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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi All,

I have some good news for club members who have had to endure the Hawthorne Lane detour when going to and from our membership meetings. The section of Hawthorne Lane that has been closed since April 2017 is scheduled to reopen on August 8, 2020.

I also have good news for Pre-Merger **Transit and Housing Retirees**.

Transit & Housing retirees who live outside of NY State can now renew their ID cards by emailing a copy of their driver's license and ID card to tbhqpersonnel@nypd.org.

In the body of the email enter your name, address and a phone number where you can be reached. Also attach a **digital** photo of yourself from the waist up without a hat or sunglasses, taken in front of a neutral colored wall.

After a background check is completed a new ID card will be sent to you by certified mail.

If needed, you can call the Personnel Unit at 1-718-610-4660 and someone will walk you thru the process.

Several years ago I notified members of the ability to check state databases for unclaimed money owed to people that is held by the state comptroller's office. Several members were able to receive money owed to them that they were unaware of.

I recently checked the NC and NY databases and discovered money owed to my parents, brother and nephew.

Here are the links to the NY, NC & SC databases:

<https://ouf.osc.state.ny.us/ouf/?wicket-crypt=4LmOllwKqU>

<https://unclaimed.nccash.com/app/claim-search>

<https://southcarolina.findyourunclaimedproperty.com/>

If you checked the amount of your August pension check you may have noticed a decrease in the net amount. This was the result of a July 1, 2020 rate increase for your retiree health plan. Normally a new health plan rate chart is included with the 2nd quarter's pension statement that is mailed to retirees, but it was not included this year.

You can view the new rate chart and the previous rate chart at the following links:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/health/retiree-rates-july2020.pdf>

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/health/retiree-rate-jan2020.pdf>

Sadly, law enforcement officers continue to be bashed, and accused of brutality even though the facts do not match the anti-police rhetoric.

When talking about systematic brutality and racism within police departments the narrative may sound emotionally compelling, with carefully selected videos that graphically depict what might appear to be abuse at the hands of officers.

However, statistics that disprove the allegations are often conveniently left out.

Our Next Membership Meeting (Virtual) is
Tuesday, August 11 at 7:00 PM
<http://www.charlotte10-13.com/>

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Anti-police rhetoric from the Black Lives Matter Organization leads its followers to believe police brutality runs rampant across the country.

They push the narrative that innocent black males are in mortal danger of being randomly shot, or even deliberately targeted, by a law enforcement system. Again, the data not support this.

Not only does it not support that accusation, it tells a completely opposite story.

For example, in 2019, nine unarmed black males were killed by police across the US. Similar statistics permeate the data for the past several years. And just because they were unarmed doesn't mean they were not a threat or that the shooting was not justified.

Does that disprove racism inside law enforcement? Maybe not, but what it does show is that the allegations of police officers targeting black males seems to not stack up against the actual numbers.

On July 10, Detroit police officers were arresting a man when a friend of the man said "you are not going to take my man", pulled out a gun and fired 2 shots at an officer who was standing three feet from him. Three officers fired 4 shots at the suspect who then fired an additional 2 shots at them before he fell to the ground.

Even though a video was immediately released, clearly showing the suspect removing a gun from his pants, pointing it at the face of an officer and firing it before the police returned fire, people took to the streets and social media to protest the shooting claiming that the suspect was unarmed.

Pseudo-experts continue to misrepresent use-of-force issues and facts. Laws and regulations are being passed based on these false narratives without debate, or without any thought to unintended consequences.

Social justice organizations continually debase and denigrate the remarkably hard work of law enforcement officers whose dedication and heroism has drastically reduced violent crime and created safe streets in most major cities.

After our July Zoom membership meeting several of our members stayed on Zoom and discussed the issues of police brutality and the Black Lives Matter organization. One member stated that there are more black people killed by the police than white people.

Another member responded that there are 20 times as many white people killed by police than black people. Though both members believed what they were saying was true, neither one of them was correct according to the below statistics that were obtained from a Washington Post news article.

Shooting deaths by police	**2020	2019	2018	2017
Total	558	1004	998	987
Blacks shot and killed by police	111	235	209	223
Unarmed People Killed by police	24	41	47	66
Unarmed Blacks Killed by Police	7	9	17	20

** As of June 30, 2020

Everyone agreed with the concept that black lives matter, but took issue with the Black Lives Matter organization. Their leaders are avowed Marxists whose rhetoric and goals are less about improving black lives and more about turning America into a Marxist nation.

A majority of the BLM rally's around our nation are now organized and controlled by anarchists who have physically attacked the police, burned or otherwise destroyed businesses and government buildings, defaced and/or toppled monuments and statues, all under the guise of black lives matter.

I am still receiving emails from members with information that is misleading, inaccurate or taken out of context.

I have received at least a dozen emails with a video claiming that the late George Floyd appeared on an episode of Judge Judy when he was a teenager. A George Floyd did appear on Judge Judy, but it was not the George Floyd who was killed in Minneapolis.

I have also received numerous emails and videos from club members that contain misleading statistics, false or inaccurate information, about candidates and elected officials from both major political parties. Below are a few of them and all are untrue.

- President Trump tweeted that the Confederate flag is a symbol of love.
- President Trump was caught on a Hot Mic in a video insulting his supporters, calling them "animals" who shoot "Mountain Dew in their veins" while watching "'Tiger King' for the 45th time," among other insults.
- Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez tweeted that businesses should be kept closed until after the 2020 presidential election.
- Joe Biden Call Antifa 'Courageous' Americans?
- A photograph shows Joe Biden's great-grandfather, Joseph J. Biden, a Confederate soldier who owned slaves in the 1800s and Joe Biden participated in a "blackface skit" at a 1985 fundraiser.

Before forwarding information, please check that is it accurate and truthful. Remember the saying that was coined in the 1880's "**Figures don't lie, but liars figure.**" It is a play on words used to make a point. You can start with accurate data ("figures don't lie"), but the data **can** be manipulated by people ("liars **can do** the figuring") who want to pervert the truth in the interest of some theory or position they wish to establish.

This reminds me of Judge Judy's most common saying, "**How can you tell when teenagers are lying? When they open their mouths.**" This is how I feel about most politicians, political commercials and emails..

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Below are emails I recently received from Diane Piagentini, the widow of NYPD hero Joseph Piagentini, attorney Steven Cohen and club members Ron Perry and Don Schappert.

Just a note to let you know that Anthony Bottom who killed my husband Patrolman Joseph Piagentini and his partner Patrolman Waverly Jones comes up for parole the first week in September.

Handwritten letters can be sent to:

Sullivan Correctional Facility
P.O.Box 116
Fallsburg, New York 12733-0116
Attention: Parole SORC

You can also go to the NYCPBA.org site and click on Keep Cop Killers in Jail. Look for Joe and Waverly's names and follow the directions, this will add two more letters to deny parole. Anthony Bottom is now also next to Joe's name.

Please pass this on, thank you and stay well!
Diane

Dear Friends:

A quick update on the GHI class action lawsuit.

After we won the unanimous decision in New York's highest court affirming that the state's main consumer protection law does protect NYC employees and retirees, the defense tried to get the court to throw out their decision and rehear the entire argument. The Court's ruling was one word: Denied.

Now there will be a mandatory mediation session in the fall.

GHI's position is that this is a nuisance suit: that there is no merit to our allegations.

To make it clearer that the paltry reimbursements, the nearly non-existent catastrophic and optional rider benefits, the lack of in-network doctors for retirees living out-of-state, and the routine denials of important tests and treatments are more than a mere nuisance, we're again looking for additional class plaintiffs.

This time, we need folks with a very specific usage pattern: we need people who first used out-of-network doctors in 2014. (If you used an out-of-network doctor once or twice before 2014, that is OK.)

If you first used out-of-network doctors in 2014, I'd really like to hear from you.

Please email me at SCohen@pollockcohen.com. If it easier to call, my cell phone is 917-364-4197. (I'm not a big texter, but I do know how.)

Feel free to share this with anyone you think appropriate.

Thank you!
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Hi Harvey - I hope you and your family are staying healthy and doing well.

Since our last in person meeting - which seems like forever - I have decided to relocate. I have always thought I wanted to live in Florida - and now I am. I relocated from Waxhaw to Lakewood Ranch, Florida earlier this month. While I don't recommend selling a house, buying a new one and moving a thousand miles during a pandemic, I'm living proof it can be done.

I had the pleasure of meeting Sam Reiver in December, 2012 and within a few months, I joined the Club. Hard to believe this much time has passed... I have without question thoroughly enjoyed each and every meeting, outing and event. The camaraderie of the thin blue line is second to none - those who have not worn the uniform, pinned on the badge/shield, made a spit second life altering decision have absolutely no idea -- no politics, just fact.

While I will still remain a Member, I'll just be attending fewer meetings.. It has been an honor and a privilege. My very best to each and everyone!
Ron

It's starting to feel like we are in a post apocalyptic breakdown of society and we are transitioning into a lawless society. Where are we going and when does it end. It is no longer about Floyd, Walter Scott or BLM. It appears there are subversive, malcontents, agitators, who are trying to take over parts of our society and government by use of force, violence, arson, intimidation and misinformation. We don't even know if this misinformation is a cyberattack from Iran, Russia, North Korea or China to cause unrest and possibly effect the outcome of pending presidential election. We must remember what we learned in kindergarten or first grade "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, **one nation, under God** indivisible, with **liberty and justice for all.**"

Don

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



A prayer for our nation ♥️♥️♥️

Lord I pray today for our nation. I pray for an end to the unrest and the strife that is so prevalent right now;

Lord I pray that you would bring peace to our nation, heal hearts and lives,
and help us to listen and learn from one another with grace and patience.

Lord I pray that You would heal the divide and bring us together as one nation under God.

Lord raise up strong leaders and voices during this time who would stand for truth and speak without compromise.

I pray for protection for those working the front lines and that you would give us wisdom in every situation. Amen.

Stay healthy and stay safe!

Harvey Katowitz

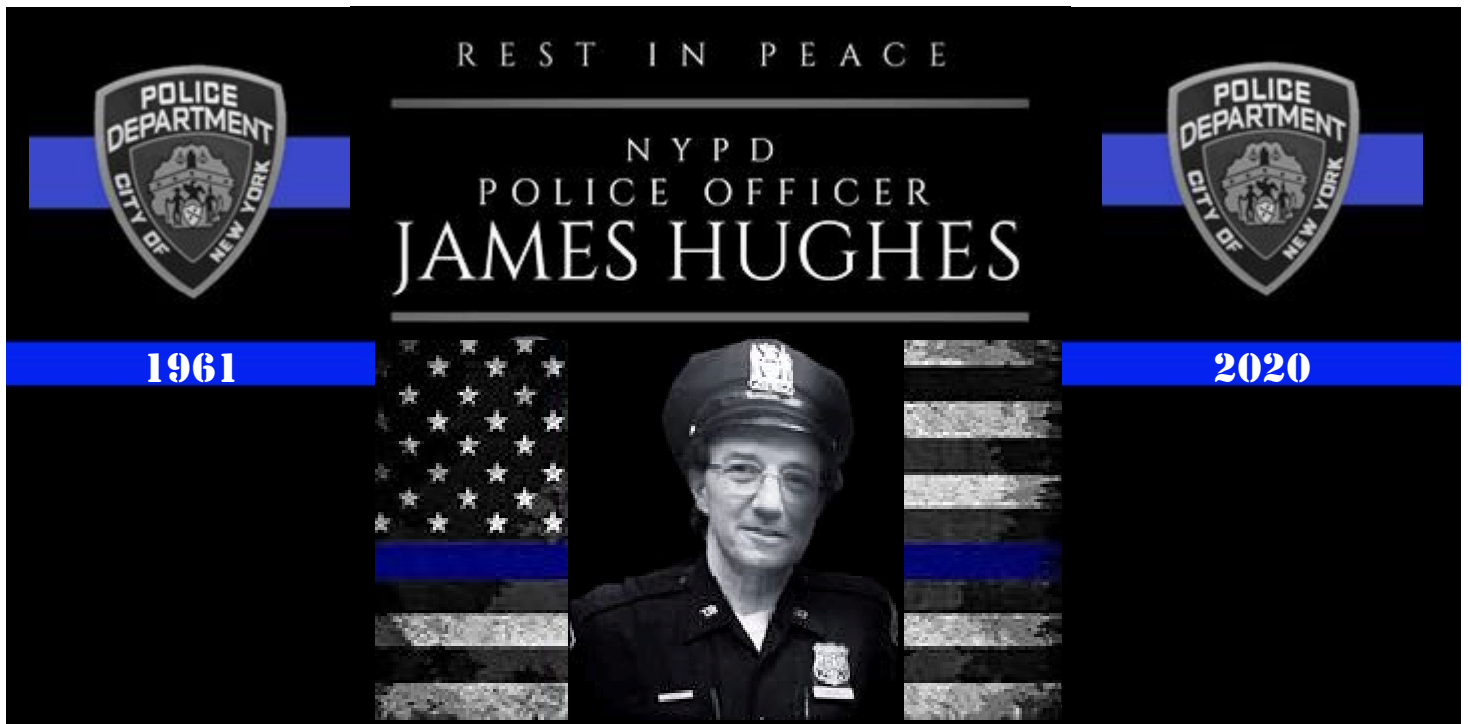
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**BLUE
LIVES
MATTER!**



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New York Police Department (NYPD) Officer James “Jimmy” Hughes died in the line of duty on June 27.

He passed away while working the job he loved for over 34 years – that of a New York City Police Officer. Officer Hughes, 59, was generally assigned to Transit District 33 in Brooklyn, but was working a security shift at the One Police Plaza headquarters when he began experiencing pains in his chest .

He was rushed to a local hospital, but did not survive the medical emergency.

Jimmy, as he was known to his family, is survived by his mother, Wilma, and his younger brother, Michael. He was also the cherished son of the late James Hughes. Jimmy is adored by his many aunts, uncles and cousins, several of whom are and were also members of the NYPD.

“Many of Jimmy’s coworkers have recalled his humor, selflessness and compassion,” the tribute read. “He not only protected the community he served, but gave of himself for its betterment and he did so quietly and humbly.”

One of his fellow officers said he personally witnessed Officer Hughes using “money out of his own pocket to give it to people [who] didn’t have anything to eat,” according to his obituary. “There were times he’d buy the homeless food and bring it to them outside the precinct.” “The news and politicians never highlight these stories but I wanted to put it out there because Jimmy deserved to be recognized for his contributions to society and the dedication he put into his work,” the officer said, according to the tribute.

Officer Hughes “lifted spirits” with his “unique sense of humor,” and loved to make others smile, his obituary read.

Jimmy has the most devoted friends, especially those from Transit District 33. Many of Jimmy’s coworkers have recalled his humor, selflessness and compassion. He not only protected the community he served, but gave of himself for its betterment and he did so quietly and humbly. As exemplified in a Facebook post by his friend and coworker “This man dedicated 35 years of his life to being a police officer. There were times he used to take money out of his own pocket to give it to people that didn’t have anything to eat or so they could buy metro cards. There were times he’d buy the homeless food and bring it to them outside the precinct. He would grab a broom and sweep the garbage off the street not because anyone ordered him to but because he found it in his heart to do it. The news and politicians never highlight these stories but I wanted to put it out there because Jimmy deserved to be recognized for his contributions to society and the dedication he put into his work”.

Jimmy, aka “Gumby” at work, was always smiling and ready to strike up a conversation. He loved music and going to concerts and shared this and his extensive knowledge of music with his friends. He had a unique sense of humor and lifted spirits with it. He made people smile.

To his last breath on earth, Jimmy spent his life protecting the citizens of New York City. He left an impact on thousands. Although he was taken away from us far too soon and so unexpected, he was doing what he loved when God called him Home. Many of us feel a sense of sadness that he did not get the opportunity to enjoy his well-earned retirement. However, being a cop was what he enjoyed and he lived each day doing what he loved. He was so proud to wear that uniform. May we always remember Jimmy for his love, laughter, humor, compassion, dedication and for living life with no regrets. And may he continue to protect us from above and may God Bless the NYPD.

He was laid to rest on July 2.

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Sergeant Craig Vincent Johnson
Tulsa, OK PD
EOW: Tuesday, June 30, 2020
Cause: Gunfire



Captain Glenn Allen Green
Pike Co, MS Sheriff's Office
EOW: Monday, July 6, 2020
Cause: COVID19



Corrections Officer Jerry Esparza
Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice
Institutional Division,
EOW: Wednesday, July 15, 2020
Cause: COVID19



Police Officer Jason Judd
Peoria, AZ PD
EOW: Wednesday, July 1, 2020
Cause: Motorcycle crash



Lieutenant Bobby Almager
Corpus Christi, TX
International Airport
Dept of Public Safety,
EOW: Friday, July 10, 2020
Cause: COVID19



Deputy Sheriff William Garner
Franklin Co., GA Sheriff's Office
EOW: Sunday, July 19, 2020
Cause: Struck by vehicle



Parole Off. Joseph William Lange
Texas Dept, of Criminal Justice
Parole Division
EOW: Wednesday, July 1, 2020
Cause: COVID19



P.O. Edelmira Garza, Jr.
McAllen, TX PD
EOW: Sat., July 11, 2020
Cause: Gunfire



Corrections Off. Jackson Pongay
Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice
Institutional Division, TX
EOW: Sunday, July 19, 2020
Cause: COVID19



Kelvin Dewayne Mixon
Edwards, MS PD
EOW: Thursday, July 2, 2020
Cause: COVID19



P.O. Ismael Chavez
McAllen, TX PD
EOW: Sat., July 11, 2020
Cause: Gunfire



Dep. Sheriff William K. Nichols
DeSoto Co., MS Sheriff's Office,
EOW: Weds., July 22, 2020
Cause: Drowned



Chief Deputy Lee R. Weber
Hughes Co., SD Sheriff's Office
EOW: Friday, July 3, 2020
Cause: Drowned



Border Patrol Agent Enrique J. Rositas, Jr.
US Dept. of Homeland
Security - Customs and
Border Protection
EOW: Sat., July 11, 2020
Cause: COVID19



Deputy Sheriff Oscar W. Rocha
Alameda Co., CA Sheriff's
Office
EOW: Thursday, July 23, 2020
Cause: COVID19



Police Officer Anthony Dia
Toledo Police Department, OH
EOW: Saturday, July 4, 2020
Cause: Gunfire



P.O. Jonathan Shoop
Bothell, WA PD
EOW: Mon., July 13, 2020
Cause: Gunfire



Deputy Sheriff Dylan Pickle
Monroe Co., MS Sheriff's
Office
EOW: Sunday, July 26, 2020
Cause: Struck by vehicle



Corrections Off. Kenneth Harbin
Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice
Institutional Division,
EOW: Saturday, July 4, 2020
Cause: COVID19



Director N. Kyle Coleman
Bexar CO, TX
Fire Marshal's Office,
EOW: Tues., July 14,
2020
Cause: COVID19



Trooper Caleb Starr
Michigan State Police, MI
EOW: Friday, July 31, 2020
Cause: Vehicular assault



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HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED

Dates to Remember



Operation Desert Shield

August 2, 1990



On this day in 1990, President George Herbert Walker Bush orders the organization of Operation Desert Shield in response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait on August 2. The order prepared American troops to become part of an international coalition in the war against Iraq that would be launched as Operation Desert Storm in January 1991.

On November 29, 1990, the United Nations Security Council authorized the use of "all means necessary" to remove Hussein's forces from Kuwait, giving Iraq the deadline of midnight on January 16, 1991, to leave or risk forcible removal.

After pushing Hussein's forces out of Kuwait, Schwarzkopf called a ceasefire on February 28; he accepted the surrender of Iraqi generals on March 3.

In all, 670,000 troops would be supplied by 28 of these countries, with 425,000 from the US. The allied nations had over 290 deaths, most suffered by the US.



U.S. Coast Guard Birthday

August 4, 1790



The United States Revenue Cutter Service, which was founded on 4 August 1790 as part of the Department of the Treasury, is considered to be the birth of the United States Coast Guard. A number of agencies merged into with the Cutter Service. The Coast Guard was officially established January 28, 1915 as a military service and a branch of the armed forces of the United States.

The Coast Guard itself was moved to the Department of Transportation in 1967, and on 25 February 2003 it became part of the Department of Homeland Security. However, upon a declaration of war or when Congress so directs in the declaration, or when the President directs, the Coast Guard operates as a service in the Department of the Navy.

The U.S. Coast Guard has been a vital component of the war on drugs and the war on terror and has a special place in the hearts of Americans for its role as a life saver in storms, search and rescue and other natural disasters.



Gulf of Tonkin, Vietnam

August 5, 1964



The Gulf of Tonkin incident, also known as the USS Maddox incident, was an international confrontation that led to the United States engaging more directly in the Vietnam War. It involved one real and one falsely claimed confrontation between ships of North Vietnam and the United States in the waters of the Gulf of Tonkin.

The outcome of these two incidents was the passage by US Congress of the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, which granted US President Lyndon B. Johnson the authority to assist any Southeast Asian country whose government was considered to be jeopardized by "communist aggression". The resolution served as Johnson's legal justification for deploying U.S. conventional forces and the commencement of open warfare against North Vietnam.

Casualties as of 26 July 2019:

58,318 KIA | 153,303 WIA | 1,587 MIA | 778 POW



Purple Heart Day

August 7, 1782

Purple Heart Day is an observance that commemorates the creation of the Purple Heart Medal in 1782.

After the end of the American War of Independence, no medals were awarded until 1932, when the medal was revived on the bicentennial anniversary of George Washington's birth. Purple Heart Medals are awarded to those wounded or killed while serving in the United States Armed Forces as a result of enemy action on or after April 5, 1917.

Approximately 1.8 million Purple Hearts have been awarded since April 5, 1917.



