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AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGES

Hi All,

The saga of the City's new Medicare Advantage health plan continues.

On Thursday October 21, 2021, a New York State Supreme Court judge placed a stay on the rollout of the cities new Medicare Advantage Plus Plan, ordering the city to maintain the retirees current health care plans.

This injunction delays the rollout of the plan in an effort to provide more public information surrounding the plan, specifically which health care providers will accept the new plan.

What was to be a 10/31/21 deadline to opt out of the plan has been extended indefinitely. Before the City issues another deadline they have to submit a plan to the judge for his review so that the Court is satisfied that retirees can make an informed decision.

Please understand that this is a postponement and not a termination of the plans implementation. Affected club members are encouraged to carefully review the impact of this change on themselves and their families.

One important and easy way to do that is to watch a 26 minute You-tube video interview of attorney Steven Cohen that can be accessed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TvtGfCvME0M>

Steve clearly explains the implication of the judges decision and during the interview he suggests that anyone who has opted out may want to contact the City Medicare Advantage Plan hotline, 1-833-325-1190, and rescind their opt-out form. You can also call that number to confirm that they received your opt-out form.

Dinner at this month's meeting will be turkey and fixins. We need to give the caterer a head count by Tuesday November 2. If you have not already done so, please respond to the Evite before then.

Now that there has been an increase in the percentage of people who have been vaccinated for COVID 19 and a decrease in the percentage of people taken ill by COVID 19, the board has decided to schedule more social events.

Mark these events in your calendar:

- After holiday dinner party - Saturday, January 15, 2022. More info will be provided after this month's board meeting.
- Night at the Knights baseball game - Friday, April 29, 2022
- Jimmy LaRossa Memorial Golf Tournament - Monday, May 16, 2022. See pages 13 & 14 for a tournament flyer and donation request letter. Please help us make the tournament a success by soliciting donations for the tournament raffle.

I have emailed everyone an updated membership roster. Please check the roster to make sure that we have your correct information.

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

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

In response to a coordinated effort between our club and Bob Young, president of the Raleigh 10-13 club, to rectify issues members of both our clubs are facing in receiving proper WTC health care screening in NC, Club trustee Dennis Cirillo sent the below letter to NC Congressman Dan Bishop.

Hi Congressman Bishop,

My name is Dennis Cirillo. I met you several months ago at a Republican Meeting in Monroe. I briefly introduced myself as the 9th Districts Delegate for AMAC (Association of Mature American Citizens) and left you my card. AMAC currently has over 4,700 members residing in NC 09 not counting their family members of eligible voting age. I am not writing to you today as an Action Delegate, but am writing as a member of the NYPD 10-13 Club of Charlotte, Inc. a club consisting of over four-hundred former and active police officers residing in NC. At our monthly meeting last evening, I learned that many of our 9/11 survivors are experiencing tremendous difficulty in having their health screenings performed here in North Carolina. Many of our members routinely schedule their testing in New York rather than deal with the problems they are experiencing here. I have learned that many of the local health care providers have dropped out of the program due to paperwork issues and other problems. The National 10-13 Association is working on attempting to rectify the situation; however, we certainly can use some help.

Here are some of our members comments regarding their problems:

"The issue is not so much the distance, although this facility is near uptown Charlotte and the next facility is Concord which is 35 miles from my residence. We live (here in Charlotte) in the biggest city in the state, and I always find it hard to believe we have 1 option, and they should not only be removed as a facility, I feel they should lose their license to practice. The issue is more about the type of facilities they contract out. They are clinics. They are old, some are dirty, and they seem very antiquated. I always say, walking into these facilities feels like going back in time. Like you're going back to the 1970's. DeArk Medical Center, I actually tried to have them removed as a facility because of the terrible experience I had there. I literally wouldn't take my dog there. It was dirty, and I initially looked past that. They escorted me to a room to wait. When the doctor came in he was wearing a mask and a plastic face shield and walked completely on the other side of the room. (I thought I wonder how he's going to examine me?) I went to take my mask off and he yelled at me "Please DO NOT take your mask off" I put it back on and said: "Then how can you look in my nose? How can you look down my throat?" He said, "We don't do that". I said, "what about a lung capacity test, or chest x-rays, are you going to listen to my breathing? Are you going to listen to my heart?" He said, "we don't do that". I said, "will you palpate my neck, check for tumors". He said: "we don't do that". He said " we need to do your paperwork right now. The next 2 questions (if I wasn't already sitting down) would have knocked me off of my feet. He actually asked me (from the other side of the room). "Do you know your height and weight? I said: "Are you kidding me? You don't have a tape measure here? You don't have a scale? I said, "You can take my urine, I will not let anybody stick a needle in my arm, and I'm leaving". My entire appt. was about 10 minutes. It should take 1 ½ to 2 hours. These are the types of facilities we have been subjected to over the years. It is truly a joke! We were all made a promise 20 years ago, that "We will never forget" and this is how they treat Police Officers, Fire fighters, and 1st responders who answered the call? The entire system needs to be revamped and we need more up to date "legitimate" doctors in real medical facilities to attend to us. They need to get away from all the "clinic" type facilities. They are old, dirty, and make you feel that they are just going through the motions. I can always be reached by phone, to speak to anyone who would like to discuss this further.

Here's another - "I have a horror story with these folks. I moved down here in 2008 went back to stony brook every year and was treated like a prince. In 2010 I figured it was time to join the national program so I didn't have to make the trip. What a mistake, I was sent to clinics that resembled third world countries in Rock Hill, SC and south Charlotte. I had to wait in general population sometimes up to three hours past my scheduled appointment time. Other than the colonoscopy appointment which went smooth in a nice facility in Balantyne the rest of my experience was a horror show. So I quickly switched back to the NY program. Fast forward to a few months ago I started having serious 9/11 illness issues and can no longer make thrip back to NY. I was told the national program was much better so I decided to give it a try. That was April and I have yet to see a single doctor. First they emailed me a packet similar to the questioner you originally filled out when joining the program which in my case was 2003 so I had fresh memories of where I was assigned and how long I spent at certain locations. The package emailed to me now came twenty years later and even though I have 186 days certified at the site the national program not only wants to know where I worked but how many hours I worked. Not days but hours. In addition after you answer how many hours they want to know how many hours during the first five days than how many hours during the next twenty etc etc. To boot all those answers must add up to the original hours you first put down. Obviously this is no easy task so I called for assistance. I have been hung up on, put on hold for hours and when I finally got on the line with a case worker she did her best to help me and she assured me it all added up so I could go on and answer the next twenty parts of the packet myself. The problem Harvey...she never saved all that work so when I went back to answer the dozens of additional sections the hours were all screwed up again. On September 12th I received a letter from the two people running the national program thanking me for my service and telling me what a hero I was. The next day I received an email from the national program case workers threatening to kick me out of the program because I hadn't answered the thousands of questions they sent me in a timely manner."

Other comments include, "dirty, unprofessional, poorly staffed," and "I travel back to New York for cancer related issues , I was warned by others and WTC monitoring not to switch for service down here."

As you can see, these heroes are being treated horribly and obviously not deserving of this type of treatment. I was wondering if you would be able to meet with me and our President Harvey Katowitz to see if you are able to assist us. It would also be appreciated if you would be able to join us at our next meeting on November 9th in Charlotte. I appreciate any assistance you may be able to provide. My cellular telephone number is 516 310-1707. Thank you!

Regards and best wishes,

Dennis

A similar letter was sent by me to U.S. Senator Thom Tillis.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

10-13 - SOS: Our club needs your help. Chris Russo, our club treasurer has indicated that he will be resigning his position sometime next year. We desperately need someone to fill Chris' position on the board. To make the transition run seamlessly and smoothly we are looking for a club member to volunteer for this position ASAP. As an incentive, we will quadruple Chris' salary of \$0.00 for the new treasurer. Chris will supply you with Quickbooks and train you if you do not know how to use it.

Our club cannot function properly without members volunteering to serve on the board. If you are interested in this position please notify me or another board member

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday, November 7. Remember to set your clock back an hour before going to bed this coming Saturday night/Sunday morning.

Please use extra caution while driving during the next few weeks. It is prime time for deer vs. vehicle collisions.

Deer have their eternal clocks altered in a different way this time of year.

In general, deer are most active between dusk and 11 p.m., and they're especially frisky about the time October meets November. It's prime breeding season and they run about more wildly than usual, increasing the chances of collisions with cars and trucks.

Reminder, 2022 dues are payable now. If you will not be paying at this month's membership meeting, please use the form at the following link: <http://www.charlotte10-13.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/10-13-Dues-Renewal.pdf> or on page 52. You can also pay via Zelle at hkatowitz@charlotte10-13.com.

On November 11, 1919 U.S. President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed Armistice Day. In proclaiming the holiday, he said "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."

The United States Congress passed a concurrent resolution seven years later on June 4, 1926, requesting that President Calvin Coolidge issue another proclamation to observe November 11 with appropriate ceremonies. A Congressional Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U.S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday: "a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day'."

In 1945, WWII veteran Raymond Weeks from Birmingham, Alabama had the idea to expand Armistice Day to celebrate all veterans, not just those who died in World War I. Weeks led a delegation to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, who supported the idea of National Veterans Day. Weeks led the first national celebration in 1947 in Alabama and annually until his death in 1985. President Reagan honored Weeks at The White House with the Presidential Citizenship Medal in 1982 as the driving force for the national holiday. Elizabeth Dole, who prepared the briefing for President Reagan, determined Weeks as the "Father of Veterans Day."

U.S. Representative Ed Rees from Emporia, Kansas, presented a bill establishing the holiday through Congress. President Dwight Eisenhower, also from Kansas, signed the bill into law on May 26, 1954.

