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AN ORGANIZATION OF RETIRED NEW YORK CITY POLICE OFFICERS AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGES

Hi All,

With the increase in hospitalizations due to the COVID19 Delta Variant, and it ease of contacting, it is important that we all do our part to prevent its spread. If you have come in contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID or are experiencing flu or cold like symptoms, please quarantine or at the very least wear a mask when around others. Also, we must all remember to properly wash our hands or use hand sanitizer when appropriate.

Now that the FDA has given full approval of the Pfeizer vaccine I hope that those of you who were reluctant to get the vaccine over concerns that it was unsafe, will do so now. **Note, 24 of the 39 officers who died in the line of duty this month have died from COVID 19.

On August 23 I sent an email asking everyone to watch an informative video of an interactive meeting with representatives of Alliance (Empire BCBS/Emblem Health) and NYC retirees that should answer most questions about the new NYC Alliance Medicare Advantage Plus health plan. https://www.psc-cuny.org/whats-happening-retireehealthcare. Based on the number of emails and telephone calls I continue to receive, it is obvious that many members have not taken the time to do so. If you want to make an informed decision on whether to opt out of the new health plan or stay with your present health plan you should watch the video. The following is a link to another informative video: SBA webinar: (13) NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan Presentation | August 23, 2021 - YouTube

Additionally, for further information, members can contact the NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan dedicated telephone hotline at 1-833-325-1190 Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

I used the hotline number to find out which company would be handling the administrative portion of the plan and was pleased to learn that it would be Empire BCBS and not Emblem Health.

I also sent out an email after speaking to Sabrina DeGuzman-Simmons, Aetna Medicare Account Director Retiree Markets that effective January 1, 2022 those of us who wish to stay in the Aetna Medicare Advantage Health Plan will have to pay a premium of \$44 per person per month. At this time I am not sure if this rate only applies to those of us who live in states other than NY, NJ and PA.

The new rate will be submitted to the City on September 1 and will be included in a letter that will be sent to retirees later in the month with the rates of all of the other health plans effective January 1, 2022. For more information see page 21.

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Next Membership Meeting Tuesday September 14, 2021, 7:00 PM at the Charlotte FOP Lodge #9, 1201 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte NC 28205 http://www.charlotte10-13.com/

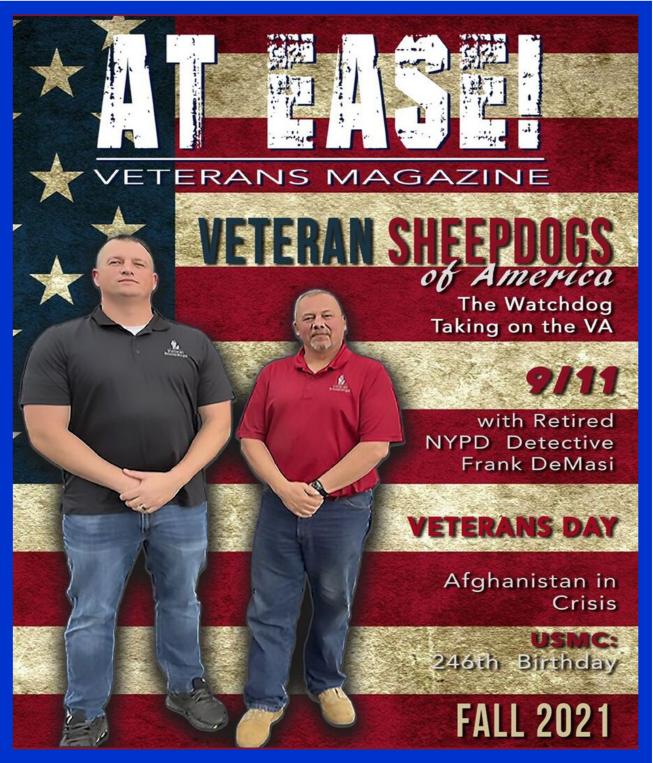
PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Christine Walker, editor of At Ease veterans magazine interviewed club member Frank DeMasi about his experience on September 11, 2001 for a story in the Fall edition of the magazine. To paraphrase Frank, it was ironic that that when the magazine editing was completed my story began on page. 11.

The magazine can be accessed at the following link: https://simplebooklet.com/ateaseveteransmagazinefall2021. If you're viewing it on a computer, you will be able to enlarge the article for easier reading by clicking on an icon at the bottom of the page.

Also be advised that the magazine has a "**Taps**" memoriam section (pages 54 & 55) in which Christine Walker dedicates the entire section to the 23 NYPD heroes WHO DIED on September 11th, as she feels these were truly the first casualties of the war.

Quoting Frank, "I'm so thankful she did this piece to honor ALL who was lost on that fateful day, and I told her I am grateful that she did her part, in the promise so many made 20 years ago to....NEVER FORGET!"



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Reminder: On September 11, 2021 **Salute to Heroes Charlotte Inc.** will hold an event "**Celebration of Heroes**" honoring first responders and the fallen at Truist Field (Knights stadium).

The CMPD Blue Hornets will be playing a baseball game against the CFD Blaze beginning at 6pm. There will be a fireworks display after the game and a performance by the CFD Pipe and Drums.

Club member Frank DeMasi will have the honor of throwing out the first pitch of the game.

To see Frank DeMasi's acting debut, (worth of an academy award) promoting this event go to https://www.dropbox.com/sh/hormfqpr4m7tw4u/AAAD7TaEbomfBqmG fxBsnXda?
dl=0&preview=chiefscup21 demasi-psa 40s.mp4

Our club received 40 complimentary tickets to the game (**4 tickets remain**). If you would like a ticket(s) please contact me ASAP.

Additional tickets can be purchased for \$10 for box seats or \$20 for Home Plate Club seats using the below link: https://www.ticketreturn.com/prod2/Buy.asp?EventID=319799

Our club will receive \$5 for every ticket purchased using NY-PD1013 in the Special Offer Code box. See screen shot to the right.

Celebration of First Responders on 9/11/2021 Date/Time: Sat, Sep 11 2021 at 6:00 PM Event: Celebration of First Responders Event Info: 20th Anniversary 9/11 Chiefs Cup Baseball Venue: BB&T Ballpark - 2019 **Next Event >** < Previous Event **All Events** NYPD1013 **Special Offer Code** Submit Please enter the special offer code here and click submit. Special Offer Tickets **Home Plate Club** Best Available > Quantity < \$20.00 Home Plate Club- 10/13 NYPD Charlotte Field Box



In an effort to not interfere with the Celebration of First Responders event our 9/11 20th Anniversary Memorial Ceremony will take place on our normal meeting night on Tuesday September 14.

A copy of the 9/11 program will be emailed to everyone prior to the meeting

Sadly, 109 names had to be added to the program since our last ceremony, including two of our club members. Retired NYPD Detective Tommy Gallo lost his valiant fight to overcome cancer on October 31, 2020 and honorary club member, Retired NYFD firefighter Robert "Butch" Foley, after a prolonged battle, succumbed to a respiratory illness on Feb. 7, 2021.

Those of us collecting Social Security can expect a hefty increase in 2022.

Social Security cost of living adjustment could be largest in nearly 4 decades

By Brittany De Lea FOXBusiness Published August 12

Social Security beneficiaries might be in for the highest cost of living adjustment (COLA) in nearly four decades, according to new projections.

The latest estimate from nonpartisan senior advocacy group the Senior Citizens League puts the 2022 COLA, which will be announced in October, around 6.2%.

"The estimate is significant because the COLA is based on the average of the July, August and September CPI data," Mary Johnson, a Social Security policy analyst for The Senior Citizens League, said in a statement. "With one-third of the data needed to calculate the COLA already in, it increasingly appears that the COLA for 2022 will be the highest paid since 1983 when it was 7.4%."

August riddle and answer: There are several animals/insects known for their extraordinary ability to jump. Which one of the following can jump higher than a 2 story building: kangaroo, rabbit, bull frog, goat, cat, grasshopper or a flea? They all can. A building can't jump. The answer was on page 25. Congratulations to Lisa Rosa whose name was drawn for a free membership from among all the members who answered the riddle correctly.

September riddle: What do you call a cow who doesn't produce milk?

We have begun collecting dues for 2022. If you will be paying your dues at this month's membership meeting, please do so by check to make things easier for our treasurer.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The following is a synopsis of the National NYCPD 10-13 Organization, Inc. July 27, 2021 Board of Officers meeting

- A motion was made and passed unanimously to accept the Long Island NYCPD 10-13 Club into our organization. The club
 was recently formed by Richard Bohn, past president of the Ft Mill 10-13 club.
- A new club in Dallas, TX will be up and running shortly. Tom Healy will be the president. Tom has been in touch with Ret.
 NYPD Lt. Michelle Mason who will try to start a satellite chapter in the Austin, TX area.
- Lobby Day was cancelled last year due to COVID19. A discussion will be had during the December National board meeting for Lobby Day plans in 2022.
- Notice of participation for the WTC 9/11 Health Program ended on July 29, 2021. There has been some confusion about this
 deadline. Michael Barasch, of Barasch & McGarry Law Firm has been invited to our National convention to clarify the confusion
 and to explain what this means for the future. **Please note that clarification of this deadline can be found at the following link:
 News Article VCF Registration Deadlines 2021 WTC Health Program (cdc.gov)
- The Florida annual reunion is scheduled for February 10, 2022.
- National President Emeritus, Tony Perrone requested that Club Presidents contact NY state legislators and push for passage of the COLA bills. (See page 32 for the COLA bills and their sponsors).
- The following is the result of the elections for the 2022 National Executive Board:

President Michael Fahy, Hudson Valley
1st Vice President John Briganti, Hudson Valley
2nd V.P. Legislation Richard Molloy, Hudson Valley
Secretary Salvatore Pepitone, Jersey Shore

Treasurer Jill Killeen, Jersey Shore

On behalf of the entire NYPD 10-13 Club of Charlotte I want to thank the new Executive Board for volunteering to lead our organization and to wish them much success in their endeavors.

Additionally, I want to commend and thank the outgoing board for their dedication and for the time and effort they have spent in protecting and enhancing the benefits for NYPD retirees. It is greatly appreciated.

While I am on the subject of elections, I want to remind our club members that we will be taking nominations for our 2022 executive board and trustee positions at this month's membership meeting. Elections will take place during our October membership meeting.

Trustee Brenda Jordan who has faithfully and tirelessly served our members since October 2008 has indicated she will not be running for re-election. And treasurer Chris Russo said he will stay on the board for 1 more year if no one else runs for his position.

We need your help to continue having a successful organization. Please step up to the plate and volunteer to run for a board position.

We will be catering the dinner for this month's membership meeting. <u>Please respond</u> to the Evite in a <u>timely manner</u> so that we have enough food for everyone.

I want to apologize to our club members who tried to participate in last month's membership meeting remotely via Zoom. Due to technical difficulties, (our Zoom guru, Bernard Roe was on vacation in Mexico), we were unable to connect to Zoom. It was not for a lack of trying by those of us who are technically challenged.

I have good news for those of you who want to participate in this month's membership meeting via Zoom. Bernard has returned from vacation, so our Zoom capabilities should be at 100%.

The September 2021 COLA equals 1.4 percent, for a maximum annual increase of \$252.00, or \$21.00 per month before taxes.

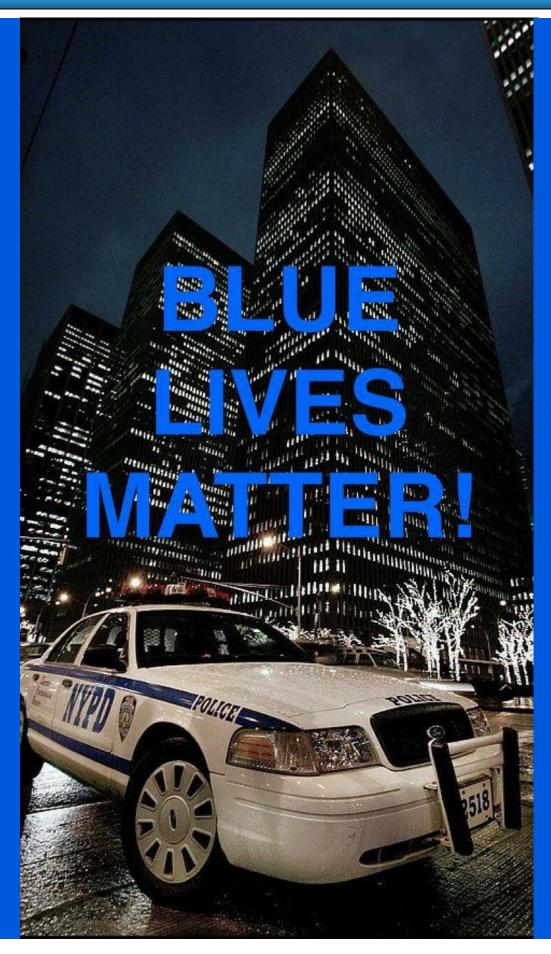
Lastly, if you are able to participate as part of our honor guard for our 9/11 memorial ceremony, please contact Frank Irizarry at: frankirizarry10@gmail.com or 917-494-1752.