V-J Day

August 14, 1945

On August 14, 1945, it was announced that Japan had surrendered unconditionally to the Allies, effectively ending World War II. Since then, both August 14 and August 15 have been known as "Victory over Japan Day," or simply "V-J Day." The term has also been used for September 2, 1945, when Japan's formal surrender took place aboard the USS Missouri, anchored in Tokyo Bay. Coming several months after the surrender of Nazi Germany, Japan's capitulation in the Pacific brought six years of hostilities to a final and highly anticipated close.

Japan's surprise aerial attack on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor on Oahu, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941, led to an immediate U.S. declaration of war the following day.

The U.S. suffered with more than 100,000 killed in action. Nearly 6,000 American civilians were killed in action, the overwhelming majority of whom were members of the merchant marine.

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FBI Releases 2019 Statistics on Law Enforcement Officers Killed in the Line of Duty

According to statistics reported to the FBI, 89 law enforcement officers were killed in line-of-duty incidents in 2019. Of these, 48 officers died as a result of felonious acts, and 41 officers died in accidents. Comprehensive data tables about these incidents and brief narratives describing the fatal attacks are included in *Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 2019*, released today.

Felonious Deaths

The 48 felonious deaths occurred in 19 states and in Puerto Rico. The number of officers killed as a result of criminal acts in 2019 was 8 less than the 56 officers who were feloniously killed in 2018. The 5- and 10-year comparisons show an increase of 7 felonious deaths compared with the 2015 figure (41 officers) and a decrease of 7 deaths compared with 2010 data (55 officers).

Officer Profiles. The average age of the officers who were feloniously killed was 40 years old. The victim officers had served in law enforcement for an average of 13 years at the times of the fatal incidents. Of the 48 officers:

- 45 were male
- 3 were female
- 40 were white
- 7 were black/African American
- 1 was Asian.

Circumstances. Of the 48 officers feloniously killed:

- 15 died as a result of investigative or law enforcement activities
 - 6 were conducting traffic violation stops
 - 4 were performing investigative activities
 - 2 were drug-related matters
 - 2 were interacting with wanted persons
 - 1 was investigating suspicious person or circumstance
- 9 were involved in tactical situations
 - 3 were barricaded/hostage situations
 - 3 were serving, or attempting to serve, search warrants
 - 2 were serving, or attempting to serve, arrest warrants
 - 1 was reported in the category titled "other tactical situation"
- 5 were involved in unprovoked attacks
- 4 were responding to crimes in progress
 - 2 were robberies
 - 1 was larceny-theft
 - 1 was reported in the category titled "other crime against property"
- 3 were involved in arrest situations and were attempting to restrain/control/handcuff the offender(s) during the arrest situations
- 3 were assisting other law enforcement officers
 - 2 with vehicular pursuits
 - 1 with foot pursuit
- 3 were responding to disorders or disturbances
 - 2 were responding to disturbances (disorderly subjects, fights, etc.)
 - 1 was responding to a domestic violence call
- 3 were involved in vehicular pursuits
- 2 were ambushed (entrapment/premeditation)
- 1 was serving, or attempting to serve, a court order (eviction notice, subpoena, etc.).

Weapons. Offenders used firearms to kill 44 of the 48 victim officers. Four officers were killed with vehicles used as weapons. Of the 44 officers killed by firearms:

- 34 were slain with handguns
- 7 with rifles
- 1 with a shotgun
- 2 with firearms in which the types of firearms were unknown or not reported

MEMBERSHIP



2020 Monthly Meeting Dates

Aug. 11 Oct. 13 Dec. 8
 Sept. 11 Nov. 10



IN MEMORIAM

July 2, Club Member Ret. Nassau Co. P.O. Nicholas DeSpenziere



SICK DESK UPDATE

Nothing to report



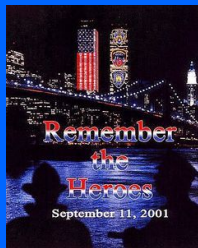
Ret. NYPD Sgt. Eric Goodman
 Ret. NYPD P.O. George Eicher
 Ret. NYPD P.O. Debbie Heusner



We currently have 416 members, 290 from the NYPD and the remainder from 64 other law enforcement agencies.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Our in person membership meetings are canceled until further notice.



9/11 Memorial Ceremony Meeting
 Friday
 September 11, 7PM



BIRTHDAYS



AUGUST

Carol Martin	8/1
Pat Fiorito	8/3
Steven Washington	8/3
Edward Nell	8/3
Steve Lemke	8/4
George Young	8/8
Peter Herrera	8/9
John Hennessy RIP 1/23/19	8/10
Martin Sanabria	8/10
John Van De Brook	8/10
Robert Schruhl	8/11
Walter Schmidt	8/12
Michael Conover	8/14
Butch Foley	8/14
John Vigilante	8/14
Frank Favilla	8/16
Shelley Greene	8/16
Anthony Innella	8/16
Joseph Monteleone	8/16
Mark Jones	8/17
Jim Brannick	8/18
Robert Fleckenstein	8/19
Deryck White	8/19
Robert Jones	8/19
Frank Delrossi	8/21
Billy Shepherd	8/21
Wes Mecimore	8/22
Bruce Bonner	8/23
Kayvan Hazrati	8/25
Skiddie Hurd	8/25
Frederica Murray	8/25
Cynthia Wilson	8/26
Harvey Kipler	8/27
Thomas Banks	8/29
Kevin Gasser	8/30

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RETIRES



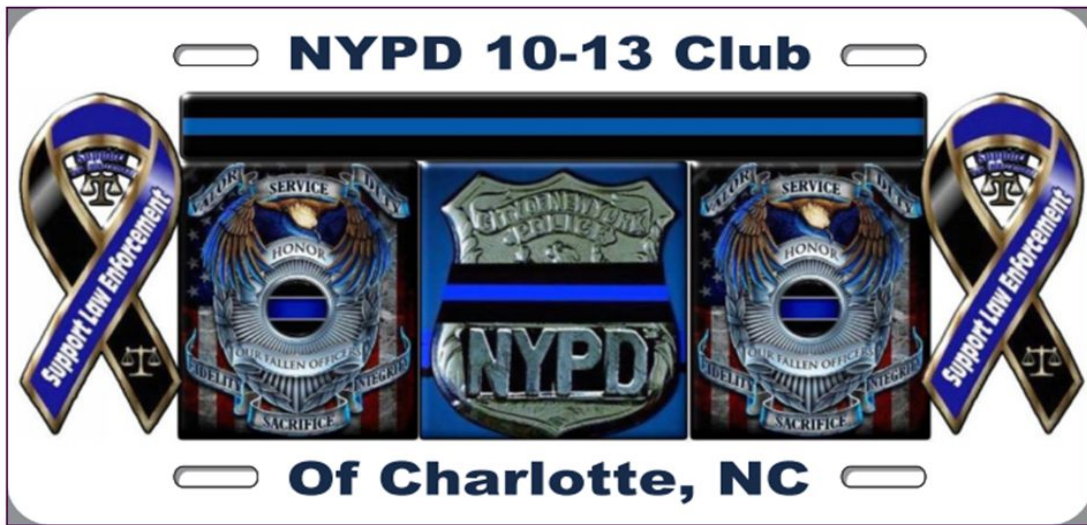
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CLUB MERCHANDISE

These license plates will be available for purchase at our monthly membership meetings.

\$10 per plate or \$20 for the 3 plate set.



TRUSTEE'S



When our Club was initially formed with 35 members it was easy for our club President to respond to emails from our members now that we have over 400 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.

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June 20, 2020

Dear Board Members, Presidents, Members and Friends:

With summer and warm weather upon us, I think there has never been a more dangerous time for our active brothers and sisters, not to mention that there is a nationwide assault against law and order. In addition, let's not forget the officers throughout the country that gave their lives or were injured during the recent riots.

For the 2019-2020 New York State Legislative sessions, we worked very hard to move forward with our Legislative Agenda. We were able to obtain additional co-sponsors for legislative bills and this was achieved without our Annual Lobby Day trip to Albany due to the Coronavirus pandemic. We had also received verbal commitments from numerous legislators. It appeared that we were going to have a successful legislative session. Then "BOOM" the coronavirus comes upon us and Albany shuts down.

After the New York State budget was approved, eventually we started communications again with Albany. I mailed 35 Thank You and Request to Co-sponsor Our Bills letters to legislators who had already co-sponsored at least one of our bills. As the legislative session was moving along, "BOOM" the George Floyd incident happens which starts riots throughout the country. But as usual, New York City is at the forefront of the craziness and the anti-police movement. It is crazy the anti-police bills that the state legislators and city council members are proposing, needless to say our 2020 Legislative Agenda went nowhere. We have started preparing for the 2021-2022 legislative session by sending out more than 25 Letters of Support, as has our Hudson Valley chapter. In addition, the NYPD Retired Sergeants Association, of which I am their Legislative Representative, has sent out the same Letter of support. After the June 23rd primaries, and as the November New York elections approach, we will start distributing "PAC" funds to our key legislative supporters.

This is a sad and somber time for any civil servant retiree, in particular police related bills. But we will not give up and surrender. We must remain strong and remain together to protect and enhance our hard earned benefits, now more than ever.

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and the New York City Council as the established union representing all retired NYC Police Officers

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On another note, I am truly honored to have been re-elected President of the National NYCPD 10-13 Organization. I would like to thank you all for your support and trust in me to lead the National in its future endeavors. I would like to thank my Executive Board; Rich Molloy, Marie Zolfo, John McLoughlin for continuing to stay on with me. I also want to thank Hudson Valley President John Briganti for accepting the first vice-President position and Rich Morrill who was appointed Chairman of our Committees. I would like to especially thank President Emeritus, Anthony V. Perrone for his many years of dedication and service to all of us. Tony will remain active with the National. I still cannot believe how lucky we are to have such a knowledgeable and dedicated team to continue the work of the National.

On behalf of the Executive Board, I want to thank all of our Chapter Presidents, Executive Boards and their members for their dedication and continued support of the National 10-13 Organization.

SAVE THE DATES: Our 31st national Convention will be held at the beautiful Villa Roma Resort on September 13th to 15th, 2020. I recently spoke with the management of Villa Roma and was advised that the facility, including all amenities will be operational on June 22nd and all coronavirus safety issues have been addressed and all precautions will be adhered to. Please make every effort to attend our convention this year.

Again, I want to say "Thank You" for your support. I look forward to seeing many of you at the National Convention this September.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank Martarella".

Frank Martarella

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Medicare Part B Reimbursement Form: https://www.nationalnycpd10-13.org/forms/Medicare_Part_B_.pdf

Medicare Part B IRMAA Reimbursement Form: <https://www.nationalnycpd10-13.org/forms/irmaa-form-2015-2017.pdf>

New NYPD ID Card Renewal Form (updated 2019) and NYPD Retiree Application: https://www.nationalnycpd10-13.org/forms/NYPD_Renewal_Retiree_Application_ID_Card_2019.docx

CCW SAFE Nationwide Gun Protection Coverage: <https://www.nationalnycpd10-13.org/forms/CCW.pdf>

WTC Notice of Participation: https://www.nationalnycpd10-13.org/forms/WTCNoticeofParticipation_withcoverletter_201609.pdf

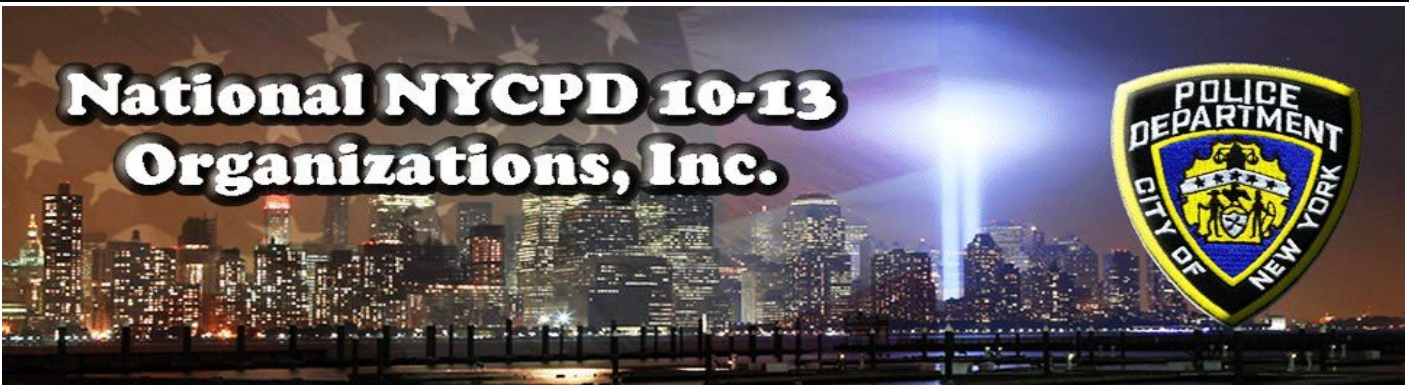
WTC HEALTH PROGRAM APPLICATION: https://www.nationalnycpd10-13.org/forms/WTC_Application_2019.pdf

9/11 Victims Fund: https://www.nationalnycpd10-13.org/forms/911_Victims.pdf

Villa Roma Brochure: https://www.nationalnycpd10-13.org/2020_convention/2020Conventiona_Registration.pdf

2020-2021 Scholarship: <https://www.nationalnycpd10-13.org/scholarship.html>

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NATIONAL NYCPD 10-13 ORG. NYPD ID CARD RENEWAL – May 14, 2020

For those members that reside locally, the ID Card Section (646-610-5150) is now on 2nd floor at 1PP, opposite the Operations Unit.

They will only renew a retiree ID card that has less than 3 months before expiration date or already expired

Please do not go at the end of month due to numerous active MOS retiring and it is very crowded.

Using the above number, call beforehand to make sure there is no promotion on the day you are going because it can get crowded and active will have priority.

For those out of state members, please follow the instructions when mailing in ID cards. I have received ID cards mailed to me using regular first-class mail. The issue with this is that it is not tracked and, therefore, not guaranteed that I will receive it. The Priority Mail procedure provides a tracking number so that the ID card can be accounted for throughout the entire mailing process.

If your ID card is lost or stolen, you must make a police report with your local precinct or police department for lost or stolen property and a copy of the report must accompany the ID card application. **The application will not be processed without a report.**

The NYPD card section uses the photo that is in their system since November of 2002. If your ID card was issued prior to this period, you will have to appear at the ID Card Section in person to take a new photo. You cannot send in a passport photo or a jpeg file photo to update the picture.

ONLY cards issued after November 1, 2002, can be renewed this way. In all other circumstances, members will have to personally visit 1 P.P.

Regarding HR218/LEOSA qualifications, if your ID card does not have an expiration date, it does qualify as a valid ID card under the provisions of the laws. Unless you want to get a current photo on your ID card, you are not required to do so in order to satisfy the qualification. Also remember that our of state, some police departments that do the qualifications will require a current ID card so make sure that you check your expiration dates.

A completed PD form **MUST** accompany the card. The form is on the accompanying page of this procedure, and can be downloaded from our website; National NYCPD10-13.org

Additionally, ID card expiration date will be increased from 5 to 8 years.

If your card has no expiration date, you do not need to have a new card issued. Your card is perpetually current. Keep it.

THE NATIONAL IS AUTHORIZED TO DELIVER MEMBERS CARDS TO 1 P.P. AND RETURN SAME TO THE MEMBER.

To insure security in the transfer of cards to and from our members the following procedure **MUST** be adhered to:

Items **MUST** be sent to the National in a USPS Flat Rate Priority Mail envelope. You will receive a tracking number from post office. **DO NOT REQUEST SIGNATURE OF RECIPIENT.** The postage is \$7.75.

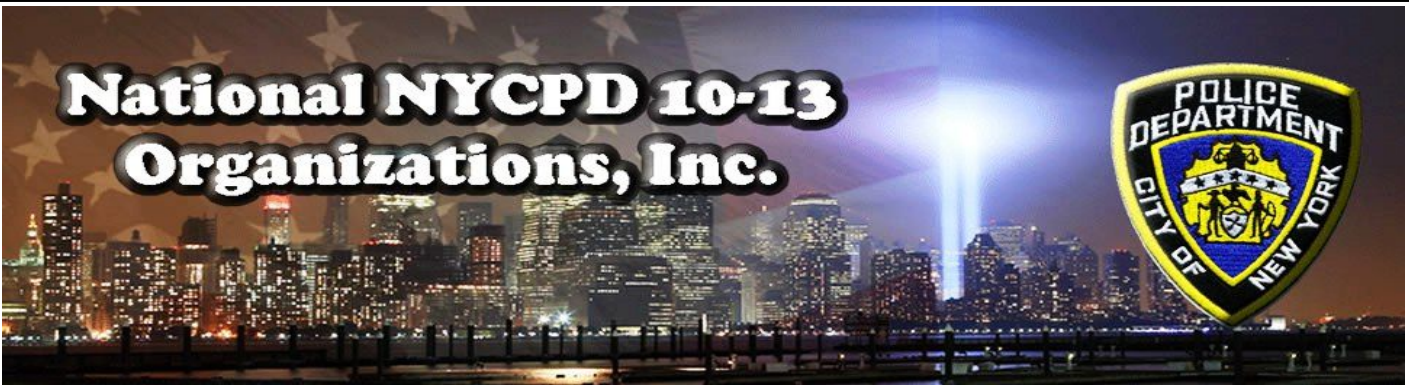
Place in the envelope: your PD ID card, the completed PD Form, and a check in the amount of \$7.75 made out to National NYCPD 10-13 Org.(to cover the cost of priority mail return of your new card).

Address package to:
Frank Martarella
272 Durant Avenue
Staten Island N.Y. 10306

You can contact me at cicheech@aol.com or call (718) 637-1684.

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**Please allow for up to a 30 day turnaround time.
Please, do not deviate from the above instructions.
This National service is available only to dues paid National NYCPD 10-13 chapter members.**

F.A.Q.

My ID Card was issued before November 2002. Why can't I have it renewed via proxy?

Prior to November 1, 2002 cards were not digital. Consequently the photo cannot be reproduced.

My card has no expiration date. Do I need to have a new card issued?

Definitely not. If you have no expiration date your card is perpetually current. Keep it.

****** Please note: To make things easier for Frank Martarella, our Club will be collecting ID cards quarterly in January, April, July & October and mailing them to him. The club will also pay for the postage.**

There is a new procedure for pre-merger Transit and Housing Police retirees.

The below information was received in an email from the NYCPD Transit Bureau Personnel Unit and has been verified.

Renewal of Transit ID card that is expired or nearing expiration.

For the retirees that live out of state, they can email a copy of their driver's license and id card and in the body of the email they can put their name, address and a phone number where they can be reached. We run a background check to make sure no one is wanted (you'd be surprised).

Also they need to attach a digital photo of themselves from the waist up in front of a neutral colored wall (please no hats or sunglasses).

We need a digital photo, not a photo of a photo, to put on a new id card that we mail certified.

Please tell your members they can call the Personnel Unit at 1-718-610-4660 and we will be more than happy to walk them thru the process.

Be well and keep collecting those retirement checks.

PO Georges Bazile

New York City Police Department
Transit Bureau Personnel Unit
130 Livingston Street, 3rd Floor
Brooklyn NY 11201
718-610-4660

718-610-4555 Fax

Email: tbhqpersonnel@nypd.org

This procedure only applies to pre-merger Transit and Housing ID cards which works on a different system than the NYPD ID Card Section.

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CASE #: _____

FIREARMS CODE: _____

RETIREE ID CARD RENEWAL APPLICATION

LAST NAME: _____

FIRST NAME: _____ MI: _____

SEX: MALE FEMALE RACE: _____

TAX # _____ RETIREMENT DATE: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY #: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

RANK: _____ SHIELD #: _____

PRESENT ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: (____) _____

10-13 CHAPTER: _____

I, _____, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT SINCE RETIRING ON
PRINT NAME

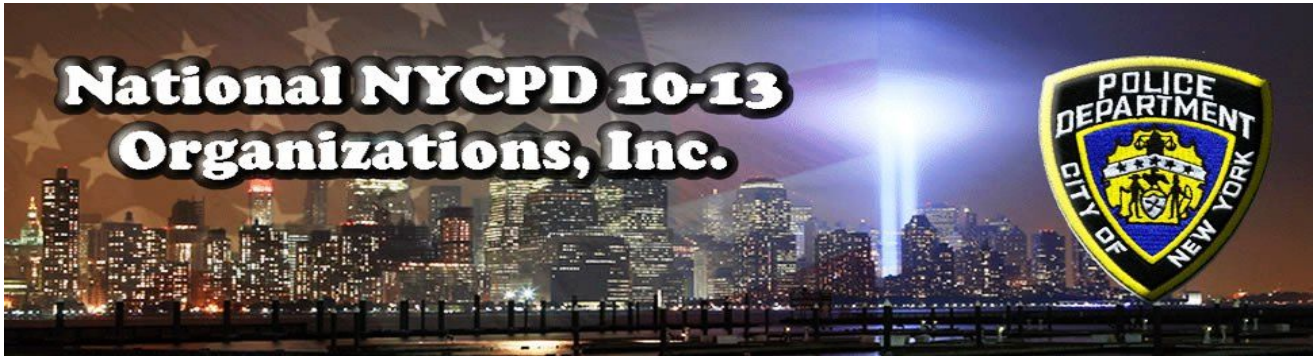
_____, I HAVE NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME.
RETIREMENT DATE

SIGNATURE

DATE

NEW ID # ISSUED: _____ ID RECEIVED BY: _____

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NATIONAL NYCPD 10-13 ORGANIZATIONS, INC. College Scholarship Application 2020 - 2021

Sponsor's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

National 10-13 Chapter: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

Relationship to Sponsor: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

Applicant's High School: _____

College Attending: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

**Mail completed application and College Letter of Acceptance to Committee Chairman, Richard Molloy,
52 Champ Avenue, Pearl River, New York 10965.**

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RETIRED SERGEANTS ASSOCIATION



Dear RSA member.