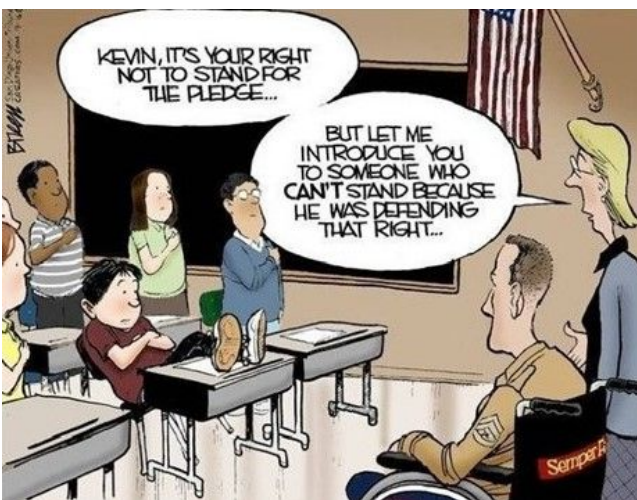
Congress amended this act on June 1, 1954, replacing "Armistice" with "Veterans," and it has been known as Veterans Day since. Remember to fly the American flag on Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11 to honor Americans who served our country.

On behalf of our entire board, I want to wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Stay healthy and stay safe!

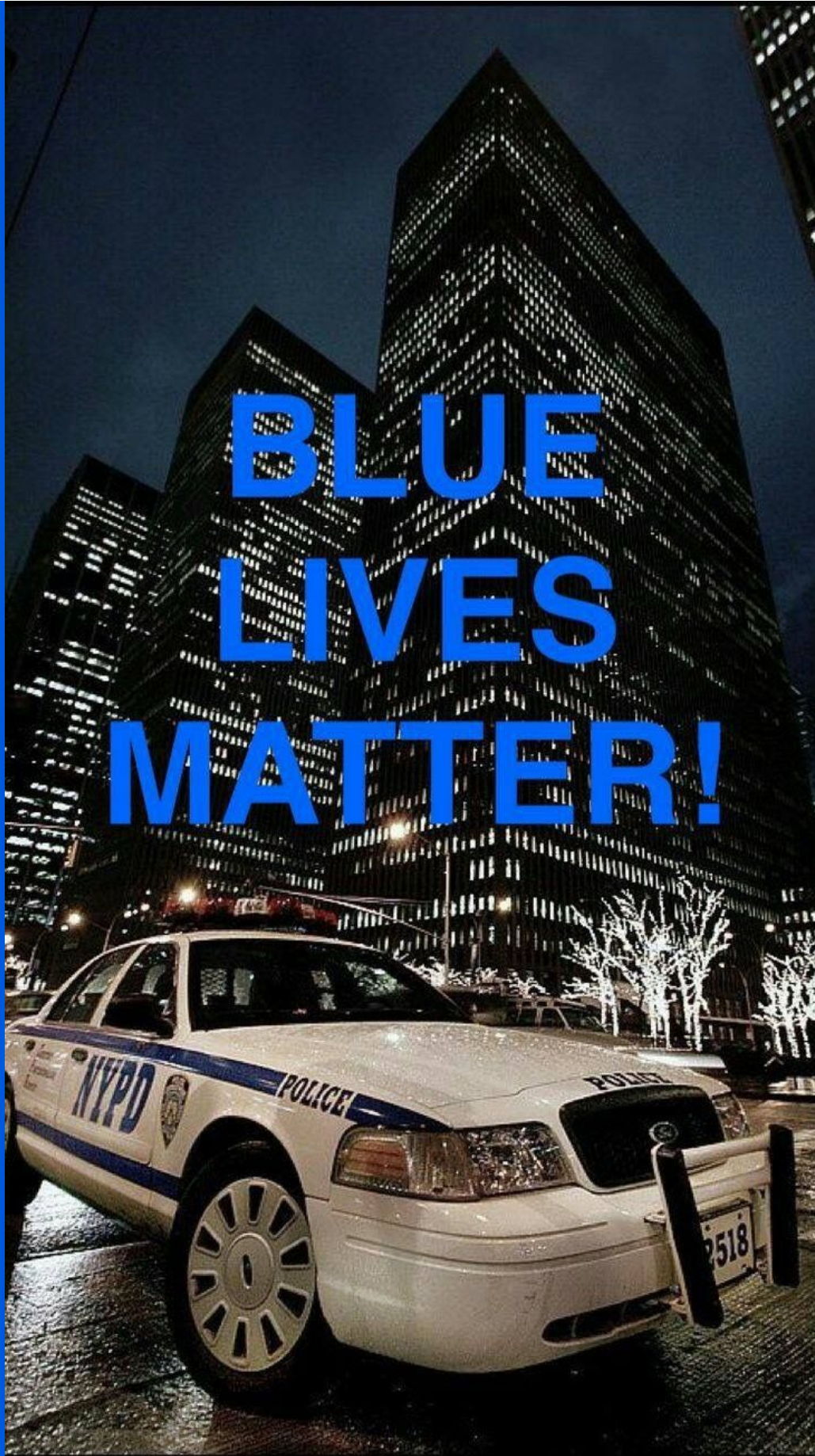
Fraternally,

Harvey Katowitz



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**BLUE
LIVES
MATTER!**



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Neil Eugene Porter, beloved husband, father, brother, son and friend. A long time resident of Commack, New York and a newer resident to Ruskin, Florida lost his battle with pancreatic cancer on October 7, 2021. He was 55 years old.

Neil was born on February 24, 1966 in Huntington, New York to Alice Mae Kuznowicz and William J. Porter.

He was an Air Force Veteran of 28 years, retiring as a Senior Master Sergeant, an officer of the NYPD for 27 years, a 9/11 first responder, and President of the Lawman Motorcycle Club. A true protector with a compassionate heart to serve.

In addition to his wife Nancy, and children Victoria, and Frankie, he is survived by sister Charlene Porter, father William Porter and pre-deceased by sister Michele Hopkins.

Always in our minds and hearts
Gone but never forgotten.....



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NYPD



**POLICE OFFICER
MARZE MURRAY**
Transit District 32
New York City Police Department
End of Watch October 21, 2021
Fidelis Ad Mortem

Police Officer Marze Matthew Murray the 63rd member of the NYPD to die from COVID 19 passed away On Thurs. October 21, 2021



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*We honor those
Who have laid down their
life for their country.
Whether weary or embold-
ened, quiet or defiant,
Vulnerable or ready when
You called them home,
Their sacrifice are too
humbling for words except
to these uttered in prayer.*

*Let these great warriors
find rest at last;
Ever reminded that we who
are left behind cherish their
spirit, honor their commit-
ment, send them our love,
and we will never forget
the service that they gave.*

**LAW
ENFORCEMENT
ONLY**

**THIS ENTRANCE
RESERVED
FOR THOSE
WHO SERVED**

It's with a heavy heart that I share with our CLT family of Ofc. Julio Herrera's passing. He has spent the last 28yrs serving the CLT community. Please join me in prayer for his wife & two children. He'll also be missed by the many students he mentored at Ardrey Kell High School.



CMPD Officer Julio C. Herrera died Monday night Oct. 4, after 28 years of service.

Officer Herrera served 15 years as school resource officer at Ardrey Kell High School, and was set to retire in Feb. 2022 as one of the longest-serving school resource officers in North Carolina.

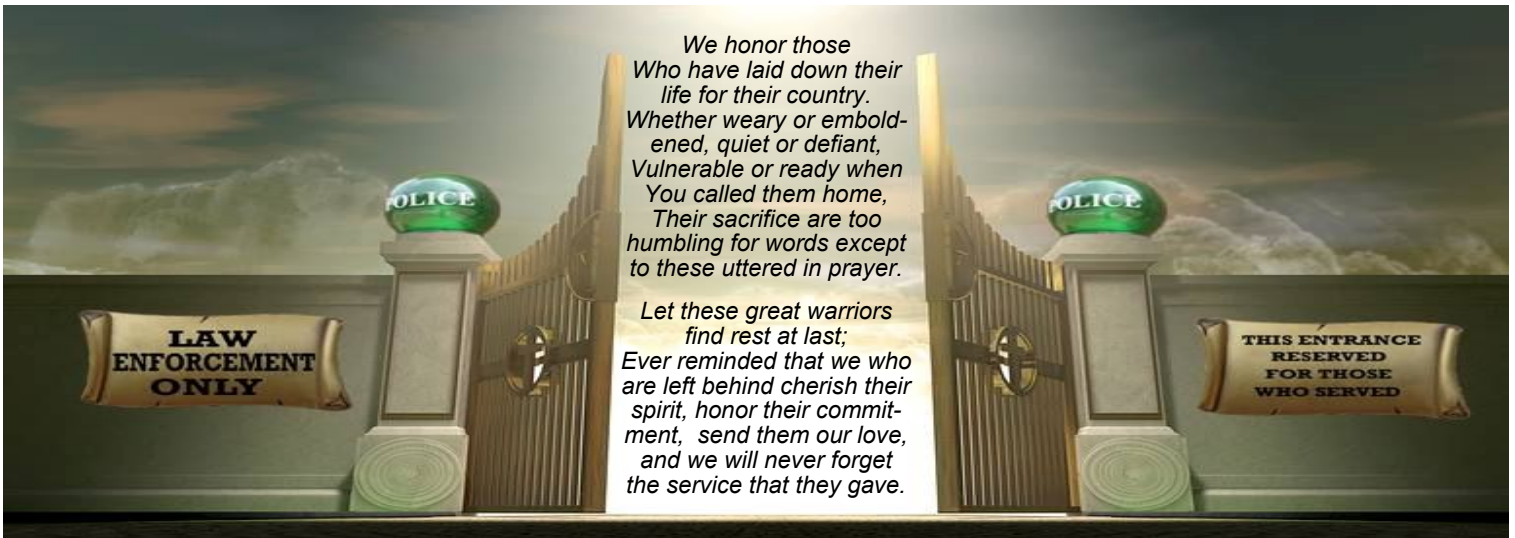
He initially worked at Providence High School and moved to Ardrey Kell High School where he has been ever since.

Herrera is survived by his wife, Beth Gilbert Herrera, and sons Jordan, 23, and Christian, 19.