Stay healthy and stay safe!

Fraternally,

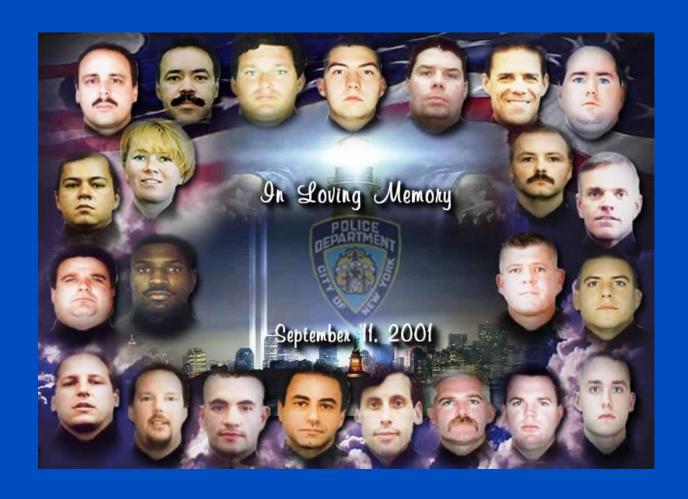
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OUR NYPD HEROES





OUR NYNJ PAPD HEROES



P.O. Christopher Amoroso



P.O. Maurice Barry



P.O. Liam Callahan



Lt. Robert Cirri, Sr.



P.O. Clinton Davis, Sr.



P.O. Donald Foreman



P.O. Gregg Froehner



P.O. Thomas Gorman



P.O. George Howard



P.O. Stephen Huczko, Jr.



Insp. Anthony Infante, Jr.



P.O. Paul Jurgens



Sgt. Robert Kaulfers



P.O. Paul Laszczynski



P.O. David LeMagne



P.O. John Lennon



P.O. James Lynch



Capt. Kathy Mazza



P.O. DonalMcIntyre



P.O. Walter McNeil



Dir. of Public Safety Fred Morrone



P.O. Josep Navas



P.O. James Nelson



P.O. Alfonse Niedermeyer III



P.O. Dominick Pezzulo



P.O. Bruce Reynolds



P.O. Antonio Rodrigues



P.O. Richard Rodriguez



Chief James Romito



P.O. John Skala



P.O. Walwyn Stuart, Jr.



P.O. Kenneth Tietjen



P.O. Nathaniel Webb



NYPD Lt. Timothy "Tim" Edward Coyne, past away August 12 at his home after years of suffering with 9/11 first responder-related respiratory ailments. His 9/11-related terminal conditions robbed his body of the ability to fend-off the destructive advance of the Delta variant of Covid that, despite his heroic battle, ended his life with a cruel swiftness.

In 2001, quickly rising through the ranks of the NYPD, Tim, then a sergeant assigned to the 1st Precinct in Lower Manhattan, quickly found himself on Sept. 11 helping people racing for their lives from the crumbling Twin Towers. Tim logged an extraordinary number of daily extended shifts — month after month—managing the makeshift morgue at Ground Zero. Tim, promoted to lieutenant, would later transfer to the Midtown South Precinct running the "midnights", and then served as the head of the Manhattan Traffic Task Force that included the Mounted Division, Crash Investigations, and Emergency Services.

But just months after 9/11, Tim's health deteriorated due to the poisons in the air around Ground Zero where Tim, like many of his heroic colleagues, had worked.

Tim is survived by his loving wife, Hilary Kramer, of Holmdel; his two children, Shia and Timmy, his mother-in-law, Marilyn Kramer, his siblings; Edward Coyne, and his wife Janine, of Marine Park, Brooklyn, Thomas Coyne, and his wife, Eleanor, of Flaggler Beach Florida, James Coyne, and his wife Patsy, of Haddonfield, and Michael Coyne, and his wife, Eileen, of Haddonfield; his nieces and nephews Janine, Michael, Edward, Joe, Meredith, Eileen, James, Thomas, Christopher, Michael, Brandon, Daniel, and Marybeth, and numerous great nieces and nephews and his beloved dogs, Elvis and Stella.







Det. Shantay Neal-Baker, assigned to the Risk Mitigation Division, succumbed to coronavirus complications on Saturday,

The 42-year-old detective "faithfully served the people of NYC for 20 years.

Neal-Baker got her start as a Police Communications Technician, before becoming an officer in the Brownsville and Williamsburg neighborhoods of Brooklyn, the top cop wrote in an internal memo obtained by The Post.

A volunteer peer support member, Neal-Baker also worked in the NYPD's Human Resources Division, and most recently in its Risk Mitigation Division, where she was assigned to the Performance Analysis Section.







Ret. NYPD Detective Squad Sergeant Christopher Michael Tully died Saturday, August 14, 2021 after a four-year battle with 9/11-related cancer. He was 52.

Chris began his career in the 50 precinct and retired out of Intelligence Operations and Analysis Section.

Sgt. Tully's wife, Agnes, was on a train out of Little Neck, bound for the ferry to her job in Weehawken, New Jersey, knowing her husband was at home asleep after working the night shift for the NYPD.

It was Sept. 11, 2001, and as the train came around the bend, she saw smoke rising from the North Tower of the World Trade Center and thought there must have been a fire at the Windows on the World restaurant.



By the time she was in the middle of the Hudson, she knew it was something far more catastrophic. And when she finally contacted her newlywed husband, he told her just what she'd expected.

"He said, 'I'm on my way down, I'm on my way," she recalled this week.

Agnes Tully said she felt overwhelming relief when she heard from him again late that night. Neither knew the terrible seed that had been planted, that would take root in the weeks to come, as Chris Tully worked sifting through remains, first at Ground Zero and later at the forensic yard at Fresh Kills on Staten Island, leading to the cancer that would take him years later.

In the aftermath of the terror attacks, Agnes Tully asked her husband repeatedly how he kept sifting through the remains of those who died on 9/11.

He told her, she recalled: "'This is what you do, you've got to get answers for the families.' I couldn't even wrap my head around it ... But that was Chris."



Sergeant Ryan Kenny, 50 Pct. died in the line of duty after suffering a heart attack inside the police station locker room early Saturday morning.

Sgt. Kenny, a 19 year veteran, grew up in Floral Park, NY where he spent his childhood in the boy scouts and training his German Shepard dogs. He graduated from Floral Park Memorial High School where he received the "Good Citizenship" award. Ryan attended both Nassau Community College and Molloy College.

He graduated the NYPD Police Academy and was later promoted to Sergeant.

Ryan was married on August 2, 2008 to Laura Napoli. He is survived by his 11 year old triplet children, Alice, Liam, and Charlie.















POLICE OFFICER SONY CLERGE

Transit Borough Manhattan Task Force New York City Police Department

End of Watch August 20, 2021

Fidelis Ad Mortem



Officer Sony Clerge a veteran NYPD officer passed away Friday morning due to complications related to COVID-19.

Officer Sony Clerge died Friday morning, Police Commissioner Dermot Shea said in a memo to his officers.

"Fluent in French and Creole, Sony worked his entire 19-year career assigned to Transit Borough Manhattan Task Force, where his efforts helped make our city's subway system a safer, more hospitable place for millions of riders," Shea wrote.





Always in our minds and hearts

Cone but never forgotten.........





Deputy Sheriff Shaun Waters Harris Co., TX Sheriff's Office EOW: Sunday, August 1, 2021 Cause: COVID19



Corrections Off. Maurice Jackson Robertsdale, AL PD EOW: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 Cause: COVID19



<u>Sheriff Lee D. Vance</u> Hinds Co., MS, Sheriff's Office EOW: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 Cause: COVID19



P.O. Scott Russell Dawley Nelsonville, OH PD EOW: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 Cause: Automobile crash



P.O. George Gonzalez U.S. Dept. of Defense - Pentagon Force Protection Agency, US EOW: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 Cause: Stabbed



P.O. Brian Russell Pierce, Jr. Brooklyn, IL PD EOW: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 Cause: Vehicular assault



Deputy Sheriff Brandon A. Shirley Jefferson Co., KY Sheriff's Office EOW: Thursday, August 5, 2021 Cause: Gunfire



P.O. Ella Grace French Chicago, IL PD EOW: Saturday, August 7, 2021 Cause: Gunfire



Lt. Dale Sylvester, Jr. Port Wentworth, GA PD EOW: Weds., August 11, 2021 Cause: COVID19



Reserve Sgt. John Richard Bullard, Jr. Independence, MO PD EOW: Weds. August 11, 2021 Cause: COVID19



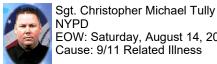
Lt. Timothy Edward Coyne NYPD EOW: Thurs. August 12, 2021 Cause: 9/11 related illness



Special Agent Gregory C. Holland U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs EOW: Friday, August 13, 2021 Cause: COVID19



Det Shantay Neal-Baker **NYPD** EOW: Saturday, August 14, 2021 Cause: COVID 19



NYPD EOW: Saturday, August 14, 2021 Cause: 9/11 Related Illness



Sgt. Ryan Kenny NYPD' EOW: Saturday, August 14, 2021 Cause: Heart Attack



P.O. Juan Manuel Gomez-Lopez Pelham, AL PD EOW: Saturday, August 14, 2021 Cause: COVID19



P.O. Jennifer B. Sepot Fort Lauderdale, FL PD EOW: Saturday, August 14, 2021 Cause: COVID19



Trooper Lazaro R. Febles Florida Highway Patrol, EOW: Saturday, August 14, 2021 Cause: COVID19



Deputy Sheriff Ryan J. Proxmire Kalamazoo Co., MI Sheriff's Office, EOW: Sunday, August 15, 2021 Cause: Gunfire



Reserve Officer Robert Craig Cloninger Mount Gilead, NC PD, NC EOW: Sunday, August 15, 2021 Cause: Duty related illness



Sgt. Steven Mazzotta Lee Co., Sheriff's Office, FL EOW: Monday, August 16, 2021 Cause: COVID19



Border Patrol Agent Ricardo Zarate U.S. Border Patrol EOW: Monday, August 16, 2021 Cause: COVID19



P.O. Jason Raynor Daytona Beach PD, FL EOW: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 Cause: Gunfire



P.O. Edward Perez Miami Beach, FL PD EOW: Thursday, August 19, 2021 Cause: COVID19



Deputy Sheriff Eric Otis Ritter Moore Co., NC Sheriff's Office EOW: Thursday, August 19, 2021 Cause: COVID19



Sgt. John Harris Tulsa Co., OK Sheriff's Office EOW: Thursday, August 19, 2021 Cause: COVID19



Sgt. Kuo-sheng "Johnny" Wang South Houston, TX PD, EOW: Thursday, Aug. 19, 2021 Cause: COVID19



P.O. Sonny Clege NYPD EOW: Friday, August 20, 2021 Cause: COVID 19



Cpl. Frank Tobar Palm Bay PD, FL EOW: Friday, August 20, 2021 Cause: COVID19



Trooper James J. Monda New York State Police, NY EOW: Sunday, August 22, 2021 Cause: Drowned



Det. Manuel "Chris" Widner Paris, TX PD EOW: Sunday, August 22, 2021 Cause: COVID19



Dep. Sheriff Christopher Broadhead Polk Co., FL Sheriff's Office, EOW: Monday, August 23, 2021 Cause: COVID19



Dep. Sheriff Roger A. Mitchell Sullivan Co., TN Sheriff's Office EOW: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 Cause: COVID19



Chief of Police Kenneth Kirkland Colquitt , GA PD EOW: Wednesday, August 25, Cause: Heart attack



Corrections Dep. Lakiesha Tucker Shelby Co., TN Sheriff's Office EOW: Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021 Cause: COVID19



Senior P.O. Randolph Boyd, Jr Austin, TX PD EOW: Wednesday, August 25, 2021

Cause: COVID19



P.O. Harminder Grewal Galt, CA PD EOW: Thursday, August 26, 2021 Cause: Automobile crash