I have been receiving many questions regarding when to file the Medicare Part B **Differential Reimbursement** request form as well as the **IRMMA** application form. Currently Office of Labor Relations (OLR) is not fully operational. The offices are closed and staff members are temporarily working remotely. All staff and Employee Benefit Programs can be reached via Email the Commissioner. They do not expect to be fully operational till mid Fall. They are using a third-party clearing house whom we are not comfortable with. I strongly recommend that members hold off submitting the forms. The RSA is closely monitoring the issue. We will notify you as soon as OLR is open and accepting forms.

If you have questions about Medicare Part B Reimbursement please visit Health Benefits Program or email: healthbenefits@olr.nyc.gov or to contact OLR please visit <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/olr/index.page>

Patsy Noto
Retired Sergeants Association



50 YEAR POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATION REUNION

Can you believe it has been 50 years? We are looking to see if there is any interest in a reunion of our graduating class. The Companies were: 70-6, 70-7, 70-E, 70-F, 70-G, 70-H, 70-I, 70-J, 70-K and 70-L

Our graduation date was September 28, 1970. We are looking at September 26, 2020 for the reunion. The location we are looking at is in Brooklyn.

Contact: Tony Merone – tmer1042@aol.com (732- 319-6819) | Mike Gorton – mgorton@msn.com (718-386-8017)

HEALTH INSURANCE OUTSIDE OF NEW YORK

For those non-Medicare retirees living outside the NYC area, finding GHI network doctors has been very difficult. Many of our retired sergeants now live in Florida. For them and others the options are few. The plans the city offers for out of town retired members are somewhat pricy.

Thanks to our Treasurer Maria Valdes, who brings us the information, we can suggest a way to locate GHI participating doctors in Florida and other out of town locations. There is a private Facebook page called: **NYPD RETIREE EMBLEM/GHI EMBLEM/GHI DOCTOR INFORMATION**. This social media group was created to allow an exchange of doctors participating in Emblem/GHI outside of the NYC area for NYPD retirees and their families. Posts are limited to medical/doctor information. A member interested must make a request to be accepted by the group administrator. Applicants will be vetted for acceptance. Once accepted, a retired MOS will be able to ask for recommendations of doctors in the specialty and geographical areas for which they are seeking. Other group members will post responses. Currently, most posts are related to Florida retirees. There are also other states requesting information. We hope this information will be beneficial to our members.

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CEA Membership Meeting

Details

Date: September 2

Time: 10:00 am

[General Membership Meeting](#)

Venue: Antun's

96-43 Springfield Blvd.

Queens Village, NY 11429 United States



9/11 Tribute Museum

<http://nypdcea.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/911-tribute-museum.pdf>

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Dear CEA member:

The below article states that the information was obtained by the CCRB. This article contains a searchable link which contains CCRB FADO records of NYPD Members of the Service of all ranks.

<https://www.propublica.org/article/nypd-civilian-complaint-review-board-editors-note>

In releasing these records the CCRB has chosen to violate the Court's order in the case of UFOA v DiBlasio et.al (we are named as plaintiffs in the suit).

In that case, on July 22 2020, the Court (Judge Katherine Polk Failla) granted petitioners (the unions) a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) from the release of certain personnel records including but not limited to, information relating to unsubstantiated CCRB allegations against our members.

We believe that the information contained in this article is in direct violation of the Court's Order and TRO and her position is that no information should have been released by the CCRB pending the preliminary injunction hearing scheduled for August 18, 2020 before US District Court Judge Katherine Polk Failla.

We will not stand idly!

Rest assured that the CEA together with our brother and sister unions will do everything in our power to call out the CCRB on its contemptuous and unlawful actions to the fullest extent of the law and to see to it that Court's orders are adhered to.

We will continue to work in solidarity with the other unions to fight for our members and I will keep the membership informed of all developments relating to this latest attempt to smear us as professionals-

Stay Safe and Strong

Chris

7/23/20

A message from a commander to his police officers and detectives after he was berated publicly at a recent COMPSTAT meeting for telling the truth. **GOOD JOB BRIAN!**

Stay Safe and Strong

CHRIS

To ALL members of Manhattan North Detectives,

It is both an honor and a privilege to work with the greatest investigators in the world!!! I can't thank you enough for the dedication, sacrifice, and bravery you give each day protecting the residents of Manhattan North. I am in awe of the great work you do...putting yourself at risk when taking doors during search warrants, case takedowns, looking for wanted perpetrators, and most of all, working to keep this great city safe during the toughest times ever in policing. Yesterday your resolve was questioned and somehow it made it to the media...Nobody can match your resolve, remember that. Whenever you meet a bully, stand up to them, look them in the eye, tell them that you will never be intimidated. I highly recommend the book "Make Your Bed." It's a great book written by a retired Admiral and Navy Seal. It's an easy and quick read and has a chapter dedicated how to face bullies. It may give you ways to deal with the present climate of hatred towards police officers.

It is our job to keep the residents of our great city safe by putting the small amount of people responsible for the violence in jail. You do the task well...I would use the analogy of Dr. Fauci in describing each and every one of you. The world looks to Dr. Fauci as the face of reason during this COVID pandemic. The nation and world looks to him as the savior, who will come up with the critical solutions. That is you!!! Each and every one of you...that is how I see you. The people of Manhattan North deserve the best we have. I know you see the 99% of good people that reside in Manhattan North. We will continue to protect them...the children, the elderly, we will make it better for them.

Police Work is God's Work...our great Department has lost too many brave women and men in the line of duty. Your great work is dangerous but you do it humbly for the fallen brothers and sisters honor. I am so proud to STAND with all of you.

God Bless you all.

Brian McGee

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The World Trade Center Health Program Is Still Accepting Appointments & Registration

The Mt. Sinai Health Care System is still open and actively assisting members with appointments and registration for the **World Trade Center Health Program** during this COVID-19 pandemic.

If you have any questions or need assistance with your 9/11 health issues, please feel free to call, text, or email Police Officer Steven Wallace, a retired NYPD PBA Delegate, a 9/11 first responder, and the WTC Health Program Outreach and Education Coordinator. He will be able to assist you in filling out your paperwork.

P.O. Wallace can be reached at **646-584-7797**.

Or email him at steven.wallace@mssm.edu

Visit their Facebook page at --

<https://www.facebook.com/WTCHealthProgram/posts/515608802445616>

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Due to the Corona Virus the staff of the SOC Health and Welfare are working remotely. All phone calls to the SOC are being forwarded to a single dedicated cell phone. Therefore, we ask that you only call the SOC with matters that need immediate attention. The preferable and best way for our members to contact the SOC staff is via e-mail. Please e-mail the following SOC staff directly based on the topic of your inquiry:

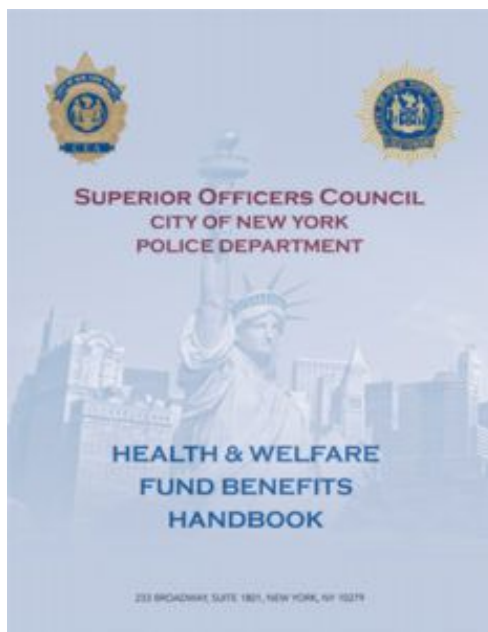
Prescription Matters: Jennara Cobb E-Mail - JCobb@nypd-lba.org or MaryAnn Pelligrini E-Mail - MaryAnn@NYPDSOC.com

Optical and Dental Matters: Elaine Pieszchata E-Mail - Elaine@NYPDSOC.com

Annuity Matters: Mayra Restrepo E-Mail - Mayra@NYPDSOC.com

The staff of the SOC Health and Welfare are available to assist our members. Please e-mail the respective member directly with your questions or issues and they will get back to you.

Members with urgent matters that need immediate attention may still call the SOC at 212-964-7500 (Option# 1). Thank you for your cooperation during these uniquely difficult times. Stay safe, stay healthy, wash your hands often and practice social distancing.



The Trustees of the Superior Officers Council Health and Welfare Fund are pleased to present you with this updated benefit handbook. Over the last few years, substantial changes have taken place to our Health and Welfare Fund. We hope this handbook will assist you and your family navigate through the benefits available to you. We urge you to read this handbook carefully so you will become familiar with not only your benefits, but also your rights and obligations related to the Fund.

Read More: <http://nypdcea.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/2011-soc-benefit-book.pdf>

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VISIT THE DAVIS VISION WEBSITE >>

Eye care Benefits

Effective September 2007, all active members will be able to contact Davis Vision directly to determine eligibility for glasses and make appointments. It will no longer be necessary for members to call the Superior Officers Council.

Members can contact Davis Vision direct by phone at **(877) 92DAVIS ((877) 923-2847)**. Enter Client Control Number **2942** for appointments, eligibility, benefit and provider information. Members can also go directly to their website and use **Client Control Number 2942**. <https://www.davisvision.com/default.aspx>

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NOTICE OF CREDIBLE COVERAGE
Important Notice from the
Superior Officers Council Retiree Health and Welfare Fund
About Your Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare
For Medicare-Eligible Retirees and Dependents

Please read this notice carefully and keep it where you can find it. This notice has information about your current prescription drug coverage with the *Superior Officers Council Retiree Health and Welfare Fund* and about your options under Medicare's prescription drug coverage. This information can help you decide whether or not you want to join a Medicare drug plan. If you are considering joining, you should compare your current coverage, including which drugs are covered at what cost, with the coverage and costs of the plans offering Medicare prescription drug coverage in your area. Information about where you can get help to make decisions about your prescription drug coverage is at the end of this notice.

There are two important things you need to know about your current coverage and Medicare's prescription drug coverage:

1. Medicare prescription drug coverage became available in 2006 to everyone with Medicare. You can get this coverage if you join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or join a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO) that offers prescription drug coverage. All Medicare drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans may also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.
2. The *Superior Officers Council Retiree Health and Welfare Fund* has determined the prescription drug coverage offered by the Fund is, on average for all plan participants, expected to pay out as much as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage pays and is therefore considered Creditable Coverage. Because your existing coverage is Creditable Coverage, you can keep this coverage and not pay a higher premium (a penalty) if you later decide to join a Medicare drug plan.

When Can You Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

You can join a Medicare drug plan when you first become eligible for Medicare and each year from October 15th through Dec. 31st. However, if you lose your current creditable prescription drug coverage, through no fault of your own, you will also be eligible for a two (2) month Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to join a Medicare drug plan.

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What Happens To Your Current Coverage If You Decide to Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan, your current *Superior Officers Council Health and Welfare Fund* coverage will be affected. If you are Medicare-eligible, you can choose one of the following options:

1. **You can keep your current prescription drug coverage with the *Superior Officers Council Retiree Health and Welfare Fund* and you do not have to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan.**
 - If you choose to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan, Medicare's annual enrollment period is (October 15th - Dec. 31st of each year). You will also be eligible for a two (2) month Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to join a Medicare Drug Plan.
2. **You can enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan, but you will lose the prescription drug coverage provided by the fund.**
 - If you lose your Medicare prescription drug plan, you may only re-enroll in the Fund's prescription coverage in accordance with the Plan's enrollment rules.
 - Be aware, if you drop your prescription drug coverage with the Fund, you will lose prescription drug coverage for yourself, spouse, and other dependents.
 - If you lose your prescription drug benefits with the Fund, you will keep the other benefits offered by the Fund.

When Will You Pay A Higher Premium (Penalty) To Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

You should also know that if you drop or lose your current coverage with *Superior Officers Council Retiree Health and Welfare Fund* and don't join a Medicare drug plan within 6 continuous days after your current coverage ends, you may pay a higher premium (a penalty) to join a Medicare drug plan later.

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Due to some confusion in relation to a letter recently sent to our members pertaining to whom is eligible to receive \$0 co-pay for low dose statin prescriptions please read the following:

COVERAGE OF LOW-DOSAGE STATINS (CHOLESTEROL LOWERING MEDICATIONS) CHANGED FOR NON-MEDICARE GHI CBP MEMBERS TO COMPLY WITH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT:

The Superior Officers Council has been notified that effective July 1, 2018 **Low-Dose Generic Statins** will be provided for a **\$0 co-pay** by Non-Medicare GHI CBP members' health-care plans instead of the Superior Officers Council prescription drug benefit administered by OptumRx. This change meets a requirement of the Affordable Health Care Act. Under the ACA, the low-dose statins listed below are free. Beginning July 1, 2018, **Non-Medicare GHI CBP SO** members between the ages of **40 up to and including 64 years** of age need to present their **Emblem Health/GHI health insurance card** when filling Statin prescriptions at their pharmacy. (For example, on the front of the Emblem Health/GHI card, Members will find a BIN#, PCN# and Group# that the pharmacist must utilize to fill the Statins.)

Members receiving their Statin medications through the OptumRx Mail Order Pharmacy can call an OptumRx Advocate at 1-800-788-4863 to have their prescription on file transferred to a local pharmacy.

Members **enrolled in Medicare** or outside of the ages of **40 up to and including 64 years** of age group will continue to be covered by the Superior Officers Council prescription drug benefit administered by OptumRx.

This is the listing of **low-dose statins** covered under the Affordable Care Act:

ATORVASTATIN 20 MG TABLET	PRAVASTATIN SODIUM 10 MG TAB
ATORVASTATIN 10 MG TABLET	PRAVASTATIN SODIUM 40 MG TAB
FLUVASTATIN ER 80 MG TABLET	PRAVASTATIN SODIUM 80 MG TAB
FLUVASTATIN SODIUM 20 MG CAP	ROSUVASTATIN CALCIUM 10 MG TAB
FLUVASTATIN SODIUM 40 MG CAP	ROSUVASTATIN CALCIUM 5 MG TAB
LOVASTATIN 40 MG TABLET	SIMVASTATIN 10 MG TABLET
LOVASTATIN 20 MG TABLET	SIMVASTATIN 40 MG TABLET
LOVASTATIN 10 MG TABLET	SIMVASTATIN 5 MG TABLET
PRAVASTATIN SODIUM 20 MG TAB	SIMVASTATIN 20 MG TABLET

Any questions on this prescription drug plan can be directed to the Superior Officers Council at (212) 964-7500, or by E-Mail to maryann@nypdsoc.com.

24/7 Telemedicine Program with Teladoc

(For Those Covered Under the EmblemHealth GHI-CBP Plan)

With Teladoc, you can talk with a doctor within minutes rather than days or hours. Teladoc doctors can diagnose, treat and prescribe medication (when medically necessary) for non-emergency medications. This includes treatments for the flu, sore throat, allergies, stomach aches, eye infections, bronchitis, and much more. The copay is \$10 per consultation. To set up your account now so you can talk with one of Teladoc's board-certified doctors anytime when you don't feel well, call 1-800-Teladoc (1-800-835-2362) or visit Teladoc.com/emblemhealth

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RETIRED MEMBER OPTICAL BENEFIT

The current optical benefit for retirees offers **both** a voucher system and an enhanced option with Davis Vision (details regarding the Davis Vision coverage are provided below). Optical exams and glasses are provided through a network of various vendors.

BENEFIT OVERVIEW

Your optical voucher may be used at any of the participating providers listed. Co-payments and available products vary with participating providers.

ELIGIBILITY

Retired members and spouses are entitled to an optical benefit every two years by calendar year (benefit is available each change of the second year; a full two years is **not** required to pass between benefit distributions) and **eligible dependents are entitled to an annual optical benefit** by calendar year.

HOW TO CLAIM BENEFIT

To claim the optical benefit, call the SOC Health and Welfare Fund Office at 212.964.7500 to request an optical voucher. A separate voucher is issued for each family member for whom a voucher is requested. The voucher(s) will be mailed to the member along with a listing of participating providers.

If there are no participating providers in your area you may have services provided by an optometrist of your choice and submit the optical voucher along with the paid itemized bill for reimbursement. Reimbursement for the retiree optical benefit is a combined benefit for an examination and glasses. The total cash value of the optical voucher is \$40.

Vouchers are valid for six (6) weeks. If a voucher **expires unused**, the member may mail back the original and indicate that he/she wishes the voucher to be reissued. If the **voucher is lost**, a request for a new voucher must be received **in writing** either by mail or by fax: 212-406-3105.

NEW "DAVIS VISION" OPTICAL COVERAGE FOR RETIREES

The Superior Officers Council Retiree Health Benefits Fund is pleased to announce an enhancement to our vision care benefits effective January 1, 2011. In an effort to provide our retirees with the greatest possible value while significantly enhancing our vision care benefit, the trustees have elected to add Davis Vision as one of our vision care providers.

Vision benefits provided by Davis Vision will be provided as an in-network only benefit whereby an eye examination, frames/lenses or contacts lenses can be obtained at any of the available participating providers. If you choose to use Davis Vision for your optical benefit, you will not be required to obtain a vision voucher from the SOC Benefits office and can access your benefit directly from your provider of choice. You simply present the enclosed ID card and your electronic eligibility will appear on your provider's screen. It's that simple.

As part of the SOC Retiree Health Benefit Fund's commitment toward protecting confidentiality of your information, Davis Vision will no longer be using your social security number for identification. Instead they will be utilizing your Tax ID number for identification to access their optical benefit for you and your dependents. So, when scheduling appointments with a Davis Vision provider, please use your Tax ID number for enrollment verification to obtain vision care benefits.

Described below is a summary of Davis Vision's vendor benefits effective January 1, 2011 and enclosed are descriptive brochures as well as provider listings.

DAVIS VISION

The Davis Vision program being introduced to retirees effective January 1st closely mirrors the current active member program (basic copayments are applicable), and will feature an in-network benefit that offers the opportunity to obtain services for an eye examination with dilation, as professionally indicated, as well as obtain eyeglasses or contact lenses at fixed co-payments.

You now have the opportunity to select any frame from Davis Vision's exclusive "Collection". Independent providers have the exclusive "Collection" on display with over 200 frames to choose from in multiple sizes and colors. The "Collection" features three levels of frames: Fashion, Designer and Premier, with retail values of up to \$225. Approximately eight out of ten members take advantage of the tremendous savings by selecting a Davis Vision "Collection" frame.

In addition, spectacle lenses are offered in glass or plastic, and in any range of prescription (single vision, bifocal, and trifocal) at a basic co-payment. All of the most popular lens options (Progressive Lenses, Scratch Protection, Anti-Reflective Coating, High-Index Ultra- Thin Lenses and many others) that typically result in large out-of-pocket expenses have been included in the program at fixed significantly discounted prices. You can find a provider who carries the exclusive collection by visiting www.davisvision.com or by telephoning 1-888-234-5248.

Lastly, the SOC's new retiree vision benefit with Davis Vision was enhanced in comparison to the current \$40 eye examination/eye glass benefit, effective January 1st. The comprehensive nature of the new vision benefit, as well as provider locations in all 50 states, no longer requires reimbursement under the Davis Vision Plan. As always, you may contact the SOC Health Benefits Office if you have any questions at 212-964-7500. We are proud to offer you this significant enhancement and provide our retirees with the benefits they deserve.

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If you go 63 continuous days or longer without creditable prescription drug coverage, your monthly premium may go up by at least 1% of the Medicare base beneficiary premium per month for every month that you did not have that coverage. For example, if you go nineteen months without creditable coverage, your premium may consistently be at least 19% higher than the Medicare base beneficiary premium. You may have to pay this higher premium (a penalty) as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. In addition, you may have to wait until the following November to join.

For More Information About This Notice Or Your Current Prescription Drug Coverage....

Contact our office at (212) 964-7500. **NOTE:** You'll get this notice each year. You will also get it before the next period you can join a Medicare drug plan, and if the coverage through the *Superior Officers Council Retiree Health and Welfare Fund* changes. You may also request a copy of this notice at anytime.

For More Information About Your Options Under Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage...

More detailed information about Medicare plans that offer prescription drug coverage is in the "Medicare & You" handbook. You'll get a copy of the handbook in the mail every year from Medicare. You may also be contacted directly by Medicare drug plans.

For more information about Medicare prescription drug coverage: Visit www.medicare.gov

- Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (inside back cover of your copy of the "Medicare & You" handbook) for personalized help.
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users (1-877-486-2048).

If you have limited income and resources, extra help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage is available. For information, visit Social Security on the web at www.socialsecurity.gov, or call them at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY1-800-325-0778).

Remember: Keep this Creditable Coverage notice. If you decide to join one of the Medicare drug plans, you may be required to provide a copy of this notice when you join to show whether or not you have maintained creditable coverage and, therefore, whether or not you are required to pay a higher premium (a penalty).

SOC DEATH BENEFIT

In Dec. 2009, the Trustees of the Superior Officers Council (SOC) discontinued the \$5,000 Death Benefit for all new retirees effective January 1, 2010. The SOC Health and Welfare Fund now provides the Surviving Spouse/Dependent(s) SOC Health and Welfare Fund Benefit (COBRA) to retirees. This benefit is provided to the deceased retired member's qualified dependents (defined below) and includes prescription (prescription coverage is not offered to Surviving Spouse/Dependent(s) of members who were enrolled in HIP), optical and dental coverage. This coverage does not pertain to Major Medical Coverage, i.e. GHI, HIP, etc. The coverage is provided for three years at no cost to the surviving spouse/dependent(s); the surviving spouse will need to annually purchase the "Optional Prescription Drug Rider" for dependent children, if applicable. At the conclusion of the three years no-cost coverage, you should contact the SOC Health and Welfare Fund if you wish to continue benefits indefinitely for a premium. If you retired between January 1, 1971 and Dec. 31, 2009, you were offered the choice to convert the \$5,000 Death Benefit during a One-Time Enrollment Period to a new benefit, the Surviving Spouse/Dependent(s) SOC Health and Welfare Fund Benefit. If you opted to retain the \$5,000 SOC Death Benefit, your named beneficiary(s) is entitled to this amount.

