ask what is NARPO doing to correct this anomaly and back date even further, the Police Federation at present have set in motion a Judicial Review in the hope that the date will be extended further back, but at present it does not look as if this will be any further than 1<sup>st</sup> September 2006.

The most important part of this case is, as some of you will remember, the 'colorol' case in 1991, when many of us submitted claims to the Industrial Tribunal that male retirees at the time were treated less favourably than female and it amounted to an act of Sex Discrimination. The 'colorol' case eventually ended up in the European Courts and it decided by the commissioners that it was lawful at the time to discriminate on the ground of sex when considering actuarial figures for pensions.

The Secretary will keep you posted as to what occurs with the Police Federation's Judicial Review.

Police Headquarters have instructed County Hall to repay monies due under Commutation Factors to those who retired since 1<sup>st</sup> September 2007, by now all those monies should have been paid, if not please contact HQ Finance.

**REMEMBER THIS ONLY APPLIES TO THOSE WHO RETIRED AFTER 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2007**

#### Historical Facts

Below is part of a letter The Secretary received from the Galleries of Justice

'Although not directly relevant to your organisation's remit, I thought you might be interested to know that in the course of researching the war memorials in the former Shire Hall (Galleries of Justice) I found details of 9 Notts Constabulary Police Constables who were mobilised/volunteered for service with the Colours in WWI and who were either KIA or DOD. The names of eight of these men are recorded on the war memorial. Photographs are available as is additional information about some of the casualties. Sherwood Lodge Press Office suggested I contact NARPO as Notts Police does not have a Force 'historian'.'

The Secretary does not know if anyone is a history buff or is researching the history of Notts County of Nottingham City Police Forces but it seems to be a shame that no one on the Force in the Press or Public Relations Office seems to have the history portfolio. There must be others from the County or City Forces who fall into the above categories from both WWI and WWII, whose details could be lost for all eternity.

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## **DATA PROTECTION ACT AND DATABASE AUDIT**

Most will recall over the past few months that large amounts of data have been misplaced by various Government Departments, and this raised a number of questions with regards to the storage of personal information within the Branch, as you will appreciate the Secretary has a large amount of data which has to be relevant, accurate and up to date, therefore in order to comply with the Data Protection Act, we are undertaking an audit of all members to ensure that the information we hold, we hold lawfully and with the permission of the individual.

We have started with email addresses; we have to keep a written record that the recipient of the information has agreed to the information being sent out to them, Fred Kirkham the Assistant Secretary circulates information concerning all matter of different things from Deaths of Member to Reunions. Each member is in a category with a specific group from NARPO B1 to NARPO B10, and he has been sending out weekly to these groups at present he is on group B7 all that is asked of you is that you return the email to [secretary@nottsnarpo.com](mailto:secretary@nottsnarpo.com) in order that it can be kept on file. After a period of 3 months any who have not returned the email will have their email address deleted from our records so it is imperative that you return this email, but it must be emphasised that the email should only be returned to [secretary@nottsnarpo.com](mailto:secretary@nottsnarpo.com) not to Fred Kirkham or John Kennedy.

Once this exercise has been completed we will be sending out individual, records these must be checked that the information is correct and returned to the Secretary for filing, so remember any change of circumstances you need notify to the Secretary, i.e. Change of Address, Marital Status, email or phone numbers.

This is not something that will take weeks or even months to complete, with 2000 records it could take as long as three years, but once completed we will have in place a process to ensure that the information we hold complies with the Data Protection Act.

## **‘NARPO CALL FOR HOME SECRETARY’S RESIGNATION**

At the Annual Conference of the National Association of Retired Police Officers over 300 delegates were made aware of the decision of the Home Secretary, Jackie Smith to impose a pay review body on the Police Service to replace the current police pay negotiating arrangements. NARPO delegates understood the frustrations of currently serving officers. They were short changed by the Home Secretary in last year’s pay settlement and her officials appear to have wanted to destroy any real opportunity of meaningful negotiations at the Police Negotiating Board for some time.

Delegates agreed to support the calls of the Police Federation to seek that Jackie Smith resign her post.

A full copy of the circular can be found on our web site at [www.nottsnarpo.com](http://www.nottsnarpo.com) and details will appear in the next edition of NARPO News

## **NEWSWORTHY**

**Do you have an item that is newsworthy if so pass it to the secretary who will publish in the newsletter, as you will appreciate it can be a laborious task trying to put together items of interest to all members, and we do not want to be the bearers of bad news all the time.**

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<b>Dates for your Diary</b>	
<b>Benevolent Fund AGM</b>	9am 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2008 FHQ
<b>Committee Meeting</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2008
<b>Reunion Dinner</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> December 2008

### ASHFIELD REUNION

"Ashfield Police Buffet Reunion"

On Saturday 18th October 08 there will be a reunion for ex Police officers and support staff who have ever been stationed in the Ashfield Police area. This is at St Joseph's Social Club, High Pavement, Sutton in Ashfield starting at 7pm. There is a buffet and raffle, the proceeds of which will go into the fund, (so a raffle prize would be appreciated). The cost is £7.50 each. Partners and friends are welcome. Further enquiries - please contact Malc Scothern on 01623 459778 or 400288 or e mail [malcolm.scothern@ntlworld.com](mailto:malcolm.scothern@ntlworld.com)

### HYSON GREEN REUNION

A Hyson Green Police Reunion will take place at the Horse & Groom, Radford Road, Basford, on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

The room's booked as is the 'snap'! All we need from you is the nod to say you're attending and a fiver (£5) in advance PLEASE.

You can contact Ron Toomey 0115 9262128 / 07703 766120, Dutch' Holland on 07887 555609 or Ron 'Larks' Nightingale on 0115 9136109

If you wish to hold a reunion let the Secretary know, NARPO may be able to assist in some small way, and it keep us in touch with former colleagues and friends

### REUNION DINNER

The Reunion Dinner will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2008, at Police Headquarters as a result of negotiations with Catering this year's dinner will cost £10 per head, if you wish to attend please complete the attached proforma and return to the Secretary at the address below, post dated cheques are acceptable.

I wish to attend the Reunion Dinner

Name.....

Telephone Number .....

Guests.....

Special Dietary Arrangements.....

Table Preference.....

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