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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Hi All,

Sadly last month began tragically with the murder of another NYPD hero, Officer Brian Moore, by a street thug armed with a stolen gun. Once again we had to go through the solemn ceremony of memorializing and burying a young officer whose life was taken needlessly. The process was heartbreaking and gut-wrenching, especially seeing the anguish on the face of Brian Moore's father, retired NYPD Sgt. Raymond Moore, while watching the funeral.

Unlike the aftermath of several police shootings around the country, there were no protests or demonstrators shouting "Blue Lives Matter", no inflammatory rhetoric or condemnation from politicians or the news media.

One has to wonder if this thug, and I am being polite, would have been armed with a gun and risked being arrested, if there hadn't been severe restrictions placed on officers from performing "Stop, Question & Frisk".

Please keep the Moore family in your thoughts and prayers.

The lunacy of handcuffing NYPD officers continues. In an apparent effort to stem the increase in shootings and homicides in NYC a new policy was announced. The following are excerpts of a NY Post newspaper article:

"The city's narcotics cops are being told to stop arresting suspects over the age of 40.

The new policy was laid out in a May 14 memo that scolded police bosses for busting people outside the 18-40 demographic — and demanded written explanations for arrests of midlife perps.

Division commanders who got that memo immediately ordered the rank and file to stop making collars in that age group and threatened officers with transfers and other discipline if they did not comply."

As was noted in a letter from the Sergeants Benevolent Association, this policy flies in the face of the of the Community Safety Act, which prohibits bias-based profiling, which is defined as "an act of a member of the force of the police department or other law enforcement officer that relies on race, national origin, color, creed, age, alienage or citizenship status, gender, sexual orientation, disability or housing status as the determinative factor in initiating law enforcement action against an individual, rather than an individual's behavior or other information or circumstances that links a person to suspected unlawful activity".

The SBA believes that if an officer should elect to arrest a suspect who is under the age of forty, but let another suspect who is over age forty escape arrest for committing the same offense, that officer would be subject to a claim for damages under the broadly-worded terms of the Community Safety Act.

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**Our Next Membership Meeting Is Tuesday, June 9 at 6 PM at the  
Charlotte FOP Lodge #9,  
1201 Hawthorne Lane,  
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## President's Message continued....

Another example of lunacy (a lunatic running the asylum) occurred in Baltimore. Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake made the following comment about the riots in Baltimore that some interpreted as allowing and even inviting violence. "While we tried to make sure that (protesters) were protected from the cars and the other things that were going on, **we also gave those who wished to destroy space to do that as well,**" she said. She ordered the police to stand down and not take any action while thugs ran amok in the city.

As a result, officers stood by helplessly and watched as rioters looted and burned businesses, threw hunks of concrete and bottles at the police and caused over 30 million dollars in damages. This kowtowing to the mob resulted in injuries to over 100 police officers and the destruction of dozens of police vehicles. Additionally, ensuing weeks saw shootings and murders reach record levels in Baltimore. During the month of May there were 38 murders which is 50% of the total from the previous 4 months combined. This increase corresponds to a similar increase in NYC where murders YTD have increased 15%. You reap what you sow!

Lt. Gene Ryan, President of the Baltimore Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 3 stated, "Criminals feel empowered now. There is no respect. Police are under siege in every quarter. They are more afraid of going to jail for doing their jobs properly than they are of getting shot on duty."

During our May Membership meeting US Army Veteran Sgt. Michael Verardo, 82nd Airborne, who lost a leg and received other serious injuries in 2010 after stepping on a landmine in Afghanistan discussed how the charity "The Independence Fund" <http://www.independencfund.org/> helped improve his life through rehabilitation, therapy and by providing him with a Track Chair All Terrain Vehicle. The Track Chair provides him with the mobility to hunt, fish and play with his young daughter.

The second guest speaker at our May Membership meeting was John Feal, founder of the FealGood Foundation, whose primary mission is to help those who have been injured or taken ill as a direct result of their rescue, recovery and cleanup efforts at World Trade Center following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 was a guest speaker. John discussed the WTC Health Program which was established as a result of the Zadroga 9/11 Health Act. He stressed the importance of registering with the WTC Health Program even if you have not yet showed symptoms of an illness.

The number of afflictions that are covered are limited. There are a variety of mental health conditions, certain cancers (which were added in 2012), digestive and respiratory problems and some musculoskeletal disorders. (<http://www.cdc.gov/wtc/faq.html#hlthcond>)

Other conditions may be added as more effects come to light. For example, rheumatoid arthritis is not currently covered, but a recent study indicates that workers exposed to the debris are at higher risk for this autoimmune affliction. (<http://www.medicaldaily.com/world-trade-center-attack-first-responders-higher-risk-rheumatoid-arthritis-328390>)

Unfortunately the Zadroga 9/11 Health Act will expire in 2016 unless Congress takes action now to renew it. If allowed to expire, the medical treatment that 9/11 responders are now getting for their injuries will end. Those that come down with cancer after it expires will not only go without treatment but will not be compensated for their injuries.

A re-authorization bill which is being co-sponsored by a host of lawmakers, including U.S. senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) and Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.) would continue to provide medical care and treatment to responders who worked at any of the sites that were targeted on 9/11 and would also extend health care to workers and residents of the areas surrounding the attack sites for an additional 25 years, if approved by Congress

The bill would also continue the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund that gives money to responders and survivors for injuries or medical issues resulting from the attacks and their aftermath.

Despite patriotic feelings the first responders inspired in Americans, the original bill was only narrowly passed in 2010.

**We must make sure the re-authorization bill becomes a reality.**

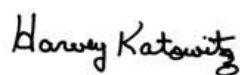
Contact your Congressional Representatives and ask them to co-sponsor the renewal of the James Zadroga 911 Health and Compensation Reauthorization Act

Text "911" to 877877 to be connected to your representative, or Call 888-701-7499.

Preparation for the Jimmy LaRossa Memorial Tournament is in full swing. This year we hope to raise \$15,000 to purchase a Track Chair All Terrain Vehicle for a service veteran who is a paraplegic or amputee. (See tournament flyer on pg. 9).

**I am asking every member of our Club to assist us in this endeavor. Please print several copies of the donations request letter on page 10. When you go to a favorite restaurant or business give the owner/manager a copy of the letter.**

Fraternally,



Harvey Katowitz

# We Will Never Forget our Fallen Heroes



R.I.P BROTHER IN BLUE!

P.O. Brian Moore  
1989 -2015

## POLICE OFFICER BRIAN MOORE

Fundraiser for the



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You Will Never  
Be Forgotten



### Excerpt of eulogy given by NYPD Chaplain MSGR. ROBERT J. ROMANO at Brian Moore's funeral

"We might ask ourselves: Where was God last Saturday?" Romano said. "I can tell you he was in a young man named Brian, who accepted a call, a vocation . . . to be a peacemaker, to be a cop and to be a hero. Brian, like so many of his brother and sister officers, ran always into the trouble, not away from it."

Funeral Procession for NYPD hero Brian Moore: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=60ILpd4k33w> filmed by Yonkers PD Motor Unit officer Peter Mullen, son of Ret. NYPD Inspector Tom Mullen.

# We Will Never Forget our Fallen Heroes

Below are some insightful words that appeared in a May 9 Post newspaper op-ed article written by *Bob Martin, a retired 32-year NYPD veteran.*

Once again, the city today will bury one of its Finest. This time, the young NYPD police officer's name is Brian Moore.

Just last December, the names were Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu. They were assassinated as they sat in their patrol car in Brooklyn by Ismaaiyl Abdullah Brimsley, an ex-con with a long rap sheet. Their "crime"? They were cops.

Brimsley, after shooting his girlfriend in Baltimore, had posted online that he would seek revenge for the deaths of Michael Brown in Missouri and Eric Garner in Staten Island, two black men who had been in confrontations with police officers.

"I'm putting wings on pigs today," Brimsley wrote. "They take 1 of ours, let's take 2 of theirs."

He then headed to Brooklyn and in cold blood carried out his vile threat.

The killing of Officer Moore does not appear to have any connection to those deaths, or to the more recent death in police custody of Freddie Gray and the unrest that followed in Baltimore.

No, this was a case of two good cops doing their jobs, trying to make the neighborhood they were assigned to, Queens Village, a safer place for the people who live there — and a thug with other ideas.

It should be noted that these two officers were not dispatched to the scene. They were not, in the police parlance, "handling a job." No one had called 911 to report a suspicious person or "man with a gun."

Instead, they were on anti-crime patrol, in plainclothes and driving an unmarked car when they observed Demetrius Blackwell, another ex-con with a long rap sheet (sound familiar?) "adjusting something in his waistband," according to Police Commissioner Bill Bratton.

Officer Moore, with five years on the job, had made more than 150 arrests.

Seeing the suspect's movements, this experienced cop knew there was a possibility Blackwell had a gun.

Moore and his partner now had to make a decision.

They could simply drive by and avoid any chance of a confrontation with Blackwell.

That would assure them that they would not be accused of racism for stopping the black man, should it turn out that he did not have a weapon in his possession.

They could continue on their way, finish their tour, sign out and go home to their loving families and friends.

Or they could stop and question him, putting their careers — and lives — at risk.

Like police officers across this nation do every day, they chose to do their duty.

Now, a 25-year-old hero is dead.

So today, once again, we see a grieving family — a police family. Moore's dad, uncle and cousin all served the NYPD. His police brothers and sisters are numb with grief.

The ceremony will be the "Full Inspector's Funeral."

Police motorcycles will rumble to the church. Helicopters will roar low overhead. Bagpipes will wail.

Thousands of officers from across the country will salute as Moore's casket is carried into the church.

The politicians will drone on about root causes and gun control.

There will be no riots, no burning of buildings. The CVS store in Massapequa, where Moore lived, will not be looted.

The cops will fight back tears and stand at attention until the hearse is out of view.

Then they will return to their commands and do what cops do — hoping that by taking that one gun off the street, or that one bad guy, it might mean that one less innocent victim dies.

The cops will be doing a job that gets more difficult each day.

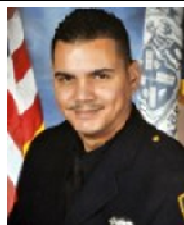
And they'll be praying that they do not have to put on the dress-blue uniform for another cop's funeral ever again.

May God bless Police Officer Brian Moore, his family and his fellow police officers.

# They Must Never Be Forgotten



## ON MAY 7, 2015 THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY OR FROM A 911 RELATED ILLNESS WERE HONORED DURING A MEMORIAL CEREMONY AT NYPD HEADQUARTERS



**Detective First Grade Dennis E. Guerra of the Housing Bureau**, who succumbed last April 9 to lung injuries he sustained when he and his partner responded to a fire on the 13th floor of a Coney Island housing project.



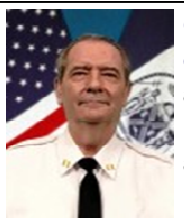
**Police Officer Michael C. Williams of the 47th Precinct**, who died Sept. 21 of injuries sustained when he was ejected from a police van that had collided with another vehicle.



**Detectives First Grade Wenjian Liu, 84th Precinct**, was ambushed in his patrol car Dec. 20 by a mentally-disturbed ex-convict who sent a message through social media that he was taking revenge for the death of Eric Garner.