SURVIVOR'S HEALTH BENEFITS

The survivor's and eligible dependent's health benefits, both major medical and benefits provided by the Superior Officers Council, cease with the passing of the member. However, the survivor (spouse/domestic partner) may apply for "COBRA for Life" Coverage through the City of New York. If you are the spouse/ domestic partner of a member who has passed away, you have the right to continue coverage under any of the available NYC health benefits plans. Furthermore, effective November 13, 2001, New York State law provides that surviving spouses of retired uniformed members of the New York City Police and Fire departments can continue their health benefits coverage for life. Such coverage will be at a premium of 102% of the group rate and must be elected within one year of the date of the death of the member. Contact the NYC Retiree Health Benefits Section, in writing, to obtain an application; NYC Retiree Health Benefits Section, Attn: COBRA for Life, 40 Rector Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10006. You must notify the NYC Retiree Health Benefits Section if you are planning to move in the near future or if you are in fact moving so that they send the application to your proper address. **NOTE:** The surviving spouse/domestic partner of retirees who had received an Accident Disability Pension should be cognizant of the fact that if the cause of the retiree's death is directly attributable to the condition for which they received the Accident Disability (i.e. retired on the Heart Bill and died from a heart attack), their surviving spouse/domestic partner may be eligible to continue receiving the deceased member's Major Medical and SOC benefits at no cost.

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July 10, 2020

Dear Lieutenant,

Our state and local legislators have passed numerous laws to impede Law Enforcement and enhance criminality. Some of these laws are:

Bail Reform; a more appropriate term would be "Bail Elimination", [click here](#) for a breakdown of all the crimes that no longer give judges the discretion to hold criminals on bail, but now must immediately release criminals back into society to potentially prey on additional innocent victims.

New State Law, amends the penal law by adding a new section, 121.13-A: **Aggravated Strangulation.** A person is guilty of aggravated strangulation when, **being a police officer** as defined in subdivision thirty-four of section 1.20 of the Criminal procedure law or a peace officer as defined in section 2.10 of The criminal procedure law, he or she commits the crime of criminal Obstruction of breathing or blood circulation, as defined in section 121.11 of this article, or uses a chokehold or similar restraint, as Described in paragraph b of subdivision one of section eight hundred Thirty-seven-t of the executive law, and thereby causes serious physical Injury or death to another person. **Aggravated Strangulation is a class C felony.**

New City Council Bill (passed by veto proof vote of City Council and awaiting Mayor's signature) makes it a B misdemeanor for a **police officer** to restrain someone in a manner that restricts airflow or blood circulation by compressing the windpipe or carotid arteries. It further **criminalizes as misdemeanors the acts of sitting, kneeling, or standing on the chest or back of a subject in a manner that compresses the diaphragm.** These acts are defined by the new law as **criminal acts, even if an act was unintentional and no injury was sustained by the subject.**

Providing Medical and Mental Health Attention to Individuals in Custody (S.6601-A/A.8226):This new **State law** requires police officers, peace officers and other law enforcement representatives and entities to provide medical and mental health attention to any individual in custody. **Police can be liable for damages for anyone who does not receive medical attention and suffers a serious physical injury or has their injury exacerbated by the lack of care.**

Civil Rights Law 50-a: New **State law;** Civil Rights Law 50-a **has been repealed.** This law prevented all personnel records, including discipline records, from being shared with the public. Personnel records, including disciplinary records, must now be provided upon request through the FOIL process. The new law requires the release of substantiated, unsubstantiated, unfounded and exonerated allegations. The Department will redact some personal information for officers.

Right to Record (State and City Version) : This law requires that officers allow people to record UMOS in public as long as they do not interfere with the UMOS. **The City law creates a cause of action against the officer, the Department, and the City with punitive damages and mandatory attorneys' fees, if a UMOS interferes with a person recording or takes their equipment without cause.**

Shield and Rank Designation: A new **City law** requires UMOS to display either their shield number **or** rank designation when in uniform. If an officer covers both, and a person asks the officer to uncover the shield or rank designation, and the UMOS refuses, **the person may sue the officer, the Department, and the City. If they win, the court must award mandatory attorneys' fees and punitive damages.**

Medical Care for Arrestees: A new **State law** creates a duty for UMOS to provide **or** obtain medical care for physical or mental health issues for individuals who are under arrest or in our custody. If officers don't provide or obtain care that is reasonable under the circumstances, and the person suffers serious physical injury or their condition is significantly exacerbated, the individual may sue the officer, the Department, and the City.

Law Enforcement Misconduct Investigation Office

A new **State law** establishes a statewide office within the Attorney General's office that can review procedures and policies of any police department in New York State and make recommendations related to the operations and policies of law enforcement agencies. It may also investigate complaints concerning allegations of fraud, use of excessive force, criminal activity, conflicts of interest or abuse and determine if disciplinary action, civil action, or criminal prosecution is warranted.

Some state legislators do not believe they have sufficiently hampered the ability of police officers to effectively perform their sworn duties and prevent citizens from being victimized by opportunistic criminals. They continue to propose legislation specifically targeted at criminalizing the police and providing more freedoms and protections to criminals.

These are the names and pieces of legislation recently introduced in Albany to further weaken police officers and empower the criminal:

On June 16th, State Senator **Luis Sepulveda** (D-The Bronx) and Assemblywoman **Diana Richardson** (D-Brooklyn) introduced legislation (S8583) that would **bar members of law enforcement from receiving retirement benefits for any officer terminated who was dismissed for malfeasance or serious misconduct or resigned or retired during an investigation relating to such malfeasance or serious misconduct.**

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On June 5th, State Assemblyman **Robert Carroll** (D-Park Slope) introduced legislation (A10602), co-sponsored by **Al Taylor** (D-Upper Manhattan/Wash. Hgts.), **Walter Mosely** (D-Bed Stuy/Crown Heights), and **Rebecca Seawright** (D-Upper East Side), which will require the **termination of any police officer** or peace officer who uses physical force which is not justifiable or which is not part of procedure **regardless of if harm is done [to] any person or if any complaint is filed against the police officer or peace officer.**

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On July 6th, State Senator **Alessandra Biaggi** (D/WF-Upper Bronx) introduced Senate Bill S8676, co-sponsored by Senators **Robert Jackson** (D/WF-Upper West Side Manhattan), **Jessica Ramos** (D/WF-Jackson Heights), and **Gustavo Rivera** (D/WF- Fordham/Tremont Bronx) which relates to requiring police officers to maintain liability insurance. In summary the bill states that it, "amends the General Municipal Law by adding a new section 52-a to **require all police officers obtain liability insurance and maintain coverage during the course of their employment as a police officer.** Their employer must cover the base rate of the policy.

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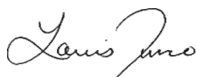
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If any of these individuals are your local representatives, perhaps you want to give them a call or shoot them an e-mail and voice your opinion on these pieces of legislation.

Fraternally,

Lou Turco



President

If you are on Medicare this information is for you.

In response to the questions many members have about submitting Medicare differential forms and other forms to the NY City Office of Labor Relations Health Benefits Section we have verified that their office has not opened through Today July 19, 2020. The following is from their site contact information at: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/olr/about/about-contact-olr.page>

The email address to submit your Medicare reimbursement form is: NYCRETIREESHBP@EMBLEMHEALTH.COM

Members who have submitted via this email are receiving confirmation emails from OLR

They are still not accepting forms via mail

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CCW Safe is a legal service membership plan that was designed for CCW permit/license holders, active and retired military and law enforcement officers, and gun owners. As explained by retired Oklahoma City PD Lieutenant Stan Campbell (Co-founder and COO of CCW Safe), CCW Safe is not an insurance plan, they are a legal defense service plan. CCW Safe takes on the burden of the expenses associated with defending a self-defense/use of force critical incident. These expenses can include attorneys' fees, investigators, experts, and other associated costs, such as depositions, document fees, trial exhibits, and more. CCW Safe does not have the conflicts of an insurance product because the company is designed to indemnify the cost of the incident and not the outcome of a trial. It is not a reimbursement package and no money is required to be paid back to the company regardless of the outcome. You are covered in all states that honor your permit, and in all 50 states (exceptions apply in New Jersey) where you can legally possess firearms. CCW Safe members will not have any out of pocket expenses associated with defending a self defense incident, nor will they be limited by a policy cap on defense costs. CCW Safe created three specific plans for LBA members. Those plans are:

- NYLBA PROTECTOR BASIC = \$134 ANNUALLY
- NYLBA PROTECTOR PLUS = \$359 ANNUALLY
- ULTIMATE PLAN = \$499 ANNUALLY

The three plans offer different levels of coverage for the CCW Safe member. Please visit the following link to view the details of each plan and/or to enroll in the plan if you wish to:

The NYLBA Protector Plus Plan offers the following coverages:

- 24-hour emergency hotline patched through to attorney
- Critical Response Team on site for all deadly force
- Appeals/Mistrials/Retrials
- \$500,000 bail coverage
- Vetting of hired Attorneys by National Trial Counsel
- No caps on Attorney Retainer/fees
- No caps on Investigators costs/fees
- No caps on Expert Witnesses expenses
- All trial fees and cost mentioned above covered up front
- Firearm Replacement during trial
- Spouse and children under 18 covered for home invasions only
- Up to \$250 a day work loss while in criminal or civil trial
- Up to 10 sessions (\$150/session) for a licensed counselor
- \$3k crime scene clean-up (home)
- Criminal Record expungements
- Dedicated \$1MM Civil Liability coverage.

RESTRICTIONS - THE PLANS WILL NOT COVER THE FOLLOWING:

- Force used against other family members
- Force used against GUESTS who are in your house with permission or invite
- Any force that is not in self-defense
- DOES NOT cover ON-DUTY or Security related assignments/jobs
- Accidental Shootings
- Children 18 or older
- Use of force *following intentional criminal act (Robbery, Burglary, etc.)*

You can visit the following link to get additional answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's): <https://ccwsafe.com/faq>.

Phone (405) 724-8501
Email support@ccwsafe.com

CCW Website Page for LBA <https://ccwsafe.com/page/nylba>

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Dear Fellow Sergeant,

Several of our members have either called or sent an email asking for direction as to what they should do, what should they tell the officers in their squads, how should they handle 911 assignments, or what to do when apprehending people wanted for crimes. What a sad situation New York City is now in.

During my 38-year career with the NYPD, I have never experienced such dangerous and challenging times. We know what to expect from criminals, including armed adversaries, so the dangers that come from them pale in comparison to even greater perils.

The truth is our elected officials have surrendered the city and state to the dissenters, apologists, and violent anarchists who are wreaking havoc on cities throughout the country. Their vilification and debasement of the police is enabled by a media that refuses to tell the whole story and has resulted in once great cities being cannibalized by its own purported leaders.

How can you police a city when your own Generals are working for the other side against you?

We are entering a realm of which there might not be any return. I have been sounding this alarm ever since Mayor de Blasio rode into office by smearing the efforts of the police and establishing an agenda that has emboldened criminals like no time in previous history.

Things came to a crescendo earlier in the year when elected officials had the audacity to enact bail reform laws, which created a revolving door of justice that created armies of repeat offenders.

An NYPD officer was just arrested for utilizing an illegal chokehold on a man who violently resisted arrest and threw a garbage can at several officers. A day later the department announced that officers can no longer "sit, kneel or stand" on a subject's torso, even if engaged in a violent struggle.

Ironically, the NYPD issued this memo but NEVER offered any training or provided new tactics for you to use. We are long past video tape training and the NYPD must bring every member back into the police academy to be retrained by actual instructors.

So, to answer the question – **"What should you do? What should you tell your cops?"**

Tell them the following:

Ed Mullins said – "Do your job! However, DO NOT jeopardize your careers, your reputations, your personal finances, protect your pensions, protect your families, and most of all always protect YOUR LIFE AND FREEDOM.

You MUST follow the Patrol Guide to the letter, NO MORE SHORT CUTS. If an assignment requires the assistance of the Emergency Services Unit, call them, stand down and wait.

DO NOT engage. Members assigned to ESU should do everything possible to REFRAIN FROM USING THE EDP Bag pending additional training from the department. If an assignment requires the response of a Platoon Commander, Duty Captain, or Duty Chief contain the scene and cease all actions until they arrive.

YOU have been ABANDONED by the elected officials of this city, state, and police department. We DO NOT want to abandon the people of this city, the majority of whom support you.

However, YOU CANNOT perform your job outside the parameters of following the Patrol Guide or any written directive that is signed by a ranking member of the NYPD."

The members of the NYPD have never been more alone or expected to perform clean-up duties which only masks the failures of other agencies. Be assured the SBA Board will always support you, protect your families, and provide you with the same due process as you are entitled to. However, YOU MUST now do things differently to protect YOU.

Policing in this city has changed beyond reasonable and our elected leaders have emboldened the criminals to challenge you, to defame you, and to file lawsuits for an easy payday. **YOU MUST follow the above directives Your freedom depends on it.**

Continue to remain vigilant and protect yourself and those you supervise at all times.

God Bless You AND Stay Safe.

Together as One,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'Ed Mullins'.

Ed Mullins
President
Sergeants Benevolent Association

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Dear Fellow Sergeant,

In response to Gov. Cuomo and Mayor de Blasio's demands that an investigation into the actions of police officers during the recent civil unrest be immediately commenced, I sent a letter today to New York State Attorney General Letitia James. In order to ensure a fair and balanced investigation, I asked her to also include an inquiry into the Department's preparedness for the crisis.

I provided Attorney General James with clear investigatory direction, such as whether the Department implemented a tactical response plan – and its coherency, consistency, and effectiveness. It is my belief that the Mayor's office interfered greatly with the strategies, leaving police officers on the front lines with no plan, which resulted in compromised enforcement and avoidable social chaos.

Please click the following link to read the full letter: <http://private.sbanypd.nyc/content/ag-letitia-james.pdf>.

Please remain vigilant and find some comfort in knowing the SBA will always have your back.

Fraternally

Ed Mullins
President
Sergeants Benevolent Association

NYPD Cops are truly heroes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uBxwp_WA_MU&feature=youtu.be

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Tuesday, July 14, 2020

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**NYC SERGEANTS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OFFERS \$5,000 REWARD
FOR THE ARREST OF THE KILLERS OF 1-YEAR-OLD DAVELL GARDNER, JR;
ASKS PUBLIC TO CONTRIBUTE TO REWARD FUND**

New York – Ed Mullins, the President of the NYC Sergeants Benevolent Association (SBA), whose 13,000 members make it the fifth largest police union in the country, announced that the organization is offering a \$5,000 reward for the apprehension and indictment of the killers of one-year-old Davell Gardner, Jr. The reward will be generated from the SBA Cares Fund, which is collected through private donations and fundraising activities. Mr. Mullins invites concerned citizens from the private sector to also contribute to this most worthy cause before other people are killed by these people.

Young Davell was shot in the stomach as he sat in a stroller at a barbeque on the evening of July 12.

"The arrogance, stupidity, lunacy, and impotence of our elected officials has resulted in our living and working in a lawless city," said Mullins. "The murder of Davell Gardner, Jr. exemplifies just how dangerous the streets have become. Nobody is safe, and with no political leadership whatsoever, things are only going to get worse.

"The killers of Davell Gardner, Jr. need to be arrested and prosecuted quickly to show we have not completely surrendered to the criminal element. The police, and the law-abiding public, should not stand idle as our elected officials plummet our once great city further and further into anarchy. I ask all citizens who can afford to donate to this reward fund, to please do so."

Donations can be sent to SBA Cares, 35 Worth Street, New York, NY 10013. All monies collected will be added directly to the reward fund.

Tips can be made to the NYPD Crime Stoppers Hotline at [1-800-577-TIPS](tel:1800577TIPS).

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THE WORLD TRADE CENTER HEALTH PROGRAM IS STILL ACCEPTING APPOINTMENTS & REGISTRATION

The Mt. Sinai Health Care System is still open and actively assisting members with appointments and registration for the **World Trade Center Health Program** during this COVID-19 pandemic.

If you have any questions or need assistance with your 9/11 health issues, please feel free to call, text or email Police Officer Steven Wallace, a retired NYPD Delegate, a 9/11 first responder, and the WTC Health Program Outreach and Education Coordinator. He will be able to assist you in filling out your paperwork.

P.O. Wallace can be reached at (646) 584-7797

Or email him at steven.wallace@mssm.edu

Visit their Facebook page at --

<https://www.facebook.com/WTCHealthProgram/posts/515608802445616>

Click on Learn More to connect to the CDC WTC information pages.

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Dear Fellow Sergeant,

An Important Operations Order was issued today in which the Department recommends that all 9/11 exposed MOS undergo a medical evaluation at one of the World Trade Center Health Program Clinical Centers of Excellence locations within the metropolitan area. The initial and annual evaluation and monitoring visit will be on Department time. Please see the below Operations Order for details about eligibility, how to use Department time for this and other important information.

As always, if you have any questions, please call the SBA Office at any time.



OPERATIONS ORDER

SUBJECT: MEDICAL EVALUATION FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE SERVICE WHO BELIEVE THEY MAY HAVE SYMPTOMS OR HEALTH CONCERNS RELATED TO 9/11	
DATE ISSUED:	NUMBER:
09-20-19	40

1. The Department and the City recommend that all 9/11 exposed members of the service undergo a medical evaluation at one of the World Trade Center Health Program - Clinical Centers of Excellence locations within the metropolitan area. All uniformed and civilian members of the service exposed on 9/11 are eligible for an evaluation, as well as treatment and monitoring at the federally funded World Trade Center Health Program.

2. The initial and annual evaluation and monitoring visit will be on Department time (excused absence with pay) at one of the World Trade Center Health Program - Clinical Centers of Excellence. Members must contact the Medical Division at (718) 760-7606/7615/7623/7626 on the day of the visit and inform the Medical Division that it is a World Trade Center monitoring visit, and must submit verification of the monitoring visit to their operations coordinator upon return to work. In addition, uniformed members of the service are encouraged to keep their Police Surgeon apprised of any illnesses that they may be suffering from. The NYPD Medical Division is available to assist members with their course of care throughout their treatments.

3. The following is a summary of the eligibility criteria for the World Trade Center Health Program. If members of the service have any doubt as to whether they meet the criteria, please contact the general information number for the World Trade Center Health Program at (888) 982-4748, or visit the World Trade Center Health Program website at www.cdc.gov/wtc.

World Trade Center Health Program Criteria:

4. Workers and volunteers are eligible for the World Trade Center Health Program if they performed rescue, recovery, debris clean-up, related support services (including, but not limited to, security, traffic or command post operations) or restoration of essential services, within (a) Lower Manhattan, south of Canal Street, and/or (b) the Staten Island Landfill, and/or (c) Barge loading piers or locations operated by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner; and worked and/or volunteered on-site for four hours from September 11, through September 14, 2001, or at least twenty-four hours during the month of September 2001, or at least eighty hours through the month of July 2002 combined.

5. Effective July 1, 2011, the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act (also known as the Zadroga Law) included the following eligibility criteria specifically for law enforcement officers: Participated onsite in rescue, recovery, debris cleanup, or related services at Ground Zero, the Staten Island Landfill or barge loading piers for at least one day during the period starting September 11, 2001, and ending on July 31, 2002.

6. In addition, Department vehicle mechanics who performed maintenance or dismantling to contaminated vehicles during the above described time period, regardless of location are also eligible.

Be well and stay safe,

Ed Mullins

Ed Mullins
President
Sergeants Benevolent Association

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CAN YOU CARRY?

VENUE / ARENA	ACTIVE NYPD	RETIRED NYPD	NEAREST PRECINCT
Radio City Music Hall	YES	NO	MTS PCT - 357 W. 39th St.
Madison Square Garden	YES	NO	MTS PCT - 357 W. 39th St.
Barclay Center	YES - Dean St. Gate	NO	78 PCT - 65 6th Ave.
Yankee Stadium	YES - Gate 4	YES - Gate 4 - HR218 Req.	Transit 11 - E. 161 St. & River Ave.
Citi Field	YES - Gil Hodges Gate	YES - Gil Hodges Gate	109 PCT - 37-05 Union St.
Kings Theater	NO	NO	67 PCT - 2820 Snyder Ave.
Prudential Center	YES	YES - HR218 Required	Newark PD
Nassau Coliseum	YES - Gate 5	YES - Gate 5	NCPD
USS Intrepid Museum	YES	YES	MTN PCT - 306 W. 54th St.
NY Aquarium Coney Island	YES	YES	60 PCT - 2951 W. 8th St.
Museum of Natural History	YES	YES	20 PCT - 120 W. 82nd St.
Ford Amphitheater Coney Island	NO	NO	60 PCT - 2951 W. 8th St.
Bronx, Central Park, Queens, Prospect Zoos	YES	YES	52 PCT, CPP, 109 PCT & 78 PCT
Javitt's Center	YES	YES	MTS PCT - 357 W. 39th St.
Empire State Building	YES	YES	MTS PCT - 357 W. 39th St.
Rockefeller Center	YES	YES	MTN PCT
9/11 Memorial Pool 9/11 Museum	YES NO	YES NO	1 PCT
Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island	YES	YES	1 PCT, Park Police
Paramount Theater Huntington, LI	NO	NO	SCPD
NYCB Westbury	NO	NO	NCPD
Top of the Rock @ Rockefeller Center	YES	NO	MTN PCT

We thank RSA Marshal Bob Cotumaccio for researching and verifying the above information. Note: the above information is always subject to change.

