

*\* A Message From the CEO \**

# Port Protectors Are City Heroes

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Greetings, Club Members!

Firstly, I'm sure you couldn't help but notice the vigilant diver on the front cover. That's one of your fellow City Employees, Port Police Dive Team member Ryan Mullany. From monitoring drug smuggling container ships, terrorist threats and at-sea collisions, he and his fellow divers are ready to do what it takes to keep our harbor safe and free from illegal activity. One day they might be looking for survivors from a plane crash; the next day they might be underwater inspecting the hull of a super-tanker suspected of having hidden compartments filled with drugs. It's a dangerous job, and they're well deserving of the title "City Hero."

To cover this story, John Burnes and I were honored and privileged to be able to go on two separate missions enabling us to take lots of pictures and to see first-hand how they respond to disasters and criminal activities. We were also lucky enough to get a one-on-one interview with the guy in charge, Lt. Michael Graychik. So, put your feet up and take a trip with the *Alive!* down to the harbor.



You'll also notice on the front page that we are going to have to raise our membership fees just a bit. The good news is that it's only 25 cents a pay period. On page 9 there's a comprehensive interview with the Club's Chief Financial Officer, Brian Trent. The bottom line is that as the cost of doing business increases we chose to not cut the quality of our service to you, the member.

Also, make sure you mark your calendars right now for the City's St. Patrick's Day Parade Friday, March 16. It's always fun and entertaining; and since there are thousands of City Employees enjoying the parade on the sidelines it's an excellent way to run into that long lost co-worker.

Lastly, I want to shout out a big *thank you* to all the kids who entered the Coloring Contest. We had the biggest response ever! You can see the winning entries on page 41 as well as a list of the participating children. Nice work, kids!

Well, that's it for now. Don't forget to wear green on March 16!

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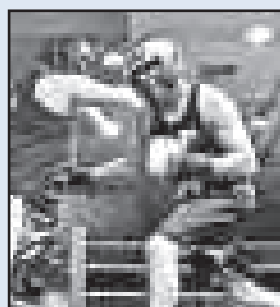
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