**Detectives First Grade Rafael Ramos, 84th Precinct**, was ambushed in his patrol car Dec. 20 by a mentally-disturbed ex-convict who sent a message through social media that he was taking revenge for the death of Eric Garner.



**Captain Ronald G. Peifer Sr. of the Patrol Services Bureau**, a 40-year veteran who died March 15, 2014, nine months after retirement.



**Sergeant Paul M. Ferrara of the 110th Precinct**, who spent almost 22 years in the NYPD died last Aug. 28.



**Sergeant Donald J. O'Leary Jr. of Transit District 11**, who spent 21 years on the job. He retired May 1, 2013 and died March 26, 2014.



**Detective Second Grade Christopher Strucker of the Criminal Intelligence Section**, a 20-year veteran who retired in 2011 and died Jan. 23, 2014.



**Detective Steve Hom of Narcotics Borough Brooklyn South**. He joined the department in 1996 and died Oct. 19, 2013.



**Detective John J. Marshall of Narcotics Borough Brooklyn South**. He retired in 2002 after 20 years with the NYPD and died April 6, 2014.

# They Must Never Be Forgotten



**Detective Michael R. Henry of the 42nd Precinct Squad.** He retired after 20 years on the job in August 2004 and died Nov. 28, 2013.



**Detective Angel Creagh of Narcotics Borough Brooklyn South,** who joined the department in 1998 and retired in December 2012. He died Jan. 14, 2014.



**Detective Robert A. Montanez of the Narcotics Division Bronx Central Initiative.** He joined the NYPD in 1984 and retired in 2005. He died March 16, 2014.



**Det. William B. Titus Jr. of Narcotics Borough Brooklyn North.** He joined the department in 1986 and died Aug. 24, 2003.



**Police Officer Anthony DeJesus of the 42nd Precinct.** He joined the NYPD in 1993 and retired 15 years later. He died May 24, 2013



**Police Officer Nicholas G. Finelli of the 43rd Precinct.** He joined the department in 1983 and retired 20 years later. He died June 8, 2013.



**Police Officer Alison M. Palmer of the Patrol Services Bureau.** She was sworn in as a Police Officer in 1993 and retired in 2003. She died July 28, 2008.



**Police Officer Perry T. Villani of the Property Clerk Division.** He joined the NYPD in 1990 and retired in 2006. He died Jan. 21, 2014.



**In memory of all Police Officers who lost their lives in the line of duty**

May you rest in Heavenly Peace. May your family be forever watched over and blessed. May your friends and colleagues find comfort.

Please watch over us from on high.

We will see you again dear Sir.

Thank you for your service.

I will never forget your sacrifice or the sacrifice of your family.

Greater Love Hath No Man....



# MAY'S MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Club Pres. Harvey Katowitz & US Army Hero Sgt. Mike Verardo



Bob Albrecht - Sarah Albrecht—Winner of the Bob Andretta Memorial Scholarship



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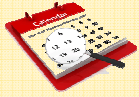


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# MEMBERSHIP



## 2015 Monthly Meeting Dates

June 9	September 8	November 10
July 14	October 13	December 8
August 11		



**IN MEMORIAM**

May 31 - MaryEllen McIntyre mother of Kevin McIntyre

Please keep the McIntyre family in your thoughts and prayers



## SICK DESK UPDATE

John Krohn is recovering from heart surgery to repair an aneurism on his aorta.

Please keep john in your thoughts and prayers.



The following members joined our Club in May

Ret. NYPD Capt. Joe Salerno, 101 Pct.  
 Ret. NYPD Det. Michael Barrett, Queens Narcotics  
 Ret. NYPD P.O. Vincent Adinolfi, Brooklyn Central Booking  
 Ret. NYPD P.O. Antonello Giudice, Transit District 1  
 Ret. NYPD P.O. Timothy Kissane, 84 Pct.



June 10 is Flag Day

Proudly Fly our flag



Happy Father's Day

June 15



License Plates for sale \$10. See Club Historian Joe Kozlowski

# BIRTHDAYS



## JUNE

Ronn Broadway	6/1
Jeff Dito	6/1
Sirin Ereifis	6/1
Mike Schoomaker	6/2
Mark Reichel	6/2
EmilDeliberto	6/3
Frank DeMasi	6/3
Walt Kimble	6/5
Bob Howland,	6/5
Richard Berman	6/8
Loraine Monsanto	6/12
Jim Burchill	6/18
Eric Fesselmeyer	6/18
Randy Scott	6/22
Geoffrey Jahn	6/26
David Clarke	6/28
Victor Montalvo	6/28
Rich Wachowski	6/28
Wayne Saulnier	6/29
Dennis D'Alessio Sr.	6/30
Paul Johnson	6/30
Charlie Olin	6/30



After trying unsuccessfully to correct the issues with our website for the past 3 months, the website had to



be re-created from scratch and I had to find a new server to host our site. I am happy to report that our website is up and available again. The website can be accessed at <http://www.charlotte10-13.com/>.

# WARNING!

Be careful, BBQ season is upon us!

Hidden Dangers in Propane Tanks Uncovered

<http://www.firehouse.com/video/12063947/hidden-dangers-in-propane-tanks-uncovered>



# What's Happening



In Loving Memory of Jimmy LaRossa

## Third Annual JIMMY LAROSSA MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Fundraiser for Track Chair All Terrain Vehicle  
for Amputee/Paralyzed Wounded Warrior

Be A Hero 4 A Hero: <http://www.independencefund.org/#!track-chairs/c1qsz>

**WHERE:** REGENT PARK GOLF CLUB

5055 Regent Pkwy, Fort Mill, SC 29715  
(803)-547-1300

**WHEN:** Monday, September 28 @ 9:00am (shot gun start)

7:30am Registration

\$100/Player - \$400/Team

Captain's Choice

Continental Breakfast

Catered luncheon & awards ceremony

CAPTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER 4: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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ANYONE INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A HOLE AT THE GOLF TOURNAMENT,

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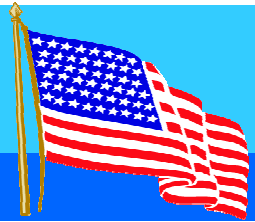
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May 31, 2015

To whom it may concern,

The NYPD 10-13 Club of Charlotte, NC is an IRS not for profit 501 (c) (7) organization ,Tax ID #45 0557805, comprised of retired and active law enforcement officers, predominately from the NYPD.

Presently we have 326 members from fifty-one different law enforcement agencies

One of the objectives of the Club is to encourage charitable activities among the membership.

On Monday, September 28, 2015 the Club is sponsoring the Third Annual Jimmy LaRossa Memorial Golf Tournament.

Jimmy LaRossa, a member of our Club, was murdered on April 10, 2012. The proceeds from last years tournament, \$11,000, were donated to the Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Wounded Warrior Battalion. This year we hope to raise \$15,000 which will allow us to purchase a Track Chair All Terrain Vehicle that will be donated to a veteran who is paralyzed or an amputee. To learn how the Track Chair has made a positive impact and provided some independence for a local hero from Waxhaw, US Army Veteran Michael Verardo, who lost a leg and received other serious injuries in 2010 after stepping on a landmine in Afghanistan watch this short video:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qq1WrTQk73g>

In an effort to make this tournament a success we are soliciting businesses/organizations/individuals to sponsor a hole at the tournament, provide food/drink or to donate prizes that will be used for a raffle.

Any donations will be recognized in our monthly newsletter that is distributed to over 10,000 people nationwide, including over 1,000 people in the Charlotte metropolitan area. Hole sponsors will also have a sign identifying them, prominently displayed at the hole they sponsor.

We appreciate any help you can provide us.

Sincerely,

Harvey Katowitz  
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# Health and Welfare

Credit Robert Neubecker



The note that arrived in the mail, dated March 25 and addressed to my grade-school-age daughter, said what we had expected and feared: Like [tens of millions of other Americans](#), including untold numbers of children, she may have fallen victim to thieves who gained access to [Social Security](#) numbers and other personal data from the [health insurance](#) giant Anthem.

In three single-spaced pages, it noted that anyone who had dealt with the company and many Blue Cross and Blue Shield [insurance](#) plans over the last decade could be vulnerable. The letter pointed us to [anthem-facts.com](#) for more information, which it described as “our source of truth.”

Here’s what the note did not fully address, however: What are the odds that someone will steal a child’s identity? Why would a thief do that, and what exactly can parents do to keep it from happening?

I know better than to overreact to this sort of thing. Thieves have to get the data, choose to use it (instead of chickening out), pick yours to use in nefarious ways and then do so successfully before any damage to a child’s credit record can occur. Still, [a 2011 joint industry-academic examination](#) of 40,000 children caught up in a data breach found that someone else appeared to be using 10.2 percent of their [Social Security](#) numbers. Most of those instances happened before the breach in question.

## Freezing a Child’s Credit

So crime like this does happen, and here’s why: Children’s [credit reports](#) are clean. That’s attractive to people who want to begin their financial lives anew for any number of reasons. Plus, minors don’t check their [credit reports](#) or review monthly bills the way grown-ups do, which means thieves may not get caught for years or even decades.

One way that people can protect themselves from many kinds of [identity theft](#) is to [put a freeze](#) on their credit reports with [Equifax](#), [Experian](#) and [TransUnion](#), the three agencies that make a lot of money tracking our financial histories and selling that information to companies we want to do business with.

A credit freeze is more stringent than the more popular fraud alerts that many consumers have used in the past. Putting your reports on ice means that any new creditor trying to open an account in your name won’t have access to your credit report unless you go into the system and thaw it. Without seeing your credit report, companies that you are not already patronizing generally won’t open a new account in your name, so the freeze usually has the effect of thwarting thieves.

The problem with the freeze, however, is that you need to have a credit report in the first place before you can put it in cold storage. Because most children don’t, it’s usually been nearly impossible to freeze a child’s credit file.

In the last few years, though, that’s been changing. According to Heather Morton, a program principal with the National Conference of State Legislatures, 19 states now require the credit agencies to help parents and guardians create a new credit report for a minor child for the express purpose of immediately freezing it. Those states are Arizona, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New York, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin.

Last month, Representative Jim Langevin, Democrat of Rhode Island, [introduced](#) legislation that would force the credit bureaus to let all of us do this. Equifax claims that it already lets any parent set up a freeze for a child in the other 31 states. Experian and TransUnion do not, though TransUnion, [on its website](#), has a form that parents can complete so the company can check to see if there are any existing credit files under a child’s Social Security number.

The bureaus aren’t big fans of freezes, because they’re an administrative annoyance and they throw a giant roadblock in their business of peddling our information. Equifax, [on its website](#), introduces freezes as something a consumer does after being victimized, as if we’d all want to wait until the burglar has left the premises to hire a security guard. TransUnion deserves credit for [at least mentioning](#) that children may be able to get one. All of them, however, worry about creating vulnerabilities where there were none by creating a credit file that did not previously exist.

Still, if you try to set one up for your child, you’re in for a battle. The agencies want reams of information, including copies of your child’s birth certificate and Social Security number plus certain bills that prove where you live. Equifax and TransUnion ask you to put all of this private information in an envelope and drop it into a mailbox. Even worse, two Equifax customer service representatives I spoke to this week insisted that I should put “minor child” at the top of the address. It might as well say, “Steal this envelope!”