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SBA Retiree Forms



Prescription Mail Order Form: <http://sbanyc.net/documents/benefits/forms/prescriptionMailOrderForm.pdf>



Dental Retiree Plan B Claim Form: <http://sbanyc.net/documents/benefits/forms/dentalRetireePlanBClaimForm.pdf>



Prescription Reimbursement Form: <http://sbanyc.net/documents/benefits/forms/prescriptionReimbursementForm.pdf>



Dependent Student Certification Form: <http://sbanyc.net/documents/benefits/forms/dependentStudentCertificationForm.pdf>



Annuity Fund Beneficiary Designation Form: <http://sbanyc.net/documents/benefits/annuity/annuityFundBeneficiaryDesignationForm.pdf>



Life SBA Mortuary Benefit Beneficiary Designation Form: <http://sbanyc.net/documents/benefits/forms/beneficiaryDesignationForm.pdf>



Change Of Address Form: <http://sbanyc.net/documents/benefits/forms/changeOfAddressForm.pdf>



Other Health Forms

Statement of Dependency Form: <http://sbanyc.net/documents/benefits/forms/statementOfDependency.pdf>



Davis Vision Direct Reimbursement Claim Form: <http://sbanyc.net/documents/benefits/forms/davisVisionDirectReimbursementClaimForm.pdf>



Hearing Aid Reimbursement Claim Form: <http://sbanyc.net/documents/benefits/forms/hearingAidReimbursementClaimForm.pdf>



Dental Retiree Plan A Claim Form: <http://sbanyc.net/documents/benefits/forms/dentalRetireePlanAClaimForm.pdf>



SBA Medicare Informational Datasheet: <http://sbanyc.net/documents/benefits/health&Welfare/prescriptions/sbaMedicareInformationalDatasheet.pdf>

NOTE: If the Benefit form you are seeking is not listed above, please contact the SBA Health & Welfare office at (212) 431-6555.
Disregard until further notice.

All inquiries to the SBA Union office and the Health & Welfare office should be directed to FrontDesk@sbanyc.org or (212) 226-2180 during the regular business hours of 8:00 am – 6:00 pm Monday – Friday.

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Please be advised that the Detectives' Endowment Association, Inc. is available for you now and throughout the remainder of the COVID-19 pandemic emergency restrictions.

Although our staff is not in the office, they are working remotely from home and our phone lines will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays.

You can reach the Union by calling **(212) 587-1000** or DEA Health Benefits at **(212) 587-9120**.

Alternatively, you can email any questions or concerns to info@nycdetectives.org or Health Benefits at deabenefits@nycdetectives.org.

Our staff will get back to you as soon as possible.

For active Detectives, in case of an emergency and the need to reach a specific DEA Board Officer arises, you can contact our pager service by calling **1 (800) 88-DEA-88**.

We will also continue to keep members apprised of the latest Union news and information on the DEA Website

[Message from DEA Disability Attorneys Regarding COVID-19 and WTC-Related Disability and Death Benefits](#)

Many of our members, both active and retired, are at heightened risk of suffering severe complications or death from COVID-19 due to underlying medical conditions related to their World Trade Center exposure, including respiratory disorders and compromised immune systems from cancer.

Consequently, we believe that Retired Members may be eligible for reclassification of their pensions in the event they suffer from permanently disabling effects of the virus. We also believe that the surviving spouses, children, and parents of those who die of COVID-19 may be eligible for Line-of-Duty Death benefits under the World Trade Center bill.

In addition to showing disability or death due to COVID-19, we would likely need to establish the presence of the underlying WTC condition (with medical records or certification by the WTC Health Program), as well as fulfill other statutory requirements (a Notice of Participation must be filed with the NYC Police Pension Fund, and we must be able to verify the member's participation in WTC rescue, recovery and clean-up operations).

We are hopeful that the NYS Legislature will pass a new presumptive bill qualifying active members to benefits due to COVID-19. However, the World Trade Center bill may protect those members, both active and retirees, that were active in 2001. Please keep yourselves, your families, and your coworkers safe. If you have any questions regarding the disability process or eligibility for World Trade Center benefits, please reach out to our disability attorneys at (212) 766-5800, or see their website, www.nycdisabilitylaw.com, which is regularly updated.

The 2020 Jack Healy Scholarship Awards

The DEA proudly announces its year 2020 College Scholarships for the sons and daughters of active and retired NYPD Detectives in good standing. The DEA's Scholarships are given in the name of the union's former Vice President, the late Jack Healy. The DEA will award at least ten (10) scholarships of \$5,000 each. Checks will be sent directly to the schools to be credited to each winning student's account.

Applications must be at the DEA no later than **Friday, September 25, 2020**. Winners will be selected in a random drawing conducted at a DEA fall 2020 venue (to be determined).

Click on "Learn More" to download the scholarship application form. You can type directly on the online form, print it out, and then mail it back to the DEA per the instructions on the form. If you have more than one eligible child, separate applications must be submitted.

[Learn More](#)

<https://nycdetectives.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1f70b0b5e7a8a3811d40cdba7&id=00b853c5a4&e=f6a4dac7d5>

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Important Message from the DEA President and the Board of Officers to Members July 3, 2020

The men and women who make up “The World’s Greatest Detectives” give their all to the people of New York City each and every day and will continue to do so, despite many new challenges.

To do this, we ask for two things: LEADERSHIP and A PLAN. Leadership that we can trust will prioritize the safety and well-being of our members, as well as that of the public, without bending to the winds of radical politics.

We need to hear a plan that gives us specific direction on how to carry out our official duties during these uncertain times with rapidly changing rules. Laws have been passed recently that directly affect the way we are expected to police, yet we have received no formal explanation or training regarding these new rules of engagement. This is a recipe for failure. Failure that can have grave consequences not only for “The World’s Greatest Detectives,” but for the people of the world’s greatest city.

We ask the leadership of the Department to **STAND WITH US – LEAD US – GIVE US THE TOOLS WE NEED TO DO THE JOB!** The DEA continues to urge the NYPD to create a tangible strategy that includes tactical training. As we continue to meet with NYPD executives, we will update you as new information unfolds. Until then, take care of one another, protect yourself, stay safe — and know the DEA is here for you. Never hesitate to reach out to your delegate, trustee, or call the office direct.

DEA Sends Letter to Mayor Regarding NYC Council’s Chokehold Bill July 6, 2020

On July 6, 2020, the DEA sent a letter to Mayor Bill de Blasio in staunch opposition to the egregious bill put forth by the New York City Council regarding chokeholds. The bill would put members of the service in legal jeopardy when they are trying to arrest a combative perpetrator who is resisting arrest. The DEA urged the Mayor **not** to sign the bill. You can read the DEA’s full letter here: <https://www.nycdetectives.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Letter-to-Mayor-de-Blasio-from-DEA-Re-Chokeholds-7-6-20.pdf>

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Dear Detective:

First of all, thank you for the outstanding job you have all been doing these past several weeks in the wake of the protests and civil unrest following the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota. You have exhibited the utmost professionalism and incredible restraint under the most difficult circumstances, contrary to the false narrative put forth by those who wish us harm.

As you know, over our objections, our elected officials both here in the City and in Albany, bowing to political pressure, have recently passed numerous law enforcement-related bills which have now made our job even more dangerous and challenging. These laws include, but are not limited to:

*the passage of **NYC Administrative Code section 10-181** which criminalizes an officer’s restraint of an individual “in a manner that restricts the flow of air or blood by compressing the windpipe or the carotid arteries . . . or sitting, kneeling or standing on the chest or back in a manner that compresses the diaphragm in the course of effecting or attempting to effect an arrest;”

* the repeal of **Civil Rights Law 50-a** and amendment of **FOIL** to allow for disclosure of police disciplinary records;

* adding **Penal Law section 121.13-a – Aggravated Strangulation** (neck restraints);

* adding **Civil Rights Law section 28** – creating civil liability on an officer for failing to provide medical and mental health treatment to individuals in custody; and

*adding **Administrative Code section 14-185** creating civil liability on an officer for “refusal to make a shield number or rank designation visible.”

Take the time to read these new laws. I am sure you will agree that there are numerous flaws and vague and ambiguous terms throughout the laws which pose significant and unacceptable risks to our members. Perhaps the most dangerous is the City Council’s criminalization of certain uses of force, without any explanation as to how in the real world of policing, a police officer lawfully takes an individual who is violent or resisting into custody. We have demanded that the Department immediately provide guidance and training to teach members how to comply with these provisions. We met yesterday with the Department to again ask for this training and hand delivered a written demand for such training. We are awaiting their response. Please find a copy of such demand **HERE**: <https://www.nycdetectives.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/lttopc.useofforce-06242020143445.pdf>

In the interim, consistent with your safety, your fellow officers’ safety, and the safety of the law-abiding public, force should only be used in the most dire of circumstances. Otherwise, you expose yourself to criminal, civil and administrative liability. This is the clear message our elected officials have sent: they do not want criminals arrested; they do not want criminals in jail; they do not want the police to use any physical force on even the most dangerous of individuals; they want us to police in a purely reactive manner. We must be guided accordingly.

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The DEA will always be here to support and protect our members' rights. We will continue to press the Department to provide the necessary training. Until such guidance and training is received, however, please protect yourselves and stay safe always.

In unity there is strength.

Congress Passes Coronavirus Line of Duty Bill – It Awaits the President's Signature July 20, 2020

On July 20, 2020, NAPO notified the DEA that Congress, which originally contemplated two different versions of a Coronavirus bill, worked together to pass S.3607, the "Safeguarding America's First Responders Act," which establishes a presumption under the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program that an Officer's death or disability due to contracting COVID-19 *is in the line of duty*. The bill is on its way to the President's desk to be signed into law.

This is a big victory for NAPO. To date, 139 Law Enforcement Officers in the United States have died in the line of duty because of COVID-19, and now their families will get the benefits they justly deserve. To qualify for the presumption, the Officer must have engaged in a line of duty action or activity between January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2021, and received a diagnosis of COVID-19 (or evidence indicates that the Officer had COVID-19) during the 45-day period beginning on the last day of duty of the Officer. For death benefits, evidence must indicate that the Officer had COVID-19 or complications from COVID-19 at the time of death.

We will keep you apprised when the President Trump signs the bill into law.

An Important Message Regarding 50-a July 22, 2020

As you know, the DEA, together with the four other NYPD unions, and the UFA, UFOA, and COBA, filed a lawsuit and were successful in obtaining a Temporary Restraining Order against the NYPD preventing them from releasing any records of pending disciplinary records of our members, as well as records of any exonerated or unsubstantiated complaints against our members. The City then removed the case to federal court in Manhattan.

A hearing was held on the evening of Wednesday, July 22, 2020, before Judge Katherine Failla. We immediately moved for the federal Judge to continue the Temporary Restraining Order against the NYPD. The Judge granted our request and has continued the restraining order against the Police Department! This is a significant win while we continue our lawsuit against the City, Mayor de Blasio and the Police Department.

Please be assured that we will continue to do everything in our power to protect our members' rights. Stay safe, always.

An Important Message for Our Narcotics Detectives July 24, 2020

At the Thursday, July 23, 2020 Compstat meeting, Chief of Department Terence Monahan said that our Narcotics Detectives were afraid to do their jobs.

NYC Narcotics Detectives are not afraid. They are fearless. They do a dangerous job heroically each and every day. The proof is in the Hall of Heroes on the bronze plaques with the names of our brothers and sisters who gave their very lives in pursuit of a safer city. Many of them were from Narcotics.

They are not afraid — they're far from afraid — but they are not stupid, either. Given the new Diaphragm Law, no intelligent Narcotics Detectives will gamble everything: their freedom, their livelihood, and the security of their family, on the Chief of Department's promise of goodwill from the local DA. They are not going to gamble on becoming a victim of the Mayor's insane, new law. No Detective wants to be the test case. We cannot rely on mere hope and wishes that District Attorneys won't prosecute our members and won't react to the political winds of the day. As a matter of fact, prosecutors have demonstrated that they have become lax in prosecuting narcotics cases at all.

The Police Commissioner has disbanded the Anti-Crime Units citing that the majority of their street encounters are confrontational. The very same is true for Narcotics enforcement, even more so, and the Department's leadership knows this. Yet, it appears that out of desperation they are trying to recreate Anti-Crime in the form of Narcotics units. Shouldn't they have the same concern for Narcotics Detectives that they have for Anti-Crime members?

We applaud the bosses who showed genuine leadership and spoke out truthfully on behalf of our Narcotics Detectives. The exchange that took place at Thursday's Compstat meeting was insulting and, in today's climate of anti-police rhetoric, it is more important than ever that we ALL stand up for the safety and well-being of the "Greatest Detectives *in the World!*" We believe the only people who are afraid is the management of the Police Department who should be fighting to get this new Diaphragm Law overturned.

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This law needs to be overturned, and if the Department won't fight this law, then the DEA, in solidarity with the other police unions, will lead the charge. Be assured the DEA is and will do everything to protect our members' rights. Protect yourself, protect your partner, and be safe.

An Important Update on 50-a and Our TRO July 28, 2020

As we previously discussed, a hearing was held before United States District Judge Katherine Failla on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 28, 2020, in regards to numerous issues presented in the 50-a case. As we related, both the State and federal courts issued a Temporary Restraining Order blocking the Department's and the CCRB's release of pending and exonerated / unsubstantiated / unfounded charges and allegations against our members. The Court has scheduled a hearing for August 18, 2020, to decide our application for a preliminary injunction: the result of which will determine if the injunction stays in place pending the final resolution of this lawsuit, which could take at least several more months. Much of the July 28 hearing dealt with the unions' requests for various discovery and records which we deem necessary to adequately prepare for the August 18 hearing. The Court granted many of our requests.

Another issue which was discussed was the release by CCRB to an organization named ProPublica of the CCRB records of some 4,000 Police Officers of all ranks. The City's position is that since 50-a was repealed by the NYS Legislature, disclosure of these records was lawful. We disagree and are outraged by the CCRB's disclosure. Our position is that even though 50-a was repealed, the Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL") still dictates that any requests that are made must receive particular attention, and a blanket, indiscriminate disclosure of thousands of documents is unlawful.

The fact remains, however, that at the time of the disclosure by CCRB, 50-a had been repealed and there was no court order in place. The Court indicated it could "not go back in time" and there is really no way to recall those records since they have already been widely disseminated.

It is important to note that, because of the actions of the union, the Temporary Restraining Order *is still in place against the NYPD*. The Department is still prohibited from publishing all pending disciplinary charges against our members, and any exonerated / unfounded / unsubstantiated complaints. The TRO also *remains in place against the CCRB* for any future requests they receive.

Rest assured, the DEA and the other unions will continue to fight for our members' rights with regard to this very important issue. We will keep you apprised as developments occur.

In unity,

DEA Press Statement in Response to the Recent NYPD Warrant Division Arrest Video July 30, 2020

Instead of thanking the Detectives for identifying, locating, and safely taking into custody Nicholas Stone who was caught on camera destroying public property, the Governor chose to play politics and brand the Officers' actions as 'obnoxious.'

No, Mr. Governor, those Detectives did what the government asked of them. What's 'obnoxious' is your unjustified criticism of those men and women who are holding this City together, and the *only* ones preventing its descent into lawlessness.

These are the very same Detectives who go out every day and arrest those who are responsible for the shootings plaguing our most vulnerable communities. Our Mayor also jumped on the bandwagon in criticizing this "by-the-book" arrest.

Not to be outdone, the Speaker of the City Council weighed in with his own unreasonable criticism. Suspiciously, we don't hear any remarks from him when another child is murdered in our City.

The politicians all seem to be trying to one-up each other and in the process they continue unfairly to demonize our police for no good reason.

In the current atmosphere where it seems expectations are changed by the hour, absurd and unworkable laws are passed and fault is found even when policing is done professionally and "by the book." Who can blame our Detectives for feeling like they are just "one arrest away" from being figuratively thrown under the bus?

The DEA stands by our Detectives in making this appropriate and lawful arrest. The subject committed a crime and there was probable cause for Stone's arrest. At a time when police are being assaulted and 100 police vehicles have been vandalized and burned, our Detectives acted swiftly and professionally in making this arrest without incident.

A society that makes enemies of its police had better learn to make friends with its criminals.

Fraternally,
Paul DiGiacomo, President, and the DEA Board of Officers

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BENEFITS DEA HEALTH BENEFITS FUND RETIRED MEMBERS
<https://www.nycdetectives.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/DEA-Retiree-Brochure-2017.pdf>

DENTAL DENTAL PANEL PROGRAM

- No annual or lifetime maximum
- No out-of-pocket costs; with exception of a \$50.00 co-pay for prosthetics

FEE SCHEDULE (REIMBURSEMENT) PROGRAM

- No annual maximum
- \$2,000 lifetime maximum for periodontal surgery

ORTHODONTIC BENEFIT

- Provided via fee schedule program
- \$1,450 lifetime maximum per eligible benefit

PRESCRIPTION DRUG

- \$11,000 annual maximum per family
- No lifetime maximum
- Co-payments
 1. Generic – \$10 or less (not to exceed cost of medication)
 2. Brand – 30% plus cost of difference between brand & generic (if available)
 3. Psychotropic & Asthma drugs 45% co-pay
- Mandatory generic program
- Retail & Mail order option - Mail order offers a 90 day supply with applicable co-pays. \$50.00 per individual /\$150 per family, annual deductible for brand name prescription

OPTICAL PANEL PROGRAM DAVIS VISION & VISION SCREENING

- Member & covered dependents entitled to an eye exam & eye glasses or contact lenses annually co-pays may apply to exams/frames
- Co-Payments required for optional services i.e. scratch resisting, antireflective coatings, etc

LASER VISION SERVICES

- Discount program provided through Davis Vision network

HEARING AID

- \$500 maximum per ear every 4 years for member & covered dependents

CATASTROPHIC COVERAGE

- For members who participate in City's GHI-CBP plan
- Self-insured by the Fund
- \$250,000 lifetime maximum per family
- Pays 100% of eligible expenses (medical considered reasonable & customary by GHI) after
- \$4,000 deductible per family unit
- Refund \$3,000 of deductible per calendar year, once \$4,000 is satisfied

DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT & PRIVATE DUTY NURSING

- Provides a rider to members & covered dependents enrolled in City's HIP plan
- Provides durable medical equipment & private duty nursing
- After the first 72 hours of private duty care, pays for usual & customary charges
- No annual deductible for covered appliance

FULL BODY SCAN DISCOUNT BENEFIT

- Provides full body scan screening through Inner Imaging, P.C., for a discounted fee of \$375
- Dependents have a discounted rate of \$375

DEATH BENEFIT TERM LIFE PROVIDED BY THE DEA

- \$2,000 for members who retired (between 1/1/79 to 8/31/83 from the NYPD)

GHI & HIP/VIP CO-PAY REFUND

- \$5.00 Refund on co-pays for physician office visits, for members of GHI-CBP and HIP/VIP. Up to 15 office visits per year per family. Certain exclusions apply.

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Patrick J. Lynch, President



Keep Cop-Killers in Jail

In multimedia ad campaigns launched last May the PBA is thanked every New Yorker who helped us deliver over 800,000 petitions against the parole of cop-killers to the Parole Board in Albany. The PBA is encouraging the public to keep up the support by using the [Keep Cop-Killers In Jail](#)" tool on this website.

Thank you for helping us **HOLD THE LINE**

The NYC PBA
just delivered
816,725 petitions
to the New York
State Parole
Board opposing
the release of
cop-killers.



**But make no mistake:
WE ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING THIS BATTLE**

We have already seen **SEVEN** cop-killers paroled in the past year and a half, including two who will walk out of prison doors next month. We need every law-abiding New Yorker to tell the Parole Board that an attack on a police officer is an attack on all of us.

Visit www.nycpba.org & click:
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To: Mayor Bill de Blasio
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NYS Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie
Every member of the New York City Council
NYS Senate and NYS Legislature
All five NYC district attorneys



New York City police officers have a question...

What did
you think?
would happen.

You blamed police officers on the street for your quota-driven stop, question and frisk policies.

You decriminalized public consumption of alcohol, public urination and unreasonable noise.

You paroled violent criminals – including cop-killers – onto our streets.

You released half the population of Rikers Island.

You ordered us to enforce your social distancing regulations without any guidance, then blamed us for the backlash.

You allowed massive protests to devolve into violence and looting, because you had no plan to manage them.

You dumped unfounded accusations of misconduct against police officers into the public domain.

You made it impossible for police officers to safely restrain a resisting suspect in order to make an arrest.

You have cut NYPD headcount by more than 5,000 from its peak.

You forced the NYPD to disband anti-crime units that focused on getting illegal guns off our streets.

You made it clear that you want police officers to use a “light touch.”

You created an atmosphere of hatred and disrespect toward police officers and criminals are taking full advantage...

Now that the violence on our streets has spiraled out of control, you want to blame us for that, too.

You make the laws.

You set the policies.

You are responsible for the results.

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Patrick J. Lynch President



PRESS RELEASE

June 29, 2020

PBA STATEMENT ON MAYOR'S NYPD BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENT

PBA President Patrick J. Lynch said:

"Mayor de Blasio's message to New Yorkers today was clear: you will have fewer cops on your streets. Shootings more than doubled again last week. Even right now, the NYPD doesn't have enough staffing to shift cops to one neighborhood without making another neighborhood less safe. We will say it again: the Mayor and the City Council have surrendered the city to lawlessness. Things won't improve until New Yorkers hold them responsible."

PRESS RELEASE

July 8, 2020

PBA STATEMENT ON ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT ON PROTESTS

PBA President Patrick J. Lynch said:

"This preliminary report has exposed the entire inquiry as a charade. Instead of an impartial review of the protests and their aftermath, this report tells only one side of the story and delivers reheated proposals that have been part of the anti-police agenda for decades. If the goal is to heal the rift between police officers and the public, that won't be achieved without giving meaningful consideration to the perspective of police officers on the street."

As part of the Attorney General's inquiry, the NYC PBA submitted extensive written testimony, including testimonials from injured police officers and input from disorder control expert and former NYPD Chief of Department Louis Anemone. Read the PBA's full testimony here: <https://www.nycpba.org/media/36623/200617-ag-hearing.pdf>

PRESS RELEASE

July 19, 2020

TWO MORE COP-KILLERS TO WALK FREE

Four assassins released by Gov. Cuomo's parole board in the last 3 months

As a wave of violent crime is overwhelming New York City and as police officers themselves are being subjected to life-threatening and unpunished assaults, Gov. Andrew Cuomo's pro-criminal parole board has seen fit to release two more cop-killers in the near future.