Whitney Cloud FI. Dept. of Corrections EOW: Thursday, August 26, 2021 Cause: Gunfire (Inadvertent)

Correctional Officer Trainee]



Senior Sgt. Steve Urias Austin, TX PD EOW: Thursday, August 26, 2021 Cause: COVID19





AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING







Club Pres. Harvey Katoiwitz & Guest Speaker Ret. NYPD Patrolman Joe Cirillo









Membership Meeting Minutes August 10, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm with 48 members and 1 guest. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance, invocation, the reading of the names and cause of the death of the 15 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 - Excused

Treasurer: Chris Russo Secretary: Scott Hickey

Sgt. at Arms: Harry Dobson - Excused

Trustee: Dennis Cirillo
Trustee: Bob Fee - Via Zoom

Trustee: Kevin Gribbon
Trustee: Brenda Jordan
Trustee: Ian McGrouther
Historian: Jim Rochford
Chaplain: Rich McCarron

Chaplain: Donald Sanchez—Via Zoom

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

Introduction of guest speakers:

• Ret. NYPD officer Joe Cirillo

Sickness & Distress:

- Sue McCarron, wife of Chaplain Rich McCarron has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Jack Hawthorne is recovering from a heart cauterization procedure
- David Clarke is recovering from eye surgery

Communications & Bills

- The new Medicare Advantage Health Plan was discussed and questions answered
- Mike Boger, who has been conducting HR 218 qualification classes for our members at Eagle Gun Range on Fridays will now accommodate our members who work during the week by also holding classes on Saturday. Contact Mike at: wrthawg@yahoo.com for further information and to sign up for the class.
- On September 11, 2021 Salute to Heroes Charlotte Inc. will hold an event "Celebration of Heroes" honor ing first responders and the fallen at Truist Field (Knights stadium). The CMPD Blue Hornets will be playing a baseball game against the CFD Blaze beginning at 6pm. There will be a fireworks display after the game and a performance by the CFD Pipe and Drums. Club member Frank DeMasi will have the honor of throwing out the first pitch of the game. Tickets are \$10 and our club will receive \$5 for every ticket we sell.
- NYS concealed carry permits: If your permit was issued before January 15, 2013, the deadline to submit your
 recertification was January 31, 2018. If your permit was issued on or after January 15, 2013, the deadline to
 recertify is five years after the date the permit was issued. As a permit holder, it is your responsibility to recertify
 your permit whether even if you did receive not receive a notification letter.

Report of officers

President:

 Our 9/11 20th Anniversary memorial ceremony will be held at the Sept 14th membership meeting. A sit down dinner will be provided.

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- Knights game : 60 tickets were sold for the Knights game. Although it was a very warm night the game was well attended and everyone had a great night.
- Additional raffle tickets: The Club received five extra tickets which have all been sold.
- Club board officers nominations: The entire Board and Trustees are up for election. Brenda Jordon will not be running. If anyone is interested in running let your Trustee know.

Vice President: Nothing to report.

Treasurer: A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Recording secretary: Nothing to report.

Corresponding secretary: Nothing to report.

Trustees:

Dennis Cirillo: Nothing to report
 Kevin Gribbon: Nothing to report
 Brenda Jordan: Nothing to report
 Ian McGrouther: Nothing to report.
 John Randazzo: Nothing to report

Sgt. at Arms: Nothing to report

Historian: Excused

Committee Reports

• Membership: 425

Socials: 60 were sold for the Night at the Knights baseball game.

Old Business: None

New Business: The 9/11 20th Anniversary Memorial T-shirt are available for purchase.

Good of the Club

- New members
 - 1. Ret. NYPD Det. James Ward
 - 2. Ret. NYPD Det. Marcial "Mark" Valentin
 - 3. Ret. NYPD P.O. Karen Heintz, returning member
- August Newsletter riddle drawing was won by Lisa Rosa.
- 50/50 ofwas won by Dave Schultheis.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved.

Next Meeting Tuesday, September 14, 7pm



MEMBERSHIP



2021 Monthly Meeting Dates

September 14

November 09

October 12

December 14



 August 20, 2021 Conor Cronin, son of club member Jim Cronin

SICK DESK UPDATE



Sue McCarron, wife of Chaplain Rich McCarron has been diagnosed with cancer.

David Clarke is recovering from eye surgery.

Mark Valentin is recovering at home from Stem-Cell Therapy to treat a 9/11 related cancer.



- 1. Ret. NYPD Det. Marcial "Mark" Valentin
- 2. Ret. NYPD Det. James Ward
- 3. Returning member Ret. NYPD P.O. Karen Heitz

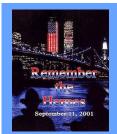


We currently have 427 members, 307 from the NYPD and the remainder from 57 other law enforcement agencies.



Hawthorne Lane Bridge has re-opened

We eat dinner at our meetings at 7pm, followed by the formal part of the meeting.



9/11 20th Anniversary Memorial Ceremony Meeting Tuesday September 14, 7PM





BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday!

SEPTEMBER

Steven Luisa	9/2
Baron Lewis	9/4
Kevin Stoeckert	9/6
Vinnie Orsini	9/7
Joe Liotta	9/8
Stanley Pimble	9/8
Vernon Lewis	9/9
Raul Muniz	9/9
Ben Pepitone	9/9
Bruce Conway	9/11
Thomas O'Rourke	9/11
Rocky Flowers	9/12
Brian Kentler	9/12
Joe McAllister	9/13
Michael Sheehy	9/13
Daniel DiPiazza	9/14
John Hamberger	9/14
Paul Magee	9/14
Kevin Smith	9/14
Darrin Owens	9/16
Daisy Agostine	9/16
John Giangarra	9/17
Chris Matthews	9/17
Vic Mele	9/17
Ken McAnuff	9/19
Vinnie Recher	9/19
Joe Trippodo	9/19
Neil Sullivan	9/20
Kevin Conn	9/22
Fred Layne (RIP)	9/23
Tom Luisa	9/23
Gregory Maxwell	9/25
Ray Lechner	9/26
Jack Hawthorne	9/27
Philip Hirt	9/27



Jimmy LaRossa (RIP)

John Lotti

9/29

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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.

Geographical Area	Trustee	Tel. (H)	Tel. (C)	Email Address
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The next CEA Meeting will be held t 1000 hours on Weds. September 1 at
Villa Barone Manor
737 Throgs Neck Expwy,
Bronx NY 10465



HEALTH AND WELFARE



NYC Health Benefits Program

The NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan, a Custom Program for City Retirees, Beginning January 1, 2022

The City and the Municipal Labor Committee selected an alliance between Empire BlueCross BlueShield and Emblem Health to provide the NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan to retirees and their eligible dependents. The NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan is a Medicare Advantage plan which is an alternative to the traditional Medicare program. It will replace the current Senior Care program, which is a supplement to traditional Medicare, as the program that is free to all retirees. Retirees will automatically be enrolled in the new NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan with an effective date of January 1, 2022. Retirees will have the ability to opt-out of the NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan and buy up to the another plan including the Senior Care program and HIP VIP in September and October before the program start date.

For additional information, you can call the special call center at 1-833-325-1190, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

- View Announcement Letter to Retirees: https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/health/retiree-ma-letter-073021.pdf
- View the NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan Enrollment Guide: https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/ health/5325101-511301MUSENMUB-001-CTYONY-GRS-PY-2021-City-of-New-York-Enrollment-Guide-HR-508.pdf

Note: This version of the enrollment guide is intended for retirees currently on the GHI/Empire BlueCross BlueShield Senior Care plan. Additional versions of the enrollment guide will be mailed to all City of New York retirees, and will be posted on this website closer to the time of the mailings.

- View the NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan Opt-Out Form: https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/health/5325101
 -511301MUSENMUB-001-CTYONY-GRS-PY-2021-City-of-New-York-Opt-Out-Form.pdf
- View the Frequently Asked Questions Updated 8/20/2021: https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/health/ma-faqs-08-20-21.pdf
- View the Plan Comparison Chart 2021-2022: https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/health/plan-design-comparison-07-24-21.pdf
- Learn more about the NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan and register to attend a virtual retiree benefit education meeting: https://nyc-ma-plus.empireblue.com/

New health plan rumors put to bed:

- If you opt out of the new plan you will not be eligible for the Medicare/IRMAA premium reimbursement. As long as you are in any of the health plans offered by the City you will receive the reimbursement.
- You will need a referral to see a specialist. No referral is needed.
- If you do not opt of the plan for 2022, you are in the plan forever. No, the City will be offering an Annual Transfer Peri od. In the past, transfers between plans were only permitted every other year. Beginning in 2022, transfers between plans will be permitted every year in the Fall. Members also maintain their right to a once-per lifetime off-cycle transfer between retiree plans.
- You will be responsible for obtaining preauthorization for certain procedures? Yes. Just like the plans for active City employees, certain medical procedures will require preauthorization under the NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan. When you see an in-network provider, the doctor and the insurer will handle the preauthorization. When seeing out-of-network doctors, while prior authorizations are not required, we recommend you ask your provider to request a prior authorization to confirm that the services they are providing will be considered medically necessary and covered.

THIS AND THAT

CELEBRATION OF HEROES SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

Honoring First Responders and the Fallen on the 20th Anniversary of 9-11

PRESENTED BY







CMPD BLUE HORNETS VS. CFD BLAZE

Evening will feature tributes to fallen Heroes from North and South Carolina as well as the Heroes lost on 9-11. Visit charlottesalutetoheroes.com for tickets.

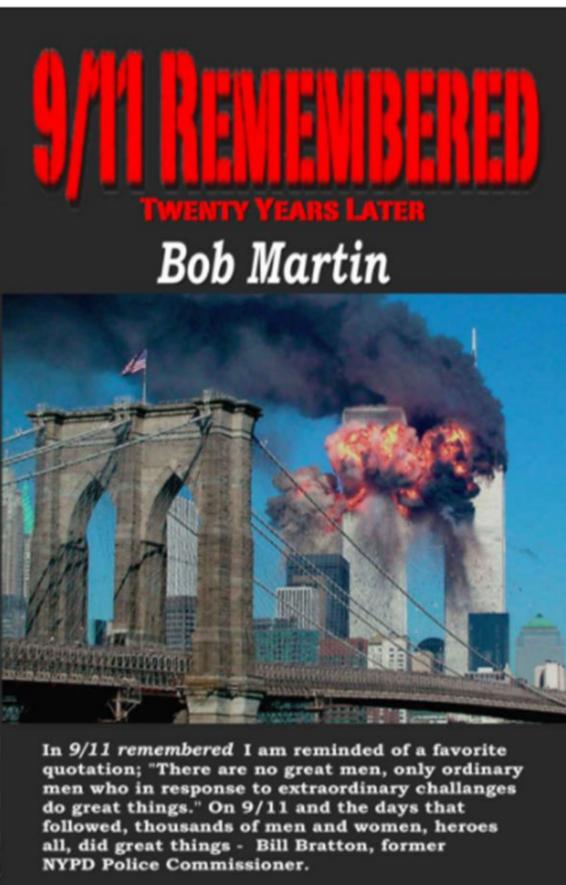


Event proceeds to benefit Salute to Heroes Charlotte Foundation and many other foundations and organizations that support public safety and military.

For more info, contact Marc Bochicchio: 704.819.6725 • marc.bochicchio2005@gmail.com

Tickets for the game are \$10. Club member Frank DeMasi has been chosen to throw out the first pitch of the game.

THIS AND THAT



Friends,

I am forwarding the below message from NYPD Football Alumni President Al Ferriso. He describes my new book, 9/11 Remembered,-Twenty Years Later, which I had to write, to remind everyone of the untold sacrifices which our brave First Responders made on that horrific day. I felt obliged to comment on these heroes actions, especially in the virulent "antipolice" climate that now permeates many layers of our society. It seems that a large portion of the population has either forgotten, or are too young to remember, those who "ran to danger," on September 11, 2001.

Far too many died that day, or as my book points out, have in the twenty years that followed, succumbed to or been seriously affected with Post 9/11related diseases.

They should never be forgotten!

All proceeds from the book are going to the 3256 Foundation which honors fallen Emergency Service Unit Sergeant, USMC combat veteran Mike Curtin.

Any help you could provide as far as pushing the book and the 3256, would be deeply appreciated.

Thanks and Stay Safe

Bob Martin

Guys, I just spoke to my long time friend and Finest football teammate Bob Martin about his second book, 9/11 Remembered-Twenty Year Later. In it, Bob honors the heroic first responders, some who lived, and others who made "The Ultimate Sacrifice" on that horrific day, and in the weeks and months that followed. Included among those mentioned are long-time Finest Football Family members, Pete Moog, Steve McAllister, Gerry Ahearn, and long-time fan, Chief Terri Tobin.