I’m doing it anyway (though without saying, “Steal Me”), if only to annoy the agencies that so clearly do not want me to do this. Freezes won’t stop every kind of theft, alas. Thieves sometimes use children’s Social Security numbers and other data to file fake tax returns and get illegitimate refunds, gain access to health care and work legally even if they are not citizens. In each of those instances, there may never be a credit check that reveals the freeze. So what are the ways to keep private data private that are within our control? Don’t carry around Social Security cards. Keep them under lock and key at home. Keep your child’s date of birth off social media. Talk to your offspring about where to click and not to click on websites and in incoming emails.

Also, keep your voice down at the pharmacy and physician’s office. Robert P. Chappell Jr., author of [“Child Identity Theft: What Every Parent Needs To Know,”](#) sometimes jots down names, [insurance](#) information and other bits and pieces as he listens in those places and then approaches people afterward to gently correct their data hygiene. So far, nobody has punched him in the nose. “Most of them are very nice and have no idea about the harm that can come from it,” said Mr. Chappell, who works in law enforcement by day. “Usually, I’m in civilian clothes.”

“Social Security numbers are like money in the bank, and thieves don’t need to use them at any specific moment in history,” he said. “You’re going to have to look over your shoulder for the rest of your life.”

# Health and Welfare



May 25, 2015

## Physician Compare Virtual Office Hour Session Registration Now Open

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will host a one-hour Virtual Office Hour session to discuss the Physician Compare website. <http://www.medicare.gov/physiciancompare/search.html?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1> During this session, CMS will answer stakeholders' questions about Physician Compare and public reporting.

CMS will hold the session via WebEx on **Tuesday, June 23, 2015 from 1:00 - 2:00pm EDT**. Anyone interested in participating may register by sending an email to the Physician Compare support team. Please use the subject line "Physician Compare Virtual Office Hour" [PhysicianCompare@Westat.com](mailto:PhysicianCompare@Westat.com) and include your name, organization, telephone number, and email address.

CMS is soliciting all questions in advance. You may include your questions with your registration email or send them separately to [PhysicianCompare@Westat.com](mailto:PhysicianCompare@Westat.com) including the same subject line and contact information. In order to address as many participant questions as possible, you may submit up to three questions – one primary question and two secondary questions. **All questions must be received by 5:00pm EDT on Monday, June 15, 2015.**

For more information about Physician Compare, visit the Physician Compare Initiative page. <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/physician-compare-initiative/>

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has sent this Medicare.gov- Physician Compare Update. To contact Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) go to our [contact us](#) page.



I receive several inquiries each month from members requesting information about our health coverage. An excellent resource is the NYC Summary Program Description booklet that can be accessed at: [http://www.nyc.gov/html/olr/downloads/pdf/healthb/full\\_spd.pdf](http://www.nyc.gov/html/olr/downloads/pdf/healthb/full_spd.pdf)

A new provision that took affect this year provides catastrophic coverage through GHI if you have to use an out of network doctor while hospitalized. (See pg. 23 in booklet).

In addition to the health coverage provided by NYC, the SOC, SBA & DEA provides catastrophic coverage for their members.

Here is a summary of the coverage provided by the DEA: There are two parts to the DEA Catastrophic coverage. The first part is an extra rider that the DEA purchased through GHI. There is a \$4,000 deductible (retired members) per calendar year.

Claims for non-participating doctors are submitted through GHI for their basic allowance. Because GHI's payment schedule is so low the member always has an out of pocket expense. When the difference between what your doctor's charges and what GHI allows exceeds \$4,000 you may apply for the DEA catastrophic benefit.

(For example. Bills submitted to GHI are for \$20,000, GHI's basic allowance is \$5,000, your responsibility is the remaining \$15,000. You would send your GHI statements showing the above to the DEA, we would in turn forward it to GHI to be reprocessed under the DEA/GHI Catastrophic Rider. Of the remaining \$15,000 out of pocket expense\*\*\* GHI would minus the \$4,000 deductible and then GHI would send you a check for \$11,000. (Maximum benefit lifetime per family \$250,000).

The second part of the DEA catastrophic benefit is when you receive the Catastrophic payment from GHI, send the statement showing the \$4,000 deductible was met to the DEA and then the DEA itself will issue you a check for an additional \$3,000

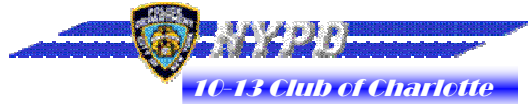
\*\*\* Please be advised that if GHI does not make an allowance for services rendered, that specific service will not be included in the calculations for catastrophic coverage.

There is also an additional benefit for Retired members under the DEA Catastrophic program . If your out of Pocket expense does not exceed \$4,000 but does exceed \$2,000

The DEA will refund expense between \$2,000 & \$4,000.

Coverage provided by the SOC <http://nypdsoc.com/> and SBA <http://members.sbanyc.org/> can be accessed on their websites.

# TRUSTEE'S PAGE



When our Club was initially formed with 35 members, it was easy for the President to respond to emails from our members. Now that we have over 350 members, the task has become a full-time job and difficult for him to do in a timely manner. To alleviate this problem our trustees have been assigned to designated geographical areas. If you have a question, problem or concern, please correspond with your designated trustee.

**Please save for future reference.**

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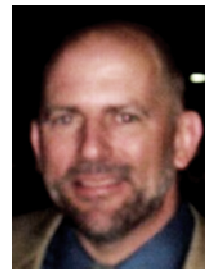
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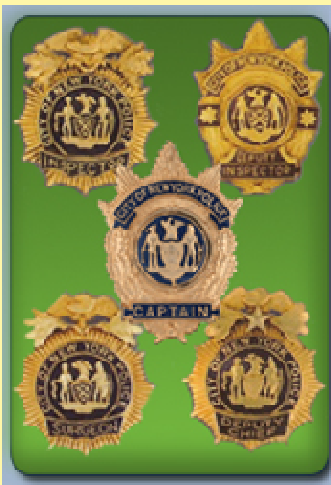
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**The CEA is assisting in the lobbying for renewal of the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act.**

This Act has two components: a medical treatment fund and a victims' compensation fund. The World Trade Center Health Program, covered under the medical treatment fund, is set to expire in October of 2015 and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund will expire in October 2016. While we have bi-partisan support of this legislation from the New York delegation, there is resistance to passage from the House leadership. For more information and resources visit [www.renew911health.org](http://www.renew911health.org).  
[http://www.nypdcea.com/pdfs/2011\\_soc\\_benefitbook.pdf](http://www.nypdcea.com/pdfs/2011_soc_benefitbook.pdf)

NYPD CEA  
2015 Meeting Schedule

Day, Date	Time	Location
Wednesday June 17, 2015	1:30 PM	Hillside Swim Club 151 Signs Road

# Line Organizations



May 19, 2015

Dear Member:

The Lieutenants Benevolent Association has been holding its June Delegate and General Membership Meeting at Belmont Racetrack for the past 25 years. As many of you are aware, the LBA has also routinely acknowledged the recipients of our scholarships at this meeting.

The costs associated with this event have become prohibitive. Our attempts to negotiate with the New York State Racing Association to reduce the costs have been hampered by a lack of continuity at Belmont in regard with the hierarchy of the staff; for the past four years a new contact person was assigned to coordinate our event each year. Additional charges, such as a parking fee for each car had also been added to the overall cost of the affair. Finally, the membership which historically had taken full advantage of the entry fees associated with the event by spending the day at the park has drastically diminished.

The decision to no longer have our Delegate and General Membership meeting at Belmont was not taken lightly nor was it an easy decision to make. The event had become somewhat of an LBA tradition. However, one of my and the LBA Boards responsibilities is to practice sound fiduciary judgment and the expense associated with this event is no longer feasible.

Therefore, the presentation of the LBA scholarships will now be incorporated into the August LBA Delegate and General Membership Meeting which will be held at MCU Park in Coney Island. The meeting will include entry into the stadium to watch a softball game pitting the LBA against the Captains Endowment Association, the presentation of the LBA scholarships to our recipients at the pitcher's mound on the field, a full barbecue for attendees, and concluding with a scheduled game of the Brooklyn Cyclones Vs. the Staten Island Yankees.


The new venue will continue the tradition of acknowledging our scholarship recipients at one of our larger meetings and will include a day that is more family oriented.

Again, it was not an easy decision to discontinue the Belmont meeting. However, we hope to have planted the roots for a new tradition of adding a more family oriented meeting and to hopefully have many years where the members of the LBA prove themselves once again to be the "Leaders of the Finest" by beating the CEA on the softball field.

Fraternally,

Lou Turco  
President

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	NYPD LBA 2015 Meeting Schedule		
	Day, Date	Time	Location
	Wednesday June 24, 2015	11:00 AM	Antun's

April 12, 2015

Dear LBA Member:

We are pleased to announce that the new LBA website is now 'live' We have prepared a video to explain the 'sign in' process.

Please click the following link to view this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kHRy6H6Ovkw>

If you have difficulty, please copy and paste the address above in your browser.

The website is still the same - [www.nypd-lba.org](http://www.nypd-lba.org)

# Line Organizations

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## Sergeants Benevolent Association

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### SBA Hails United States Senate Passage of "Rafael Ramos & Wenjian Liu National Blue Alert Act"

Ed Mullins, President of the Sergeants Benevolent Association, hailed tonight's passage in the U.S. Senate of S. 665, the "Rafael Ramos & Wenjian Liu National Blue Alert Act" by a unanimous voice vote. Passage of a national "Blue Alert" act has been an SBA legislative priority for several years.

Modeled after the successful Amber Alerts for missing children, S. 665 would create a nationwide alert system to apprehend violent criminals who have injured or killed police officers. In the wake of the assassination of Ramos and Liu last December, the SBA successfully advocated for the measure to be renamed in honor of the two hero Detectives and expanded to cover incidents where criminal suspects make credible threats against the lives of law enforcement officers.

Over the course of the past week, the SBA's Washington Representatives coordinated with the bill's prime Senate sponsors, Senators Ben Cardin (D-MD) and Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Senate leadership and other law enforcement organizations to pass the measure through the upper chamber using expedited procedures. As a result of these efforts, the remaining objections were overcome and the bill was passed this evening in a unanimous voice vote.

"The SBA is grateful to Senators Cardin and Graham for their unwavering efforts to pass a national 'Blue Alert' Act," said President Mullins. "We are especially grateful for their support of our efforts to rename this legislation after Detectives Ramos and Liu, and to amend the bill to reduce the odds that such vicious, unprovoked, and calculated attacks against police officers will succeed in the future. Had such a Blue Alert network been in place last December, it would have increased the likelihood that the murderer of Detectives Ramos and Liu could have been stopped before he was able to carry out his cowardly attack."

The bill now moves to the U.S. House of Representatives, where the SBA is working with the Blue Alert's House champions, Representatives Dave Reichert (R-WA) and Bill Pascrell (D-NJ), to pass the measure during National Police Week (May 11th – 15th) and send it on to the President for his signature.

Fraternally,

Ed Mullins  
President



## **The Detectives' Endowment Association, Inc.** *Police Department, City of New York*

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The Retired Detectives of the Police Department, City of New York (RDNY) is seeking new members. The RDNY is open to any retired Detective who served the City of New York. There is a one-time initiation fee of \$10 and annual dues are \$30. To join, contact RDNY, P.O. Box 3310, Farmingdale, New York, NY 11735.

