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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGES

Hi All.

Another year has come on gone. I hope you had a wonderful and joyous holiday.

As you reflect on the past year, please remember the following Charlotte 10-13 Club members who passed away in 2021.

- Honorary member Ret. FDNY Fire Fighter Robert "Butch Foley" 2/9/21 9/11 related cancer.
- Ret. NYPD Sqt. Elliott Cuff 3/14/21
- Ret. NYPD Det. Frederick "Ray" Layne 4/118/21
- Ret. NYS Corrections Officer Karen Bernard 7/24/21
- Ret. NYPD P.O. John Evrard 11/22/21
- Ret. NYPD Sgt. Ray Hickey 12/18/21

Additionally, we must never forget the 482 law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty during 2021 which is a 26% increase over 2020. See pg. 5.

Sadly, one of those officers was CMPD Officer Mia Goodwin the mother of three children, a three-year-old, one-year-old and a four-month-old. On Dec. 22, 2021 she and three other CMPD officers who were injured while directing traffic at an earlier crash scene when two 18-wheelers collided and struck their police cruisers. Goodwin had just returned to work after maternity leave for her most recent birth.

To aid officer Goodwin's family we will be collecting donations at our January membership meeting. If you will not be at the meeting but want to donate you can do so via Zelle at hkatowitz@charlotte10-13.com. I want to thank our club members who have already done this. So far we have received \$510.

Sadly we also continue to live in topsy-turvy times. Here are two recent examples of this:

On Dec 9, 2021 NYC passed legislation to allow immigrants who are not US citizens to vote in local elections, the first major city in the U.S. to do so. The local law, will allow lawful permanent residents and persons authorized to work in the United States who reside in New York and do not have US citizenship to participate in municipal elections. The legislation is set to go into effect January 2023.

On Dec 23, 2021 Minnesota police officer Kim Potter was convicted for the death of Daunte Wright. This coupled with the judge's denial of bail pending her appeal, is a double injustice with dangerous implications for policing in America. Officer Potter a decorated policewoman with more than two decades of service, simply did not commit a crime. The prosecution conceded that she did not intend to shoot Wright and that she made a mistake by pulling out and firing her gun instead of her Taser.

You can clearly hear officer Potter on a video yelling, "Taser! Taser! Taser!" immediately before she fired her gun.

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Next Membership Meeting Tuesday January 11, 2022 6:00 PM at the Charlotte FOP Lodge #9 1201 Hawthorne Lane Charlotte NC 28205 http://www.charlotte10-13.com/

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Honest mistakes are not crimes - even if they result in tragic deaths. It becomes a crime only if the action was reckless, involving a conscious decision to engage in conduct which the defendant knows poses a high risk of serious injury or death.

Criminal law is supposed to apply to bad people consciously making bad decisions, that they know or should know are in violation of the law. It should not apply to good police officers who make honest decisions that turn out to be wrong.

Unfortunately, we have socialist politicians who believe in coddling criminals and castigating police officers.

The D.A. who prosecuted this case succumbed to the pressures of protesters to hold her criminally accountable for her mistake.

Thought of the day: I will support the mantra "hold the police accountable" when the courts and politicians hold criminals accountable.

On a more upbeat note, I am happy that after an 8 month hiatus due to COVID-19 we were able to begin having in-person membership meetings again during which we welcomed 43 new members into our club.

I am also happy to report that during the past year we successfully met the objectives of our Club to support and aid its members and other retired and active law enforcement personnel. To further the welfare of all retired law enforcement retirees and encourage social, charitable, educational, benevolent and fraternal activities among the members.

Below is a list of some of our accomplishments, and some activities that our club participated in to meet these objectives.