All proceeds from the book will be donated to the 3256 Foundation which was established to honor the memory of **ESU Sergeant Mike Curtin**, a twelve-year active service Marine who was killed at the Trade Center.

https://3256foundation.org

THIS AND THAT









Win a free car with a hole-in-one on a specific par 3 hole! One tournament winner.

2021 First Annual Golf Tournament Serving those who serve us

WHERE: Larkin Golf Club

175 Clubhouse Drive, Statesville, NC 28677

Phone: 704-872-9990

WHEN: Monday, October 4th, 2021 @ 10am (shot gun start)

9am Registration \$100/Player—\$400/Team Captain's Choice Luncheon & awards ceremony to follow @ FOP #10 Lodge 366 Dover Road, Statesville, NC 28677 (3.5 miles) Phone: 704-873-5447

	For more inform	nation contact:		
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PLAYER 3:		Phone		
PLAYER 2:		Phone		
CAPTAIN:	CAPTAIN: Phone			

Ed StJohn 704-881-1659 / Ed Hendrickson 704-763-9221

HEALTH AND WELFARE

This is the update from the SBA regarding Emblem/GHI. I'm pleased to say that 64 new doctors have been already accepted since the Emblem Panel has been reopened. The PBA and DEA MLC liaisons Mr Nicholson and Mr Russo were involved in having Emblem health reopen its panels as well. This is a group effort now between all three police unions. A special thanks to all three men for their efforts in helping us retirees. Negotiations are still going on and I will post all info that I receive as I receive it.

Bill McMahon

This is from an email from Emblem Health outlining instructions to nominate a provider for participation in the Emblem Health network.

Gentlemen

I have the following information regarding adding providers to the Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina Emblem Health in network medical panels.

We are pleased to announce, the process for GHI non-Medicare retirees nominating doctors with the intention of being added as CBP participating providers, has been restored as of today.

EmblemHealth's Customer Service, Provider Network and Grievance & Appeals advocates (representatives) have been informed that the network is in fact, open for provider nominations; letters will no longer state the network is closed.

Members who wish to nominate their provider may contact EmblemHealth via telephone or email. If an Emblem advocate receives a call from a CNY PPO (GHI) Retiree member requesting information on how to nominate their provider for participation, advocates will:

- Confirm the member is an active CNY PPO Retiree plan member
- · Obtain the following information:
 - o Provider's full name
 - o Practice name
 - o Contact person
 - o Address
 - o Telephone #
 - o Specialty
 - o Email the information to cityofnyretireesprovidernomination@emblemhealth.com
- If a member sends the request via a secure email from the portal, the correspondence advocate will:
 - o Review the request to ensure all the necessary information has been provided, see above
 - o If so, will forward the request to cityofnyretireesprovidernomination@emblemhealth.com
 - o If the request has incomplete provider information, a reply will be emailed to the member requesting the additional information
 - · Advocates will not send a letter to a CNY Retiree member indicating that their network is closed
- If an Out of Network Provider calls requesting to join the CBP network, they will be directed to the EmblemHealth website, Provider Resources > Join Our Network page to access the Provider Credentialing Form: https://www.emblemhealth.com/.../resources/join-our-network

Below are the updates implemented on our City of NY micro-site page www.emblemhealth.com/city:

On the member CBP page we posted,

Nominate Your Providers!

Did you know that the EmblemHealth CBP Network is open to new providers? If you are a City of New York retiree who does not have Medicare, you can ask us to invite your doctor into our network. The process is simple—just send us an email to cityofnyretireesprovider-nomination@emblemhealth.com and include the following information so we can reach out:

- Full name of the provider you're nominating
- Practice name
- · Contact person
- Address
- Telephone #
- Specialty

We can't guarantee that they will join the network, but we will reach out to them on your behalf and offer them an invitation.

On the provider Join Our Networks page, we edited the copy to reflect this specific situation

Joining EmblemHealth HIP and GHI

To join the GHI PPO or EmblemHealth EPO/PPO National Network, please make sure you have reviewed the "Credentialing Emblem-Health Applicants" section above.

Our network in Florida is closed except for our CBP network* (non-Medicare City of New York retirees), primary care physicians, cardiologists, orthopedic surgeons and any provider that is joining a group that is already participating with EmblemHealth. The network outside of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Florida is currently closed unless the provider is joining a participating group. To join the GHI PPO or EmblemHealth EPO/PPO National Network, please make sure you have reviewed the "Credentialing EmblemHealth Applicants" section above.

*IMPORTANT NOTE: Our CBP Network, which primarily serves City of New York non-Medicare retirees, remains open to new providers. Members can nominate their provider for entry, and providers can submit applications for their practice(s).

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION



Agent Orange and VA Presumptive Conditions

Herbicides were used during the Vietnam War to destroy enemy crops. Many different "colored" agents were used, but the most commonly known is "Agent Orange." The United States interrupted the food supply and destroyed foliage in the jungle to increase visibility for soldiers. However, due to highly toxic dioxin contaminant, many veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange have developed serious health conditions, often years after exposure.

The Agent Orange Act of 1991 was passed as a response to the high number of Vietnam veterans that developed serious health problems. The Act created a "presumption" that the VA must assume that veterans who served during specific time periods in established locations were exposed to herbicides. The VA now presumes in service herbicide exposure to veterans who served in the following instances:

- "Boots on the ground" in Vietnam, veterans who served aboard a ship that operated in the inland waterways of Vietnam (often referred to as Brown Water veterans), or service in Vietnam's territorial seas (Blue Water Navy veterans) between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975. (To learn more about Blue Water Navy veterans, click here)
- Active duty and reserve personnel with regular contact with C-123 aircrafts between 1969 and 1986. (To learn more, click here)
- Service on or near the Korean demilitarized zone between September 1, 1967 and August 31.

So long as a veteran can establish the criteria above and they have one of the "presumptive conditions," the VA will grant service connection. The list of VA presumptive conditions is as follows:

- AL Amyloidosis
- Chronic B-Cell Leukemias
- Chloracne, or similar acneform disease
- Diabetes Mellitus Type II
- Hodgkin's Disease
- · Ischemic Heart Disease
- Multiple Myeloma
- Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- Parkinson's Disease
- Early-onset peripheral neuropathy
- · Porphyria cutanea tarda
- Prostate Cancer
- Respiratory Cancers, including cancer of the lungs, trachea, bronchus, and larynx,
- · Soft Tissue Sarcomas

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2021 (NDAA):

With the Agent Orange Act of 1991, the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs was granted the power to add conditions to the list over time. In this instance, however, the National Defense Authorization Act of 2021 was passed to add the three new presumptive conditions. Secretary Wilkie refused to propose a regulation that would include the three new conditions to the presumptive list, so Congress included a provision to the NDAA that would approve benefits for three additional conditions thought to be caused by exposure to Agent Orange and other herbicides.

The New Conditions:

With the passing of the 2021 National Defense Authorization Act, three new conditions will be included as part of the presumptive list. The new conditions are:

- Bladder Cancer
- Hypothyroidism: A condition in which the thyroid gland does not produce sufficient levels of thyroid hormones.
- Parkinsonsism or Parkinson's like symptoms: Parkinson's Disease was already one of
 the presumptive conditions, but this new addition will include those veterans who have
 symptoms associated with Parkinson's Disease, such as tremors; slow movement;
 impaired speech; and muscle stiffness, but no formal diagnosis.

For more information got to: https://www.hillandponton.com/agent-orange-and-your-body-symptoms/

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

You have questions. VA has answers. Call VA today. 1-800-MyVA411

(1-800-698-2411)

The number to call when you don't know who to call.

You only need to remember one number for information on VA care, benefits, and services or to speak to a live agent for assistance!

1-800-MyVA411 serves all members of the Veteran and service member community seeking information or assistance.

Call for helpful information on:

COVID-19 general information and updates

Health care eligibility and enrollment

VA benefits, such as disability, compensation and pension, a coffin, education programs, caregiver support, insurance, home loans, and burial headstones and markers, among others

The nearest VA medical centers, benefits offices, or cemeteries to Veterans

Directory assistance and connection to all VA contact centers and VA Medical Centers

Technical support for VA.gov

Debt and payment options

Immediate transfer to the Veterans Crisis Line or the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans

Will I be able to speak to a live agent?

Yes

When you call 1-800-MyVA411 and press 0, you will reach a live agent for immediate assistance or connection to the right VA experts.

The VA Welcome Kit

A simplified guide to help you get the most out of your VA experience

Inside you will find an overview of VA benefits and services, important phone numbers and resources, and "Quick Start Guides" on specific programs, services, and topics.

Quick Start Guides

These handy "Quick Start Guides" will help you navigate your VA benefits and services, with checklists to keep you organized and on track to apply for them.

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Apply for VA health care

Get started with mental health services

Get started with health services for women Veterans

Understanding community care

Accessing urgent care

Apply for a disability rating

Apply for education benefits

Apply for burial in a VA national cemetery and for memorial products

Understanding the modernized decision review process

Get started with services for Veterans ages 65+

Get started with Veteran state benefits and services

Get started with Vet Center services

Get started with caregiver benefits

Apply for survivor benefits

Explore VA.gov to learn about your benefits

VA is here for you.

1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411) is always the right number for information and assistance.

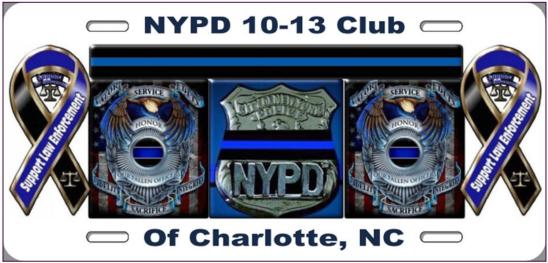
Or call directly:

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.







Member Self Service - webCOPS

We're excited to announce a new service for our members: WEBCOPS. This is a secure website to view your pension account and connect with us online.

Once you register on webCOPS, you'll be able to:

- Verify contact information
- Download and submit certain request forms
- Check your current account balance and beneficiary information (active MOS only)
- Send and receive secure messages

You can register on webCOPS right now by visiting https://www.webcops.org/ppfmss. See the Registration Instructions found here: (How to Create a webCOPS account)pdf

This is just the first version of webCOPS. In the future, we'll add more features so that you'll be able to do things like change beneficiary information and get pension estimates using an automated benefit estimate calculator. The Police Pension Fund will post new functionality (on the website and Facebook) as it becomes available. For now, please enjoy this early version.

If you need help or have questions, please contact our Call Center at (646) 905-5596

Police Pension Fund - Documents & Requests Center

The Documents and Requests center allows you to view documents and submit requests to the Fund. Available requests are available for download. Once downloaded and completed, you may upload and submit the request. Once the request has been uploaded, it will appear on the right-hand side of the screen. Once a request has been completed and processed, you will receive an email notification. Please allow 48 hours for changes to appear in the system.

You may download and upload or mail any request available below.