Founded in 1955, the RDNY has a membership of approximately 1,400 retired NYPD Detectives living throughout the United States. In addition to fraternal functions, the group works towards the betterment of retiree benefits and has monthly meetings to keep retirees abreast of political and social issues. Members receive the monthly email newsletter *The Squad*.

The RDNY meets the second Wednesday of each month, except July and August. In May, the organization holds its annual gala World Yacht Dinner/Dance. The group also holds an annual golf outing. The RDNY honors law enforcement personnel, Commissioners, sports, news, or entertainment figures, or anyone who the group feels deserves recognition for police related issues.

# Line Organizations



Friday, May 22, 2015

## VALIANT POLICE OFFICERS HONORED BY THEIR PEERS

Fifty-one uniformed members of the NYPD were honored by their peers for their courageous and unselfish acts of bravery at the PBA's "Finest of the Finest" awards ceremony with plaques commemorating their deeds and lunch at The Water Club in Manhattan.

Among the recipients are police officer Dennis Guerra who died after becoming overcome with smoke in a Coney Island arson fire. His partner, police officer Rosa Rodriguez, attended the ceremony and accepted her award while officer Guerra's wife accepted on his behalf. Other recipients included police officer Kenneth Healey who was nearly killed when struck in the head with a hatchet by a "lone wolf" terrorist, his partner Joseph Meeker who sustained a serious laceration to his right forearm during the attack and police officers Taylor Kraft and Peter Rivera who shot and killed the attacker. Police officer James Li who was shot in both legs by a gunman evading a bus fare and Li's partner Randy Chow who returned fire and gave aid to his wounded partner were also being honored among many others. PBA president Patrick J. Lynch said: "What makes these awards unique and special to those who receive them is that it is an honor bestowed upon them by their colleagues who are quick to recognize true courage or acts of great compassion among their ranks. We are deeply saddened that police officer Dennis Guerra did not live to receive this honor in person but we are honored to have his family here today on his behalf. Those being honored today, intervened in deadly crimes, saved the lives of adults and babies and put themselves in deadly situations to keep others safe. That is the very definition of the Finest of the Finest."

Listed below are the names and cases of those who were honored:

### BRONX

**POLICE OFFICERS MICHAEL POMERANTZ, EDELMAN SANTOS, ANDREW DOSSI, ALIRO PELLERANO AND CESAR GOMEZ of the 46 Pct.** are named the Finest of the Finest for their *Brave and Valiant Action Taken to Defend His Life and the Lives of Fellow Police Officers in an Exchange of Gunfire With Armed Assailants.*

Dossi and Pellerano were just going off duty when they joined three fellow anti-crime cops in the hunt for two gunmen who had just ripped off a deli. They tracked down the robbers and a gunfight broke out in which Dossi and Pellerano were both wounded. The other officers made sure their bleeding comrades got quick medical attention, continued their dangerous pursuit and provided the leads that led to the capture of the triggerman and his accomplice.

### LOWER MANHATTAN & STATEN ISLAND

**POLICE OFFICER RICHARD OCASIO of the 121 Pct.** is named the Finest of the Finest for *Brave and Valiant Action Taken While off Duty to Physically Subdue and Apprehend an Attempted Bank Robber.*

Early this year, when he was with the 120, Richard Ocasio was off duty and in a bank making a transaction at one of the windows. He suddenly noticed that at another window there was a man making another kind of transaction. Like a gangster in a black-and-white movie, the guy had his left hand in his jacket pocket simulating a gun, threatening the teller and demanding cash. The unfortunate thief then heard, "Police, don't move," and saw Ocasio's off-duty weapon pointing at him. The officer had to take the guy down to the floor before he could get the cuffs on him. Nobody got hurt.

**POLICE OFFICERS DANIEL SORITO, RICHARD DI GANGI, JUSTIN SOLOMON AND ANDREW BABAJKO AND SERGEANT JASON DEONARINESINGH, all of the 120 Pct.** are named the Finest of the Finest for *Quick-Thinking and Tactically Excellent Action Taken to Effect the Apprehension of an Armed and Dangerous Fugitive From Justice.*

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## **VALIANT POLICE OFFICERS HONORED BY THEIR PEERS continued.....**

These officers were on routine patrol but there was nothing routine about the bad guy they soon would be looking for. It started when a civilian flagged Sorito and Di Gangi down to say, "I know where the shooter you're looking for is." That fugitive was Tyrell Brown, a career criminal, being sought right then because he had tried to run down TBTA cops at the Verrazano toll plaza the night before. But he had lots of other recent crimes to his credit, including a gunpoint carjacking. And he was wanted for questioning in two separate homicides. Solomon, Babajko and Sergeant Deonarinesingh joined the manhunt. Information from witnesses led then to the wanted man, dressed in gray and wearing a wig under his hoodie. They arrested him without further incident.

### **MANHATTAN SOUTH**

**POLICE OFFICERS PHILIP MCGOVERN AND RAFAEL PEREZ of the 13th Pct.** are named the Finest of the Finest for their *Compassionate, Quick-Thinking and Medically Expert Action Taken to Save the Life of a 16-Month-Old Child Choking on Food.*

The call was about a baby choking in a restaurant. When these officers responded, they found a 16-month-old boy, blue in color and unresponsive in his father's arms. The cops' training kicked in. They gave the boy a series of back slaps and were finally rewarded with gurgling and vomit. The boy recovered consciousness even before they got him to the hospital.

**POLICE OFFICERS ANTHONY MARCIANO AND MATTHEW DORAN of the Midtown North Pct.** are named the Finest of the Finest for *Brave, Valiant and Compassionate Action Taken at the Risk of Their Own Lives to Save two Elderly People From a Burning Building.*

Called to residential fire on West 52nd Street, these officers encountered people fleeing a walkup apartment building with smoke billowing out of the windows. Two elderly people were still inside, they told these cops. So Marciano and Duran went into action. They climbed through the smoky stairway to the second floor where they found an old man. They carried him to safety. On the third floor, they found an old woman and carried her out to safety. Two residents were treated for smoke inhalation. But thanks to these two cops, everyone was safe.

**POLICE OFFICERS MICHAEL KONATSOTIS AND DAVID ROUSSINE of the 19th Pct.** are named the Finest of the Finest in *Recognition of the rapid actions they took to Save the Life of an Unresponsive 15-Month-Old Baby Girl.*

This is another case of an unresponsive baby turning blue. These officers were flagged down by frantic parents carrying a 15-month-old baby girl in that precarious position. They acted quickly. Konatsotis, who had been a volunteer EMT in Queens, started administering mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, while Roussine sped the infant to the hospital, a six-block drive that he completed in 80 seconds. By the time they got there, the girl was belching and crying, and no sounds could have been more welcome.

### **BROOKLYN NORTH**

**POLICE OFFICERS BILLY CEPEDA AND THOMAS SACKETT of the 83 PCT.** are named the Finest of the Finest for *Brave and Valiant Action Taken to Defend His Life and the Lives of a Fellow Police Officer and a Civilian in an Encounter With a Knife-Wielding Attacker.*

The knife was about a foot long that these cops encountered when they responded to a domestic dispute that involved an emotionally disturbed person slashing his own arm with the blade. "Drop the knife, drop the knife," the officers commanded. "You're going to have to kill me," he replied before lunging at them with the knife. Officer Cepeda met the threat with a single bullet to the abdomen. He didn't kill the EDP but he stopped him.

**P.O. MICHAEL CACCAVALE of the 90 Pct.** is named the Finest of the Finest for *Swift and Valiant Action Taken While Off Duty to Chase Down and Apprehend an Attempted Rapist.*

Officer Caccavale was off duty and at home when he heard a woman's frantic screams coming from outside his house. Without hesitation, he ran outside and saw a young woman, partially undressed lying on the sidewalk. She pointed at a man fleeing the scene, saying he'd tried to rape her. Without regard for his own safety, Mike took off after him and, catching up with him after a couple of blocks and collaring him. He made sure the attempted rapist wouldn't find another victim on that night.

### **MANHATTAN NORTH**

**POLICE OFFICERS BRITTANY HANDLE AND ROBERT WONG of the 19th Pct. and POLICE OFFICERS LUIS MALDONADO AND LEONARDO MUNOZ of the 23rd Pct.** are named the Finest the Finest for *Brave and Valiant Action Taken to Defend Their Lives and the Lives of Fellow Police Officers in a Deadly Confrontation With an Armed and Dangerous Robber.*

It started with a gunpoint robbery of a pharmacy on the Upper East Side. What the robber didn't know was that one of the drugstore's employees made sure that a GPS tracking device was in the bag containing the loot. It automatically triggered a search for the perp by cops from two precincts. With the GPS guiding them, these officers were able to track the robber and cut off escape routes until they cornered him in an S.U.V. on the FDR's northbound service road near 96th Street. As the officers converged on the vehicle, the perp showed a 9-millimeter handgun and pointed it at them. He died in a hail of police bullets.

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## **VALIANT POLICE OFFICERS HONORED BY THEIR PEERS continued.....**

### **BROOKLYN SOUTH**

**POLICE OFFICERS JAMES LI AND RANDY CHOW of the 71 Pct. Impact Unit** are named the Finest of the Finest for *Brave and Valiant Action Taken to Defend His Life and the Life of a Fellow Police Officer in an Exchange of Gunfire With a Murderous Assailant.*

These officers were staked out inside a store to observe an MTA bus stop, on the lookout for fare beaters. Soon they saw two men get on the bus through the rear door. After the cops held the bus and approached the men, one was cooperative showing his Metrocard, but the other was anything but cooperative. He reluctantly left the bus but immediately started running with Li and Chow in pursuit. Then he turned and began firing at the officers, who returned fire – Li, even though he was hit in both legs. Chow signaled a 10-13 and attended to his partner. Other responding officers apprehended the shooter after a search. He was still armed.

**POLICE OFFICERS ROBERTO PAGAN AND TIMOTHY DONOHUE of the 71 Pct.** are named the Finest of the Finest for *Brave and Valiant Action Taken to Defend Their Lives and the Lives of Fellow Police Officers and Innocent Bystanders in a Confrontation With a Knife-Wielding Emotionally Disturbed Person.*

Inside an Orthodox Jewish world headquarters building, a man claiming to want to convert to Judaism instead wound up stabbing a young man at prayer, causing a serious wound. When Officer Donohue got there, the EDP still had the knife and was waving it around in a threatening manner. Officer Pagan and other cops responded and the man with the knife came at Pagan with the knife. One bullet to the abdomen ended the threat and the EDP's life.

### **QUEENS NORTH**

**P.O. JOSEPH ESPOSITO of the 114 Pct.** is named the Finest of the Finest for *Brave and Valiant Action Taken to Defend His Life and the Lives of a Fellow Police Officer and Innocent Civilians in a Confrontation With a Shotgun-Toting Murderer.*

The perp in this case had shot and killed his own daughter and her dog before the police got to him. He had told 911 of his crimes and was threatening suicide. Officer Esposito, among the first to get to the scene, saw the man through the front door still holding his weapon – a shotgun. Still armed, he stepped out of his front doorway and refused several commands to drop the weapon. Then he aimed it this officer, who responded the only way he could, with two lethal bullets.