That will make four cop-killers released in the last three months and a total of 14 in the last two-and-a-half years.

The hero families of slain New York City police officers Michael Russell and Robert Sorrentino recently received the devastating news that their loved ones' killers are being freed in the coming weeks. These are the latest in an alarming and incomprehensible trend that accelerated in April of 2018 with the release of one of the most infamous cop-killers of the last half century – Herman Bell, one of the two Black Panthers who staged the brutal and politically-motivated ambush assassinations of New York City Police Officers Joseph Piagentini, 23, and Waverly Jones, 33, in May of 1971

And now the disturbing rash of cop-killer paroles continues.

Sergio Voi, serving a 32-years-to-life term, is one of the latest about to be sprung by Gov. Cuomo's appointees to State Board of Parole. On the afternoon of Aug. 2, 1979, Voi intruded on a softball game between members of the community and off-duty cops from the 75 Pct. Edward Brugman, a local businessman who was playing third base, objected to the intrusion and, in response, Voi pulled a gun and shot Brugman to death. P.O. Russell, at bat and unarmed, chased the gunman, cornered him, and then was shot to death as well. He was 30 years old and left a wife, a three-year-old daughter and a one-year-old son.

Officer Russell's widow, Grace Russell, learned of her husband's killer's impending release only last week. "I just don't understand it," she says. "How is it that someone can be heartless enough to murder two unarmed people and then later be able to go back into society and resume a life of freedom, a life he callously took from two others? What's the rationale? Where is the justice?" Her children are angry, she says.

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THE NEW YORK CITY PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

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Patrick J. Lynch *President*



The other cop-killer soon to be released is Russell Carroll, a career criminal who was one of four robbery suspects being pursued by P.O. Sorrentino and his partner on April 10, 1980. The suspects split up during the chase and so did the cops. Officer Sorrentino's partner captured one of the suspects only to hear shots. He ran to the scene where he found P.O. Sorrentino suffering from gunshot wounds. The wounded officer was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his wounds two weeks later. All four suspects were eventually apprehended and sentenced on 106 counts of murder, robbery and weapons possession. Three of them have since died in prison.

Officer Sorrentino's sister Edna Doyle, reacted to the news that her brother's killer is being paroled with sorrow and outrage: "After going through the agony of nine parole hearings over the years, we now have to learn this. I guess they feel that our suffering is over. But we think of Bob every day. There will be no parole for him – and no relief for his family."

PBA President Patrick J. Lynch said: "Led by the governor, Albany lawmakers have pushed through a pro-criminal agenda that swings open prison gates for killers of the worst kind, those who kill police officers, killers who undermine the very fabric of a civilized society. This violates everything law-abiding citizens stand for: keeping our streets safe, respecting the sacrifice of police families, and sending a strong message to criminals that killing police officers will never be tolerated. Instead, Cuomo and company are allowing these dangerous killers once again to roam the neighborhoods where they committed these senseless acts of depravity against our brothers and sisters and the citizens we protect."

Anthony Bottom, Herman Bell's fellow killer of Piagentino and Jones, has appealed the parole board's denial last year of his release and is also scheduled for another parole hearing in September. It would be another miscarriage of justice if he is allowed to join the shameful catalog of paroled cop-killers listed below:

John Ruzas - RELEASED 12/18/17
Killer of Trooper Emerson Dillon

Herman Bell - RELEASED 4/27/18
Killer of P.O. Joseph Piagentini & P.O. Waverly Jones

Carlos Flores - RELEASED 4/27/18
Killer of P.O. Robert Walsh

Robert Hayes - RELEASED 7/24/18
Killer of P.O. Sidney Thompson

Demetrius Bennet - RELEASED 10/24/18
Killer of P.O. Ray Cannon

Judith Clark – RELEASED 5/15/19
Killer of Sgt. Edward O'Grady, P.O. Waverly Brown & Peter Paige

Larry Johnson - RELEASED 5/15/19
Killer of P.O. Anthony Abruzzo

Betsy Ramos – RELEASED 12/10/19
Killer of P.O. Anthony Mosomillo

Ernest Alston – RELEASED 12/26/19
Killer of P.O. Melvin Hopkins

Orlando Puente – RELEASED 1/6/20
Killer of Lt. Jan Brinkers

Steven Chirse – RELEASED 4/21/20
Killer of P.O. Angelo Brown

Karl Dean – RELEASED 5/21/20
Killer of Det. Joseph Taylor

Russell Carroll – WILL BE RELEASED
Killer of P.O. Robert Sorrentino

Sergio Voii – WILL BE RELEASED
Killer of P.O. Michael Russell

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World Trade Center Resources

Police Pension Fund Notice of Participation

Download the [Notice of Participation Form](http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/downloads/pdf/wtc_notice_of_participation_201609.pdf): http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/downloads/pdf/wtc_notice_of_participation_201609.pdf

- Members who participated in the rescue, recovery and clean-up operations at the World Trade Center site or certain other locations must file a Notice of Participation with the Police Pension Fund in order to protect their presumptive eligibility for accident disability pension benefits.
- Recent PBA-backed legislation has extended the filing deadline through **September 11, 2022**. Members who have not already filed a Notice of Participation should download and submit the form without delay. Members who have previously submitted a Notice of Participation should check the Police Pension Fund website to confirm that their Tax ID is listed. http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/html/wtc_information/wtc_information.shtml

World Trade Center Health Program — Monitoring & Treatment

- The federal World Trade Center Health Program provides free medical monitoring and treatment for WTC-related conditions. The recent PBA-backed renewal of the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act provides funding for the program through the year 2090.
- Visit the WTC Health Program website to enroll for the first time and find more information, including clinic locations. <https://www.cdc.gov/wtc/>
- If you have been previously registered but have not been seen for an exam in over a year, call 1-888-702-0630, or your usual Clinical Center of Excellence (if other than Mount Sinai) to schedule your next visit and update your information.

Victim Compensation Fund

- The federal Victim Compensation Fund provides monetary compensation to WTC victims and first responders who were injured or made ill by the attack. The Zadroga Act renewal provided additional funding and allows individuals to file claims through **Dec. 18, 2020**.

Visit the Victim Compensation Fund website to learn how to register and file a claim. <https://www.vcf.gov/index.html>

Links to Police Line and Fraternal Organization websites



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



<https://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/>



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President's Message

By Randy Hagler – State President

Welcome to July/August 2020 issue of the official publication of North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police, The BlueNote. If you receive this publication via email or download it from the ncfop.org website please share it with all your law enforcement friends, family, and supporters. It contains important information concerning our organization and law enforcement across the State.

It has never been harder to be a law enforcement officer than is right now, at least not in the past 40 years. Our officers are under constant attack from all sides and it certainly does not appear to be letting up. Our officers are under a microscope with every decision they make being carefully examined and reviewed countless times both by the departments they work for and the media, among a myriad of others. We have become accustomed to having our actions reviewed by our departments to ensure our actions were within the policy of the department we serve. We also understand District Attorneys review our actions to make sure we are in are operating within the laws of the city, county, and state we work in. But I have never seen so many people that overnight have become experts on police procedure and feel like they have the responsibility to direct a police departments or sheriff office's on how they should be handling all sorts of police issues. This is dangerous rhetoric and we should all be paying attention to it and working to stop it where we can.

Anyone who has watched the video that has been at the center of attention since May 25, 2020 has an opinion about what they saw. Most people I have talked to feel like they witnessed a murder, maybe they did. But what has gone largely unnoticed is the fact the Minneapolis Police Department, District Attorney's Office, and Minnesota Attorney General's Office immediately stepped forward and took quick action against all four of the officers involved. Now the case rests in the hands of the judicial system where these officers, now defendants, will be judged for their actions.

I think the important thing for us to keep in mind is that we cannot and should not all be judged by the actions of a few. There are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers across the country that go work each day not knowing if they will return home but go to work all the same. Just as peaceful protestors will say they do not want to be counted with those that riot and loot, we do not want to be counted with officers that act outside the color of law and do things no one can condone. These same 800,000 officers have an estimated 370 million citizen contacts every year and most are without incident.

I realize how hard it is to keep working when you feel like so many in the community would just as soon see you gone. That simply is not true! While sometimes it does not feel like it most of the citizens of our state appreciate our law enforcement officers and are grateful for your service. They understand what it would be like without the brave men and women that protect and serve them every day. It is up to each of us to continue the good police work that has been going on for so many years while we work with our communities to improve on the exemplary service already provided. We need to improve where we can by seeking training opportunities that will serve that purpose.

Your FOP State and National Lodge stand ready to assist wherever and whenever needed, please do not hesitate to give me or another Board member a call if when can assist. In the meantime, please be careful and watch each other's back!

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New NYC Health Benefit ID Cards

Effective July 1, 2020

CBP/ Empire BlueCross BlueShield

You and your eligible dependents will be receiving new GHI-CBP/ Empire BlueCross BlueShield ID Cards in the month of July 2020.

Please begin using these new member ID cards on **July 1, 2020**, when they go into effect.

You'll notice your member ID number has changed.

- Your **EmblemHealth** card has an 11-digit member ID number that begins with the letter "K." Use this card when you see your doctor or have a medical service not done in a hospital. For example, lab test, x-ray, or MRI.
- Your **Empire BlueCross BlueShield** card has a 9-digit member ID number that begins with the letter "K." Use this card when you receive care in the hospital.
- If you have any family members on your plan, they will now get their own ID cards. If they do not receive their new cards by **June 22, 2020**, please call the EmblemHealth number on your card.
- **Empire BlueCross BlueShield** added the Emblem Behavioral Health Services phone number to the back of your card to support you and your family.
- Carefully check your personal information on these cards. If you have any questions, call the Customer Service number on the back of your card.
- In case of an emergency, it's a good idea to always carry both cards with you. Please be sure to present both cards when receiving health care services.
- Once you begin using these new cards on **July 1, 2020**, please destroy any other member ID cards you have.

Questions? If you have questions about your EmblemHealth plan, call **(212) 501-4444**. If you live outside of New York, call **(800) 624-2414** between 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. A Customer Service representative will be happy to help.

If you have questions about your Empire BlueCross BlueShield plan, call **(800) 433-9592**. Their hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Or, visit their website at www.EmpireBlue.com/NYC

Express Scripts PICA Program

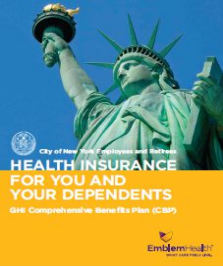
Starting July 1, 2020, please use the new PICA Prescription ID cards showing your new member PICA ID number to use your prescription drug plan. Express Scripts is mailing these new ID Cards to all active and non-Medicare retired City of New York members.

- These cards, with your **new PICA ID number**, replace any previous PICA Express Scripts member ID cards you may have, and should be used by all covered family members. **Please give this card to your pharmacy the next time you have a prescription filled for an injectable or chemotherapy medication. This will allow the pharmacy to process your prescription correctly.** PICA is a prescription drug benefit program, administered by Express Scripts, that is provided to you and your eligible dependents. It is made available through the joint efforts of the City of New York Office of Labor Relations and the Municipal Labor Committee. All employees, non-Medicare retirees, and their non-Medicare dependents enrolled in a health plan offered by the City's Health Benefits Program receive coverage for self-injectable and chemotherapy medications through the PICA program.
- As of July 1, please use the new PICA Prescription ID card when you fill specialty medications through Accredo, an Express Scripts specialty pharmacy. Accredo will need your new PICA ID number to process your prescriptions. You will also use your new PICA ID number if you fill medications at a network retail pharmacy or from the Express Scripts Home Delivery Pharmacy.

If you have any questions about your PICA prescription plan, **please register or log in at** www.express-scripts.com

Or call Patient Customer Service at 1 (800) 467-2006

Health and Welfare



I continually receive inquiries from members who are unsure of what medical coverage they have through Emblem Health/GHI.

Thanks to Club member Mike Conover here is a link to the City of New York Health Insurance For You And Your Dependents Handbook. <http://www.emblemhealth.com/~media/Files/PDF/NYC%20Certificate%20of%20Insurance.pdf>

The handbook contains information of all of the medical coverage provided to NYC employees and retirees covered by GHI Comprehensive Benefits Plan.

Additionally, many members are still unaware of the GHI Catastrophic Coverage provided by the Superior Officers Council, Sergeants Benevolent Association and the Detectives Endowment Association..

This benefit was established to assist members and eligible dependents to defray some of the non-covered medical and surgical expenses incurred for services rendered by non-participating or out-of-net-work providers and to provide coverage for catastrophic illness.

The below information is listed on their respective websites.

SOC

Members must incur out-of-pocket expenses of more than \$4000.00 per year. (Out-of-pocket expenses are those medical and hospital charges that are considered reasonable and customary by GHI and that are not reimbursed by either the City Health Plan or private insurers).

Members must produce a statement of services, explanation of benefits form and cancelled checks for expenses submitted. Reimbursement is based on a contract year (January - Dec.) 100% of GHI reasonable and customary charges based on the current profile.

The maximum lifetime benefit is 2 million dollars.

The SOC provides a self-funded \$1,000 direct reimbursement payable to the member after the member has submitted, qualified paperwork under the GHI Catastrophic Rider outlined above and the member still has a minimum of at least \$4,000.00 of out-of-pocket qualified. The exclusions and restrictions are the same as the requirement for the catastrophic coverage benefit.

For example you may have paid \$10,000 dollars out-of-pocket expenses, but GHI's payment schedule only deems the reasonable and customary payment for the services to be \$6,000 dollars. The Member pays the remaining \$4,000 dollars of the balance and may now be eligible to receive \$1,000 dollars from the SOC Catastrophic Benefit.

The first \$25,000 is covered for Private Duty Nursing care and thereafter 50% of the remainder with a lifetime cap of \$50,000 per person. The cap for in-hospital Mental Health charges is \$10,000 individual lifetime maximum.

SOC – After a \$4000 annual family deductible, GHI pays 100% of reasonable and customary charges based on a current profile with a maximum lifetime payment of \$250,000 per person.

Limitations: The first \$25,000 is covered for private duty nursing care and 50% thereafter of the remainder with a lifetime cap of \$50,000 per person. The cap for in hospital mental health charges is \$10,000 per person.

<http://nypdsoc.com/retcatastrophic.html>

SBA—Eligibility

SBA members are eligible, as well as spouses/domestic partners and dependent children who are covered under a participating provider organization (PPO) or a point-of service (POS) plan presently being offered by the New York City Employee Health Benefits Program.

Definition of PPO and POS

Participating provider organization (PPO) indemnity plans offer the option to use either a network provider or an out-of-network provider for medical and hospital care. PPO plans contract with health care providers who agree to accept a negotiated payment from the health plan and predetermined co-payments from subscribers as payment in full for a schedule of medical services provided. When the subscriber uses a non-participating provider, the subscriber is subject to deductibles and/or a higher price schedule. GHI/CBP is an example of a PPO.

Point-of-service (POS) plans offer the freedom to use either a network provider or an out-of-network provider for medical and hospital care.

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SBA GHI Catastrophic Coverage continued.....

If the subscriber uses a network provider, health care delivery resembles that of a traditional HMO, with prepaid comprehensive coverage and little out-of-pocket costs for services.

When the subscriber uses an out-of-network provider, health care delivery resembles that of an indemnity insurance product, with less comprehensive coverage and subject to deductibles and coinsurance. HIP PRIME POS and U S. Health Care (QPOS) are POS plans.

The SBA H&W Fund catastrophic coverage plan does not cover subscribers of exclusive participating organizations (EPOs) because they do not provide any out of network benefits.

The catastrophic coverage benefit

The benefit pays up to 100 percent of reasonable and customary eligible expenses after a \$2,000 out-of-pocket annual deductible per person has been reached. Eligible out-of-pocket expenses are those SBA H&W Fund medical and hospital expense charges that are considered reasonable and customary by the basic City Health Plan and are not fully reimbursed by the City Health Plan or private group insurers.

Benefit limits and maximums

There is a lifetime maximum benefit of \$250,000 per covered person. Within this lifetime maximum are the following:

- (1) Mental health in-hospital care of \$10,000.
- (2) Required and approved private duty nursing is covered in full for the first unpaid \$25,000 and then at 50 percent for the remainder up to a lifetime maximum of \$50,000.

Services or charges not covered by the catastrophic benefit

In addition the benefit exclusions of the SBA H&W Fund, the catastrophic benefit does not cover outpatient psychiatric care and prescription drug charges. Ineligible charges such as experimental procedures or services not approved by the member's health plan are likewise not covered by this benefit. Medical, surgical and hospital charges incurred for services rendered by non-participating PPO providers or out-of-network POS providers must be approved by the member's health plan.

Submitting an SBA catastrophic benefit claim

Once you have reached the \$2,000 out-of-pocket, per-person annual deductible, obtain and submit the catastrophic claim benefit form to the Fund office for processing. Instructions are printed on the form.

<http://sbanyc.net/documents/benefits/health&Welfare/additionalBenefits/catastrophicBenefitInformation.pdf>

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.

<http://nycdetectives.org/index.php/health-benefits-active-members/health-benefits-retired-members1/item/20-catastrophic-medical-expenses-retired>

9/11 HEALTH WATCH

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Understanding Different September 11th Assistance Programs

The James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010 (Zadroga Act) authorized the World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (VCF) to serve the 9/11 responder and survivor communities. Both programs have their own distinct mission, eligibility criteria, and enrollment process.

Enrolling in one program does not automatically enroll you in the other.



World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program

Provides: Medical monitoring and treatment of WTC-related health conditions for 9/11 responders and survivors.

Administered by: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), part of U.S.

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Serves: Responders at the WTC and related sites in New York City. Responders to the Pentagon and Shanksville, Pennsylvania sites. Survivors who were present in the dust or dust cloud, and/or lived, worked, or went to school in the WTC Health Program's New York City Disaster Area.

Get more detailed information on Responder and Survivor date, time, and location requirements—including a map of the New York City Disaster Area—at www.cdc.gov/wtc/eligiblegroups.html

Deadline: None. The WTC Health Program is authorized until 2090.

More info: Care is provided through Clinical Centers of Excellence (CCEs) in the New York metropolitan area and a Nationwide Provider Network (NPN). Each CCE employs 9/11 health experts who have been diagnosing, treating, and linking conditions to 9/11 exposures since 2001. The NPN provides care through local medical providers across the country.

Questions about the WTC Health Program? www.cdc.gov/wtc or call 1-888-982-4748



September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (VCF)

Provides: Financial compensation for physical injuries, illnesses, or deaths that happened as the result of the 9/11 attacks.

Administered by: U.S. Department of Justice

Serves: Responders and survivors who were present at a 9/11 crash site (New York City, the Pentagon, Shanksville, Pennsylvania), on routes of debris removal, or at any location within the VCF's New York City Exposure Zone at any point from September 11, 2001, through May 30, 2002. Families of deceased individuals may also apply. The VCF does not distinguish between responders and survivors when evaluating eligibility and calculating awards.

See the VCF's New York City Exposure Zone at www.vcf.gov/nycExposureMap.html

Deadline: Yes. The VCF is authorized to accept claims through 2090, but you must meet your registration deadlines based on individual circumstances. Learn more at www.vcf.gov/pdf/RegisterChart.pdf

More info: VCF registration is different than filing a claim. Registration preserves your right to file a VCF claim in the future. You do not have to be sick or injured to register. WTC Health Program members with a certified condition have two years after the date on the certification letter to register with the VCF.

Questions about the VCF? www.vcf.gov or call 1-855-885-1555 (1-855-885-1558 for the hearing impaired)

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NYC Health Benefits Program City Coverage for Medicare-Eligible Retirees

In order to maintain maximum health benefits, it is essential that you join Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Part B (Medical Insurance) at your local Social Security Office as soon as you are eligible. If you do not join Medicare, you will lose whatever benefits Medicare would have provided.

Medicare Enrollment

You must notify the Health Benefits Program in writing immediately upon receipt of your, or your dependent's, Medicare card by completing the Medicare Part B Reimbursement Application: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/health/med-b-application.pdf>

For retirees 65 and older Social Security has sent the IRMA letters indicating your Medicare part B deductions for 2019. When you receive your Medicare reimbursement check in the spring of 2020 you submit that letter, a copy of the 1099 from Social Security and the reimbursement form for any addition money that was withheld. You are also reimbursed for your spouse's Medicare deductions. If you have not filed in the past you can go back and file for up to 3 past years.

Medicare Part B Reimbursement

The City will reimburse retirees and their eligible dependents for Medicare Part B premiums paid, excluding any penalties. You must be receiving a City pension check and be enrolled as the contract holder for City health benefits in order to receive reimbursement for Part B premiums.

For most retirees, the refund is issued automatically by the Health Benefits Program. If you are currently receiving your pension check through Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) or direct deposit, your reimbursement will be deposited directly into your bank account. This will be separate from your pension payment. If you don't have EFT or direct deposit, you will receive a check in the mail in June.

The reimbursement amount is based on the standard Medicare Part B premiums. If your Medicare Part B reimbursement amount was less than what you paid in Medicare Part B premiums, excluding penalties, you may be eligible for a Medicare Part B Differential reimbursement. To receive the differential reimbursement, please complete the Medicare Part B Differential Request form (below).

If you were eligible for Medicare Part B Reimbursement for prior years but did not enroll by providing a copy of your Medicare card, reimbursement is limited to the previous three (3) calendar years. To enroll, please complete the Medicare Part B Reimbursement Program Application.