Department	Name of Request
Safeguards	Financial Disclosure Questionnaire and Instructions (2018)
Membership Services	Chapter 431 Tier 3 Cadet Buyback
Safeguards	Financial Disclosure Questionnaire and Instructions (2019)
Pension Payroll	Federal Income Tax Withholding Form (W4-P)
Safeguards	Employment Certification (RSSL 212)
Membership Services	Beneficiary Designation
Membership Services	Chapter 646 Service Credit Purchase - Prior NYC or NYS Service
Membership Services	Chapter 594 Child Care Buyback
Pension Payroll	Change of Contact Information
Loan Services	Change of Loan Repayment Amount (Tier 2)
Legal	Change of Social Condition
Membership Services	Chapter 552 Service Credit Purchase - Prior NYC or NYS Service
Pension Payroll	MCU Deduction Request
Membership Services	Member Contributions while on Military Leave
Membership Services	Minor Beneficiary Custodian Designation
Legal	Member Records / File Request
Pension Payroll	Pension Award Letter Request
Loan Services	Pension Loan Application (Tier 2)
Membership Services	Pension Statement OnDemand Request
Legal	Pension Valuation in Matrimonial Action Request
Membership Services	RSSL 1000 - Military Service Credit Purchase
Membership Services	Shortage Status Request (Tier 2)
Pension Payroll	Start or Change Direct Deposit (EFT) Request
Membership Services	Start or Stop 50% Additional Contributions (Tier 2)
Membership Services	Start or Stop ITHP Waiver (Tier 2)
Pension Payroll	Stop Direct Deposit (EFT) Request
Membership Services	Supplemental Beneficiary Designation
Legal	Third Party Authorization
Calendar Preparation	WTC Notice of Participation



POLICE RELIEF FUND INC. "In Service For Others"

DIRECTOR: Gary DeRosa SERGEANT IN CHARGE: Matthew Pignataro

March 1, 2019

From:

Director, Police Relief Fund

To:

UNIFORMED MEMBERS OF THE SERVICE

Subject:

BENEFIT PROGRAM, POLICE RELIEF FUND

- The exclusive function of the Emergency Medical Squad is to ensure that
 the highest level of care is afforded to every active and retired uniformed
 members of the service at their time of need. Many medical related
 services can be obtained from the Emergency Medical Squad. This service
 encompasses both the availability of ambulance service as well as the loan
 of a myriad selection of medical equipment for as long as their condition
 dictates.
- The following criteria must be met in order for this benefit to become available:
 - a. The requesting PATIENT must be either an active or retired uniformed member of the service, his or her spouse, unmarried dependent children, father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, or a brother or sister of the member. Please note that brothers and sisters are covered only if they are residing with and are supported by the member.
 - b. The ambulance is available to transport non-ambulatory patients from his/her residence to a hospital(s) or medical facility; from hospital or medical facility to his/her home and also from one hospital or medical facility to another hospital or medical facility.
 - c. The ambulance can travel up to two hundred and fifty (250) miles outside the city limits. However, one point of the trip must be within the confines of the City of New York.
 - d. Our Detectives and Police Officers are all highly trained Emergency Medical Technicians as well as certified Cardiopulmonary

THE AMBULANCE CAN NOT BE USED IN THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES

- NO EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED PATIENTS without the prior approval of the Commanding Officer, Emergency Medical Squad.
- b. NO EMERGENCY MATERNITY CASES.

- NO TRANSFERS WITHOUT MEDICAL AUTHORITY AND PROPER DISCHARGE DOCUMENTS.
- d. NO KNOWN AIRBORNE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE TRANSFERS without the proper direction of a competent medical authority and the approval of the Commanding Officer, Emergency Medical Squad.
- e. NO INTENSIVE CARE UNIT TRANSFERS without a doctor, a hospital approved nurse or paramedic onboard the ambulance. This is due to the fact that we are not certified as an advanced life support ambulance.
- f. NO PATIENTS WITH OPEN OR OOOZING WOUNDS without the proper dressings as per the instructions of a competent medical authority.

IT SHOULD BE FURTHER NOTED THAT FOR THE PROTECTION OF ALL PATIENTS AND THE TRANSPORTING OFFICERS, ALL PRUDENT AND NECESSARY SAFETY STANDARDS AND MEDICAL PRECAUTIONS SHALL BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED.

- 3. The ambulance service is available primarily Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM. In the event that a member requires service on a late tour or on a weekend, we may be able to fulfill that need as well. The member would simply telephone our command with the request and if the transfer must be made during non-operational hours, we may be able to make the appropriate arrangements to handle the transfer. It should be further noted that we are not a "first responder ambulance". The initial ambulance transportation to a medical facility should be handled directly through the patient's emergency ambulance number, whether that be "911" or another local emergency telephone number. As soon as the patient is stabilized at the initial receiving hospital, we will be glad to handle subsequent transfers. However, the patient must have an admitting physician as well as a room available at the receiving facility prior to transfer.
- 4. The following is a sample list of durable medical equipment currently stocked at our command and available to the membership and their families:
 - oxygen therapy equipment
 - portable oxygen
 - oxygen concentrators
 - pulmo-aide equipment
 - fully adjustable electric hospital beds
 - wheel chairs, reclining wheel chairs
 - hip chairs
 - commodes, toilet seat extensions
 - canes, crutches
 - hoyer lifts and slings
 - trapeze bars
 - tens unit therapy
 - geriatric chairs
 - intravenous stands
 - shower chairs, transfer benches

Additionally, other medical equipment comes available on occasion and members are advised to call this command with their specific and immediate medical need. If the medical equipment is currently available, the member will be advised, and arrangements will be made for pickup or delivery to the patient. If the patient lives within the confines of the City of New York, our command can make arrangements

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- 5. Medicare eligible Uniformed Members and their families. At such time that a patient becomes Medicare eligible, the Police Relief Fund will adhere to the guidelines set forth by the Health Care Finance Administration as it relates to durable medical equipment and ambulance service.
- 6. In the event that you have any questions or concerns not already covered in this communication or Patrol Guide Procedure 205-04, Department Ambulance Service, regarding the benefits of the Police Relief Fund through the Emergency Medical Squad, please feel free to contact Sgt. Matthew Pignataro, Sergeant-in-Charge, Emergency Medical Squad or the undersigned at (718) 626-9320.

Gary DeRosa Director

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2021-2022 Legislative Agenda July 28, 2021

New York State Legislation	Senate #	<u>Sponsor</u>	Assembly #	<u>Sponsor</u>
1- Health Ins. Protection (Retirees) -Protects Benefits We earned upon Retirement	S5030-21	Lanza	A4203	Weprin
2- Veteran's Supplementation (Retirees) 1/4% per month up to 36 months (total 3%)	S5110-21	Brooks	A6468-21	Barrett
3-COLA Enhancement Bills		Gounardes	A-Pending	Abbate
**a) Reduces Eligibility age From 62 to 55 with 5 years' service	S-Pending	66	A-Pending	Abbate
**b) Five year additional (look- back) for older retirees	S6060-21	"	A-Pending	Abbate
**c) Increases the COLA from 50% to 100% of CPI (not to exceed 3%)	S60451-18	"	A-Pending	Abbate
**d) Raises the maximum CPI from 3% to 5%	S6030-21	66	A-Pending	Abbate
**e) Raises the Surviving Spouse COLA from 50% to 100%	S5631-21	Gounardes	A-Pending	Abbate
**f) Increases the CAP from \$18,000 to \$21,000	S 5835-20	Neil Breslin	K07413-20	Steck
4- Form Temporary Task Force	S268-21	Addabbo	A3716-21	Gunther
5- Extend VSF To All NYC Police, Firefighters and Corrections	S5107	Sanders	A-Pending	
6 - Prohibits the diminution of Health Insurance benefits to certain retired firefighters, police officers and their dependents	S5184	Sanders	A-05208	Abate

NYS SENATE & ASSEMBLY STATUS OF BILLS:

www.nysenate.gov

www.nysassembly.gov/leg

1-800-342-9860

Medicare Part B Reimbusement 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

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NATIONAL NYCPD 10-13 ORG. NYPD ID CARD RENEWAL

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 some police departments in North Carolina 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 can be downloaded from the National website; https://www.nationalnycpd10-13.org/

Additionally, ID card expiration dates 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:

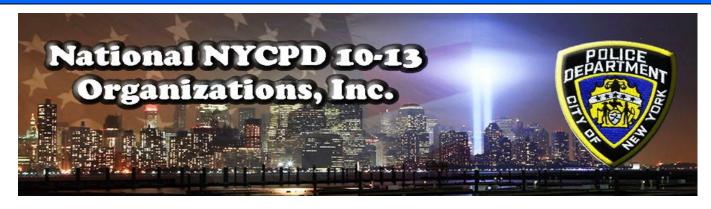
Items **MUST** be sent to the National in a USPS Flat Rate Priority Mail envelope. You will receive a tracking number from post office. **DO NOT REQUEST SIGNATURE OF RECIPIENT**. The postage is \$7.95.

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, Apr., July & October and mailing them to him. The club will also pay for the postage. Riddle answer. Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.

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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PERSONNEL ORDERS DIVISION

Retiree/Non-Member Identification Card Worksheet PB Revised 12/8/2020

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY
Please Indicate: New Applicant Lost ID Card Renewal, Card #
Last Name: First Name: MI:
Date of Birth: Phone Number: ()
Social Security Number: Gender:
Home Address:Apt
City: State: Zip Code:
RETIREE INFORMATION ONLY
Rank: Retirement Date:/
Tax # Shield #
I certify that the information I provided on this worksheet and on any supporting documentation is true and complete. If I am applying for a retiree identification card, I further certify that since my retirement date, I have not been convicted of a crime.
Signature Date
Signature Date
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
Member Processing Request: Tax #
Case # Firearms Code: New ID Card #
Approved
Disapproved Authorizing Supervisor Rank/Name Signature
(Authorizing Supervisor is to ensure there is a copy of newly issued Identification Card attached to this worksheet)
AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING IDENTIFICATION CARD

Name:	Signature:	

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NYPD 10-13 PLANS https://ccwsafe.com/page/10-13

The CCW Safe NYCPD 10-13 Plus Plan covers members for any criminal, civil or administrative legal action stemming from a self-defense incident (for OFF-DUTY incidents only). This plan is non-transferrable. The Primary member must either carry under HR218 for Law Enforcement members or have a concealed carry permit. LEOSA annual status and All permits must remain valid. Will need to submit proof to verify eligibility for this plan.

The Primary member will be covered for all defense costs with no caps or limits for criminal, civil and administrative cases regarding legal use of force responses to life threatening attacks where covered under HR218, where your permits are honored or on premises in which possession of a firearm is not illegal (all legal weapons covered).

No additional discounts codes shall be applied to this special price plan and annual payments only. Remember CCW Safe is a "Legal Service Plan" and is not an "Insurance Company." No policies are sold in the member's name in association with plans that have civil liability coverage benefits. Members are beneficiaries of the coverage of CCW Safe who is the insured.



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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 in home 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



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August 28, 2021

Dear Lieutenant:

The August LBA Board and Delegate meeting was held at the Staten Island Marine Corps League on Wednesday, August 25th, 2021. LBA President Lou Turco chaired the meeting and the following topics were discussed:

NEW LBA BOARD MEMBERS: With the recent retirement of several LBA Board Members it became necessary to reassign some existing Board Members to new positions on the Board and to elevate some Delegates to fill other Board vacancies. I would like to welcome the following Board Members and Delegates to their new positions on the LBA Board:

- Karl Pfeffer from LBA Inside Sentinel to LBA Marshal
- Patrick Brown from LBA Executive Committee to LBA Inside Sentinel.
- Nicholas Peragine from LBA Delegate to LBA Brooklyn South Director.
- Kevin Lau from LBA Delegate to LBA Executive Committee.
- Reginald Sykes from LBA Delegate to LBA Executive Committee.

CONTRACTUAL RAISES: The current contract between the Lieutenants Benevolent Association and the City of New York expires on February 22nd, 2022.

- On July 1, 2021, members in the rank of lieutenant for five (5) or more years (completion of five (5) years in rank of Lieutenant) received a 1.25% wage increase.
- On November 1, 2021, members in the rank of lieutenant for five (5) or more years (completion of five (5) years in rank of Lieu tenant) will receive a 1.00% wage increase.
- These raises are reflected as a separate line item on your ESS STATEMENT
- Note: If you do not have five (5) years in rank on the dates mentioned above, the additional 2.25% wage increase will go into
 effect upon completing your 5th year anniversary in rank.

NYC MEDICARE ADVANTGE PLUS PLAN: The following is information recently provided by the NYC Office of Labor Relation's Health Benefits Section regarding the NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan. This information only applies to retirees who are covered by Medicare. This information is also available on the OLR website at: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/olr/health/retiree/health-retiree-responsibilities-assistance.page.

The information provides a good overview of the Plan and gives answers to many of the frequently asked questions associated with the Plan.

The NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan, a Custom Program for City retirees, Beginning January 1, 2022

The City and the Municipal Labor Committee selected an alliance between Empire BlueCross BlueShield and Emblem Health to provide the NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan to retirees and their eligible dependents. The NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan is a Medicare Advantage plan which is an alternative to the traditional Medicare program. It will replace the current Senior Care program, which is a supplement to traditional Medicare, as the program that is free to all retirees. Retirees will automatically be enrolled in the new NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan with an effective date of January 1, 2022. Retirees will have the ability to opt-out of the NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan and buy up to another plan including the Senior Care program and HIP VIP in September and October before the program start date.