### **QUEENS SOUTH**

**POLICE OFFICERS TAYLOR KRAFT AND PETER RIVERA of the 103 Pct.** are named the Finest of the Finest for *Brave and Valiant Action Taken to Defend Their Lives and the Lives of Fellow Police Officers Who Were Seriously Injured by a Hatchet-Wielding Terrorist.*

The media weren't quick to call this a lone-wolf terrorist attack at the time but that's just what it was. These officers and two others, not long out of the Academy, were standing on a street corner posing for a picture for a freelance photographer. Without warning, a hooded man, subsequently identified as Zale Thompson, came up behind them with a hatchet, hitting Officer Joseph Meeker in the arm and Officer Kenneth Healey in the head. Both wounds were bad, Healey's critical. Officers Kraft and Rivera reacted in seconds, discharging eleven rounds and killing the terrorist. And that's what he was. His online chatter revealed unmistakable ties to a U.S.-based radical Islamic jihadist who advocated violence against the U.S. government.

**POLICE OFFICERS KENNETH HEALEY AND JOSEPH MEEKER of the 103 Pct.** are named the Finest of the Finest in *Recognition of Their Dedication to the City of New York and of the Serious Injuries They Sustained in a Terrorist Attack During Their Service as Police Officers.*

These officers were never given a chance to react to the terrorist with the hatchet because he struck them first. Meeker suffered a serious laceration to the right forearm and Healey sustained a life-threatening slice into the back of his head. Both were hospitalized, Meeker was released very soon, but it was touch-and-go for Healey. He fooled everyone though. Miraculously, he got out of the hospital – in a wheelchair, of course – after six days. Today, Meeker is fully recovered and Healey is still rehabbing, hoping to return to full duty soon.

**POLICE OFFICERS WILLIAM NEVILLE AND DAVID HUDSON of the 101 Pct.** are named the Finest of the Finest for *Brave and Valiant Action Taken to Defend Their Lives and the Lives of Fellow Police Officers in a Confrontation With an Armed Fugitive.*

Responding with other officers to a radio run of a dispute, Officers Neville and Hudson found themselves in a stairwell chasing a man with a gun. Officer Hudson, who spotted the weapon in his waistband and shouted, "Gun, gun," grabbing the man's t-shirt, which ripped off and wound up in the officer's hand. The gunman, running up the stairs, pointed his weapon at pursuing cops. Officer Neville reacted quickly, firing four shots in the gunman's direction, three of them finding their mark. A black 9-millimeter handgun was recovered near the gunman's wounded body.

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# Line Organizations

**VALIANT POLICE OFFICERS HONORED BY THEIR PEERS continued.....**

## **TRANSIT**

**POLICE OFFICERS JOSHUA RIVERA AND JUAN RODRIGUEZ of TRANSIT BUREAU K-9** is named the Finest of the Finest for *Alert, Quick-Thinking and Medically Expert Action Taken to Save the Life of a 60-year-old Man Who Had Collapsed and Was Not Breathing.*

These officers were on foot patrol with their four-legged partners when a civilian ran up to them and told them that a man had collapsed nearby, on 15th Street and Union Square West. They found the man, on the ground, with no pulse. They knew what to do. Rivera began CPR while Rodriguez rushed to the Transit District 4 office in the Union Square subway station and grabbed a defibrillator. It took three attempts but the defibrillator jumped-started the man's heart. He was conscious and alert on the way to the hospital.

**Police Officer CARVEL ALEXANDER of Homeless Outreach** is named the Finest of the Finest for his *Devoted, Compassionate and Extremely Selfless Service to the Homeless at Every Opportunity, of which He Has Had Many.*

Homeless Outreach is an NYPD unit meant exclusively to help people. Officer Carvel Alexander has fulfilled that mission in ways above and beyond the call of duty. He buys things for the homeless out of his own pocket. He gives his last twenty-dollar bill to a mother and her three malnourished kids. He buys clothes for people who need them and then treats them to a meal. He does this time and time again. We just had to recognize him as a "Finest of the Finest."

## **HOUSING**

**POLICE OFFICERS RONY NUNEZ AND JOSE JIMINEZ AND SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER LOCKEL of PSA 9** are named the Finest of the Finest for *Brave and Valiant Action Taken to Defend Their Lives and the Lives of Fellow Police Officers and Innocent Civilians in an Exchange of Gunfire With an Armed Robber.*

Shots fired was the initial report, and it turned out to be an attempted gunpoint robbery. The victim refused to turn over his property, got shot at for his refusal but the perp missed. The shooter ran from the scene, soon to be chased down by these and other officers. He then began shooting at his pursuers, who returned fire. Finally he was cornered, tossed his pistol away, sat down on a bench and was arrested. It was later discovered that he had a gunshot wound to his leg.

**POLICE OFFICERS JOSE COLLAZO, JAMES THOMAS, SEAN HIGGINS, JENNIFER NICALEK, JOHN SCHAD AND CHINTANKUM PATEL of PSA 9** are named the Finest of the Finest for *Brave and Valiant Action Taken to Defend His Life and the Lives of Fellow Police Officers and Innocent Civilians in a Confrontation With an Armed Perpetrator.*

Responding to a radio run of shots-fired, Schad and Chintankum were the first officers to confront the gunman, who refused commands to drop his weapon pointed it at them instead. They fired their weapons several times then transmitted a signal 10-13, which brought these other officers to the pursuit that followed. The gunman continued to ignore commands to drop his weapon, pointing his firearm at every cop he encountered, and finally paid for it with his life as he was struck by seven police bullets.

**POLICE OFFICER ROSA RODRIGUEZ of PSA 1 AND DENNIS GUERRA of PSA 1** is named the Finest of the Finest for *Brave and Valiant Action Taken While Risking Life and Limb to Rescue Trapped People From a Burning Building.*

Officer Guerra, who gave his life protecting others, died as a result of injuries sustained in the fire. Family members accepted his award. The two cops were returning from taking a prisoner to Brooklyn Central Booking when the fire call came in. The pair reached the building before other first responders and immediately went upstairs toward the fire, knowing there were rescues to be made. They entered a building elevator and a minute later, when the door opened on the 13th floor, they faced a barrage of smoke overcoming them both. Officer Rodriguez was rushed to a hospital in critical condition, where she remained for weeks. Officer Guerra never regained consciousness and died three days later. As they say, greater love hath no man...

## **ESU 10**

**DETECTIVES JIMMY GRIFFIN AND SCOTT ROBERTS OF ESU 10** are named the Finest of the Finest for *Alert, Quick-Thinking and Expert Action Taken While Off Duty to Extricate a Fellow Member of the NYPD Service Who Was Pinned in His Auto Following a Highway Accident.*

What these guys did shows that NYPD officers' devotion to duty doesn't stop at the city line. Coincidentally, it just so happens that it was all NYPD officers who were involved in this incident in Stony Brook, Long Island. Bur Griffin and Roberts, volunteers for the local fire department, didn't know that a fellow member of the NYPD service was the victim when they responded to a "confirmed pin with serious injuries." What they found on the highway was a mangled wreck, with the driver pinned inside. The auto was split in half, with the roof caved in on the driver, who was bleeding but still alive. The victim couldn't be moved so the car had to be cut away from him. It took a suspenseful 20 minutes. The life they saved belonged to Michael Renna, who had been training ESU cops for the past 14 years in the Special Weapons Module of the Firearms & Tactics Section.

# Line Organizations



## Sergeants Benevolent Association

**SBA UNION** 212-226-2180

**SBA HEALTH & WELFARE** 212-431-6555  
[www.sbanyc.org](http://www.sbanyc.org)

**SBA WILLS AND HOUSE CLOSINGS**  
 JOE McCONNON 212-343-5658

**SBA GENERAL COUNSEL**  
 ANDREW QUINN 914-997-0555

**SBA DISABILITY COUNSEL**  
 UNGARO & CIFUNI, LLP 212-766-5800  
[www.nycdisabilitylaw.com](http://www.nycdisabilitylaw.com)

**SBA ANNUITY FUND**  
 NEW YORK LIFE 800-294-3575  
[www.bcomplete.com](http://www.bcomplete.com)

**SBA OPTICAL PLAN**  
 DAVIS VISION 800-999-5431  
[www.davisvision.com](http://www.davisvision.com)  
 MEMBER ID #: TAX ID #

**SBA DENTAL PLAN**  
 HEALTHPLEX 800-468-0600  
[www.healthplex.com](http://www.healthplex.com)  
 MEMBER ID #: "SBA" + TAX ID #

**SBA PRESCRIPTION PLAN**  
 OptumRx 877-559-2955  
[www.optumrx.com](http://www.optumrx.com)  
 MEMBER ID #: TAX ID #,  
 BIN #: 610127, RX GROUP #: 02640001  
 RX PCN#: 02330000  
 PERSON CODE: MEMBER- 01,  
 SPOUSE- 02, CHILD- 03, 04, 05, etc

**"PICA" PROGRAM**  
 EXPRESS SCRIPTS 800-467-2006  
[www.express-scripts.com](http://www.express-scripts.com)  
 MEMBER ID #: IF UNKNOWN USE SSN  
 BIN #: 003858, RX GROUP #: APNN, PCN #: A4

**CITY HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM**  
 ACTIVE HEALTH BENEFITS 646-610-5122 51  
 CHAMBERS ST, 3RD FL, NYC  
[www.nyc.gov/olr](http://www.nyc.gov/olr)

**CITY HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM**  
 RETIREE HEALTH BENEFITS 212-513-0470 40  
 RECTOR ST, 3RD FL, NYC  
[www.nyc.gov/olr](http://www.nyc.gov/olr) 212-306-7300/7600

**POLICE PENSION FUND**  
[www.nyc.gov/nycppf](http://www.nyc.gov/nycppf) 212-693-5100 233  
 BROADWAY, 19TH FL, NYC

**POLICE RELIEF FUND**  
 AMBULANCE & MEDICAL EQUIPMENT 718-626-9320 38-13 NORTHERN BLVD, QUEENS

## RETIREE EDITION

# the PBA BEAT

THE NEW YORK CITY PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION  
 MONTHLY DELEGATES' MEETING UPDATE

[www.nycpba.org](http://www.nycpba.org)

Patrick J. Lynch, President



### RETIREE FUND

#### Eligibility

<http://www.nycpba.org/benefits/retiree-eligibility.html>

#### Supplementary Benefits

In addition to those benefits provided by the City of New York, the Retiree Health and Welfare Fund of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association provides benefits that augment the basic coverage, but vary according to what basic program the member selected. Some supplemental benefits are provided through the purchase of a rider from the various carriers involved and some are provided on a self-insured, self-administered basis.

