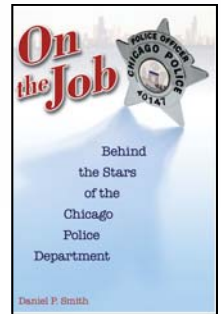


# On the Job

## Behind the Stars of the Chicago Police Department

Daniel P. Smith



### Reviews and Endorsements

“Taking on no easy task, Danny Smith gives us a compelling journey into the hearts and minds and even the souls of those urban soldiers we call cops. As real and wild and fascinating as the streets they travel.”

—Rick Kogan, *Chicago Tribune* and WGN Radio

“In a cop’s world, the one truth is making it through your tour of duty alive—everything else is just a matter of interpretation. Armed only with an unflinching eye, Danny Smith invades that world to discover the truths, examine the shadows, and interpret the culture of those who hold the line. A must-read for anyone interested in the real story behind the blue.”

—Gina Gallo, author of *Armed and Dangerous: Memoirs of a Chicago Policewoman*

“*On the Job* is an excellent and much needed addition to the literature on the Chicago Police Department. With this study, Daniel P. Smith provides an insightful and thought-provoking look at those beneath the star, the challenges of the profession, and the remarkable city these officers call home.”

—Frank Kusch, author of *Battleground Chicago: The Police and the 1968 Democratic National Convention*

“Turn off CSI and see what police-work is really about. Daniel Smith has successfully opened the door to the private entrance of the Chicago Police Department. *On the Job* is an emotional and heartfelt journey inside one of America’s oldest and most respected police departments. This story is one that only a member of the family could tell.”

—Lee Lofland, author of *The Book of Police Procedure and Investigation*

“Told with sensitivity and candor, *On the Job: Behind the Stars of the Chicago Police Department* is both inspiring and tragic. The story of everyday police officers serving on the front lines reveals the human side of *the job*. Mr. Smith has weaved a fine narrative on the inner workings of a secret, oath-bound brotherhood, the impact of this *job* upon their personal lives, and what it really means to be one of ‘Chicago’s Finest’.”

—Richard C. Lindberg, Chicago historian and the author of *To Serve and Collect: Chicago Politics and Police Corruption from the Lager Beer Riot to the Summerdale Scandal, 1855-1960*

*“On the Job* tells the real story of Chicago Police. Chicago is like a small town in which Smith, because of his own background and credentials, was able to get cops to share their stories, which are too little told. Here is an honest dialogue which those of us who care about this city and others are privileged to read. *On the Job* fills an important gap in our oral history as a city and as a people.”  
—Dick Simpson, Head of the Department of Political Science University of Illinois at Chicago and former Chicago Alderman

“Smith sought to shed a different, less harsh light on Chicago’s finest that shows the real people behind the badges, who they are and what they’ve done. The kinds of stories that don’t make headlines but deserve to be told.”

—Randy Richardson, Chicago Writers Association

“Daniel P. Smith was raised by the police. He had a grandfather, brother, and four uncles who all wore the badge of the Chicago Police Department, so he knows, better than most, the stresses, motivations and struggles of the person behind the uniform.”

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