For additional information, you can call the special call center at 1-833-325-1190, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

CURRENT CCRB TOPICS/TRENDS: LBA 2ND Vice President Dennis Gannon informed the attendees that CCRB is currently focusing on investigating and enforcing the following issues:

- Failure to take CCRB Complaint: CCRB is aggressively investigating and penalizing those found to have not properly accepting
 CCRB complaints. According to the recently published Discipline Matrix, failure to take a CCRB complaint is an automatic
 Schedule B Command Discipline and a loss of 10 days. Make sure you completely document in the Command Log all infor
 mation and steps taken related to processing a CCRB complaint.
- Business Cards: Please familiarize yourselves with Patrol Guide procedure 212-11: INVESTIGATIVE ENCOUNTERS: RE
 QUESTS FOR INFORMATION,

COMMON LAW RIGHT OF INQUIRY AND LEVEL 3 STOPS and Patrol Guide procedure 203-09: PUBLIC CONTACT – GEN ERAL. Ensure that you, and those you supervise have an adequate supply of business cards.

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- Medical Treatment of Prisoners: Make sure that you ask EVERY PRISONER if they want or need medical attention. Record the
 prisoner's response on BWC and document in the Command Log.
- Discourtesy: CCRB is aggressively investigating allegations of members of the service using obscene language directed at
 civilians/prisoners. We believe that CCRB is employing this technique to bolster their statistics in producing positive findings in
 cases.

UPDATES FROM LBA ATTORNEY: Jimmy Moschella, part of the LBA's legal counsel at Karasyk and Moschella (K & M), spoke with the membership and informed them that the Civilian Complaint Review Board is extremely behind schedule in being prepared to proceed forward with numerous Charges and Specification cases. This is due in no small part to CCRB staff refusing to physically come to work and having prolonged their working off-site via teleconference. K&M has served a letter on CCRB demanding that they immediately provide discovery materials and begin to calendar trial dates. K&M has also filed a lawsuit against CCRB, on behalf of Lou Turco and the LBA, challenging CCRB's broad definition of the term "Abuse of Authority" resulting in an inflated number of NYPD members being found guilty by CCRB.

SOC HEALTH & WELFARE UPDATES:

Proof of Full Time College Enrollment No Longer Required: Effective immediately, there is no longer a necessity to forward proof of Full Time Enrollment for college age children (age 19 – 23) every January and August.

Summary of Active and Retired Members' Eligible Dependent Children Coverage: Please click here for a link to view a chart highlighting the prescription / dental / optical / and health insurance for the eligible dependents children of Active and retired Lieutenants, the cut off ages of coverage, and the costs to potentially extend coverage, i.e. COBRA.

SUPERIOR OFFICERS COUNCIL ANNUITY FUND 2ND LARGEST FUND IN THE CITY: In early 2019, the trustees of the SOC Annuity Fund conducted a search for investment professionals who could provide added value by reducing risk that sometimes results in large swings in the default Balanced Fund's investment performance. Our goal was to reduce costs and add active management to monitor and tactically adjust investment allocations to adapt to changing market conditions in order to deliver consistent performance. This search resulted in the SOC Fund hiring Franklin Templeton Investments to perform this function at a reduced overall expense ratio from 43 basis points to 38 basis points. Principal Financial will continue to be the plan administrator and Stone Street Equities will continue to monitor fund performance. Due to the active and conscientious fiscal management of the SOC Annuity Fund the fund itself has grown from 109 million to 700 million dollars in assets since 2008. The SOC Annuity Fund is the second largest fund out of all the City unions.

THE LBA IS ON TWITTER: The Lieutenants Benevolent Association is now on Twitter. If you are not on Twitter, simply go to the App Store on your phone and download the app, create an account, and follow us at @LBANYPD. I want to thank LBA Recording Secretary Chris Cantelmi for monitoring and administering the LBA Twitter account. Chris has invested, and continues to invest, a substantial amount of time and effort in ensuring that the information posted by the LBA on Twitter is verified and accurate. Chris' efforts help maintain the integrity and credibility of what we post. Please feel free to send any ideas about postings to Chris, at CCantelmi@NYPD-LBA.org. We will continue to inform our members of topical matters by e-mail in addition to posting contemporaneous comments on Twitter. Please make sure to follow us on Twitter; encourage your friends a family to follow us as well.

NEXT MEETING: The next LBA Board and Delegate Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 30th. In addition, the LBA is attempting to coordinate a ZOOM Conference to provide an opportunity for guest speakers from Alliance to present an overview of the upcoming switch to the Medicare Advantage Plus Plan and to allow off site attendees to ask questions regarding this new plan. An e-mail will be sent out to the membership prior to the ZOOM meeting date.

Lou Turco President

Christopher Cantelmi Recording Secretary

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Sergeants Benevolent Association UPDATE TO Medicare Advantage Information Effective 08/18/2021

Members are "strongly" encouraged to attend any scheduled webinars, in person-seminars or call NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan dedicated telephone number at 1-833-325-1190, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. for "factual "and up to date information on how the plan change effects them individually.

In an attempt to encourage Medicare participants to "field test" the new Medicare Advantage Plus Plan members currently enrolled in HIP-VIP Premier (HMO) will be able to remain (grandfathered- participants) indefinitely in that plan and it will remain a zero - premium plan for at least the calendar 2022 plan year. Current HIP VIP Participants will be allowed to enroll in the new NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan, without waiving their right to return to HIP VIP, for any reason, effective January 2023. This is a one-time change that expires after 2022 enrollment period.

***Note: No new entrants will be allowed to be enrolled into this plan going forward.

In an attempt to encourage Medicare participants to "field test" the new Medicare Advantage Plus Plan members enrolled in any of these <u>currently available Medicare Plans*</u> will be able to remain in the below plans (grandfathered- participants) however updated rates are still pending. Current participants will be allowed to enroll in the new NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan, without waiving their right to return to the below plans, for any reason, effective January 2023. This is a one- time change that expires after 2022 enrollment period.

*Note: No new entrants will be allowed to be enrolled into these plans going forward.

***Note: This is predicated on these plans continuing to be available into Calendar 2022 and beyond and available thru the sponsoring medical carriers.

Aetna Medicare Advantage Plan PPO/ESA (NY/NJ/PA)

Aetna Medicare Advantage Plan PPO/ESA (all other areas)

Cigna Health (AZ)

Empire Medicare

Empire Medi Blue (PPO)

GHI HMO Medicare Senior Supplement

Humana Gold Plus

United Health Care Group Medicare Advantage Plus (Horizon) NYC

United Health Care Group Medicare Advantage Plus (Horizon) NJ

Extremely Important Information: There is a significant conflict, within Medicare guidelines, that member's must be aware of. The issue is triggered when participants in a Medicare Advantage plan concurrently enroll in an independent Prescription Drug Program (PDP) such as Humana or AARP. This act leads to a termination of medical/hospital coverage. We are aware there are members or dependents, currently in GHI-Senior Care Plan*, enrolled in the SBA Prescription Drug Plan and purchased a supplemental Part D drug coverage thru an independent PDP. Those members that are moving to the new NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan cannot be dually enrolled in the MA Program and the independent PDP and must disenroll themselves from the PDP program.



The SBA, after multiple discussions with the NYC-Office of Labor Relations and the Municipal Labor Committee has been able to obtain access, for our members to the **NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan" Drug Rider."** This qualified Medicare Part D drug plan is a reliable and undisruptive platform where members looking for supplemental prescription coverage can safely enroll. We encourage those participants losing their ability to purchase an independent PDP to avail themselves of this benefit Members will need to enroll in the "drug rider" during the October 2021 enrollment period and will only be allowed access annually during future Fall changeover periods.

*Note: Members that opt for a "buy up" to the GHI-Senior Care can still procure simultaneously an independent PDP plan with no conflict.

The Alliance (Empire and Emblem Health) is actively communicating and publicizing the NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan nationwide. They are corresponding with their in- network Medicare Providers and providing extensive outreach nationally targeting out network providers, who accept the Medicare Reimbursement scheduled rates, encouraging them to join the network or educating them how to navigate the new plan and receive reimbursement for services.

Effective January 1, 2022 all new Medicare participants, or existing Medicare participants, outside those grandfathered, within the NYC Health Plan, will only have the option of enrolling in the NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan or the "buy up" GHI Senior Care (PPO) Program going forward. Annual changeover periods movement will be limited to these two programs. There will be no new plans becoming available to NYC Medicare participants into the future.

There are no conversations going on discussing elimination of the Medicare Part B reimbursement or the IRMAA. <u>Anyone saying anything different is a liar!!</u> That said Medicare participants are "strongly reminded" that any member who disenrolls or waives Medicare coverage from the NYC Health Benefits plan will be ineligible to receive the Medicare Part B reimbursement or the IRMAA.

Members will have on hand, as part of the Pre-Enrollment Guide (September 2021), an Opt-Out Form. This form will be used "only" if a Medicare participant chooses to opt out of the NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan.

Important: Any member failing to document a decision to *OPT OUT* of participation in the new NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan and remain in their current plan by forwarding the required form, in a timely manner and as directed, will automatically be enrolled in the new NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan.

Look out for the following communications from NYC OLR regarding the new "NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan"

NYC OLR website for NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan announcement letter: https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/health/retiree-ma-letter-073021.pdf

Latest frequently Asked Questions: https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/health/ma-faqs-08-12-21.pdf

For further information NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan dedicated telephone number at 1-833-325-1190, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

New ID Cards for participants in the NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan will go out after the enrollment period and arrive by mail sometime in November 2021. This will be followed by a Welcome Kit mailing in December 2021.

Fraternally,

Ed Mullins President

Sergeants Benevolent Association

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The DEA Now Has Its Own App

If you have an Apple iPhone iOS, go to your Apple App store and search DEA NYPD to download.

If you have an Android phone, go to your Google store and search DEA NYPD to download.

To gain access to the App, you need to enter your DEA website login information, including email address and password.

If you've never logged onto the DEA website at www.nycdetectives.org before, you have to do so and create your own login. Everything that is listed on the DEA website is listed on our DEA App, designed for easy viewing on a smaller screen. If you have any problems logging in, go to the DEA website and choose "General Login Support" on the drop-down menu under Website Support.

Don't miss this specially designed application created so that our members can always access DEA information any time of day or night

A Message From the President About Our New Cigna Healthcare Dental Program

August 5, 2021

Dear DEA Member:

On behalf of the DEA Board of Officers, I am pleased to announce the rollout of our new **Cigna Healthcare** comprehensive and enhanced **dental program** for all active and retired DEA members and their families.

This new, streamlined program will be effective September 1, 2021.

Our new Cigna Program will offer better services, more participating dentists, and more covered procedures with higher reimbursements. Our new program will include a 24-hour, seven days per week Cigna customer service team working year-round with a special 800-toll-free telephone number and a special website exclusively for DEA members and their families.

During the week of **August 10th**, Cigna and the DEA will be sending you a package of important materials in the mail that will outline all the particulars of the program and its services.

During the week of **August 17th**, your new identification card(s) will be mailed to you.

We know that law enforcement today is facing its most difficult time. Therefore, the DEA has been working hard to deliver the best possible benefits for our members, and we believe you will find this carefully designed Cigna program to deliver a far superior dental plan than our members have ever experienced before!

And moving forward, we will be working hard to make other enhancements to our programs to bring you the best possible benefits that we can.

It is truly our privilege and honor to serve the Detectives of the New York City Police Department, truly the Greatest Detectives in the World.

Paul DiGiacomo President



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)
 - 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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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.





In August Newsletter

Dear PBA Retiree,

I am writing to update you on an important issue involving the city's health-care coverage for Medicare-eligible retirees.

As you may be aware, the Municipal Labor Committee, an umbrella organization comprised of unions representing city employees, voted on July 14 to adopt a customized group Medicare Advantage Plan for NYC retirees, which would the replace the current Senior Care plan that provides additional medical coverage (Medigap) to Medicare-eligible retirees.

The PBA did not participate in this vote. On June 7, well in advance of the vote, the PBA sent a letter to City Labor Commissioner Renee Campion advising that the PBA has not consented to health benefit changes for our retired members, and we object to any retired members being placed into a Medicare Advantage plan unless or until an agreement to do so is reached through collective bargaining.

Our letter to Commissioner Campion reiterates our long-standing objections to the MLC's purported attempts to bargain with the City over health benefits and other matters on behalf of all city employees. Over the years, the PBA has consistently refused to surrender our bargaining certificate to the MLC or any other group.

In this instance, the Medicare Advantage plan proposal arises from a 2018 health-care savings agreement between the City and MLC, which was adopted by many individual unions as part of their overall contract settlements in the most recent bargaining round.

Since the PBA has not adopted the terms of the 2018 health-care savings agreement in collective bargaining, we have filed a Step III grievance with the Office of Collective Bargaining objecting to the application of any of the agreement's health benefit changes to our members. That grievance is awaiting arbitration.