[Learn More about Medicare Part B Reimbursement](#)

[Medicare Part B Reimbursement Program Application](#)

[2019 Medicare Part B Reimbursement Differential Request Form](#) - Reimbursement for 2019 will be issued in March 2021

[2018 Medicare Part B Reimbursement Differential Request Form](#)

[2017 Medicare Part B Reimbursement Differential Request Form](#)

2019 Medicare Part B Premium Reimbursement ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The standard reimbursement amount for Calendar Year 2019 is \$109.00 per person, per month. For those newly enrolled in Medicare in 2019, currently, the standard amount is \$135.50. The reimbursements will be issued in April. If you are currently receiving your pension check through Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) or direct deposit, your Medicare Part B reimbursement will be deposited directly into your bank account. This will be a separate payment from your pension payment. If you don't have EFT or direct deposit, you will receive a check in the mail in April.

Question: How do I enroll for the Medicare Part B reimbursement?

Answer: Complete the Medicare Part B Reimbursement Program Application and return it with a copy of your Medicare card to the address listed above, Attention: Medicare Unit.

Question: I am a City retiree. Is my spouse/domestic partner/Medicare-eligible dependent entitled to the Medicare Part B reimbursement?

Answer: Yes. They are eligible if they are covered under your City health plan and enrolled in Medicare Part B Reimbursement and the health plan has the dependent in Medicare status. Complete the Medicare Part B Reimbursement Program Application and return it with a copy of their Medicare card to the address listed above, Attention: Medicare Unit.

Question: I received the standard premium amount of \$109.00 per month for 2019 for the Medicare Part B reimbursement. However, I paid more than the standard amount. Can I be reimbursed for the difference?

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NYC Health Benefits Program

Answer: Yes. If your 2019 monthly Medicare Part B premium was between \$110.00 and \$135.50, you may be eligible for an additional reimbursement amount referred to as a differential payment. In order to receive the differential payment, the retiree and/or dependent must submit a copy of proof of this additional payment (for example, the Form SSA-1099, bank statements, CMS-500 Notice of Medicare Payment Due) to our office for review. If approved, you will receive the differential payment during the first quarter of 2021. For further information and to download the Medicare Part B Differential Request form, visit our website at nyc.gov/hbp.

If, however, you are enrolled in Medicare Part B as of 2016, you should have received reimbursement of \$135.50 per month automatically and no action will be required on your part.

Question: Many people received their reimbursement and I didn't get mine yet. What should I do?

Answer: Medicare reimbursements were deposited directly into the same account that you use for your pension payment. Please check your bank statement.

Question: I don't have direct deposit for my pension payment and still have not received my Medicare reimbursement. What should I do? Answer: You should write to the address listed above, Attention: Medicare Unit. Please include your name, retiree spouse's name (if applicable) retiree's Social Security number, agency from which the retiree retired, current address, telephone number, and a copy of your Medicare card/ your spouse's Medicare card (if applicable). This review process may take up to 8 weeks from receipt of the above information. Question: The reimbursement I received is not the correct amount. What should I do?

Answer: You should write to the address listed above, Attention: Medicare Unit. Include your name, Social Security number, current address and telephone number, and a copy of your Medicare card. State the reason you believe the amount is incorrect. This process may take up to 8 weeks from receipt of the information.

Question: The check that I received is torn/ripped and the bank will not cash it. What should I do?

Answer: You should return the check to the address listed above, Attention: Medicare Unit. Include your name and Social Security number. It may take up to 8 weeks for a replacement check to be issued.

Question: I am the retiree and received a reimbursement for my spouse/domestic partner/Medicare- eligible dependent who died during the reimbursement year. What should I do?

Answer: Contact the Health Benefits Program in writing. Include both the retiree's and deceased individual's name, both Social Security numbers, address, phone number and a copy of the death certificate. Mail the information to the address listed above, Attention: Medicare Unit.

Question: My spouse/dependent was a City retiree who died before the reimbursements were issued. How do I claim the reimbursement?

Answer: You should write to the address listed above, Attention: Medicare Unit. Include the retiree's name and Social Security number, your name, your address, phone number and a copy of the death certificate. Upon receipt of the death certificate, we will contact you if further documentation is required.

Question: Do I have to re-enroll every year for the Medicare Part B Reimbursement?

Answer: No, but if you change your address, or if one of the eligible Medicare Part B recipients dies, you must notify the Health Benefits Program, in writing.

Question: What if my bank account information changes?

Answer: Please notify your pension system directly of any bank account changes. The changes will be automatically used for the Medicare Part B reimbursements.

Question: I paid more than the standard premium for Medicare Part B. Am I entitled to the higher premium reimbursement (IRMAA)?

Answer: You may be entitled to the higher reimbursement through Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA). Visit our website at nyc.gov/hbp for further information.

IRMAA Medicare Part B Reimbursement

If you paid more than the standard monthly reimbursement rate for Medicare Part B, as an Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA), you may be eligible for additional reimbursement. **If you submit the required documentation for Medicare Part B IRMAA reimbursement, your reimbursement will be deposited directly into your bank account.**

Learn More about IRMAA Medicare Part B Reimbursement: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/health/faq-irmaa.pdf>

[IRMAA Medicare Part B Reimbursement Application \(for 2019, 2018 & 2017\)](#) - Reimbursement for 2019 will be issued in October 2020

[IRMAA Medicare Part B Reimbursement Application \(2016\)](#) - This form must be submitted by December 31, 2020

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Have you been seen for your monitoring appointment?
Are you up to date with your appointments?*

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"There are 7 Clinical Centers of Excellence in the New York Metropolitan Area (NYMA) with locations across NY and NJ. There is also a Nationwide Provider Network to serve members outside of the NYMA. Mount Sinai Clinical Center of Excellence has a long history of working with the NYPD and are happy to help you enroll in the Program and understand your options for care."

World Trade Center Health Program

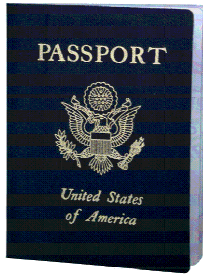
Phone Number: (888) 982 4748

www.cdc.gov/wtc/

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U.S. Passport Changes Are Coming: Here's What You Need to Know

By Shannon McMahon



Passport changes are coming, and if you plan on traveling in the near future—especially if you're among the [49 million Americans](#) whose passports will expire in the next few years—you need to know what passport changes are in store.

While it may seem easy enough to acquire or renew a passport if and when you plan a trip, the State Department says there's about to be a massive backlog of passport applications. (More on that in a minute.) Plus, passports themselves are going to change. Here's what you should know about both the expected passport application delays and the passport changes coming in the years ahead.

U.S. Passport Changes You Should Renew Your Passport Now

A decade ago, an important piece of travel legislation made American passports much more in-demand. The State Department saw an “[unprecedented surge](#)” in applications when a 2007 law enacted by the 9/11 Commission established passports as necessary for all travel to and from Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean. Millions of travelers acquired 10-year passports that year as a result, and now they're *all* about to expire. It's safe to assume many of those passport holders will need to renew, which means that passport applications will jump significantly once again.

Concerned about wait times yet? Passport renewal already takes about six weeks, and many destinations require foreign passports to be valid for months after your trip. Factor in unknown delays, and you might have a lot less time to renew than you thought.

REAL ID Changes Aren't Helping

A newer federal law, the REAL ID Act, will soon enforce updates to all state-level identification in the form of security features like machine-readable data. Now people in some states that are lagging behind in the technology are realizing that their licenses might soon be invalid for air travel—even on domestic trips. That could mean a rise in passport applications as well.

Travelers using IDs issued by certain states—for example, Maine and Missouri—could be turned away at the gate starting in 2018 if their state doesn't adjust to the new standards in time. Some states are under review and have been given a deadline extension, but all licenses must comply with the standards by 2020. Frequent travelers worried that their state won't comply in time may go ahead and renew or acquire a passport instead. Find out if your state has complied or been given an extension [here](#).

Expect New Security Features

Like state IDs, passports will now include added technology to ensure security and decrease fraud. Catching up with many other countries, U.S. passport changes mean that new passports will include a data chip that can provide all your personal info upon scanning it onto a computer. You can also expect your new passport to be lighter—rather than the 52-page passports of the past, only 28 pages will be included unless you opt to get more.

Double Check Children's Passports

If you've lost track of when your own passport needs renewing and you travel with children, double-check your child's passport as well. Child passports are only valid for five years, and they're subject to more paperwork, like parental consent forms and proof of a parent-child relationship.

How to Renew Your Passport

You can apply for or renew a passport online through the State Department, <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports.html> or in person, <https://iafdb.travel.state.gov/> at an eligible local agency like the post office. Make sure you follow instructions carefully and meet all the requirements, <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports/forms.html> like the new rule against wearing glasses in your passport photo. Doing so could further delay the process.

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New Chokehold and Use-of-Force Legislation and other New Laws Passed by the New York State Legislature and the New York City Council

Under a new state law, currently in effect, a police officer is guilty of the C-felony crime of Aggravated Strangulation when he or she intentionally commits the crime of Criminal Obstruction of Breathing or uses a chokehold and causes serious physical injury or death.

Simultaneously, and ignoring police department recommendations, a new city bill makes it a misdemeanor for a police officer to restrain someone in a manner that restricts airflow or blood circulation by compressing the windpipe or carotid arteries. It further criminalizes as misdemeanors the acts of sitting, kneeling, or standing on the chest or back of a subject in a manner that compresses the diaphragm. These acts are defined by the new law as criminal acts, even if an act was unintentional and no injury was sustained by the subject.

These laws expose officers taking people into custody to criminal liability. Chokeholds have been prohibited in the department for decades, and we train officers not to kneel, sit, or stand on a subject's back or chest because of the risks to the diaphragm and free breathing. We know, however, that bringing violently-resisting subjects into custody has always been challenging.

The most common lapse is probably the use of the knee to try to secure a subject in a prone position. Officers must understand that such a maneuver is now a misdemeanor crime. Officers who are found to have sat, kneeled, or stood on the back or chest of a subject while effecting an arrest are subject to arrest themselves.

Therefore, never use a chokehold, neckhold, or headlock on the subject of an arrest. Never sit, kneel or stand on the subject's torso – including the back, the chest, or the abdomen.

You may still place the subject in a prone position. The prone position is usually the best option for bringing a resisting subject into custody and completing handcuffing procedures. But you must complete the arrest without sitting, kneeling, or standing on the subject's back or chest. Use arm holds and other holds to immobilize the subject until the cuffs are on. Officers may still sit or kneel on a subject's legs to keep them from flailing. When subjects are secure, either bring the subjects to a standing position or place them lying on their sides to allow unobstructed breathing.

In arrests involving multiple officers, officers should be using team tactics. If you see your partner apply a chokehold or sit, kneel, or stand on a subject's back or chest, stop them or physically move them away from the neck or torso, just as you would stop or move an officer to protect from crossfire dangers.

Stay safe from physical danger and from criminal and civil liability, too.

Numerous other laws have been passed at the state and city level affecting your work in the field. A summary of these laws follows below:

Legislative Summaries

Civil Rights Law 50-a

- Civil Rights Law 50-a has been repealed. This law prevented all personnel records, including discipline records, from being shared with the public. Personnel records, including disciplinary records, must now be provided upon request through the FOIL process. The Department will redact some personal information for officers.
- The new law requires the release of substantiated, unsubstantiated, unfounded and exonerated allegations.

Right to Record

- **State and City Versions:** This law requires that officers allow people to record UMOS in public as long as they do not interfere with the UMOS. The City law creates a cause of action against the officer, the Department, and the City with punitive damages and mandatory attorneys' fees, if a UMOS interferes with a person recording or takes their equipment without cause.
- Allowing people to record police activity in public has been Department policy for a number of years. The Department will be conducting additional training to reinforce these policies, including explanations of scenarios that would permit UMOS to order individuals who are recording to provide the UMOS with additional space to safely take police action.

Shield and Rank Designation

- A new City law requires UMOS to display either their shield number or rank designation when in uniform. If an officer covers both, and a person asks the officer to uncover the shield or rank designation, and the UMOS refuses, the person may sue the officer, the Department, and the City. If they win, the court must award mandatory attorneys' fees and punitive damages.

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- It is important to note that the shield number or rank designation is located on multiple areas of the uniform, not just the shield.
- Displaying shield numbers has been Department policy for years. The Department will be conducting additional training to reinforce these policies. In the meantime, UMOS should ensure their shield number and rank designation are visible at all times. If a UMOS' shield number or rank designation is obstructed, and an individual alerts a UMOS to this fact, the UMOS should activate their body-worn camera, make their shield number and rank designation visible, and state that they have done so. In the event the shield number and rank are not obstructed, that should be stated as well. In any case, the UMOS should state their shield number and rank designation to the individual.

Medical Care for Arrestees

- A new State law creates a duty for UMOS to provide **or** obtain medical care for physical or mental health issues for individuals who are under arrest or in our custody. If officers don't provide or obtain care that is reasonable under the circumstances, and the person suffers serious physical injury or their condition is significantly exacerbated, the individual may sue the officer, the Department, and the City.
- Obtaining medical care for individuals is already required under Department policy. The Department is working on additional safeguards to protect officers from litigation, such as asking individuals in our custody if they need medical care and recording such inquiries on body-worn cameras.

Weapons Discharges

- A new State law requires that officers report a weapons discharge that could have possibly hit a person to a supervisor within six hours of the discharge, and prepare a written report within 48 hours of the weapons discharge. Current NYPD policy is to immediately report weapons discharges.

Special Prosecutor

- A new state law expands the Attorney General's jurisdiction so that they can now investigate and prosecute any death that occurred as a result of the actions of a law enforcement officer or while the decedent is in law enforcement custody. This law merely shifts the responsibility from the local District Attorney to the Attorney General. The Attorney General has been investigating all unarmed civilian deaths by the police since 2015.

Law Enforcement Misconduct Investigation Office

- A new State law establishes a statewide office within the Attorney General's office that can review procedures and policies of any police department in New York State and make recommendations related to the operations and policies of law enforcement agencies. It may also investigate complaints concerning allegations of fraud, use of excessive force, criminal activity, conflicts of interest or abuse and determine if disciplinary action, civil action, or criminal prosecution is warranted. The Police Commissioner will still have the final determination on whether to impose discipline. When it comes to New York City, the types of complaints that this new office may investigate are already being investigated by CCRB, the five District Attorneys, the NYPD Inspector General, and the Conflicts of Interest Board – yet, this new office may nevertheless conduct such investigations.



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Green Book Online

The Green Book is the official directory of the City of New York. It is an indispensable reference guide for anyone living or working in New York City. The Green Book includes detailed listings of contacts within each agency.

CITY - NEW YORK CITY GOVERNMENT

<http://a856-gbol.nyc.gov/GBOLWebsite/GreenBook/City>

COUNTY - CITY OF NEW YORK COUNTY OFFICES

<http://a856-gbol.nyc.gov/GBOLWebsite/GreenBook/County>

STATE - NEW YORK STATE AGENCIES

<http://a856-gbol.nyc.gov/GBOLWebsite/GreenBook/State>

COURTS CITY, STATE AND FEDERAL

<http://a856-gbol.nyc.gov/GBOLWebsite/GreenBook/Courts>

FEDERAL—THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

<http://a856-gbol.nyc.gov/GBOLWebsite/GreenBook/Federal>

INTERNATIONAL - INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

<http://a856-gbol.nyc.gov/GBOLWebsite/GreenBook/International>



The NYPD Crime Prevention Division is now on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/NYPDCPD> This is a great resource for current and topical crime information, including scams involving Personal Protective Equipment (PPE); fraudulent COVID-19 test kits, stimulus payments, etc.



On-line manual for every gun on earth. Fantastic resource to have. <http://stevespages.com/page7b.htm>

NC Firearms Laws - <http://www.ncdoj.gov/getdoc/32344299-a2a7-4ae5-99fd-9018262f64ac/NC-Firearms-gun-Laws.aspx>

NC Gun Laws To Know - <https://www.gunstocarry.com/gun-laws-state/north-carolina-gun-laws/>

Concealed Carry Reciprocity Map & Gun Laws By State - https://www.usconcealedcarry.com/resources/ccw_reciprocity_map/

Qualification classes will be conducted on Fridays at Eagle Gun Range, 3789 Roberta Church Rd SW, Concord, NC 28027.

Due to COVID-19 qualification spots are limited.

Contact Mike Boger: wrtshawg@yahoo.com for further information.



40th Anniversary Reunion for 1980 Police Academy Class, Company 5
September 2, 2020

For more information about the reunion, please contact:

Jo Dominguez: jdo40yrs@aol.com

Liz DeJesus: liwa2u@optonline.net

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IF A MEMBER DIES - INFORMATION TO THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OR FAMILY

(Hopefully Not Needed For A Long Time)

Too often spouses and families are left in a quandary upon the death of a loved one. Few situations in life are more stressful than when a spouse passes. All too often we have a difficult time focusing on the issues at hand and need guidance to get the deceased affairs in order. The following is a general guide for the widow(er) or the deceased's family regarding important notifications that must be made by the surviving spouse and information you should have on hand when a retiree dies.

I. PREPARATIONS BEFOREHAND

- **GATHER ASSETS** - This doesn't mean piling them all together. It means getting a list of all the assets at the time of the decedent's death, along with copies of statements, deeds, etc. This information is needed for probate. It's also essential for filing federal and state estate tax returns, if required.
- **REVIEW IRAs** - If the surviving spouse is the beneficiary, decide whether to roll an IRA over to the surviving spouse.
- **GET GOOD ADVICE** - and get it now. The money you pay to attorneys and other advisers to resolve issues NOW can be much lower than if you deal with problems AFTER a person's death.
- In case of couples, usually most of the property is held in joint names and the survivor obtains same "by operation of law". However, there may be some items which were held in the name of the deceased only, and in that case it would be necessary to go to Probate Court to transfer ownership of that property, unless listed in a trust.
- **GET ORGANIZED NOW** - When someone dies, one of the big problems for beneficiaries is locating the things necessary to settle the estate. Make sure you know before the death occurs where to find the following documents and information. (This is just a partial list)
 1. Will
 2. Living Will
 3. Trust
 4. Deeds (if any).
 5. Safe-deposit boxes (location of boxes, contents and keys).
 6. Life insurance policies.
 7. Funeral and burial instructions.
 8. Names and addresses of creditors and debtors.
 9. List of assets and where they are located.
 10. List of all advisers (attorney, accountant, insurance agent, stockbroker, etc.).

II. STEPS TO BE TAKEN AFTER DEATH - Notifications to be made:

1. NYC Police Pension Fund (either in writing or by telephone)
233 Broadway, 25th Floor
New York, New York 10279
Attention: Retiree Death Benefits Unit
Telephone [212\) 693-5607](tel:212-693-5607)/5919

Contact the appropriate Union for a possible existing life insurance policy and also for continuation of optional benefits, if qualified.

- Police Officers - Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (PBA) at [212\) 233-5531](tel:212-233-5531)
- Detectives - Detectives' Endowment Association (DEA) at [212\) 587-9120](tel:212-587-9120)
- Sergeants - Sergeant's Benevolent Association (SBA) at [212\) 431-6555](tel:212-431-6555)
- Lieutenants and above - Superior Officers Council (SOC) at [212\) 964-7500](tel:212-964-7500)

2. Contact the NYC Health Benefits Program for Special Continuation of Coverage application (coverage for life) located at 40 Rector Street, 3rd Floor, New York 10006 [212\) 513-0470](tel:212-513-0470).

3. Contact the NYPD Operations Unit located at One Police Plaza at [646\) 610-5580](tel:646-610-5580), for pall bearers (Funeral Director will usually do this for you) for all five boroughs, all of Long Island and Upstate New York, but not beyond Dutchess County.

4. Contact Social Security: [800\) 772-1213](tel:800-772-1213) (Funeral Director will usually do this for you).

5. Contact Fraternal Organizations to arrange for visitors, Color Guard and possible insurance benefits

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6. If a veteran, notify the Veterans Administration at [\(800\) 827-1000](tel:800-827-1000) for: Grave marker, Funeral Allowance and Flag (Funeral Director will usually do this for you).
If can't find discharge papers or DD 214, you will need date of Enlistment, date of Discharge, Branch & Serial Number. If deceased had 100% disability for 10 years, spouse is entitled to an additional benefit.
7. Notify your Church or Temple for announcements.
(Funeral Director will usually do this for you).
8. Health Insurance: COBRA (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985) COBRA has a safety net. If spouse or dependent was covered under deceased's health plan they may continue coverage under COBRA for up to 36 months. New York State in 2001 amended the Administrative Code to continue Health Care Coverage for Surviving Spouses for Life (Download Information Regarding this Amendment). This enables the deceased's spouse and/or dependents to receive coverage at the group rate. The City and the Line Organization health benefits stop at the death of the members. The rate, though high, is cheaper than the non group rate.
Call: NYC Employee Benefits [\(212\) 513-0470](tel:212-513-0470)

THIS INFORMATION PERTAINS TO COBRA

Police Officers & Firefighter surviving spouses are to follow this procedure

Attach a machine copy of the death certificate to a request for an application for COBRA FOR LIFE and send it to:

Retired Employees Benefits Section

Att: Linda Harris (**Cobra for Life**)

40 – Rector Street – 3rd Floor

New York, NY 10006

They will send the surviving spouse a pre-numbered application allowing the spouse to continue the health coverage the member had at a cost equal to 102% of what the City pays, which includes administrative fees. This is fairly reasonable. Applying for this must be done within 30 days. Benefits are retroactive if the surviving spouse requires medical attention during this interim period.

At this time if a member and spouse are of Medicare age, and reside in an area covered by Aetna, I would strongly recommend they choose that plan over GHI/EBC/CBP.

Also, they would need to consider the respective union plans as those plans would only be available for 36 months, and whether the health plan rider would be a better choice.

THINGS YOU WILL NEED

DEATH CERTIFICATES - Death Certificates are necessary in every step to the successful administration of a decedent's estate. (Usually Funeral will obtain certificates as part of his service at current cost). They are usually needed for:

Pension Bureau

Veterans Administration (if a veteran)

Motor Vehicle Bureau if auto was in deceased's name. 1 for each insurance policy.

Court (If probate is needed).

Your State Department of Revenue to obtain non-tax certificate if real property is involved.

Bank accounts held in Trust for another 1 for each account if property held in a Trust.