Hearing aid benefit - Obtaining benefits - Benefits in HIP/HMO Program - Reimbursement for durable medical equipment

<http://www.nycpba.org/benefits/retiree-supplement.html#hear>

### Links to Police Line and Fraternal Organization websites

<http://www.nycpba.org/policelinks.html>



<http://www.nycdetectives.org/>



<http://members.sbanyc.org/>



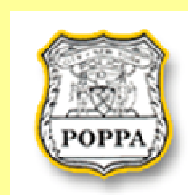
<http://www.nypd-lba.org/>



<http://www.nypdcea.org/>



<http://nypdpea.com/>



<http://www.poppainc.com/>



<http://www.nypdpolicesquareclub.org/>



<http://www.nypdemeralds.com/>



<http://www.nypdcolumbia.org/>



<http://www.nypdshomrim.org/>



<http://ww2.nypdpulaskiassoc.org>



<http://nypdstauben.org/>

# What's Happening



## June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Shomrim Society Salute To Israel Day Parade	<b>June 1</b> Emerald Society General Meeting	2	3 Holy Name Society Man/Bx/Si - General Meeting	4 Honor Legion Scholarship Dinner Dance  Policewomen's Endowment Assoc. Theatre Night On Broaway  Muslim Officers Society - Annual Scholarship Dinner	5 Regina Coeli 71st Annual Communion Breakfast	6
7	8 Desi Societ Gen- eral Meeting	9	10	11	12 Steuban Assoc. Family Night / Scholarship Night  Hispanic Society Summer Boat Ride  Columbia Assoc. Golf Outing	13 St. Paul's Annual Bike Trip
14 Flag Day  Puerto Rican Day Parade	15 Emerald Society Annual (3) Day Golf Outing  Shomrim Society General Meeting	16	17 Pulaski Association Scholarship Awards Night	18 Ramadan Starts	19	20
21 Father's Day	22 Policewomen's Endowment Association General Meeting Retirees' Dinner	23 Columbia Assoc. General Meeting	24 Holy Name Society Bklyn/Qns Annual Cookout	25 Nypd Vikings First Group Trip To Norway  Hispanic Society General Meeting	26 World Police & Fire Games Fairfax Vir- ginia through July 15  Korean American Officers Association Dinner  Columbia Association Fishing Trip	27
28 Gay Officers Action League Memorial Break- fast/ Gay Pride Parade  Columbia Assoc. Det Anthony J. Venditti Motorcycle Run	29	30	<b>July 1</b>	2	3	4 Independence Day



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SERGEANTS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION presents

# KNOCKING OUT AUTISM

A NIGHT OF POLICE BOXING COAST TO COAST

*2<sup>nd</sup> Annual*

- ❖ PRICE FOR GENERAL ADMISSION IS \$25.00. DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM & FIRST FIGHT AT 7:30PM PLUS MORE TOP BOUTS THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT. FOOD & MUSIC ALSO AVAILABLE
- ❖ PROCEEDS GO TO THE AUTISM FOUNDATION SO COME OUT AND HELP US "KNOCK OUT" AUTISM AND WIN THE FIGHT!
- ❖ LAPD, LOS ANGELES SHERIFFS, POLICIA DE PUERTO RICO AND THE NYPD

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YOUTUBE: SMOKER TALK CHANNEL  
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NYPD COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BUREAU:  
TARA DOUGHTY @ 646-246-7847

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# THIS AND THAT

## OFFICE of LABOR RELATIONS

## Health Benefits Program FAQs

## In May's Newsletter

Find out what is covered under your City health benefits, who to contact with questions, what to do when you retire, and how to continue coverage after you leave the City.

### [POLICE PENSION FUND NOW ON FACEBOOK](#)

[www.facebook.com/nycppf](http://www.facebook.com/nycppf)

The Police Pension Fund Facebook page contains updates and news releases from the Fund regarding pension benefits for active and retired members. Individualized questions regarding pension and other benefits should still be submitted in writing to the Police Pension Fund at 233 Broadway, 19th Floor, New York, NY 10279. Downloadable forms and other valuable information are still located on the Fund's website at [www.nyc.gov/nycppf](http://www.nyc.gov/nycppf).

### How to Find Out Whether Your Car Has Been Recalled

Go to <http://www.safercar.gov/> or your vehicle manufacture's website and enter your vehicle identification number (VIN).

Recalls and investigations

File a complaint & defects

Crash test ratings

Car seat help

Safety technologies

Tire safety

#### Links to other product recalls

**Boats**

<http://www.recalls.gov/uscg.htm>

**Consumer Products**

<http://www.recalls.gov/cpsc.html>

**Cosmetics**

<http://www.recalls.gov/cosmetics.html>

**Environmental Products**

<http://www.recalls.gov/epa.html>

**Food**

<http://www.recalls.gov/food.html>

**Medicine**

<http://www.recalls.gov/medicine.html>



The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA is calculated. To read more, please visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/cola](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/cola).

To view a fact sheet showing the effects of various adjustments go to: <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/news/press/factsheets/colafacts2015.html>

#### Join the Millions with a **my Social Security Account**

Someday, you would like to relax and enjoy the fruits of your labor. A **my Social Security** account is one of the best tools you can use to plan a secure retirement and manage your Social Security benefits. If you're receiving disability, survivors, or other Social Security benefits, this personal online account also allows you to conveniently manage your benefits with just a few clicks. You can get your benefit verification letter, check your payment information, change your direct deposit and mailing address, and more.

- It takes just minutes.
- It's free, quick, and easy.
- Advanced security features protect your privacy.

Even if you're not yet receiving benefits, you can access your personal account information online, including estimates of potential retirement, disability, and survivors benefits. You can check your earnings history to make sure that you'll receive all the benefits you've earned. You can also view and use your online *Social Security Statement* to help you plan your financial future, including when to start receiving Social Security retirement benefits. You'll see how much the timing of your retirement changes the amount of your monthly benefit amount.

About every six seconds someone opens a new account. So why wait? Join the millions who have already opened a **my Social Security** account and check out how your personal account can help you prepare for your retirement. You deserve it. Visit [SocialSecurity.gov/myaccount](http://SocialSecurity.gov/myaccount): [http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount/?utm\\_source=accudata&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=mysso-socialsecuritygov-myaccount&utm\\_campaign=cm-myss-14](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount/?utm_source=accudata&utm_medium=email&utm_content=mysso-socialsecuritygov-myaccount&utm_campaign=cm-myss-14)

# THIS AND THAT



**CAUTION:** Federal and state firearms laws are subject to frequent change. This summary is not to be considered as legal advice or a restatement of law. To determine the applicability of these laws to specific situations which you may encounter, you are strongly urged to consult a local attorney.

## INTRODUCTION

Federal law does not restrict individuals from transporting legally acquired firearms across state lines for lawful purposes except those explicitly prohibited by federal law to include convicted felons; persons under indictment for felonies; adjudicated "mental defectives" or those who have been involuntarily committed to mental institutions; illegal drug users; illegal aliens and most nonimmigrant aliens; dishonorably discharged veterans; those who have renounced their U.S. citizenship; fugitives from justice; persons convicted of misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence; and persons subject to domestic violence restraining orders. Therefore, no federal permit is required (or available) for the interstate transportation of firearms. Title 18- Part 1- Chapter 44- s926A.

Many states and localities have laws governing the transportation of firearms. Travelers must be aware of these laws and comply with legal requirements in each jurisdiction. There is no uniform state transportation procedure for firearms. If in doubt, a traveler should carry firearms unloaded, locked in a case, and stored in an area (such as a trunk or attached toolbox) where they are inaccessible from a vehicle's passenger compartment and not visible from outside the vehicle. Any ammunition should be stored in a separate locked container.

While FOIA applies in every United States jurisdiction, experience has shown that some jurisdictions provide particular challenges to those transporting firearms. Knowing the local laws of such places is particularly important and may make traveling through them easier. The following states (California, Hawaii, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York & Washington DC) are known to have especially strict and complicated gun control laws and travelers should consult the state laws directly, along with local law enforcement and states' attorneys general resources for detailed information.

For further information about

- Federal law on transportation of firearms
- Carrying on or about the person
- Transportation by motor vehicle
- Firearms aboard commercial aircraft
- National and state parks and wildlife refuges
- Jurisdictions with special rules

go to: <http://www.nraila.org/gun-laws/articles/2010/guide-to-the-interstate-transportation.aspx>

## NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO NY SAFE ACT AFFECTING RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS!

<http://www.nypd-lba.org/retiredmagazine.htm>



July 7 is the next date for HR-218 qualifications in Waxhaw, NC.

HR-218 is weapon specific; You have to qualify with each weapon. Only two allowed on class day. Class fee is \$50.00, state fee is \$50.00,

Contact Sergeant Mike Gibson, Waxhaw PD, 704-690-5247, [mgibson833@gmail.com](mailto:mgibson833@gmail.com) for more information.

## Important Telephone Numbers

<b>NYPD General Info:</b>	<b>646-610-5000</b>
<b>NYPD Operation Desk:</b>	<b>646-610-5580</b>
<b>Pension Section(Art 1):</b>	<b>212-693-5100</b>
<b>Pension Section(Art 2):</b>	<b>646-610-6824/8192</b>
<b>ID Card Sect:</b>	<b>646-610-5000</b>
<b>Employee Benefits:</b>	<b>212-513-0470</b>
<b>P.B.A. Retiree:</b>	<b>877-977-3880</b>
<b>D.E.A. Office:</b>	<b>212-587-1000</b>
<b>D.E.A. Health Benefit:</b>	<b>212-587-9120</b>
<b>SBA:</b>	<b>212-226-2180</b>
<b>SBA Health Benefit:</b>	<b>212-226-2180</b>
<b>LBA/SOC:</b>	<b>212-964-7500</b>
<b>CEA:</b>	<b>212-791-8292</b>
<b>Social Security:</b>	<b>800-772-1213</b>
<b>GHI:</b>	<b>800-358-5500</b>
<b>Empire Blue Cross:</b>	<b>800-358-9592</b>
<b>Medicare Reimbursement:</b>	<b>212-513-0470</b>
<b>Medicare "A"</b>	<b>800-433-9592</b>
<b>Medicare "B"</b>	<b>800-333-7586</b>
<b>NYC Health Line:</b>	<b>800-521-9574</b>
<b>NYPD (D.I.F.):</b>	<b>212-374-5508</b>
<b>VA Benefits:</b>	<b>800-827-1000</b>
<b>Social Security:</b>	<b>800-772-1213</b>
<b>Spring 3100:</b>	<b>212-374-5750</b>
<b>Do not call Registry:</b>	<b>888-382-1222</b>
<b>NYC Pension Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/home.html">www.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/home.html</a>
<b>Medicare Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.medicare.gov">http://www.medicare.gov</a>
<b>Social Security Website:</b>	<a href="http://WWW.SSA.GOV">WWW.SSA.GOV</a>
<b>Veterans Admin. Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.va.gov">www.va.gov</a>

## Ohio Now Recognizes All Out-Of-State Concealed Carry Permits

<http://www.thetruthaboutguns.com/2015/04/daniel-zimmerman/ohio-now-recognizes-all-out-of-state-concealed-carry-permits/>

If you have a concealed carry permit from another state it will be honored in Ohio. [http://archives.legislature.state.oh.us/bills\\_cfm?ID=130\\_HB\\_234](http://archives.legislature.state.oh.us/bills_cfm?ID=130_HB_234) The law provides that if a person who is not an Ohio resident and has a valid concealed handgun license from another state, regardless of whether the other state has entered into a reciprocity agreement with the Attorney General, and the person is temporarily in Ohio, that out-of-state license will be recognized in Ohio during the time that the person is temporarily in Ohio (R.C. 109.69(B)(3)).



# THIS AND THAT

## Illinois justices overturn state's landmark 2013 pension law

**AP**

— JOHN O'CONNOR and KERRY LESTER May 8th 2015 7:50PM

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) - The Illinois Supreme Court forced the state Friday to find another way to fix the nation's worst government-employee pension crisis, ruling lawmakers "overstepped" by enacting a law that slashed retirement benefits to confront a massive budget deficit.