As you are no doubt aware, the PBA is also awaiting interest arbitration for the 2017-2019 bargaining round. The City's demands to the arbitration panel include a proposal for PBA retirees to be placed in a Medicare Advantage plan. Arbitration hearings are set to begin this fall.

The City has not yet indicated whether it will attempt to unilaterally impose the Medicare Advantage plan on PBA retirees when it goes into effect on January 1, 2022. Nevertheless, as the details of the MLC-adopted Medicare Advantage plan may be relevant to our upcoming arbitration proceeding, we are providing the enclosed information so that you will fully understand the changes the City is contemplating.

The enclosed information was produced by the City of New York and MLC regarding the Medicare Advantage Plan the City wants the PBA to voluntarily accept or would like to submit to the PERB arbitration panel for decision. The PBA has not agreed to this new plan and is challenging the City's submission of this proposal to arbitration. This information is being provided for information purposes only. medicare-advantage.pdf (nycpba.org)

As always, we will continue to update you on any significant developments with this issue going forward.

Fraternally,

Patrick J. Lynch President

Links to Police Line and Fraternal Organization websites

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



http://www.nycdetectives.org/



https://members.sbanyc.org/



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



http://www.nypdcea.org/



http://nypdpea.com/



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Emblem Health/GHI PARTICIPATING DOCTORS UPDATED 10/11/20

Name	Address/Phone	Specialty/Practice
SINGH, PRADEEP MD	196 CARDIOLOGY DR ROCK HILL SC 29732 (803) 324-5135	Cardiology, Internal Medicine
MORI, NARESH A MD	196 CARDIOLOGY DR ROCK HILL SC 29732 (803) 802-0090	Cardiology
PATEL, VASANT B MD	196 CARDIOLOGY DR ROCK HILL SC 29732 (803) 324-5135	Cardiology
LIMBANOVNOS, GEORGE A DC	8019 ARDREY KELL RD CHARLOTTE NC 28277 (704) 321-0656	Chiropractic
HEWETSON, DONALD J DC	1120 EBENEZER AVENUE EXT ROCK HILL SC 29732 (803) 328-2800	Chiropractic
WHITE, CURT L DC	122 GATEWAY BLVD STE 100 MOORESVILLE NC 28117 (704) 799-1416	Chiropractic
MCLEOD, TONYA S MD	5815 BLAKENEY PARK DR STE 100 CHARLOTTE NC 28277 (704) 542-2220	Dermatology
ROSENZWEIG, LAURA B MD	5815 BLAKENEY PARK DR STE 100 CHARLOTTE NC 28277 (704) 542-2220	Dermatology
MCELGUNN, PATRICK S MD	5815 BLAKENEY PARK DR STE 100 CHARLOTTE NC 28277 (704) 542-2220	Dermatology
PORTER, JOSHUA G MD	959 COX RD GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 866-7576	Dermatology
KLINE, LAURA M MD See Other Locations	649 N NEW HOPE RD GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 866-4005	Dermatology
BERGAMO, BETHANY M MD	315 19TH ST SE HICKORY NC 28602 (828) 325-9849	Dermatology
JOHNSON, CHARLES S MD	315 19TH ST SE HICKORY NC 28602 (828) 325-9849	Dermatology
OLIARO, JERRY P DO	2525 COURT DR GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 834-2662	Emergency Medicine
BAUER, STEVEN R DO Ballantyne Medical Associates	15640 DON LOCHMAN LN STE A CHARLOTTE NC 28277 (704) 540-1640	Family Practice
BAUER, STEVEN R DO Ballantyne Medical Associates	16928 Lancaster Hwy, Charlotte, NC CHARLOTTE NC 28277 (704)817-8273	Family Practice Walk-in Emergency
EMERY JR, HENRY R JR MD	1928 WEDDINGTON RD MATTHEWS NC 28104 (704) 844-0505	Family Practice
LADD-SNIVELY, SUSAN E MD	1013 CHESTNUT LN STE 110 MATTHEWS NC 28104 (704) 585-8255	Family Practice

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INTERIM MANAGEMENT	141 PROVIDENCE RD CHARLOTTE NC 28236 (704) 372-8230	Home Care
HEALTH @ HOME CMC	4701 HEDGEMORE DR ST 300 CHARLOTTE NC 28209 (704) 512-6438	Home Care
KWAKU, HANS M MD	3627 BEATTIES FORD RD CHARLOTTE NC 28216 (704) 335-0806	Internal Medicine
EVIVIE, PATRICK E MD	3627 BEATTIES FORD RD CHARLOTTE NC 28216 (704) 335-0806	Internal Medicine
LE, STACY C MD Seeing Current Patients Only	13220 ROSEDALE HILL AVE HUNTERSVILLE NC 28078 (704) 766-0320	Internal Medicine
AFULUKWE, IFEDIORA F MD	209 S COLLEGE ST HEATH SPRINGS SC 29058 (803) 273-4018	Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Diseases
SHUSTER, SARAH OTR	2675 COURT DR GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 824-4999	Occupational Therapy
FARREN, KRISTEN OTR	2675 COURT DR GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 824-4999	Occupational Therapy
PIRKO, CARYN OTR	2675 COURT DR GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 824-4999	Occupational Therapy
CADENA, AMANDA OTR	2675 COURT DR GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 824-4999	Occupational Therapy
BUDAY, ALEXA OTR	2675 COURT DR GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 824-7800	Occupational Therapy
THURLOW, AMANDA OTR	8440 PIT STOP CT NW CONCORD NC 28027 (704) 960-1729	Occupational Therapy
ADAMS, DONNA M OTR	8440 PIT STOP CT NW CONCORD NC 28027 (704) 960-1729	Occupational Therapy
BLAKE, CHRISTINE OTR	518 N GENERALS BLVD STE D LINCOLNTON NC 28092 (704) 748-0616	Occupational Therapy
TAUB, NEAL S MD	3535 RANDOLPH RD STE 208 CHARLOTTE NC 28211 (704) 442-9805	Pain Management, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
ORAZULIKE, EBELE G MD	342 PATRICIA LN STE 105 FORT MILL SC 29708 (803) 520-9380	Pediatrics
NORTHLAKE CHILDRENS ASSOCIATES JAMES, MARY MARGARET M MD	170 MEDICAL PARK RD STE 102A MOORESVILLE NC 28117 (704) 663-5240	Pediatrics
NORTHLAKE CHILDRENS ASSOCIATES GOODWIN, MAJE D MD	170 MEDICAL PARK RD STE 102A MOORESVILLE NC 28117 (704) 663-5240	Pediatrics
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MILLER, STACI L PT	5113 PIPER STATION DR STE 202 CHARLOTTE NC 28277 (980) 224-8191	Physical Therapy
GRENDA, MICHAEL J PT	13655 PROVIDENCE RD MATTHEWS NC 28104 (704) 246-7050	Physical Therapy
WOODWORTH, STEPHANIE PT See Other Locations	8814 RACHEL FREEMAN WAY STE 103 CHARLOTTE NC 28278 (704) 295-4121	Physical Therapy
PADGETT, LAUREN PT	8326 PINE CIR STE 404 CHARLOTTE NC 28215 (704) 751-0532	Physical Therapy
PLATNER, KELSEY L PT	8326 PINE CIR STE 404 CHARLOTTE NC 28215 (704) 751-0532	Physical Therapy
TURBIAK, KRISTIN PT	7427 MATTHEWS MINT HILL RD STE 102-103 MINT HILL NC 28227 (980) 729-6525	Physical Therapy
LEGATIE, ARIANA M PT	7427 MATTHEWS MINT HILL RD STE 103 MINT HILL NC 28227 (980) 729-6525	Physical Therapy
BIVENS, EMMA P DPT	7427 MATTHEWS MINT HILL RD STE 103 MINT HILL NC 28227 (980) 729-6525	Physical Therapy
SIGMON, MARSHALL G PT	231 MT HOLLY HUNTERSVILLE STE 140 CHARLOTTE NC 28214 (704) 954-8959	Physical Therapy
BRISKE, JAMIE L PT See Other Locations	231 MT HOLLY HUNTERSVILLE STE 140 CHARLOTTE NC 28214 (704) 954-8959	Physical Therapy
MORTON, ABBY PT	197 PIEDMONT BLVD STE 205 ROCK HILL SC 29732 (803) 639-8066	Physical Therapy
RACHH, BEENAL DPT	2675 COURT DR GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 824-7800	Physical Therapy
DYBA, JENNIFER PT	2675 COURT DR GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 824-4999	Physical Therapy
FLANAGAN, DAVID L PT	2675 COURT DR GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 824-4999	Physical Therapy
LABRECQUE, JEFFREY PT	2675 COURT DR GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 824-4999	Physical Therapy
HOOGERHYDE, JORDAN PT	2675 COURT DR GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 824-4999	Physical Therapy

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RAMSEY, MEREDITH P PT	2675 COURT DR GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 824-4999	Physical Therapy
BURGER, KALAH J PT	2675 COURT DR GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 824-4999	Physical Therapy
MANTOOTH, GREGORY A MD	5815 BLAKENEY PARK DR STE 100 CHARLOTTE NC 28277 (704) 542-2220	Plastic Surgery
NESS, DANIEL T MD	959 COX RD GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 866-7576	Plastic Surgery
EMERSON, ERIC T MD	649 N NEW HOPE RD GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 866-4005	Plastic Surgery
TIMMONS, BENSON E IV MD	649 N NEW HOPE RD GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 866-4005	Plastic Surgery
SWANK, GREGORY M MD	315 19TH ST SE HICKORY NC 28602 (828) 325-9849	Plastic Surgery
LIESMAN, ROBERT M DPM	2115 E 7TH ST STE 102 CHARLOTTE NC 28204 (704) 442-8433	Podiatric Surgery
AFULUKWE, IFEDIORA F MD	209 S COLLEGE ST HEATH SPRINGS SC 29058 (803) 273-4018	Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Diseases
ERB, DAVID R MD	1529 N LIMESTONE ST GAFFNEY SC 29340 (864) 487-9931	Pulmonary Diseases
DE LA CRUZ, LUIS I MD	1529 N LIMESTONE ST STE B GAFFNEY SC 29340 (864) 487-9931	Pulmonary Diseases
BOSCIA, JOSEPH A III MD	1005 THOMPSON BLVD UNION SC 29379	Pulmonary Diseases
FORD, PETER F MD	7800 PROVIDENCE RD STE 209 CHARLOTTE NC 28226 (704) 544-7535	Vascular Surgery, General Surgery
MINUTE CLINIC OF NORTH CAROLINA See Other Locations	4100 CARMEL ROAD CHARLOTTE NC 28226 (866) 389-2727	Urgent Care
MINUTE CLINIC OF NORTH CAROLINA See Other Locations	3310 SISKEY PARKWAY MATTHEEWS NC 28105 (866-389-2727	Urgent Care
MINUTE CLINIC OF SC LLC See Other Locations	1740 HIGHWAY 160 W FORT MILL SC 29708 (866) 389-2727	Urgent Care

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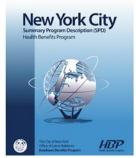
Emblem Health/GHI PARTICIPATING LABORTORIES UPDATED 10/11/20

EmblemHealth has contracts with laboratories to provide lab services for our members. Please use these network laboratories when requesting lab services for our members. If you do not have an account with any of our network laboratories, please establish one as needed by calling the applicable phone number(s) below.

LABORATORY NAME	PLANS COVERED	PHONE NUMBER	WEBSITE
ROUTINE CLINICAL LABORATORY SI	ERVICES		·
Quest Diagnostics, Inc.	All Plans	866-697-8378	questdiagnostics.com
CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE	•	'	'
Quest Diagnostics, Inc.	All Plans*	866-697-8378	questdiagnostics.com
DERMATOPATHOLOGY			
Quest Diagnostics, Inc.	All Plans*	866-697-8378	questdiagnostics.com
DIALYSISTESTING	•	•	-
DaVita Labs	All Plans*	800-604-5227	davita.com
Spectra Laboratories	All Plans*	800-522-4662 or 800-433-3773	spectra-labs.com
ENDOCRINOLOGY			
Quest Diagnostics, Inc.	All Plans*	866-697-8378	questdiagnostics.com
GASTROENTEROLOGY/PATHOLOGY			
Quest Diagnostics, Inc.	All Plans*	866-697-8378	questdiagnostics.com
GENE-BASED TESTING			
Quest Diagnostics, Inc.	All Plans*	866-697-8378	questdiagnostics.com
HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY/PATHOLO	OGY		
Quest Diagnostics, Inc.	All Plans*	866-697-8378	questdiagnostics.com
NEUROLOGY/PATHOLOGY			
Quest Diagnostics, Inc.	All Plans*	866-697-8378	questdiagnostics.com
PAIN MANAGEMENT			1
Quest Diagnostics, Inc.	All Plans*	866-697-8378	questdiagnostics.com
UROLOGY/PATHOLOGY			·
Quest Diagnostics, Inc.	All Plans*	866-697-8378	questdiagnostics.com
AmeriPath New York	All Plans*	866-393-7434	ameripath.com

^{*} All Plans: EmblemHealth Select Care, EmblemHealth EPO/PPO, EmblemHealth Medicare HMO/PPO, GHI HMO, HIP and Vytra HMO/ASO

Note: Physicians may use the lab and pathology group services affiliated with a participating hospital only when both the lab and pathology group also have a contract with EmblemHealth.