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[Senior Inspector Jared Keyworth](#)
US Marchals Service
EOW: Friday, October 1, 2021
Cause: Automobile crash



[Officer Victor Donate](#)
US Customs & Border Patrol
EOW: Thursday, October 7, 2021
Cause: COVID19



[Correctional Officer IV Toamalama Scanlan](#)
Fresno Co, CA Sheriff's Office,
EOW: Tuesday, October 12, 2021
Cause: Gunfire



[Capt. James Anthony Sisk](#)
Culpeper Co, VA Sheriff's Office
EOW: Friday, October 1, 2021
Cause: COVID19



[Corporal Timothy Michael Tanksley](#)
Alto PD, GA
EOW: Friday, October 8, 2021
Cause: COVID19



[Deportation Officer Bradley K. Kam](#)
US Immigration and Customs EOW:
Tuesday, October 12, 2021
Cause: COVID19



[Sgt. Nick Risner](#)
Sheffield, AL PD
EOW: Saturday, October 2, 2021
Cause: Gunfire



[P.O. Dylan McCauley Harrison](#)
Alamo, GA PD
EOW: Saturday, October 9, 2021
Cause: Gunfire



[P.O. Ty Alan Powell](#)
Windsor, CO PD
EOW: Wednesday, October 13, 2021
Cause: COVID19



[P.O. Darrell Dewayne Adams](#)
Memphis, TN PD
EOW: Saturday, October 2, 2021
Cause: Struck by vehicle



[Master Trooper Adam Gaubert](#)
Louisiana State Police
EOW: Saturday, October 9, 2021
Cause: Gunfire



[Sgt. Richard Arnold McMahan](#)
Columbus, GA PD
EOW: Wednesday, October 13, 2021
Cause: Heart attack



[Corr. Officer V Melissa Maldonado](#)
TX Correctional Institutions Div.
EOW: Sunday, October 3, 2021
Cause: COVID19



[Master Deputy William E. Marsh](#)
Rowan Co, NC Sheriff's Office,
EOW: Sunday, October 10, 2021
Cause: COVID19



[Dep. Sheriff Oliver Little](#)
Floyd Co, KY Sheriff's Office,
EOW: Wednesday, October 13, 2021
Cause: COVID19



[Group Supervisor Michael G. Garbo](#)
US Drug Enforcement Agency
EOW: Monday, October 4, 2021
Cause: Gunfire



[Sgt. Michael D. Rudd](#)
La Paz Co, AZ Sheriff's Office
EOW: Monday, October 11, 2021
Cause: Vehicle pursuit



[Sgt. Raquel Virginia Saunders](#)
Amarillo, TX PD
EOW: Wednesday, October 13, 2021
Cause: COVID19



[Corr. Officer Vassar Richmond](#)
Bartlett, TN PD
EOW: Monday, October 4, 2021
Cause: COVID19



[Dep. Sheriff Juan Miguel Ruiz](#)
Maricopa Co, AZ Sheriff's Office
EOW: Monday, October 11, 2021
Cause: Assault



[Deputy Constable Kareem Atkins](#)
Harris Co, TX Constable's Office
Precinct 4
EOW: Saturday, October 16, 2021
Cause: Gunfire



[Corr. Officer V Thomas S. Collora](#)
TX Correctional Institutions Div.
EOW: Tuesday, October 5, 2021
Cause: COVID19



[Detention Officer Anthony Nicoletti](#)
Mohave Co, AZ Sheriff's Office,
EOW: Monday, October 11, 2021
Cause: COVID19



[P.O. Yandy Chirino](#)
Hollywood, FL PD
EOW: Sunday, October 17, 2021
Cause: Gunfire



[Dep. Sheriff Dale L. Wyman](#)
Hardeman Co, TN Sheriff's Office
EOW: Weds, October 6, 2021
Cause: Automobile crash



[Lieutenant William Oscar McMurray, III](#)
Burke Co, Sheriff's Office,
EOW: Monday, October 11, 2021
Cause: COVID19



[P.O. Ryan Andrew Hayworth](#)
Knightdale, NC PD
EOW: Sunday, October 17, 2021
Cause: Vehicular assault

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[P.O. Andrew Robert MacDonald](#)
Grand Prairie, TX PD
EOW: Monday, October 18, 2021
Cause: COVID19



[Dep. Sheriff Joshua J. Welge](#)
Sarasota Co, FL Sheriff's Office
EOW: Thursday, October 21, 2021
Cause: COVID19



[P.O. Tyler Timmins](#)
Pontoon Beach, IL PD,
EOW: Tuesday, October 26, 2021
Cause: Gunfire



[Trooper Ted L. Benda](#)
Iowa State Patrol
EOW: Weds., October 20, 2021
Cause: Automobile crash



[Sgt. Michael David Dunn](#)
Amarillo, TX PD
EOW: Friday, October 22, 2021
Cause: COVID19



[Staff Sgt. Jesse Sherrill](#)
New Hampshire State Police
EOW: Thursday, October 28, 2021
Cause: Struck by tractor trailer



[Corporal Miguel Rodriguez](#)
FL Dept. Office of Agricultural
Law Enforcement,
EOW: Thurs, October 21, 2021
Cause: COVID19



[P.O. Stephen Evans](#)
Burns, KS PD
EOW: Monday, October 25, 2021
Cause: Automobile crash

389 Line of Duty Deaths THIS YEAR

378 Line of Duty Deaths LAST YEAR

1,476 Line of Duty Deaths LAST FIVE

2,275 Line of Duty Deaths LAST TEN YEARS

25,253 Line of Duty Deaths FOR ALL TIME

Dear God,

I'm grateful for those that You have called into the selfless service of law enforcement.

I acknowledge the mess that society would be without them. Our fallen world is prone to lawlessness, chaos and disaster.

Thank You for providing faithful men and women to stand against these evils.

Lord, You know the internal and external battles they face on a daily basis. Even as our police officers risk their lives to protect us, dear God, protect them also.

Be a shield for them according to Psalm3:3. Lift up their countenances and be their comfort in the face of disheartening circumstances.



OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING





Membership Meeting Minutes October 12, 2021

The formal part of the meeting was called to order at 8 pm with 47 members, 5 guests and 1 member participating via Zoom. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance, invocation, reading of the names and causes of the death of the 67 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
Rec. Secretary: Scott Hickey - Excused
Corres. Sec: Bob Fee - Excused
Treasurer: Chris Russo
Trustee: Dennis Cirillo
Trustee: Kevin Gribbon
Trustee: Brenda Jordan - Excused
Trustee: Ian McGrouther
Trustee: John Randazzo
Sgt. at Arms: Harry Dobson - Excused
Historian: Jim Rochford
Chaplain: Donald Sanchez - Excused
Chaplain: Deacon Rich McCarron - Excused

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

Introduction of guest speaker: None

Sickness & Distress:

- Cathy Schappert, wife of Don Schappert is recovering from surgery to remove a growth pressing on an optic nerve.
- Harry Dobson will be having surgery on Oct.19 for Squamous Cell Carcinoma

Communications & Bills

- Our club is working with the Raleigh 10-13 club to correct problems with the WTC Health Monitoring Program in NC.
- The names of 701 law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty—including 434 who died in 2019 and 2020—will be formally dedicated Thursday night, during the 33rd Annual Candlelight Vigil on the National Mall. 62% of the 295 deaths in 2020 were a result of COVID-19.

Report of officers

President:

- 2022 dues are due now. The club will be setting up a Zelle account so members can pay on-line.
- Dinner for Nov. meeting will be turkey and fix-ins.
- The entire Board had been nominated for re-election at last month's meeting. Brenda Jordan declined her nomination. Kevin Stoeckert volunteered to take Brenda's trustee position on the board.
- An updated roster will be emailed to members this month. Members were asked to review the roster for mistakes prior to next month's membership meeting when dues notices will be mailed.

Vice President: Nothing to report.

Treasurer: The treasurers report was presented and a motion to accept the report was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Recording secretary: Excused

Corresponding secretary: Excused

Trustees:

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

Sgt. at Arms: Excused

Historian: Nothing to report

Committee Reports

- Membership: 434 members
- Socials
 1. Our golf tournament is scheduled for May 16, 2022, at Olde Sycamore Golf Club.
 2. Our 2022 night at the Knights baseball game will be scheduled for April 29, 2022.
 3. A discussion was had about having an after-holiday dinner party at the Lodge. Most of the members at the meeting were in favor of doing so. Date to be determined.

Old Business: Members were reminded that 2 volunteers will be asked to stay at the end of each meeting to help clean the lodge.

New Business:

- Being that the entire board is running unopposed, Vito McQueen cast 1 vote for the entire slate.
- Joe Gworek made a motion that was seconded by Jack Hawthorne to change the time that we start our membership meeting to 5pm. The motion was defeated 45-2.
- Frank DeMasi made a motion that was seconded by Bernard Roe to change the time that we start our membership meeting to 6pm. The motion passed 43-0 with 4 members abstaining.

Good of the Club

- Two health care workers were present offering free COVID 19 tests for our members.
- 50/50 of \$ \$160 was won by Ed Hendrickson.
- A second raffle drawing for a 9/11 20th Anniversary Memorial pin set was won by James Cuesta.
- After an announcement was made that the answer to October's newsletter riddle was omitted from the newsletter, Chris Russo made a motion that was seconded by Domenick Roberti to have a 3rd raffle drawing for a free membership. Jim Cuesta won a free membership for 2022.