Personal Records.

Note: If estate is probated, some of the above will take a Letter Testamentary instead of a Death Certificate.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE (With Official Raised Seal):

Social Security, (not necessary if surviving spouse already receiving benefits)

Veterans Administration, if a veteran.

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY or LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION:

Motor Vehicle Bureau, if auto is in the deceased's name.

One for each bank account

Brokerage house account (share of stock or bonds, etc. that were in the deceased's name alone)

DISCHARGE PAPERS: DD 214 - (Original needed)

Social Security, if spouse was not already receiving benefits. Remember that service time counts toward qualification. They will Photostat.

Veterans Administration, if a veteran

PAID FUNERAL BILLS:

1 copy for Pension Bureau

1 copy for Probate Court

1 copy for IRS, if taxable estate.

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OTHER THINGS THAT MAY APPLY (usually after burial)

Cancel any leases. (If your parent or loved one rented a home, cancel the lease after clearing out the furnishings)
Inform insurance companies.

File life insurance claims for any policies on the person's life, and request that the insurers send you Form 712, Life Insurance Statement (this is a statement about the life insurance that must be filed with the estate tax return).

Make sure the car insurance company continues to cover the person's car until it's sold or transferred to a beneficiary.

Make sure the homeowners policy continues to provide adequate coverage for the person's things until removed from the home.

Notify companies the person did business with.

Cancel credit cards, and close charge accounts.

Have airlines to transfer frequent-flier miles to the primary beneficiary. (Each airline has different policy concerning this issue. Check with carrier about rules)

Consideration should also be given to making pre-death funeral arrangements. This provision, no matter how painful, should be discussed by couples and by parents with their families. Too often, spouse and children spend much too much money on a funeral and do so without really knowing what were the deceased's wishes in this regard (Place of burial, Cremation, etc.)

Consideration should also be given to having a "Family Durable Power of Attorney" (Someone to take over your finances if you become incapacitated or incompetent)

There are no words of comfort at such a difficult time, however, if you have all the necessary information at the ready it will expedite any claim that is pending, make the process run smoothly, and your stress level can be minimized.

Attached is a List of Phone Numbers that you can print out and put with your important papers.

Operations Desk	646-610-5580
NYCPD General Info	646-610-5000
Pension Section	866-692-7733
I D Card Section	646-610-5150
Employee Benefits	212-513-0470
PBA Health & Welfare	212-349-7560
PBA Caremark Drug Plan	877-722-7911
PBA Satellite	954-977-3880
DEA	212-587-9120
SBA	212-226-2180
SBA Health & Welfare	212-431-6555
RSA	516-564-1861
LBA-SOC	212-964-7500
GHI	800-358-5500
Empire Blue Cross	800-433-9592
Medicare Re-Imbursement	212-513-0470
Medicare	800-633-4227
Social Security	800-772-1213
Social Security-TTY #	800-325-0778

COBRA INFO FOR SURVIVING SPOUSE

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/olr/health/retiree/health-retiree-cobra.page>

COBRA health benefits for surviving spouses.

- 1 Google - Health Benefits NYC
- 2 Click on Health Benefits
- 3 You will be on NYC Office of Labor Relations site
- 4 Click on RETIREE at top
- 5 Then on left side click on FORMS AND DOWNLOADS
- 6 Then click on COBRA FORM NOTICE OF RIGHTS AND COBRA
- 7 This form has all the info needed and also where to mail form to.
- 8 This is Cobra for life for the surviving spouse.

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Members should be aware that the Social Security Administration stopped sending earnings and future benefits statements several years ago. This and other information is available online at www.socialsecurity.gov

After answering some security questions and setting up a secure account most participants will be able to access their information like earnings and what is their retirement age for full social security. For persons born 1943 to 1954 the full social security retirement age is 66. For those born after that your full social security age is available on page 2 of the statement available on line. More info in the attached newsletter. More info and other useful websites are also in the newsletter.



Thinking of retiring?

www.socialsecurity.gov

Some things to consider

Retirement can have more than one meaning these days. It can mean that you have applied for Social Security retirement benefits or that you are no longer working. Or it can mean that you have chosen to receive Social Security while still working, either full or part-time. All of these choices are available to you. Your retirement decisions can have very real effects on your ability to maintain a comfortable retirement.

If you retire early, you may not have enough income to enjoy the years ahead of you. Likewise, if you retire late, you'll have a larger income, but fewer years to enjoy it. Everyone needs to try to find the right balance, based on his or her own circumstances.

We hope the following information will help you as you plan for your future retirement and consider your retirement options.

Avoid a Medicare Penalty Sign Up at Age 65

Even if you don't plan to receive monthly benefits, be sure to sign up for Medicare *three months before* turning age 65. If you don't sign up for Medicare Part B (medical insurance) when you're first eligible, your coverage may not start right away and you may have to pay a late enrollment penalty for as long as you have it. You can apply online. Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/medicareonly for information and to apply.

What is the best option for you?

Everyone's situation is different. That is why Social Security has created several retirement planners to help you decide what would be best for you and your family. Social Security has an online calculator that can provide immediate and accurate retirement benefit estimates to help you plan for your retirement.

The online Retirement Estimator is a convenient, secure, and quick financial planning tool. It uses your own earnings record information, thereby eliminating any need to manually key in years of earnings information. The estimator also will let you create "what if" scenarios. You can, for example, change your "stop work" date or expected future earnings to create and compare different retirement options. To use the Retirement Estimator, go to our website at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

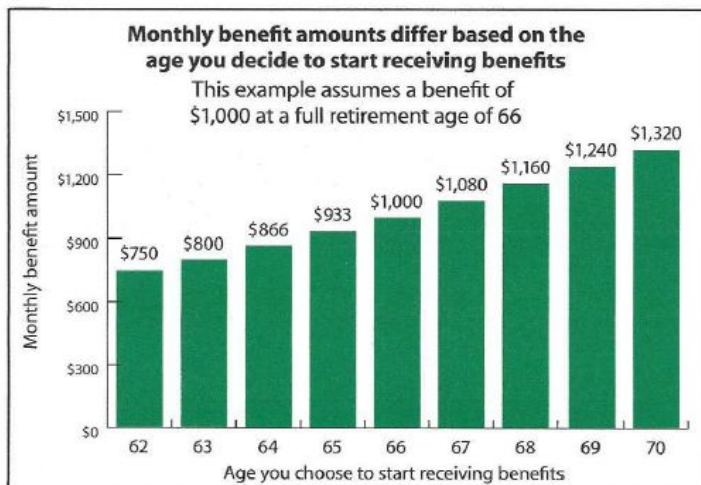
There is one more thing you should remember as you crunch the numbers for your retirement. You may need your income to be sufficient for a long time, because people are living longer than ever before, and generally, women tend to live longer than men. For example:

- The typical 65-year-old today will live to age 83;
- One in four 65-year-olds will live to age 90; and
- One in ten 65-year-olds will live to age 95.

Once you decide on the best age for you to actually retire, remember to complete your application *three months before* the month in which you want retirement benefits to begin.

It's so easy to apply online for benefits

The easiest way to apply for Social Security retirement benefits is to go online at www.socialsecurity.gov/applyforbenefits. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY number, 1-800-325-0778) between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, to apply by phone. You also can apply at any Social Security office. To avoid having to wait, call first to make an appointment.



Receiving benefits while you work

When you reach your full retirement age, you can work and earn as much as you want and still receive your full Social Security benefit payment. If you are younger than full retirement age and if your earnings exceed certain dollar amounts, some of your benefit payments during the year will be withheld.

This does not mean you must try to limit your earnings. If we withhold some of your benefits because you continue to work, we will pay you a higher monthly benefit amount when you reach your full retirement age. In other words, if you would like to work and earn more than the exempt amount, you should know that it will not, on average, reduce the total value of lifetime benefits you receive from Social Security—and may actually increase them.

Here is how this works: after you reach full retirement age, we will recalculate your benefit amount to give you credit for any months in which you did not receive some benefit because of your earnings. In addition, as long as you continue to work, we will check your record every year to see whether the additional earnings will increase your monthly benefit.

Many people can continue to work and still receive retirement benefits. If you want more information on how earnings affect your retirement benefits, ask for *How Work Affects Your Benefits* (Publication No. 05-10069), which has current annual and monthly earnings limits, and is available on our website.

Retirement age considerations

Full retirement age

For persons born during the years 1943-1954, the full retirement age is 66. If you were not born in this period, you can find your full retirement age on page 2 of your *Social Security Statement*.

Retiring early

If you've earned 40 credits (credits are explained on page 2 of your *Statement*), you can start receiving Social Security benefits at 62 or at any month between 62 and full retirement age. However, your benefits will be reduced based on the number of months you receive benefits before you reach full retirement age.

If your full retirement age is 66, benefits will be reduced:

- 25 percent at age 62;
- 20 percent at age 63;
- 13½ percent at age 64; or
- 6⅔ percent at age 65.

Delaying retirement

You may decide to wait beyond your full retirement age before choosing to receive benefits. If

so, your benefit will be increased by a certain percentage for each month you don't receive benefits between your full retirement age and age 70. This table shows the rate your benefits increase if you delay retiring.

Year of birth	Yearly increase rate
1941 - 1942	7.5%
1943 or later	8.0%

Rules that may affect your survivor

If you are married and die before your spouse, he or she may be eligible for a benefit based on your work record. If you start benefits before your full retirement age, we cannot pay your surviving spouse a full benefit from your record. Also, if you wait until after your full retirement age to begin benefits, the surviving spouse benefits based on your record will be higher.

Need more information?

You can find answers to frequently asked questions about Social Security, learn about factors that could affect your benefits, and much more by visiting Social Security online at www.socialsecurity.gov.

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Other useful websites

www.mymoney.gov

This website contains calculators for financial planning and information on money-related matters, such as retirement planning and starting a small business.

www.dol.gov/ebsa/pdf/nearretirement.pdf

Have you determined how much money you will need in retirement? There are many tools available to help you, such as the *Taking the Mystery Out of Retirement Planning Workbook* available at this link.

www.sec.gov/investor/seniors.shtml

Are you looking for information about the investment options available to you as you enter retirement? The Securities and Exchange Commission has a wealth of information on different investment products and topics available at this website.

www.usa.gov/topics/seniors.shtml

This website has a variety of resources for seniors on topics including retirement planning, housing, and health.



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POLICEMEN NEWS Transfers-Appointments

AUGUST

1887

9 August 1887

Arthur DUGAN, who was formerly a policeman in the Seventh precinct, was arraigned before Justice NAEHER yesterday on a charge of vagrancy. He pleaded not guilty and was remanded for trial. DUGAN was expelled from the force several years ago for drunkenness. Since then he has not had any visible means of support.

11 August 1887

Fined Five Days' Pay.

Philip DEGNAW, the Gates avenue policeman who was accused of going into a Pulaski street residence while drunk and using bad language, was to-day fined five days' pay by Commissioner CARROLL.

12 August 1887

Patrolman ROGAN, of the Eighth Sub-Precinct took to the station house last evening, an old woman named Sarah COMSTOCK, who knew she lived somewhere but was unable to definitely locate her abiding place. She is in the station house waiting to be claimed.

13 August 1887

ROCHFORD Loses His Shield.

Police Commissioner CARROLL has taken from Thomas F. ROCHFORD the special policeman's shield that the latter has worn for several years. Mr. ROCHFORD was relieved of it because he claimed to know of violations of the Telegraph Line law and made no charges or arrests, and also that he made serious allegations against members of the Police Department and failed to prove them.

14 August 1887

AN OFFICER ROBBED

Patrolman McDEMOTT, of the Twenty-fifth Precinct, New York, returned from Coney Island, yesterday, in anything but an amiable mood, and reported to the Brooklyn police that he had lost \$30. He said that he hired a bathing suit at Carney Kattin's hotel, and before entering the surf had deposited his money with a boy attached to the establishment, thinking it safer to do that than to leave it in the bathing house. When he applied for the money, however, the boy failed to give a satisfactory account of it, stating that he knew nothing of it.

Officer COLLINS, of the First Precinct, at eleven o'clock Saturday night entered No. 103 Pineapple street to quell a disturbance. He arrested Rudolph HOFFMAN, Sr., when he was set upon by Rudolph HOFFMAN, Jr., Adolph HOFFMAN, and Andrew GUNNERHARDT, who it is said, attempted to prevent his removing the prisoner. The result was that the whole party was arrested.

A WELL MERITED REWARD

It will be remembered that a man named Herbert CONBOY, rendered great assistance to Captain LEICH, of the Fourth Precinct, in securing the assailants of the murdered Officer Edward SCOTT. For this he was beaten by friends of the implicated parties. As a reward for his services the Commissioners appointed him a special policeman in order that he may have the protection of a shield. He will probably, sooner or later, be appointed on the regular force.

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August continued.....

16 August 1887

Constable Edward J. MURTAGH, of the Fourteenth ward, had Emil NORTGANER before Justice NAEHER this morning on a charge of assaulting him on last Friday, while in the performance of his duty, and threatening to blow his head off with a revolver. NORTGANER, it is alleged, also set a huge bloodhound on the constable. The defendant pleaded not guilty, and was admitted to bail until the 19th.

25 August 1887

Delinquent Policemen.
Some Officers Who Are Not a Credit to the Force.

Police Commissioner CARROLL gives his decisions to-day in the cases of the delinquent policemen who were before him for trial yesterday. Benjamin Mc MAHON, who on the 19th inst. got very drunk and tried to clean out several saloons on Myrtle avenue, was fined ten days' pay. This unusual clemency is due to the fact that the policeman was not on duty at the time and did not wear his uniform, and pleaded as his excuse that he was very sick and had been advised by friends to drink blackberry brandy. He was dismissed from the force about eighteen months ago for a similar offense, but was reinstated last January.

John BENNETT, of the Second precinct was fined five days pay for being off post on the 13th inst.

Robert PHELPS, of the same precinct, was fined one day's pay for conversing with a citizen while on duty.

Vasca DICKERSON, of the Ninth, was fined two days' pay for being found in a liquor store.

Isaac TICHNOR, of the same precinct (???) to pay a debt of \$72.50. His case was adjourned until the 31st.

Louis ULRICH, of the Tenth, was absent from roll call. It will cost him five days' pay.

James B. REILLY, of the Thirteenth, left his post and was found in a liquor store. He was fined two days' pay.

John LOCKE, of the Fourteenth, for being absent from roll call, was fined five days' pay.

Charles NICHOLS, of the Sixteenth, for being absent from relieving post, lost two days' pay.

29 August 1887

Blue-Coated Brutality.

The Officer Who Insulted Mrs. ARMSTRONG Restored to Duty Pending His Trial.

Patrolman James J. CONNORS, of the Seventeenth precinct, over whose head is suspended the serious charge of having insulted Mrs. George D. ARMSTRONG, of Vermont avenue, on the 27th inst, has been restored to duty until the charges against him have been investigated. Capt. FRENCH made a report in which the alleged facts are set forth, to Acting Superintendent MACKELLAR, who handed it to Deputy Commissioner DALLON this morning. The latter has ordered the officer to answer for trial on Wednesday, and has notified (rest of article cut off)



**Virtual Membership Meeting
July 14, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm with the pledge of allegiance. This was followed by the invocation and the reading of the names and circumstances of the death of the 17 officers who died in the line of duty since last month's membership meeting and a moment of silence for these officers.

Roll Call of Officers

President: Harvey Katowitz
 Vice President: Bernard Roe
 Treasurer: Chris Russo
 Secretary: Scott Hickey - Excused
 Sgt. at Arms: Harry Dobson - Excused
 Trustee: Bob Fee
 Trustee: Kevin Gribbon
 Trustee: Brenda Jordan
 Trustee: Ian McGrouther
 Trustee: Ben Pepitone
 Historian: Jim Rochford - Excused
 Chaplain: Donald Sanchez
 Chaplain: Rich McCarron

Review of June's Minutes: Available in July's newsletter. A motion to waive the review of the minutes was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Introduction of guest speakers: None

Sickness & Distress:

- July 2, Ret. Nassau Co. P.O. Nicholas Dispenziere passed away after a long battle with cancer.

Communications & Bills:

- New State Law**, amends the penal law by adding a new section, **Aggravated Strangulation**. A person is guilty of aggravated strangulation when, **being a police officer** or a peace officer he or she commits the crime of criminal Obstruction of breathing or blood circulation, or uses a chokehold or similar restraint, and thereby causes serious physical Injury or death to another person. **Aggravated Strangulation is a class C felony**.
- New City Council Bill** (passed by veto proof vote of City Council and awaiting Mayor's signature) makes it a B for a **police officer** to restrain someone in a manner that restricts airflow or blood circulation by compressing the windpipe or carotid arteries. It further **criminalizes as misdemeanors the acts of sitting, kneeling, or standing on the chest or back of a subject in a manner that compresses the diaphragm**.

These acts are defined by the new law as **criminal acts, even if an act was unintentional and no injury was sustained by the subject**.

- A new **State law** establishes a statewide office within the Attorney General's office that can review procedures and policies of any police department in New York State and make recommendations related to the operations and policies of law enforcement agencies. It may also investigate complaints concerning allegations of fraud, use of excessive force, criminal activity, conflicts of interest or abuse and determine if disciplinary action, civil action, or criminal prosecution is warranted.
- On July 1, 2020, City of New York members with GHI PPO plans will move to their new claims platform. Members will be issued the same type of member ID numbers (the "K-ID") as other members on the new system. ID cards with K-IDs will be issued. EmblemHealth ID cards will have the full 11-digit K-ID. To facilitate coordination of care, Empire BlueCross BlueShield will use the same K-ID, but their ID cards will only have the first 9-digits displayed.

Report of officers

President:

- National Raffle tickets are still available.
- Aug. 29, 10 am Support The Blue Rally in park opposite CMPD Headquarters.
- Harvey thanked the club members who acted as honor guards at Nick Dispenziere's funeral

Vice President: Nothing to report

Treasurer: Report given. A motion to accept the report was made, seconded and approved.

Secretary: Excused

Trustees:

Bob Fee: Nothing to report

Kevin Gribbon: Nothing to report

Brenda Jordan: Nothing to report

Ian McGrouther: Nothing to report

Ben Pepitone: Nothing to report

Sgt. at Arms: Excused

Historian: Excused

Committee Reports:

Membership: 414

Socials: Jimmy LaRossa golf tournament has been postponed until 2021

Old Business: None

New Business:

New Members:

Ret. NYPD Sgt. Eric Goodman

Ret. NYPD P.O. George Eicher

Ret. NYPD P.O. Debbie Heusner

A motion to accept the new members was made, seconded and approved.

Good of the Club: 50/50 Suspended

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved.

**Next Meeting
August 11, 7pm**





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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 1st 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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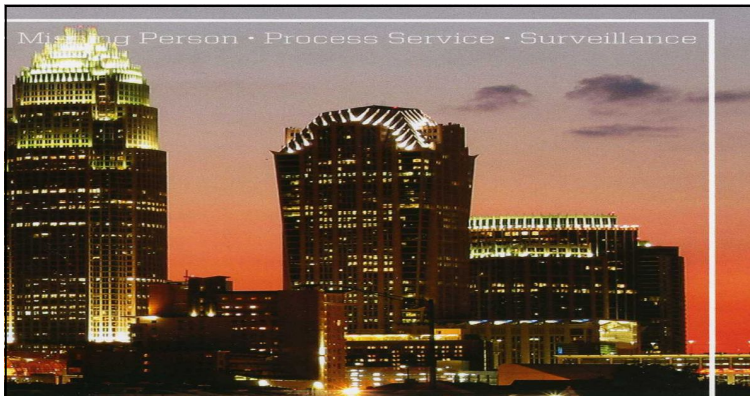
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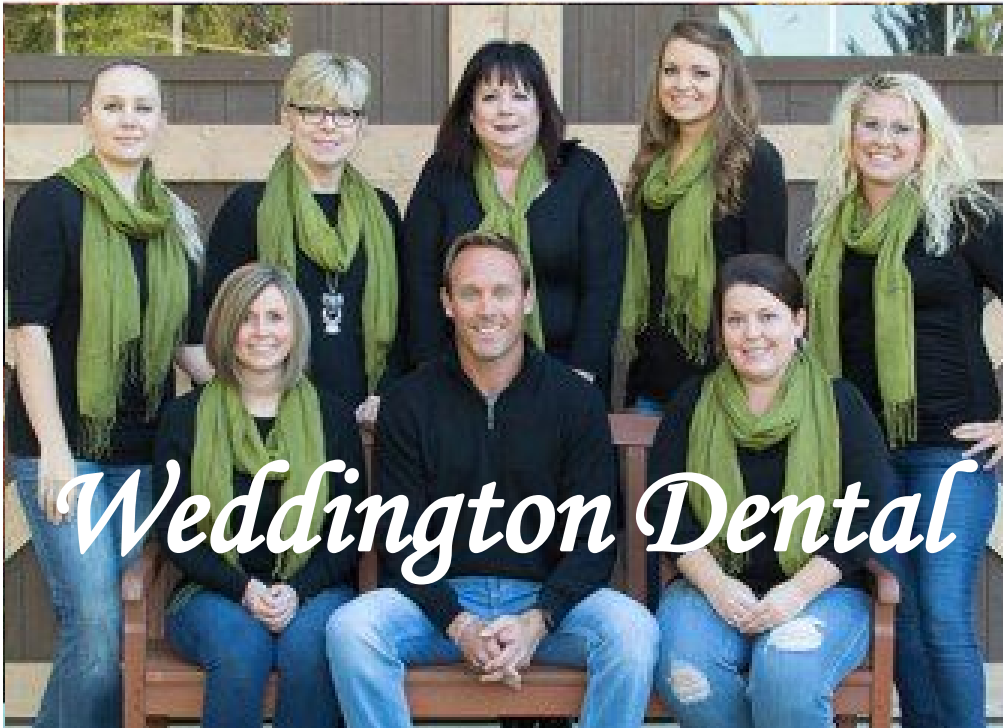
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