



■ TENERELLI STAYS *active after retiring* FROM THE FORCE

After 39 years as a police officer, Philip Tenerelli continues to serve his community in an abundance of ways.

He recently signed on for a second term as president of the Italian American Police Association, having joined the organization in 1984.

"I was working with a police officer who was a board member of the IAPA and he said, 'Hey, kid, you gotta join this organization,' and I did," he recalls.

His reason for sticking with the group all these years is simple. "I'm a proud Italian and I like the organization and what they stand for," he explains.

Founded in 1964, the IAPA organizes and advocates on behalf of Italian Americans in law enforcement, and serves as a social, professional and charitable outlet for its membership.

His plans for his second tenure as president? "To try to generate new members and younger members and continue the great bond that we have as Italian police officers," he says.

He served as president of the Bedford Park Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge 121 from 1993 to 2017, and currently holds the role of secretary. He also has held multiple positions with the Illinois State Lodge FOP, which he joined in 1984.

One of his favorite endeavors is serving as chairman of the Illinois Police Officers Memorial Committee, a position he's held since 2001.

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