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

Next Meeting
Tuesday, November 9, 2021
6PM

NYPD 10-13 Club of Charlotte, NC





In Loving Memory of Jimmy LaRossa
09/29/60 - 04/10/12

2022
JIMMY LAROSSA MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
Fundraiser for Charlotte Salute to Heroes and
Law Enforcement Medal of Honor Committee
WHERE: OLDE SYCAMORE GOLF PLANTATION
7500 Olde Sycamore Drive, Charlotte, NC 28227
Phone: 704-573-1000

WHEN: Monday, May 16, 2022 @ 9:00am (shot gun start)
8:00am Registration
\$125/Player - \$500/Team
Captain's Choice
Hot Breakfast
Catered luncheon & awards ceremony

CAPTAIN: _____ Phone _____
PLAYER 2: _____ Phone _____
PLAYER 3: _____ Phone _____
PLAYER 4: _____ Phone _____

Please make check payable to NYPD 10-13 Club of Charlotte, NC

ANYONE INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A HOLE AT THE GOLF TOURNAMENT,
PLEASE DETACH THIS FORM AND REMIT \$100.00 TO
NYPD 10-13 Club of Charlotte, NC
4701 Wyndfield Lane
Charlotte, NC 28270

SPONSOR _____ EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

Please indicate what you want on your sponsor sign: _____

For more information contact Bob Fee
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HARVEY KATOWITZ
PRESIDENT

BERNARD ROE
VICE PRESIDENT

October 19, 2021

To whom it may concern,

The NYPD 1013 Club of Charlotte, NC is an IRS not for profit 501 (c) (7) organization, Tax ID #45 0557805, comprised of 434 retired and active law enforcement officers, predominately from the NYPD and 57 other law enforcement agencies.

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

On Monday, May 16, 2022 the Club is sponsoring the eighth annual Jimmy LaRossa Memorial Golf Tournament. Jimmy LaRossa, who was a member of our Club was murdered on April 10, 2012.

The monies we raised from our last tournament were donated to the Fisher House at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejune & Veterans Path Up. Both organizations are non-profits that aid our wounded warriors and their families.

Monies raised at the 2022 tournament will be donated to the Charlotte Salute to Heroes Foundation, a 501-C (3) non-profit organization that supports sworn ill/injured public safety members and their families in North and South Carolina and other accredited 501-C(3) Foundations that assist public safety and military families in need and the Law Enforcement Medal of Honor Committee, a 501-C (3) non-profit organization that presents a medal of honor to the families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty

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

All donations will be recognized in our monthly newsletter that is distributed to over 10,000 people nationwide, including over 1,000 people in the Charlotte metropolitan area. Hole sponsors will also have a sign identifying them, prominently displayed on the golf course.

We appreciate any help you can provide us.


Sincerely,

Harvey Katowitz
President
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NYPD 10-13 Club of Charlotte, NC




MEMBERSHIP




2021 Monthly Meeting Dates
 November 09 December 14

BIRTHDAYS



IN MEMORIAM
 Oct. 29, 2021, Camille Delores Parrino (Pagano)
 mother of Joseph Sprowls

Get Well Soon!

SICK DESK UPDATE
 Nothing to report

If you know of a member who is ill or is recovering from surgery, please inform a board member.


NOVEMBER



Welcome Back

- Returning member retired NYPD Lt. Liz Hatcher
- Returning member retired NYPD Lt. Carl Hatcher

Henry Courtlandt	Nov. 01
Richard Fitzpatrick	Nov. 02
Onika Ellis	Nov. 03
John Smith	Nov. 06
Joseph Congelosi	Nov. 08
Joe Kozlowski	Nov. 08
Robert Figlia	Nov. 08
Daniel Sbarra	Nov. 08
Fatima Campbell	Nov. 10
Stephen Cirigliano	Nov. 10
US Marine Corps	Nov. 10
Robert Eilenberg RIP	Nov. 14
Fernando Sanchez	Nov. 14
Patricia Lewis	Nov. 15
Joseph goldstein	Nov. 16
John Nunziato	Nov. 17
Volny Jean-Jacques	Nov. 18
Rocco Nasta	Nov. 18
Curtis Dabnis	Nov. 19
Deborah Heusner	Nov. 19
Chris Goehring	Nov. 20
Gerald Cifaldi	Nov. 21
Stan Pentol	Nov. 21
Glenn Stuart	Nov. 21
Chris Garbarino	Nov. 22
Derrick Holmes	Nov. 22
Martin Wynne	Nov. 22
William Johnson	Nov. 24
Marty Robinson	Nov. 24
John Cocchi	Nov. 25
Mark Mirailh	Nov. 25
Freddie Solomon	Nov. 25
George Mitsch	Nov. 26
Jim Houston RIP	Nov. 28
Sean McCartney	Nov. 28
Kevin Gribbon	Nov. 30
Karen Heintz	Nov. 30
Ed Sarter	Nov. 30
Liz Irrizary-Schuyler	Nov. 30



We currently have 435 members, 314 from the NYPD and the remainder from 58 other law enforcement agencies.



Our meetings now begin at 6pm

2022 Membership Dues are due now
 You can pay via Zelle at:
hkatowitz@charlotte10-13.com

Daylight Saving Time Ends
 Sunday November 17 2021, 2 AM.
 Remember To Set Your Cocks Back 1 Hour



Happy Thanksgiving

FROM THE ENTIRE CLUB BOARD



NYPD CHARLOTTE RETIREES CLUB
 POLICE DEPARTMENT CITY OF NEW YORK
 10-13 CLUB

TRUSTEE'S



10-13 Club of Charlotte

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.



Brenda Jordan



John Randazzo



Kevin Gribbon



Ian McGrouther



Dennis Cirillo

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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 cityofnyretireesprovidernomination@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 EmblemHealth Applicants" section above.

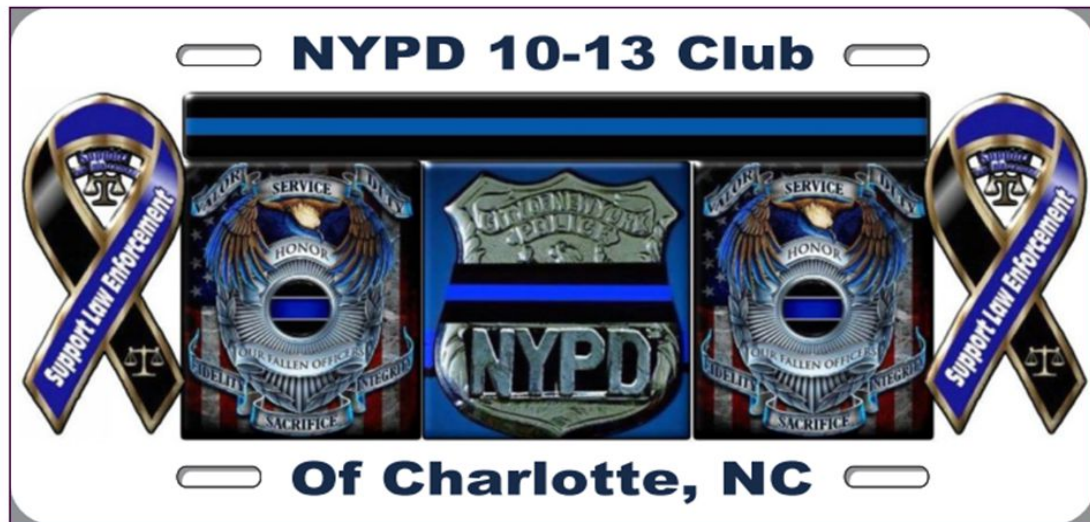
Our network in Florida is closed except for our CBP network* (non-Medicare City of New York retirees), primary care physicians, cardiologists, orthopedic surgeons and any provider that is joining a group that is already participating with EmblemHealth. The network outside of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut 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).

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.

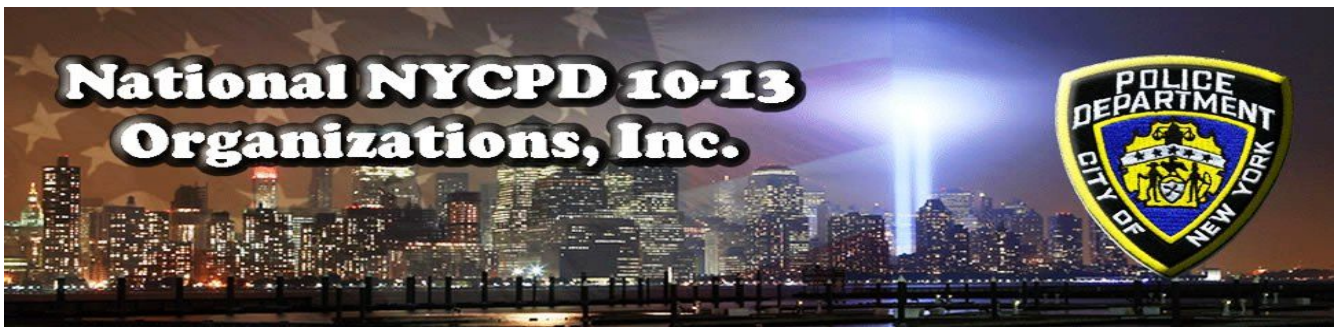
If you need help or have questions, please contact our Call Center at (646) 905-5596

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



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

September 15, 2021

To All Presidents and Chapter Members:

As I am writing this letter, summer is coming to an end; fall and winter will soon be with us and many of our snowbird members will soon be heading south. I hope that everyone had a safe and fun summer. Let us not forget that the COVID Virus is still with us and we must continue to be vigilant and not let our guard down for the sake of all.

This week the National NYCPD 10-13 Orgs. Inc., celebrated its 32nd Annual Convention at the beautiful Villa Roma Resort; a great time was had by all. See the photos on our National NYCPD 10-13.org website (coming soon).

I would like to thank all Chapter Presidents and members for their support, dedication and undying support of the National. A special thank you goes out to my Executive Board. I am very proud to have an Executive Board who I can rely and depend on for support and guidance.

As we all know times are changing and the attacks on NYPD active and retirees are becoming more frequent and blatant. We are being criticized and not supported by some of our elected officials; starting with Mayor de Blasio, and let's not forget our X-Governor who signed some outrageous Anti Police bills into law.

The New York 2022 legislation session will start January, 2022. However, we are already visiting with key state senators and assembly members. The National is aggressively active in communicating through letters, visits in educating legislators, and requesting legislation which protects or enhances our benefits. COLA and Veterans' Supplementation are given out of the Pension Fund. This is not a cost factor to the tax payers. These funds are well funded and protected by law, which is not so protected in other states. There is no cost for the Health Protection Bills.