In a unanimous decision that frequently scolded state policymakers, the seven justices declared that the measure former Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn signed into law 18 months ago violates the state constitution because it would leave pension promises "diminished or impaired."

The cash-strapped state now must again grapple with a \$111 billion deficit in what's necessary to cover its employee retirement obligations. The hole is so deep the state has in recent years had to reserve up to \$7 billion - or one-fifth of its annual operating funds - to keep pace.

The plan rejected by the justices was designed to whittle down the monstrous shortfall over 30 years, gradually but significantly slicing back pension benefits by erasing a 3 percent annual adjustment.

"I'm not sure that any of the proposals that were considered would have passed" a court test, said Rep. Elaine Nekritz, a Northbrook Democrat who was a lead negotiator on the pension plan. "This problem will now be with us for two generations. And that makes me sad."

Most states faced the same public employee pension crisis, exacerbated by the Great Recession, and took steps to remedy the problem. However, Illinois balked until Quinn and Democratic lawmakers finally overcame opposition from union allies and struck the deal, amid warnings that it might not survive a court challenge.

The Illinois justices ruled the law represented not the last resort, but "an expedient to break a political stalemate." Although the decision provides no blueprint for what should be done next, the court said there were other options on the table for dealing with the economic crisis - including raising taxes. The temporary income tax surcharge Quinn implemented in 2011 was allowed to roll back in January, after voters elected Rauner, who campaigned against it. In a statement Friday, Rauner called the decision "fair and right." He called for a constitutional amendment that would allow the state to seek changes to future pension benefits without affecting benefits already earned.

Anticipating the court's decision, lawmakers had not counted on savings from the pension overhaul for several years. The state faces a \$6 billion shortfall in the fiscal year that begins in July.

The Supreme Court's ruling dealt with a lawsuit filed by retired employees, state-worker labor unions and others. It also was watched closely at the local level by city officials - including in Chicago, facing its own pension crisis - and school boards struggling with fewer dollars.

Against withering questioning by the Supreme Court in March, state lawyers in court had to defend decades of skipped pension contributions by the state which largely created the disaster. They attempted to end-run constitutional concerns by invoking "police powers" in times of crisis. The court scoffed, saying such measures were reserved for true, public-safety-threat situations.

Otherwise, "No rights or property would be safe from the state," Justice Lloyd Karmeier said in writing the court's opinion. "Today it is nullification of the right to retirement benefits. Tomorrow it could be renunciation of the duty to repay state obligations. Eventually, investment capital could be seized."

The law dealt with four of the state's five pension programs - the Legislature did not include the judges' account because of the conflict posed by expected legal action.

The plan would have erased the 3 percent annual compounded cost-of-living adjustment hike added in 1989, replacing it with a formula that gave the increases on a portion of benefits, depending on years of service. Some would have had the option of freezing their pensions and contributing to a 401(k)-style plan.

It also would have delayed the retirement age for workers aged 45 and younger, on a sliding scale. Workers would have had to contribute 1 percent less to their retirements and the pension agencies would have been allowed to sue the state if it didn't contribute its full annual portion to the funds. Those were additions to help the matter survive a court challenge.

"This ruling is a victory for retirees, public employees and everyone who respects the plain language of our Constitution," said Illinois Senate President John Cullerton. "That victory, however, should be balanced against the grave financial realities we will continue to face without true reforms."

# THIS AND THAT

## BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATIONS

Patrolmen's Benevolent Association - <http://www.nycpba.org/index-flash.html>  
Detectives Endowment Association - <http://www.nycdetectives.org/>  
Sergeants Benevolent Association - <http://www.nypd-lba.org/>  
Lieutenants Benevolent Association - <http://www.nypd-lba.org/>  
Captains Endowment Association - <http://www.nypdcea.org/>

## NEW YORK POLICE RELATED SITES

NYCPD - <http://www.nyc.gov/html/nypd/html/home/home.shtml>  
NYPD Retirees Home Page- <http://www.nypd2.org/retirement/home.html>  
National Police Support Network - <http://www.policessupport.com/>  
Police Pension Fund - <http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/html/home/home.shtml>  
NYPD Widows & Children's Fund - <http://www.nycpba.org/fund/index.html>  
Guide for Widower of a Retired MOS - [http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/html/retirement\\_services/death.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/html/retirement_services/death.shtml)  
Medicare Reimbursement - <http://www.nyc.gov/html/olr/downloads/pdf/healthb/irmaa.pdf>  
NY Cop on Line Magazine - <http://www.nycop.com/>  
The NYC Police Memorial - <http://nypd.police-memorial.com>  
NYPD Angels - <http://www.nypdangels.com/index.php>  
NYPD Memorial - <http://www.nyc.gov/html/nypd/html/home/memorial.shtml>

## OTHER POLICE RELATED SITES

National NYPD 10-13 Organizations, Inc.- <http://www.nationalnycpd1013.org/>  
The Fraternal Order of Police - <http://www.grandlodgefop.org/>  
Coastal Carolina Shields - <http://www.coastalcarolinashields.com/>  
PoliceOne - <http://www.policeone.com/>  
International Police Association - <http://www.coastalcarolinashields.com/>  
Law Enforcement Alliance of America (LEAA) - <http://www.leaa.org/>  
National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) - <http://www.napo.org/>  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
U S Department of Justice - <http://www.justice.gov/>

## GOVERNMENT

NYC Employee Benefits - [http://www.nyc.gov/html/olr/html/health/health\\_benefits\\_prog.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/olr/html/health/health_benefits_prog.shtml)  
New York City Gov [http://www.nyc.gov/portal/site/nycgov/?front\\_door=true](http://www.nyc.gov/portal/site/nycgov/?front_door=true)  
New York City Council - <http://council.nyc.gov/html/home/home.shtml>  
New York State Assembly - <http://assembly.state.ny.us/>  
New York State Senate - <http://www.nysenate.gov/>  
U S Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs - <http://www.veterans.senate.gov/>  
House Committee on Veterans Affairs—<http://veterans.house.gov/about>  
The United States Senate - <http://www.senate.gov/>  
U.S. House Of Representatives - <http://www.house.gov/>  
Library of Congress - <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas.php>  
FIRST GOV - <http://www.usa.gov/>  
Social Security Admin. - <http://www.ssa.gov/>  
Medicare - <http://www.medicare.gov/>  
Dept. of Veterans Affairs - <http://www.va.gov/>  
Emergency- ALERTS - <http://www.emergencyemail.org/>  
White House Latest News - <http://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/>

## VETERANS SITES

Resources for Veterans in the USA - <http://articles.usa-people-search.com/content-resources-for-veterans-in-the-usa.aspx>  
American Legion - <http://www.legion.org/>  
Veterans of Foreign War - <http://vfw.org/>  
National Association for Uniformed Services - <http://www.naus.org/dev/>  
U.S. Veterans Legacy Project - <http://www.veteranslegacy.net/>  
Patriot Files - <http://patriotfiles.org/>

## MILITARY SITES

Fisher House - <http://www.fisherhouse.org/>  
Freedom Alliance - <http://freedomalliance.org/>  
Agent Orange - <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/registry.asp>  
Gulf War Illnesses - <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/gulfwar/>  
Health of Veterans Institute of Medicine - <http://www.iom.edu/>  
Medal of Honor Citations - <http://www.history.army.mil/html/moh/index.html>



# NOSTALGIA

## POLICE-MEN NEWS Transfers-Appointments News pertaining to those in blue

1 June 1906

FAILING HEALTH PROMPTS POLICEMAN'S RETIREMENT.

Michael J. FLANNERY, a patrolman who has served ten years on the Prospect Park squad and seven years in the Flushing Avenue Precinct, was retired on half pay yesterday, owing to ill health. He is now living in Georgia.

6 June 1906

PRACTICAL JOKE WORRIES OFFICER

Patrolman Henry SCHWAB, of Bedford avenue station, was the victim of a practical joker, it was learned to-day and until yesterday the incident worried him.

Last Sunday was his day off and with Patrolman Edward DREXLER he went to Long Beach to fish, parking his car in a lot. Two friends who followed him waited until he was out of sight and then made out a ticket telling him he violated the parking law and to deposit \$5 in a tin cup at the end of the road.

When the end of the road was reached Patrolman SCHWAB went looking for the cup. He was unable to find one and so he drove home. He wanted to go fishing in the same place tomorrow, but feared the police of Long Beach would be watching for him and arrest him for failing to obey the instructions.

Then he was ''let in'' on the joke.

25 June 1906

BRAVE POLICEMAN HURT STOPPING RUNAWAY HORSE

Patrolman Charles A. ISAACSON, of the Brownsville station, was badly cut about the head and body and his uniform torn in stopping a runaway horse yesterday afternoon. The animal was standing in front of 560 Blake avenue, when it took fright and dashed off in the direction of Atlantic avenue.

The owner, A. HILLMAN, of 280 Grand street, was in the house at the time. The horse was frightened by the blowing of a whistle on one of the elevated trains nearby.

At the corner of Riverdale and Vesta avenues, the policeman saw the runaway and grasped the bridle. He was dragged over fifty feet by the frightened brute. After being attended by Surgeon PARKER, of St. Mary's Hospital, the policeman was taken to his home, 206 Bainbridge street.

28 June 1906

HURLS CHILDREN OUT OF WINDOW

POLICEMAN TYRELL, BY DASHING THROUGH SMOKE-FILLED HALLS, SAVES FOUR LIVES WOMAN JUMPS TO SAFETY TWO YOUNG WOMEN HURT IN TWO-STORY LEAP

A kerosene lamp which exploded shortly after 10 o'clock last night in the apartments of Mrs. Henry ASHLEY, a negress, on the top floor of 144 Willoughby street, caused a \$2,000 fire that would probably resulted fatally for at least four people if it had not been for the heroism of Policeman TYRELL, of the Adams street station. A passer-by discovered smoke coming from the house and notified the policeman, who was a block away. TYRELL started on the run for the place and was joined by Patrolman RUDDY.

When they reached the house flames were shooting out of the windows. While RUDDY went to send in an alarm TYRELL ran into the house. It was with extreme difficulty that he made his way through the halls, which were filled with smoke. The tenants on the first and second floors were aroused and then TYRELL stumbled up to the top floor, occupied by Mrs. Fannie SUMMERS and her three small children. They were sound asleep. Waking the woman, TYRELL told her to keep quiet and that he would take care of her three children.

The officer guided the woman to the rear window. Below was Policeman RUDDY and some citizens. TYRELL told them to get a blanket and catch the woman as she dropped out of the window. It was impossible to go through the halls. The blanket was secured. The woman

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didn't hesitate to drop. She landed right in the center. One of the men lost his hold and she fell heavily to the ground, fracturing her right shoulder.

Making his way into the bedroom TYRELL took the children in his arms and one by one dropped them out of the window into the outstretched blanket below. They all landed safe and sound and were taken care of by neighbors. TYRELL then rushed to the street through the halls, but in doing so was painfully burned about the face and hands.

Anna WHITE, 22 years old, and Fannie SIMMONS, 21 years old, who lived on the second floor, jumped from the window and both sustained fractures of right legs.