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

Thanks to Club Trustee Dennis Cirillo here is a link to the New York City Summary Program Description Health Benefits Program https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/health/health-full-spd.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.

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.

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.

https://private.sbanypd.nyc/wp-content/uploads/documents/benefits/catastrophic-coverage-benefit-claim-form.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 catastrophic medical expenses after your G.H.I. basic refund, the DEA requires an out-of-pocket deductible of \$4,000 per family per calendar year. When G.H.I. original Explanation of Benefit (EOB) statements are submitted to the DEA reflecting the deductible, we will refund \$3,000 of the \$4,000 deductible. All covered expenses i.e., those claims in which GHI has made some level of payment, after the deductible will be processed at a 100% reimbursement level not to exceed \$250,000 lifetime per family. This catastrophic medical benefit applies only to members enrolled in the GHI-CBP program offered through the City of New York Health Benefits office.

There is an additional benefit under the DEA Catastrophic Benefit Program for Retired Members who do not qualify for the Catastrophic benefit described above.

For members who have out of pocket expenses ranging between \$2,000 and \$4,000 in a calendar year, the DEA Health Benefits Fund will reimburse you the amount between \$2,000 and \$4,000. GHI Explanation of Benefits (EOB) statements will be required for submission to the DEA in order to obtain reimbursement. Please telephone the DEA Health Benefits Office at 212-587-9120 for an Annual GHI/DEA Refund Form.

https://www.nycdetectives.org/health-benefits/catastrophic-medical/



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

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 Apr.. 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 Apr..

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?



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). Vist 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/fag-irmaa.pdf



HR 218 Qualification classes are conducted at Eagle Gun Range, 3789 Roberta Church Rd SW, Concord. NC 28027.

Due to COVID-19 qualification spots are limited.

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



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

A Must Do every 5 years for New York State Pistol License Holders.

If your permit was issued before January 15, 2013, the deadline to submit your recertification was January 31, 2018. If your permit was issued on or after January 15, 2013, the deadline to recertify is five years after the date the permit was issued. As a permit holder, it is your responsibility to recertify your permit whether you receive a notification letter or not.

Check the below links to see if you are due for renewal:

https://safeact.ny.gov/pistol-permit-recertification

https://firearms.troopers.ny.gov/pprecert/recertWebTrackApplStatusView.faces?OWASP_CSRFTOKEN=ZLSM-ZQXL-B1EP-Q6D1-J772-JBXV-11IQ-04RZ

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/



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



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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

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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 decease'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) 693-5607/5919

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
- Detectives Detectives' Endowment Association (DEA) at (212) 587-9120
- Sergeants Sergeant's Benevolent Association (SBA at (212) 431-6555
- Lieutenants and above Superior Officers Council (SOC) at (212) 964-7500
- 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.
- 3. Contact the NYPD Operations Unit located at One Police Plaza at (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 (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 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

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 <u>pre-numbered application</u> 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. <u>Applying for this must be done within 30 days.</u> 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	<u>516-564-1861</u>
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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POLICE-MEN NEWS Transfers-Appointments-News pertaining to those in blue

3 September 1931

12 DETECTIVES WIN ADVANCE

Police Commissioner MULROONEY promoted twelve men of the detective division today for "Intelligent police work". Six were made first grade detectives at \$4,000 a year and six second grade at \$3,200.

The first grade detective and their new assignments are: Acting Lieut. James KINNEY, Manhattan Headquarters. Charles s. CORBETT, Homicide Squad, Brooklyn Maurice GAUGHRAN, Manhattan Headquarters. Michael MELIE, Manhattan Headquarters Morris NORWICKI, 5TH Street, Manhattan William A. COLBY, Simpson street, the Bronx.

SECOND GRADE DETECTIVES:
John W. HANNEN, Bomb Squad
Alfred J. FERNAN, Manhattan Homicide
John F. GALLAGHER, Queens Homicide
Frank CRIMMINS, Inspector SULLIVAN's office.
John L. WALBARN, Bureau of Criminal Identification.
William J. CLARK, East 51st street, Manhattan.

8 September 1931

Patrolman Bernard CONROY, 24, of 600 West 176th street, Manhattan, attached to the Highbridge station, died in Rockaway Beach Hospital as a result of injuries suffered when he pushed his fist through a plate-glass window of a store on Rockaway Beach boulevard while fighting off an attack.

CONROY and a friend, Vincent PAUL of 554 West 181st street were visiting when they were attacked by two men in front of the delicatessen of Mrs. Dorothy PUBLINER at 107-05 Rockaway Beach boulevard. Retaliating a punch, CONROY

pushed his fist through the window. He lost considerable blood and was taken to the hospital, where blood transfusions failed to save his life.

15 September 1931

BROTHER POLICE IN SEARCH FOR KILLERS OF SERGEANT

Witness Gives Good Descriptions of Thugs in Village Speakeasy All available members of the Mercer street, Manhattan, detective squad as well as a large number of plainclothes men from Police Headquarters were searching throughout the city today in an attempt to locate the three men who killed one police officer and wounded another after attempting to hold up a Greenwich Village speakeasy early yesterday.

The police found a large number of witnesses who saw the killers, and obtained good descriptions of the men. But so far none of the witnesses has been able to identify any Rogues Gallery pictures.

SHOT WITHOUT WARNING

The dead officer is Sergeant Timothy MURPHY of the Mercer street stations, who had been on the force for twenty four years. He was notified of a holdup taking place in a small restaurant-speakeasy at 18 E. 31st street and went to the scene.

As he went down the steps leading to the barroom the boards squeaked. The gunmen turned and fired at him, killing him instantly. The men then fled. Patrolman Fred KNOCKE saw one of the men and stopped him. The man fired at the officer, but KNOCKE grabbed his gun arm so that the bandit's aim was deflected and the bullet only tore through his arm.

TRAIL IS LOST

Charles FERN, of 133 East 71st street, owner of the restaurant, his wife and several guests all gave the police good descriptions of the men.

Albert CLARK, a resident of the Albert Hotel, which is just across the street from FERN's place, saw KNOCKE shot as did the son of the proprietor of Romonoff's drug store at 60 University place. He seized the wounded officer's nightstick and pursued the fleeing gunman, but lost him at 5 West 9th street.

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POLICE-MEN NEWS

26 September 1931

COP KILLS HIMSELF IN MARITAL DISCORD

Patrolman Robert McNAMARA, 34, attached to the Parkville station shot and killed himself with his service revolver because of marital difficulties in the kitchen of his home at 406 19th street, early yesterday according to police.

McNAMARA has been separated from his wife for several months, police said, and his recent efforts to effect a reconciliation where unsuccessful. He was with several friends until a late hour Saturday night and when of them said, as they parted. "I'll see you again"; McNAMARA replied "You'll never see me again. So long".

Less than an hour later he shot himself through his left temple. McNAMARA had been a policeman ten years. The couple had no children.

McNAMARA - Matthew on Sept. 27, 1931, Patrolman NYPD attached to the 70th Pct.; beloved husband of Helen ROMANICH, son of David and the late Margaret MURRAY McNAMARA, brother of Joseph, Thomas and Mrs. Fred GILMARTIN. Funeral Wednesday, 10:30 A.M., from residence of his brother, Joseph, 406 19th st., thence to the Church of the Holy Name, where solemn requiem mass will be offered. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery with full military honors.

28 September 1931

CAPTAIN DAVEY FATALLY SHOT CLEANING GUN

WIFE HEARS REPORT - FINDS VETERAN BOROUGH POLICEMAN DEAD ON FLOOR Funeral services for Police Captain Matthew J. DAVEY of the Oak street station, Manhattan, who accidentally shot himself while cleaning his service revolver in the bedroom of his home at 2950 Ocean avenue late Saturday night, will be held Wednesday morning.

The funeral will take place form the home of his sister, Mrs. Robert J. KIND, 421 East 8th street. A solemn requiem mass will be celebrated at St. Mark's R. C. Church, Ocean avenue and Avenue Z., by Mgr. Daniel J. McCARTHY and interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Captain DAVEY arrived home about 6 o'clock Saturday night. His wife, Mrs. Vera DAVEY, bet (as written) him at the Prospect Park station of the B. M. T. Brighton line with the family car and drove him to the apartment. The captain removed his shoes, Mrs. DAVEY said, on the complaint that his feet were hurting him and then went into the bedroom to clean his revolver.

Mrs. DAVEY was directing the dismantling of a radio in the preparation for their moving on the first of the month when she heard a shot.

SHOT THROUGH THE HEAD

She rushed into the bedroom and found her husband sprawled on the floor with a bullet wound in the right side of his head. Detectives James HIBARD and Patrick KNOWLES reported that on a nearby table were five shells which had been

removed from the revolver, some oil and cleaning rags, which apparently had not been used. The shooting was listed as accidental.

The ambulance surgeon from Coney Island Hospital reported that the bullet hole was a contact wound causing burns on the side of the captain's head.Capt. DAVEY was one of the most popular officers on the force. At the time of his death he was in charge of Oak street station, Manhattan. A few months prior to that he had opened the new Borough Park station but remained there only a short time.

Captain DAVEY was well-known in Brooklyn. His wife Vera, was a nurse in the Coney Island Hospital before their marriage seven years ago. She told police that her husband had no worries and had appeared to very happy during the motor ride home from the subway station home.

ON VALENTINE'S STAFF

DAVEY, who was 46 years old, has been a member of the police department for 25 years and was regarded by his associates as a very efficient officer. As a lieutenant he was attached to the staff of then Deputy Chief Inspector Lewis J. VALENTINE, when VALENTINE was doing confidential work for Police Commissioner McLAUGHLIN.

VALENTINE, now a captain, has been one of the principal witnesses during the past week at the investigation being made into city affairs by the Hofstadter Legislative Committee. He has testified to professional gambling taking place in Democratic clubhouses. DAVEY was not scheduled to testify before the committee, it was announced at the Seabury headquarters today.

Capt. DAVEY was also on the staff of Inspector Thomas McDONALD while he was in charge of the 10 Inspection District. A year ago he was appointed a captain and assigned to the new Bronx Precinct, later being transferred to Borough Park and then Oak street.



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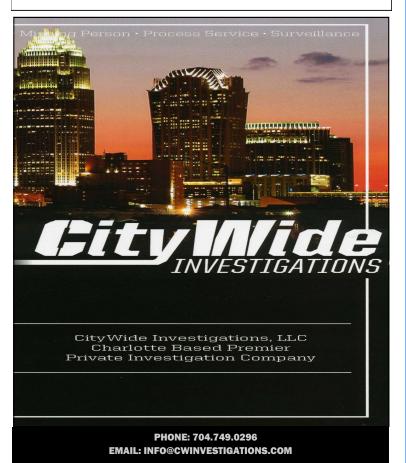
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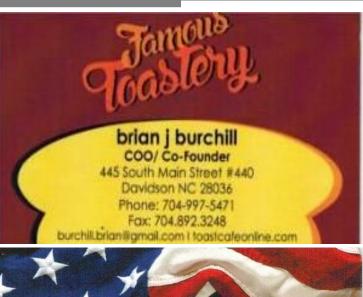
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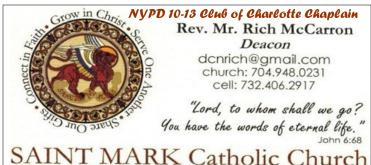




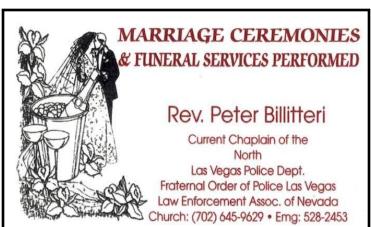
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