As we all know retirees, via our unions when they were active, negotiated for and earned benefits for their future, and sometimes gave up pay increases and other benefits as retirees. Not having the ability to vote or negotiate regarding their benefits, as per the Taylor Law, leaves us to look to our elected officials to protect the benefits that we fought for and earned.

The National is the most active group in legislation than any other NYC Police retiree group to date on these important issues. We work very closely with President Bryant Kolner of the Alliance of Public Retirees Organization which actively supports all NYCPD legislation. We communicate closely regarding these issues.

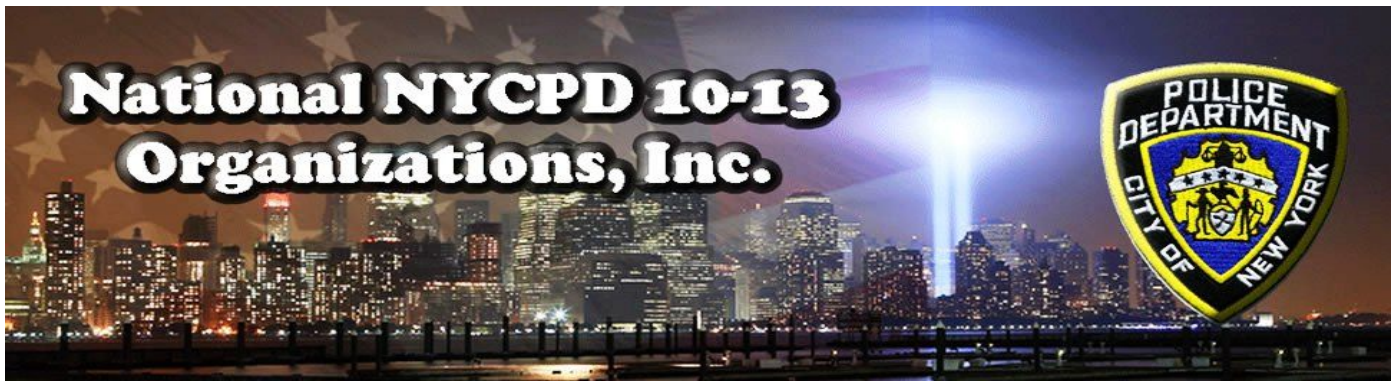
With the support of chapter Presidents and members, through dues and raffles, it makes it possible to be actively involved in legislative issues, as well as to join the Alliance, which involves many other retiree groups. The monies also help us maintain a PAC fund, supply buses for the Lobby Day to attend other meetings, and speak with other retiree groups who share their concerns of these issues. I can assure you that your National Executive Board will continue to be very active in the Albany legislative arena.

This is not an organization of titles and perks. Each member of the Executive Board works very hard, and dedicates their time and efforts for you. The past achievements and goals are because of the support of the chapters and their members. This is what gives us the will to take the initiative to continue to work hard towards accomplishing our common goals.

Hope to see you on Lobby Day, Albany bus trip and at the 2022 National Convention.

Fraternally,

Frank Martarella



**2021-2022 Legislative Agenda
July 28, 2021**

<u>New York State Legislation</u>	<u>Senate #</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Assembly #</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
1- Health Ins. Protection (Retirees) -Protects Benefits We earned upon Retirement	S5030-21	Lanza	A4203	Weprin
2- Veteran’s Supplementation (Retirees) ¼% 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	“	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	“	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 Reimbursement Form: https://www.nationalnycpd10-13.org/forms/Medicare_Part_B_.pdf

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

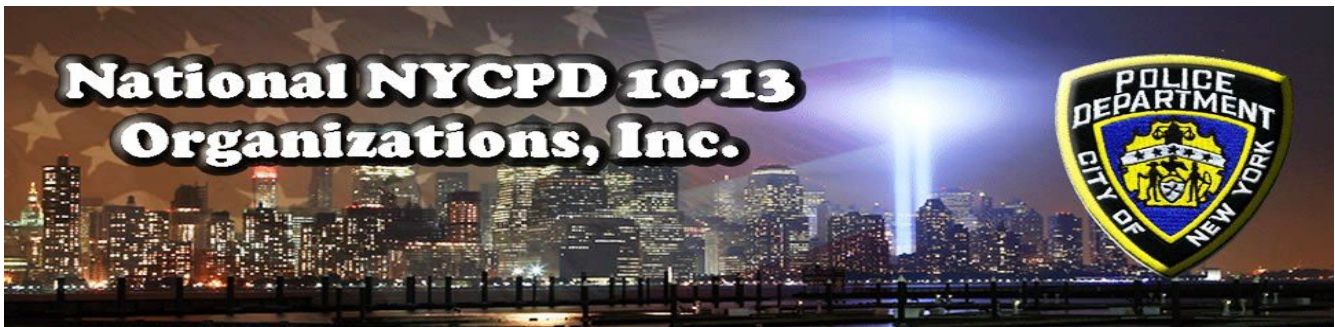
New NYPD ID Card Renewal Form (updated 2019) and NYPD Retiree Application: https://www.nationalnycpd10-13.org/forms/NYPD_Renewal_Retiree_Application_ID_Card_2019.docx

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

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

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

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



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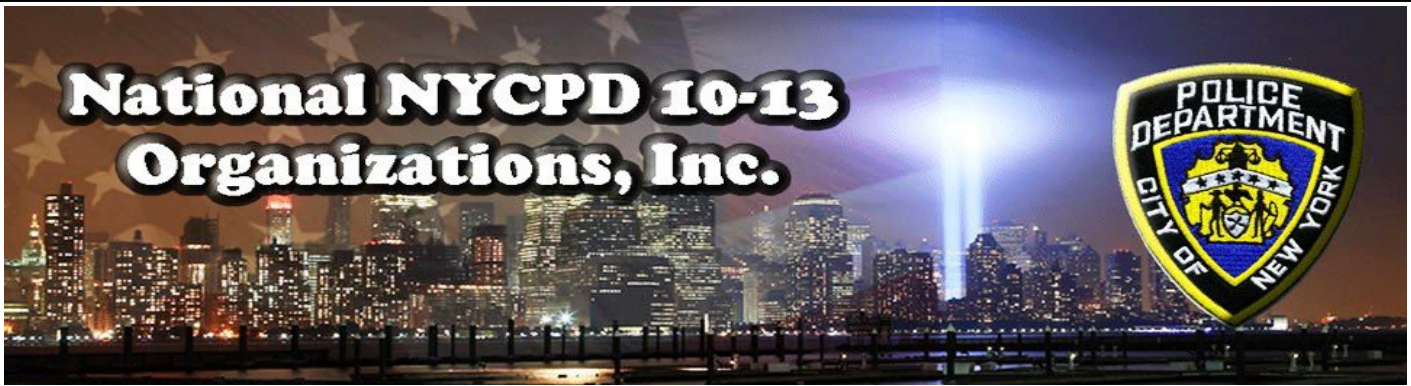
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NATIONAL NYCPD 10-13 ORG.



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 PD 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 **ONLY** 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 PDs 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.

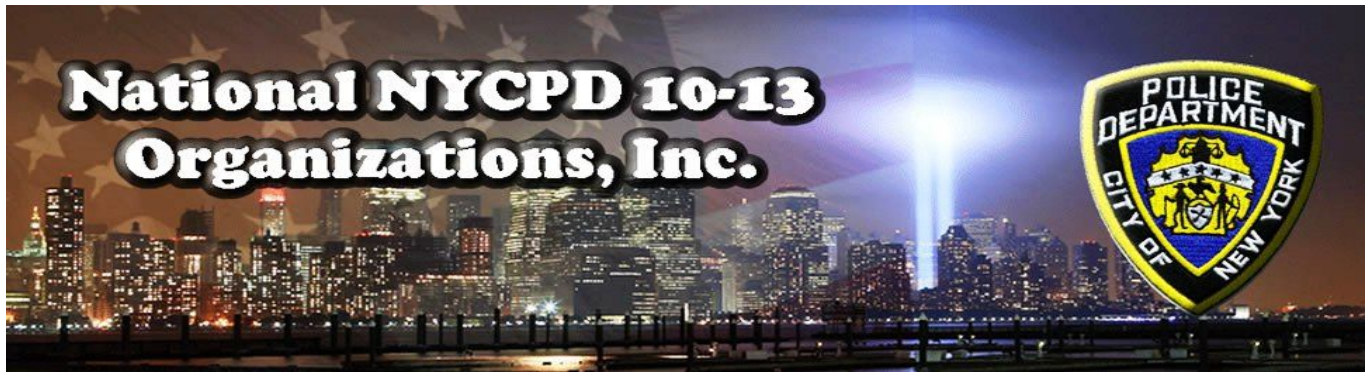
Place in the envelope: your PD ID card, the completed PD Form, and a check in the amount of \$7.75 made out to National NYCPD 10-13 Org.(to cover the cost of priority mail return of your new card).

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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NATIONAL NYCPD 10-13 ORG.



NATIONAL NYCPD 10-13 ORG. NYPD ID CARD RENEWAL

**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..**

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 PD
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.

NATIONAL NYCPD 10-13 ORG.



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

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:** _____

NATIONAL NYCPD 10-13 ORG.



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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.



10-13 PROTECTOR BASIC PLAN

\$134 ANNUALLY

- 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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ALLIANCE OF PUBLIC RETIREE ORGANIZATIONS OF NEW YORK

RPA LEGISLATIVE CORNER REPORT:

August / September 2021 Report

LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

2021-2022 Alliance Legislative Bill Agenda: Note...You can use the new bill numbers and the other expired bill numbers for reference to research the print version of each bill on-line.