Mrs. ASHLY when she reached the sidewalk became hysterical. All were attended by Ambulance Surgeon SANDER, of the Cumberland Street Hospital. The WHITE and LENNON girls were removed.

The flames were quickly conquered when the firemen arrived.

29 June 1906

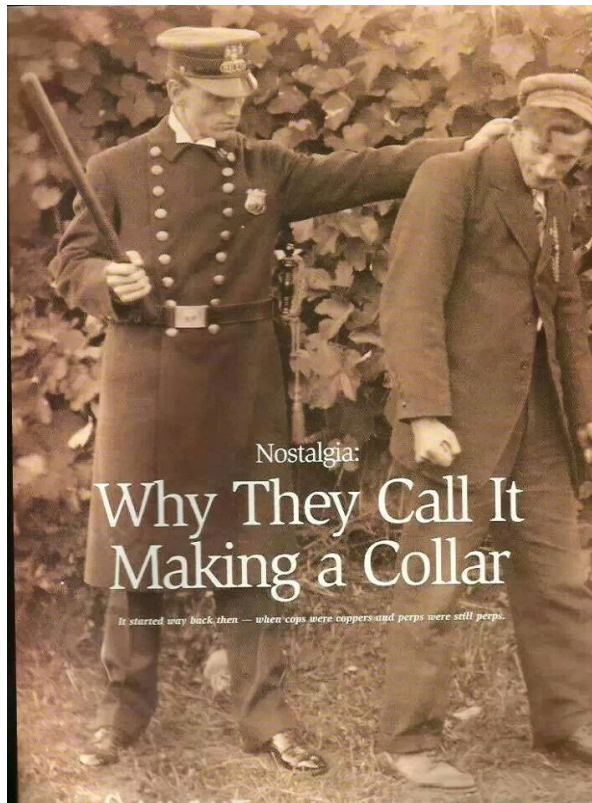
## PATROLMEN'S WIVES OPPOSE TWO PLATOONS

The two-platoon system was denounced at a meeting of the members of the Patrolmen's Wives' Benevolent Association, of Greater New York, at a session held at the Murray Hill Lyceum yesterday afternoon. The women adopted a resolution declaring their organization was ready and willing to do anything to help the Patrolmen's Association in the present emergency.

## FIRST "COP" TO QUIT UNDER TWO PLATOONS

Patrolman Harold Lee HERRICK, of 173 Seventh street, who was appointed to the police force September 21, 1905, resigned yesterday. He says the two-platoon system doesn't give him enough time with his wife and child.

HERRICK gave up a \$1,100 job to take one at \$800 as a policeman. He was attached to the Tenderloin station. He is the first policeman to quit the force, giving the present platoon system as an excuse.





**Membership Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 2015**

President Harvey Katowitz called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 PM with 81 members, 5 new member, and 12 guests present. This was followed by the invocation.

Harvey then read the names and circumstances surrounding the deaths of the 7 law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty between last months and this month's membership meeting. He then added the names of 2 NYPD officers who were killed in accidents while off duty. This was followed by a moment of silence for these officers and our military personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice protecting our country.

**Roll Call of Officers**

Present:

President: Harvey Katowitz  
Vice President: Dave Schultheis  
Treasurer: Ben Pepitone  
Secretary: Scott Hickey  
Sgt. at Arms: Harry Dobson  
Trustee: Frank DeMasi  
Trustee: Bob Fee  
Trustee: Brenda Jordan  
Trustee: Bernard Roe  
Historian: Joe Kozlowski

Excused:

Trustee: John Erker  
Chaplain: Donald Sanchez

**Introduction of Guest(s):**

- Sarah Albrecht the winner of the Bob Andretta Memorial scholarship read her essay on what it means to be an American. She was then presented with a check for \$1,000 and a framed scholarship certificate.
- US Army Veteran Sgt. Michael Verardo, 82nd Airborne, who lost a leg and received other serious injuries in 2010 after stepping on a landmine in Afghanistan discussed how the charity " Independence Fund" helped improve his life through rehabilitation, therapy and by providing him with an all terrain track chair.

Harvey katowitz made a motion that was seconded by Frank DeMasi to make Mike Verardo and Honorary Club Member. The motion passed unanimously.

- Sarah Verardo, Mike's wife, who serves on the Board of the Independence Fund discussed how the "Fund" provides physical and emotional support for our injured veterans.
- John Feal, founder of the FealGood Foundation whose primary mission is to help those who have been injured, physically or mentally, as a direct result of their rescue, recovery and cleanup efforts at the World Trade Center Site following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 discussed the WTC Health Program and answered questions from Club members.

**Review of April's Minutes:** Dave Schultheis made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes which was seconded by Kevin Gribbon. The motion passed.

**Sickness & Distress:**

- John Krohn will have surgery on May 27 to repair an aneurism on his aorta.
- Kevin McIntyre's mom, MaryEllen has been hospitalized since February and is in critical condition.
- Jim Weaving is recuperating from knee replacement surgery.

**Communications & Bills:**

- The Illinois Supreme Court ruled that lawmakers "overstepped" by enacting a law that slashed retirement benefits to confront a massive budget deficit. In a unanimous decision the seven justices declared that the measure former Gov. Pat Quinn signed into law 18 months ago violates the state constitution because it would leave pension promises "diminished or impaired."
- Brooke Cominsky, 22 month old daughter of CMPD Officer Alex Cominsky had an eye surgically removed due to cancer and will soon be fitted with a glass eye. This illness has put a financial burden on the Cominsky family. A "Go Fund Me" account was created to raise funds for Alex' medical bills. The proverbial hat was passed around and members donated \$492.00. Scott Hickey made a motion for the club to add \$8.00 to make the donation an even \$500.00 Harvey Katowitz seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Report of Officers**

President:

- The Board voted at the April board meeting to donate \$50.00 to the Baltimore 6 Defense Fund.
- The 3rd annual Jimmy LaRossa golf outing will be on Sept. 28. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to purchase an all terrain track chair for a local veteran. Harvey asked that the membership solicit businesses they frequent for donations and sponsorships for the outing.
- Kellie Recher who won the 911 Memorial Scholarship was unable to be here tonight because she recently started a new job and could not get off of work.

VP: No report

Treasurer: Ben Pepitone reports the following:

Club Checking Account as of 4/30

Beginning Balance:	\$16,975.67
Checks and payments:	\$ -545.37
Deposits and credits:	<u>\$ 861.00</u>
Cleared Balance:	\$17,291.30
Uncleared checks:	\$ -1,667.95
Uncleared deposits:	<u>\$ 222.00</u>
Ending balance:	\$15,845.35

Jim Houston Memorial Fund as of 4/30.

Beginning Balance:	\$630.00
Deposits:	\$155.00
Checks & Payments:	<u>\$ -72.00</u>
Cleared Balance:	\$713.00

Samantha LaRossa Trust Fund as of 4/30.

Beginning Balance:	\$14,853.96
Interest:	<u>\$ .37</u>
Balance	\$14,854.33

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Frank Aquilone and was seconded by Neil Sullivan. The motion passed.

Secretary: Nothing to report.

Trustees:

- Frank DeMasi: Nothing to report.
- Bob Fee: Nothing to report.
- Brenda Jordan: Nothing to report.
- Bernard Roe: Nothing to report.

Sgt. at Arms: Nothing to report.

Historian: Nothing to report.

**Committee Reports**

- Membership: 220 Members

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- Membership: 320 Members.
- Social: No more tickets are available for the May 29th Knights baseball game.

**Old Business:** Nothing to report.

**New Business**

- Proposition for Membership:
  1. Ret. NYPD Capt Joseph Salerno, 101 pct.
  2. Ret. NYPD Det. Michael Barrett, Qns. Narcotics
  3. Ret. NYPD P.O. Vincent Adonolfi, Bklyn Central Booking
  4. Ret. NYPD P.O Timothy Kissane, 84 pct
  5. Ret. NYPD P.O Antonello Guidice Transit Dist. 01

A motion to accept the new members was made by John Brienza and was seconded Paul Johnson. The motion passed.

**Good of the Club:**

- The 50/50 of \$185.00 was won by John Vigilante.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: A motion to adjourn was made by Derek Partee and was seconded by Frank Aquilone. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary Scott Hickey.

Next Meeting  
June 9, 2015



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PREVIOUS COMMANDS \_\_\_\_\_

I declare my desire for membership in the 10-13 Club of Charlotte, NC, Inc. I will submit my membership fee and regularly subscribe my renewal fee by the 1<sup>st</sup> of January each year to remain a member in good standing. I attest that I am a bona fide honorably retired Law Enforcement Officer.

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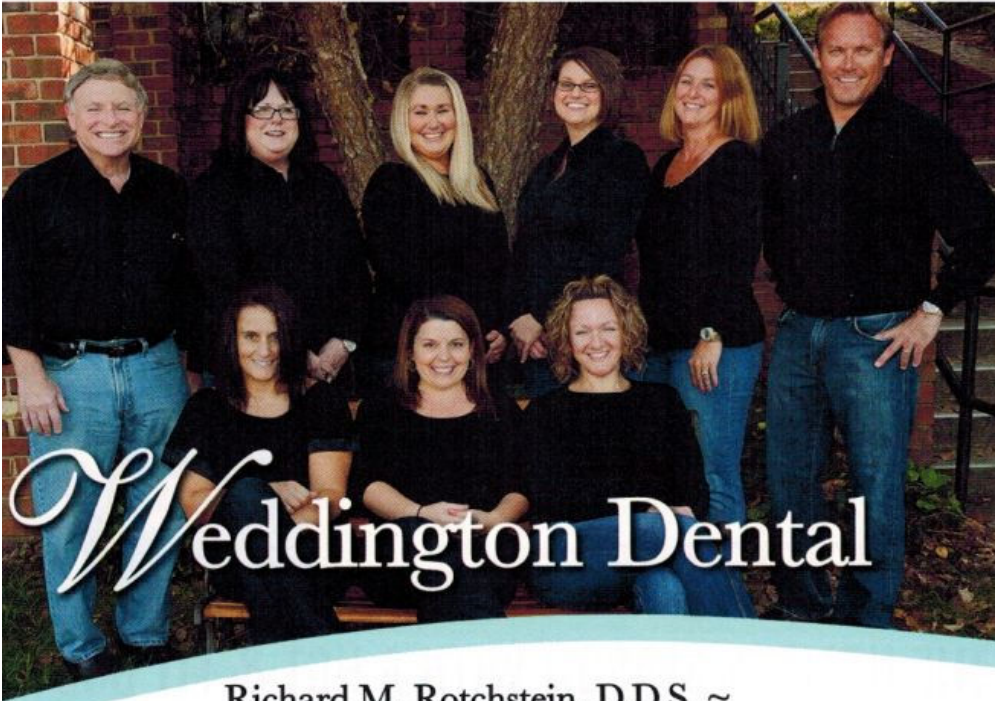
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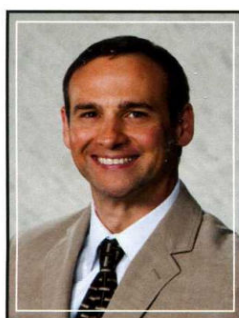
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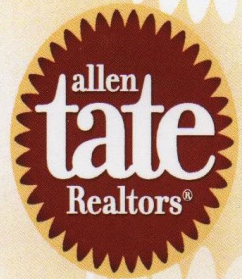
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