Numerous time and efforts have been expended calling all these Legislators, their Chiefs of Staff and Legislative Aides requesting action on our bills and every one of them give us the same, standard reply...we are working on it or we will re-submit the bill for you. The 2021-2022 Legislative Session is turning out to be the most dysfunctional, non-productive, complete disregard for all New York State Retirees that I have ever seen. Most of the re-submitted bills have not made it past the first committee and only a small number of Legislators have signed onto our bills as Co-Sponsors, which is pathetic at best and a egregious disregard for all of their constituents, especially New York State Retirees. RETIREES...CALL TO ACTION NEEDED...Please call your Senator and Assemblyman, at their District Offices and request them to sign on to our bills as Co-Sponsors and/or resubmit our bills. The more phone calls made by retirees, gets the attention of the Legislators and hopefully gets them to take much needed action on our behalf. This has to be a "TEAM EFFORT" by retirees voicing their displeasure personally, emotionally and emphatically that retirees deserve and need these bills passed and signed into law, to preserve and protect retirees hard earned benefits and maintain a "quality of retirement life " that all retirees worked so hard for as career New York State employees and are entitled to period. Legislators work for us !

This is our " FORGOTTEN VETERAN'S BILL "

**NEW Bill # S-5110A-2021 / Veterans Supplementation Bill / Senator Brooks
In Civil Service and Pensions Committee / Only 1 Co-Sponsor**

**NEW Bill # A-6468-2021 / Veterans Supplementation Bill / Assemblywoman Barrett
In Governmental Employees Committee / Only 3 Co-Sponsors**

**NEW Bill # S-5030-2021 / Health Protection Bill / Senator Lanza
In Civil Service and Pensions Committee / Only 1 Co-Sponsor**

A-4203-2019 / Health Protection Bill / Assemblyman Weprin

Requested to be re-submitted made to the Assemblyman, who appears to be more interested in running for his election to New York City Comptroller and I would hypothesize that our bill might be counter intuitive to his campaign, although he has advised us that he would re-submit this bill for us numerous times ! Telephone calls to his office go to voice mail only.

**NEW BILL # S-5184-2021 / Health Protection Bill for Police Officers and Firefighters / Senator Sanders
In Civil Service and Pensions Committee / Only 3 Co-Sponsors**

**NEW BILL # A-05108 / Health Protection Bill for Police Officers and Firefighters / Assemblyman Abatte
PASSED NYS ASSEMBLY AWAITING NYS SENATE ACTION !**

**NEW Bill # S-5631B-2021 / COLA Bill (Increase surviving spouse 50% to 100%) / Senator Gouardes
In Civil Service and Pensions Committee / Not one Co-sponsor**

**NEW BILL # S-6651-2021 / COLA Bill (Provide COLA - age 55 retired 5 yrs) / Senator Gouardes
In Civil Service and Pensions Committee / Not one Co-Sponsor**

**NEW BILL # S6060-2021 / COLA Bill (5 year additional look back) / Senator Gouardes
In Civil Service and Pensions Committee / Not one Co-Sponsor**

**NEW BILL # S6030-2021 / COLA Bill (Increase from 3% to 5% of CPI) / Senator Gouardes
In Civil Service and Pensions Committee / Not one Co-Sponsor**

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POLICE UNIONS: NYPD HAS NO PLAN FOR VAX MANDATE CHAOS *10,000 COPS SET TO BE PULLED FROM STREETS*

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Detectives' Endowment Association President Paul DiGiacomo said: "While New York City is in the middle of a crime crisis, Mayor de Blasio wants to sideline hundreds of Detectives just to play politics. Our Detectives already worked selflessly through 2020, during the height of the pandemic when there was no vaccine. Now the Mayor shows his thanks by wanting to sideline thousands of cops when we know the testing program was working. Our members are needed to investigate the most heinous of crimes. City Hall will once again turn its back on crime victims as investigations will ultimately be stalled and violent offenders will go free. There is no need for this. The COVID testing program was working. The Mayor's vaccine mandate is needless, self-serving and politically motivated."

Sergeants Benevolent Association President Vincent Vallelong said: "New Yorkers need to wake up. Mayor de Blasio's mandate is 'Defund the Police' in disguise. Criminals know this, and they will take full advantage of the situation to create chaos on our streets."

Lieutenants Benevolent Association President Lou Turco said: "Our members feel like City Hall is intentionally keeping them in the dark. The vaccine-or-test policy has been working, and we've been given no explanation as to why it was scrapped. Nor are there any clear guidelines on what exactly happens to members who are placed on unpaid leave. Many members believe Mayor de Blasio is creating chaos on purpose to coerce them into getting the shot."

Captains Endowment Association President Chris Monahan said: "This situation is a failure of leadership. Our members don't have the information they need to keep their commands running after the deadline hits. When we ask top NYPD executives for that information, they point the finger at the de Blasio administration. The NYPD needs to be run out of 1PP, not City Hall."

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MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLAN UPDATE 10/22/21

- On Thursday October 21, 2021, a New York State Supreme Court judge placed a stay on the rollout of the city's new Medicare Advantage Plus Plan. Ordering the city to "maintain the retirees current health care plans".
- Judge Lyle Frank called the **rollout** of the plan "irrational"
- This stay order **upholds the existing contract** between the Alliance and the city of New York to implement the new Medicare Advantage plan at a future date.
- The injunction delays the rollout of the plan in an effort to provide more public information surrounding the plan, specifically which health care providers will accept the new plan.
- Judge Frank ordered the city to submit a plan for "curing the deficiencies".
- No timeline has been given as to when the rollout will continue.
- Retirees should await an official announcement from the city or the Alliance as to a change in an opt-out date.

Vaccines

As you are aware the Mayor has announced mandatory vaccines for all New York City employees. The CEA believes each member has a right to an individual choice to receive one or not. The CEA has believed that the manner this mandate was announced and the limited time frame to make an individual decision was deplorable. We have filed an improper practice to address these issues. During the past week we have had many conversations with the department and the City in an attempt to delay or change this policy since we exhausted all legal avenues.

If you choose to retire and do not want to be placed on unpaid leave **YOU MUST** file with pension today.

If you are awaiting a medical or religious exemption, out sick or on approved leave and plan on retiring you **DO NOT** have to file for retirement today. You can file for retirement when the request is denied or when your leave ends.

If any CEA member decides not to be vaccinated and the City puts you on unpaid leave the CEA is planning to exercise our collective bargaining right to negotiate the terms with the City. In addition, unpaid leave status does not prevent a member from retiring while on leave.

Uniform Check

I am happy to inform you that as the result of prolonged negotiations with the City of New York, the Captains Endowment Association has secured a mechanism to now make the annual Uniform Allowance tax free. Based on current tax law and in agreement with the City of New York, all members qualify to have their annual dues payments or other qualifying expenses to offset the taxes associated with the Uniform Allowance. All union members will now be entitled to the entirety of the \$980 Uniform Allowance "Tax Free". This check will now be issued/processed by the CEA, not the City of New York.

A follow up email with instructions of how to access and prepare the Uniform Allowance Form will be sent out to all members on Wednesday, November 3rd.

Fraternally,

CHRIS

The next CEA meeting will be held on Wednesday November 3, 2021,
1000 hrs. at: Villa Barone Manor
737 Throgs Neck Expressway
Bronx, NY 10465

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Police Unions Plan To Quit City Coalition For Pension Investments Union Leaders Say Returns Disappointing; Insider Cites Other Factors

By RICHARD STEIER The chief leader October 5, 2021

The city's police unions have voted to end the participation of the Police Pension Fund in a joint investment arrangement with the four other city funds launched six years ago by City Comptroller Scott Stringer, with one union leader saying that the returns had been disappointing, even as Mr. Stringer contended the systems as a whole had benefited. He created the Common Investment Meeting in 2015, saying it would consolidate operations by ending the practice of holding separate monthly meetings between his office and the five funds while also improving the return on investments for all of them.

Not Better for Cops' Fund?

When the Daily News broke the story in mid-September of the police unions' decision to leave the consortium, Mr. Stringer said the joint operation had been a success, noting the rate of return for the five funds had been 11.58 percent in the first five years of the pilot program, compared to 7.02 percent over the previous five years when they were making separate investments.

But Detectives' Endowment Association President Paul DiGiacomo said in an Oct. 5 interview that while the return cited by Mr. Stringer might have been better for the five funds collectively, "We get more of a return on our own than we had in this program. We were higher than 20 percent at times when the Police Pension Fund was acting on its own. While you can't predict what it would have been these last few years, based on our prior experience, we feel we might have done better continuing on our own."

One problem with the joint venture, he said, was that "you get sort of lost when you're just one of five funds, and there are others that are much bigger than us," referring to the New York City Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement System. The Comptroller's Bureau of Asset Management lists the Police Pension Fund's assets at \$46.2 billion, compared to TRS's \$91.4 billion and the \$77.4 billion in NYCERS.

Shared by Other Unions

Mr. DiGiacomo said the other union trustees of the Police Pension Fund had "the same concerns." The Police Benevolent Association, which has by far the most members in the system, has three votes on the fund's board, with the representatives of the DEA and the unions representing Sergeants, Lieutenants and those in the ranks of Captain and higher each casting a half-vote.

The Comptroller, the Mayor, the Police Commissioner and the city Finance Commissioner each have 1.5 votes on the board.

PBA President Patrick J. Lynch responded to questions about the decision with a statement saying "we are focused on the unique situation of the Fund and the unique needs of its members. We were invited to participate in the common investment meeting on a trial basis. Based on that trial, we have determined that the current format is not the most efficient or effective way to address our members' needs. We look forward to continuing to work with both the current Comptroller and the next one to provide the best possible stewardship of our members' funds."

The police unions have had an uneasy relationship with Mr. Stringer since he sided with the Defund the Police movement last year as anger over George Floyd's death at the knee of a Minneapolis cop led to pressure here to sharply cut the Police Department's budget. When Mayor de Blasio and the City Council slightly more than 15 months ago cut the spending allocation for the NYPD by what they claimed was \$1 billion—just one-third of what the protesters had demanded—Mr. Stringer asserted they had exaggerated the amount cut by roughly \$240 million, further antagonizing the unions.

Less Enthused by Lander

The man expected to succeed Mr. Stringer, Democratic nominee for Comptroller Brad Lander, as a City Councilman has been an outspoken critic of the NYPD for the past decade and a supporter of the defund effort.

But one insider familiar with the discussions that culminated in the police-union withdrawal of support for the CIM said that distaste for the politics of Comptrollers, like unhappiness with collective bargaining or disability-pension denials for union members, typically did not influence pension-investment decisions.

Speaking conditioned on anonymity, this insider said that while those matters "are contentious by nature, pensions should not be, because all sides should have the same goal: protecting and growing the pension investments."

He said that the Board of Education Retirement System, which oversees the pensions of non-Teachers in the Department of Education, used its own investment team rather than relying on the Comptroller's advisers, and had not only the best returns but was the best-funded of the five systems. While it was fully funded, he said, the five funds as a whole had a 60-percent funded rate, about 20 points below what is considered desirable.

Ignored by BAM?

The insider said it was his understanding that Mr. Stringer's Bureau of Asset Management hadn't been sufficiently responsive to a number of union representatives of the pension funds, not just those from the police unions. Such behavior might have been considered "tolerable if their performance was fantastic, but they have significantly underperformed their peers," he contended.

He added, "I believe the police are leaving the CIM because they think the system is broken, and could be fixed with some cooperation and communication."

Mr. Stringer last month urged Mr. Lynch to reconsider the decision to withdraw, saying in a statement to The News, "The men and women of the NYPD and their families deserve a secure retirement. It defies all logic and reason that certain police trustees want to pull out of a system that has made money for their members."

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Vincent J. Vallelong
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Edmund J. Small
VICE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Sergeant,

For those members on Medicare or approaching Medicare eligibility, the SBA has been aggressively seeking answers to many questions and concerns regarding the NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan. Please read the following important update:

Hon Lyle E. Frank, the Justice overseeing the Medicare Advantage Litigation, returned with a "Decision + Order on Motion" concerning the multiple complaints filed in response to implementation of the new NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan.

The case combined multiple complaints, against the NYC Office of Labor Relations (OLR), launched by Aetna, United Healthcare and the NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees, an independent retiree group created to represent the interests and rights of retirees.

It has been determined by the courts that the Aetna and United Healthcare complaints against the Medicare Advantage Request for Proposal (RFP) processes and results were unfounded. The RFP does not have to be redone or the results re-evaluated.

That said in a show of support and concern the court determined, in their decision, that the NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees complaint against the Medicare Advantage Plus Plan implementation was founded and the adverse impact it has on current retirees was upheld. Implementation of the plan and the "opt out deadline" October 31, 2021 has therefore been suspended pending court review of the plan, court evaluation of the capability and readiness of the new provider, The Alliance, and a review that the new plan operates to the benefit of NYC retirees.

The Sergeants Benevolent Association (SBA) voted against the NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan and thankfully our concerns have been confirmed by the courts and acted on therein. This plan, as it exists today, impacts negatively on our retiree population on multiple fronts and its delay allows for us and advocates like the NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees to address those areas that create the greatest disruptions.

The unreasonable rushing of plan implementation was so flawed that even the **Municipal Labor Committee (MLC)**, the labor group directly responsible for imposing this Medicare Advantage Plan on our members, now recognizes the critical failings that were detrimental to plan participants health and safety.

October 21, 2021 Municipal Labor Committee Re: MA Litigation Update Communication

"The Court seems particularly concerned with the Alliance acknowledging that it is still in the process of discussing with doctors their participation (even though they assured us it was required by contract)."

"The Judge directed the City (and presumably the Alliance) to submit a plan for his review so that the Court is satisfied that retirees can make an informed decision. We were already in discussions with the City and the Alliance about pushing out the Oct. 31 date given comments made by the Judge during argument and that will now be required."

It is important affected members recognize this is a postponement and not a termination of the Medicare Advantage Plus Plan implementation. Members are encouraged to use this time to carefully review the impact of this change on themselves and their families. The SBA will continue to advocate for our members and is always available to answer member questions or address concerns.

Fraternally,

Vincent J. Vallelong

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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 PD, truly the *Greatest Detectives in the World*.

Paul DiGiacomo
President

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PBA UPDATE

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Patrick J. Lynch President



In response to The Civilian Complain Review Board has recommended charges against 26 more police officers — bringing the tally of cops who could lose vacation days, face suspension or be fired to 65, the agency announced Monday.

PRESS RELEASE October 18, 2021

PBA STATEMENT ON CCRB DISCIPLINE RECOMMENDATIONS

PBA President Patrick J. Lynch said:

“Once again, CCRB is carrying political water for Mayor de Blasio and others who are trying to wash away their own failures during last summer’s protests. Police officers were sent out with no plan, no strategy and no support, into a dangerous environment created by politicians’ irresponsible rhetoric. As a result, dozens of cops were injured, and now dozens more are being made into scapegoats. It’s time for the NYPD to stop allowing CCRB to use its disciplinary process as a political tool.”

PRESS RELEASE October 27, 2021

JUDGE DENIES TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER IN PBA’S VACCINE MANDATE LAWSUIT

A state Supreme Court judge has denied the NYC PBA’s request for a temporary restraining order to halt the implementation of Mayor de Blasio’s vaccine mandate for police officers while the PBA’s lawsuit moves forward.

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RESS RELEASE October 28, 2021

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Patrick J. Lynch, President



Keep Cop-Killers in Jail

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

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

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



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

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

Visit www.nycpba.org & click:
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Patrick J. Lynch, President

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Health and Welfare

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

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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
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<u>LE, STACY C MD</u> Seeing Current Patients Only	13220 ROSEDALE HILL AVE HUNTERVILLE NC 28078 (704) 766-0320	Internal Medicine
<u>AFULUKWE, IFEDIORA F MD</u>	209 S COLLEGE ST HEATH SPRINGS SC 29058 (803) 273-4018	Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Diseases
<u>SHUSTER, SARAH OTR</u>	2675 COURT DR GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 824-4999	Occupational Therapy
<u>FARREN, KRISTEN OTR</u>	2675 COURT DR GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 824-4999	Occupational Therapy
<u>PIRKO, CARYN OTR</u>	2675 COURT DR GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 824-4999	Occupational Therapy
<u>CADENA, AMANDA OTR</u>	2675 COURT DR GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 824-4999	Occupational Therapy
<u>BUDAY, ALEXA OTR</u>	2675 COURT DR GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 824-7800	Occupational Therapy
<u>THURLOW, AMANDA OTR</u>	8440 PIT STOP CT NW CONCORD NC 28027 (704) 960-1729	Occupational Therapy
<u>ADAMS, DONNA M OTR</u>	8440 PIT STOP CT NW CONCORD NC 28027 (704) 960-1729	Occupational Therapy
<u>BLAKE, CHRISTINE OTR</u>	518 N GENERALS BLVD STE D LINCOLNTON NC 28092 (704) 748-0616	Occupational Therapy
<u>TAUB, NEAL S MD</u>	3535 RANDOLPH RD STE 208 CHARLOTTE NC 28211 (704) 442-9805	Pain Management, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
<u>ORAZULIKE, EBELE G MD</u>	342 PATRICIA LN STE 105 FORT MILL SC 29708 (803) 520-9380	Pediatrics
<u>NORTHLAKE CHILDRENS ASSOCIATES</u> <u>JAMES, MARY MARGARET M MD</u>	170 MEDICAL PARK RD STE 102A MOORESVILLE NC 28117 (704) 663-5240	Pediatrics
<u>NORTHLAKE CHILDRENS ASSOCIATES</u> <u>GOODWIN, MAJE D MD</u>	170 MEDICAL PARK RD STE 102A MOORESVILLE NC 28117 (704) 663-5240	Pediatrics

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<u>MILLER, STACI L PT</u>	5113 PIPER STATION DR STE 202 CHARLOTTE NC 28277 (980) 224-8191	Physical Therapy
<u>GREENDA, MICHAEL J PT</u>	13655 PROVIDENCE RD MATTHEWS NC 28104 (704) 246-7050	Physical Therapy
<u>WOODWORTH, STEPHANIE PT</u> <u>See Other Locations</u>	8814 RACHEL FREEMAN WAY STE 103 CHARLOTTE NC 28278 (704) 295-4121	Physical Therapy
<u>PADGETT, LAUREN PT</u>	8326 PINE CIR STE 404 CHARLOTTE NC 28215 (704) 751-0532	Physical Therapy
<u>PLATNER, KELSEY L PT</u>	8326 PINE CIR STE 404 CHARLOTTE NC 28215 (704) 751-0532	Physical Therapy
<u>TURBIAK, KRISTIN PT</u>	7427 MATTHEWS MINT HILL RD STE 102-103 MINT HILL NC 28227 (980) 729-6525	Physical Therapy
<u>LEGATIE, ARIANA M PT</u>	7427 MATTHEWS MINT HILL RD STE 103 MINT HILL NC 28227 (980) 729-6525	Physical Therapy
<u>BIVENS, EMMA P DPT</u>	7427 MATTHEWS MINT HILL RD STE 103 MINT HILL NC 28227 (980) 729-6525	Physical Therapy
<u>SIGMON, MARSHALL G PT</u>	231 MT HOLLY HUNTERSVILLE STE 140 CHARLOTTE NC 28214 (704) 954-8959	Physical Therapy
<u>BRISKE, JAMIE L PT</u> <u>See Other Locations</u>	231 MT HOLLY HUNTERSVILLE STE 140 CHARLOTTE NC 28214 (704) 954-8959	Physical Therapy
<u>MORTON, ABBY PT</u>	197 PIEDMONT BLVD STE 205 ROCK HILL SC 29732 (803) 639-8066	Physical Therapy
<u>RACHH, BEENAL DPT</u>	2675 COURT DR GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 824-7800	Physical Therapy
<u>DYBA, JENNIFER PT</u>	2675 COURT DR GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 824-4999	Physical Therapy
<u>FLANAGAN, DAVID L PT</u>	2675 COURT DR GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 824-4999	Physical Therapy
<u>LABRECQUE, JEFFREY PT</u>	2675 COURT DR GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 824-4999	Physical Therapy
<u>HOOGERHYDE, JORDAN PT</u>	2675 COURT DR GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 824-4999	Physical Therapy

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

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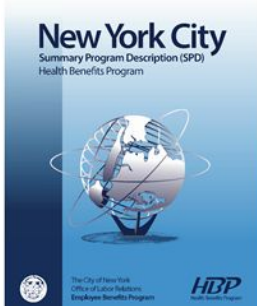
EmblemHealth has contracts with laboratories to provide lab services for our members. Please use these network laboratories when requesting lab services for our members. If you do not have an account with any of our network laboratories, please establish one as needed by calling the applicable phone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

LABORATORY NAME	PLANS COVERED	PHONE NUMBER	WEBSITE
ROUTINE CLINICAL LABORATORY SERVICES			
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
DIALYSIS TESTING			
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/PATHOLOGY			
Quest Diagnostics, Inc.	All Plans*	866-697-8378	questdiagnostics.com
NEUROLOGY/PATHOLOGY			
Quest Diagnostics, Inc.	All Plans*	866-697-8378	questdiagnostics.com
PAIN MANAGEMENT			
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.

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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.

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SBA GHI Catastrophic Coverage continued.....

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

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

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

The catastrophic coverage benefit

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

Benefit limits and maximums

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

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

Services or charges not covered by the catastrophic benefit

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

Submitting an SBA catastrophic benefit claim

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

<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/>

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NYC Health Benefits Program City Coverage for Medicare-Eligible Retirees

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

Medicare Enrollment

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

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

Medicare Part B Reimbursement

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

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

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

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

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

[Medicare Part B Reimbursement Program Application](#)

[2019 Medicare Part B Reimbursement Differential Request Form](#)

[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?

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NYC Health Benefits Program City Coverage for Medicare-Eligible Retirees

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

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

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

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

Question: I don't have direct deposit for my pension payment and still have not received my Medicare reimbursement. What should I do?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Question: What if my bank account information changes?

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

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

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

IRMAA Medicare Part B Reimbursement

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

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

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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/recertWebTrackAppIStatusView.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.



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

CITY - NEW YORK CITY GOVERNMENT

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

COUNTY - CITY OF NEW YORK COUNTY OFFICES

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

STATE - NEW YORK STATE AGENCIES

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

COURTS CITY, STATE AND FEDERAL

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

FEDERAL—THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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

INTERNATIONAL - INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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

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

(Hopefully Not Needed For A Long Time)

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

I. PREPARATIONS BEFOREHAND

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THIS INFORMATION PERTAINS TO COBRA

Police Officers & Firefighter surviving spouses are to follow this procedure

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

Retired Employees Benefits Section
Att: Linda Harris (**Cobra for Life**)
40 – Rector Street – 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10006

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

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

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

THINGS YOU WILL NEED

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

- Pension Bureau
- Veterans Administration (if a veteran)
- Motor Vehicle Bureau if auto was in deceased's name. 1 for each insurance policy.
- Court (If probate is needed).
- Your State Department of Revenue to obtain non-tax certificate if real property is involved.
- Bank accounts held in Trust for another 1 for each account if property held in a Trust.
- Personal Records.

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

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE (With Official Raised Seal):

Social Security, (not necessary if surviving spouse already receiving benefits)
Veterans Administration, if a veteran.

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY or LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION:

Motor Vehicle Bureau, if auto is in the deceased's name.
One for each bank account
Brokerage house account (share of stock or bonds, etc. that were in the deceased's name alone)

DISCHARGE PAPERS: DD 214 - (Original needed)

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

PAID FUNERAL BILLS:

1 copy for Pension Bureau
1 copy for Probate Court
1 copy for IRS, if taxable estate.

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OTHER THINGS THAT MAY APPLY (usually after burial)

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

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

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

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

Notify companies the person did business with.

Cancel credit cards, and close charge accounts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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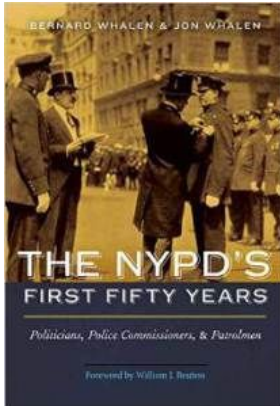
<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/olr/health/retiree/health-retiree-cobra.page>

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.

NOSTALGIA

When cops were robbers: the early days of the NYPD



William Devery, the first police commissioner of New York, made enough in bribes to buy the Yankees.

The NYPD's First Fifty Years
Politicians, Police Commissioners, & Patrolmen
by Bernard Whalen and Jon Whalen

They were the city's finest — and sometimes, the city's most notorious.

"The NYPD's First Fifty Years," by Bernard Whalen and Jon Whalen chronicles the early arc of the police department following its formation in 1898, when 18 independent forces became one.

Some of the 21 men who ruled the NYPD through its first half-century were forward-thinking visionaries. Some were pragmatic administrators. But more than a few, the authors note, tried their hand at larceny, or at least dereliction of duty. They include:

William Devery (1898-1901)

The department's first chief of police, a rank that was abolished in 1901 for that of police commissioner, was the king of kickbacks.

At age 24, Devery quit a bartending job to join the Metropolitan Police Force, the forerunner of the NYPD. Scoring a seat to take the police entrance exam required a \$300 under-the-table payoff while to "advance in rank required payments ranging from \$1,000 (to make sergeant) to \$2,000 (to become a captain), even when a candidate had passed the written test with high marks." (Consider that in 1918 — 40 years after Devery first joined the department — the starting salary of a patrolman was still only \$1,200 annually!)

"Devery was more than willing to trade dollars for rank because he knew that once he became a precinct commander, he could easily recover his 'fees,'" the authors write.

Earlier in his career, upon taking command of a Lower East Side police precinct, Devery was heard to say: "They tell me there's a lot of grafting going on in this precinct. They tell me you fellows are the fiercest ever on graft. Now that's going to stop! If there's any grafting to be done, I'll do it. Leave it to me."

Devery, courtesy of the loot he hornswoggled, was able to buy the New York Highlanders, the forerunner of the New York Yankees that he and a partner sold for \$300,000 in 1915. No wonder journalist Lincoln Steffens said of him: "As Chief of Police he is a disgrace, but as a character he is a work of art."

Theodore Bingham (1906-1909)



What shall we make of hard-charging Bingham, except that he would have been decidedly ill-suited to Twitter, had the social-media tool been around 110 years ago?

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He apologized, but that September he was at it again.

This time, an article he wrote appeared that stated how "half the criminals in the city were Russian Jews, and the worst offenders were their Hebrew sons, whom he described as natural pickpockets," the authors note.

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Thirty of those names, Enright discovered, were NYPD cops. No one on the master list had broken any laws, so a decision was reached on exactly what to do: nothing.

Joseph Warren (1927-1928)

Warren's dereliction is best illustrated by the murder of Arnold Rothstein, once New York's most notorious gangster.

Rothstein was alleged to have been the brains behind the infamous Black Sox scandal of 1919, in which the World Series was fixed; he was also the real-life embodiment of F. Scott Fitzgerald's unctuous creation, Meyer Wolfsheim, in "The Great Gatsby."

Uncharacteristically, Rothstein lost \$320,000 during a three-day marathon poker game in the early fall of 1928, a debt he apparently found no compunction to promptly honor, as he believed he'd been cheated. Two months later, on Sunday evening, Nov. 3, 1928, Lady Luck dealt him a very bad hand while he was at a floating poker game in room 349 of the Park Central Hotel, at Seventh Avenue and West 55th Street.

A player purportedly accused "The Brain" of being a "welch" for failing to pay his debt, which led to heated words — and Rothstein being blasted in the gut. He stumbled from the room before being rushed to a local hospital, where he died two days later, without naming his killer.

Suspicion soon fixed on George "Hump" McManus, whose coat was left at the scene.

Police Commissioner Warren — who was legitimately beset by debilitating mental problems — inexplicably permitted his top investigator, Deputy Chief Inspector John Coughlin, commanding officer of the Detective Division, to take "a sudden extended vacation, a move that brought the investigation to a complete halt," the authors note.

Mayor Jimmy Walker used Warren's misstep to recruit a new police commissioner while attempting to ease Warren out, but the damage proved insurmountable. McManus strode from the courthouse a free man.

Lewis Valentine (1934-1945)



Lewis Valentine (right with Mayor Fiorello La Guardia) advised roughing up suspects.

The no-nonsense Valentine was a cop for more than 30 years when Mayor Fiorello La Guardia tapped him as his police commissioner and a fair measure of the Little Flower's future successes can be laid at his doorstep.

They were a strange pairing: La Guardia was a liberal reformer in the socialist mold, while Valentine's political orthodoxy seemed to hew to the right of Attila the Hun.

Valentine, whose autobiography was appropriately enough titled, "Nightstick" and who would later host a radio show, "Gang Busters," was the embodiment of a "tough cop." It was his good fortune to have served when he did, as the worst recent transgressions under the NYPD's stop-and-frisk program pail by comparison to the routine civil-rights abuses Valentine proudly countenanced.

He was, after all, an unapologetic partisan of "the third degree" — the "enhanced interrogation techniques" of the era — where recalcitrant suspects could be relied upon to enthusiastically share their criminal culpability after enduring brutal squad-room beatings. Everyone just winked, save the battered suspects nursing puffy eyes.

Valentine chastised the cops under his command not to coddle criminals and actually expected gangsters to tip their hats to his officers whenever they walked past, promising promotions "for the men who kick those gorillas around."

Following the slow death of a cop who had been shot a week earlier, an already incensed Valentine grew more enraged when he spotted a jaunty-looking hoodlum, Harry Strauss, "wearing a Chesterfield overcoat with a velvet collar and pearl gray fedora cocked atop his head at a wise-guy angle."

"When you meet such men," he lectured his men, "draw quickly and shoot accurately. Look at him. He's the best-dressed man in this room, yet he's never worked a day in his life. When you meet men like this, don't be afraid to muss 'em up. Men like him should be mussed up. Blood should be smeared all over that velvet collar. Instead, he looks as though he has come out of a barber shop."

He wasn't done with his sermon.



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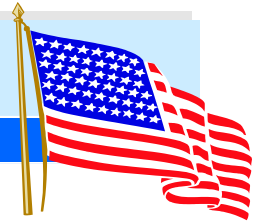
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