- Donated \$300 each to the PBA Widow and Children's Fund and to the Tunnels to Towers Foundation.
- Awarded two \$1,000 and one \$500 scholarships to the children/grandchildren of club members.
- Added \$150 to a \$350 donation we received in memory of Elliott Cuff. The \$500 will be used for an additional club scholarship in 2022 in honor of Elliott.
- Donated \$500 to a golf tournament benefiting families and veterans suffering from PTSD.
- Hosted a dinner for the NYPD and Charlotte Cobras football teams after their football game.
- Participated in the Celebration of Heroes on September 11, sponsored by Salute to Heroes Charlotte Inc. honoring first respond ers and the fallen.
- Conducted a 9/11 20th Anniversary Memorial Ceremony
- Sponsored a club outing to a Charlotte Knights Baseball game.
- Donated \$342 to a fund raiser for the children of deceased NYPD hero Det. Patrick Caprice who died from injuries received after being shot 3 times.
- Honored Michael Poncia, son of club members Chris & Christine Poncia. Michael an Ardrey Kell HS football player caught flack for carrying a Blue Line flag onto the field during their home coming game to honor CMPD school resource officer Julio Hererra who died of COVID-19.
- Honored trustee Brenda Jordan for the extra work she does setting up the lodge before our monthly meetings and special
 events and cleaning up afterwards.
- Honored Frank Aquilone and Glenn Galanos as "2021 Club members of the year."

As I begin the New Year, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge our entire club board. Without them volunteering their time to assist me and to serve our members, our club would not exist. A big **thank you** to them.

I also want to acknowledge and thank the following people:

- Our outgoing National NYCPD 10-13 Org. executive board members, President Frank Martarella, Secretary Mary Zolfo,
 Treasurer John McLoughlin, re-elected Vice President John Briganti and 1st Vice President Rich Molloy and President
 Emeritus Anthony Perrone, for their leadership of our national organization, assistance they provide to retirees around the
 country and for the time and effort they expend lobbying Albany politicians on our behalf to preserve and expand our retiree
 benefits.
- Our new National Board members, President Mike Fahy, Treasurer Jill Killeen, Secretary Sal Pepitone and Chairman of Committees Thomas Sullivan for agreeing to serve on the board.

Lastly, I want to thank our 373 club members who have paid their 2022 dues and ask that the remaining members do so ASAP. Renewal applications were mailed to members in November and we made arrangement to allow members to pay via Zelle at hkatowitz@charlotte10-13.com.

At December's membership meeting we began distributing 2022 Club and National 10-13 membership cards. We also mailed cards to all paid-up members who do not reside in NC or SC. If you reside in NC or SC and would like the cards mailed to you please mail a self-addressed envelope to our club address. The club will pay for the return postage.

Our after holiday dinner party is less than 2 weeks away (See pages 12). We have to provide our caterer a final head count by January 07, 2022. If you plan on attending and have not yet responded to the Evite please do so or notify a club officer.

In 2022 we will continue offering college scholarships. Scholarship information and an application can be found on page 13 & 14.

An application for our National 10-13 Organization 2022 college scholarships can be downloaded at the following location: http://nationalnycpd10-13.org/scholarship.html.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Logistics Health Inc. (LHI) the contractor responsible for administering medical benefits to 9/11 first responders and survivors who live outside metropolitan New York has lost its government contract. LHI was failing to pay medical bills, and as many of our members can attest to, failed to provide adequate health monitoring and treatment facilities. Efforts will be made to have Novant Health participate in the program once the new company takes over.

I am happy to report that we now have 4 options for HR-218 qualifications in the Charlotte area. 3 in NC and 1 in SC.

Please note that the LEOSA requires you to qualify in the state you live in or the state you retired from and you must meet the same standards in that state for the "training and qualification for active law enforcement officers to carry firearms."

Lt. Robert Lukach, Lincoln Co. Sheriff's Office will conduct qualifications at our convenience, Monday - Saturday at 700 John Howell Memorial Dr. Lincolnton, NC 28092. Cost is \$50. Lt. Lukach can be contacted at 980-241-4835.

HR 218 Qualification classes are conducted at Eagle Gun Range, 3789 Roberta Church Rd SW, Concord, NC 28027. Space is limited due to COVID-19. Contact Mike Boger: wrthawg@yahoo.com or 704-699-4790 for further information.

NC FOP Lodge 10 will be conducting qualification classes on Tuesday January 11, 2022 and Thursday January 13, 2022 at 3:30 pm at the lodge. We will be notified of other dates as they become available. Cost is \$100. To sign up for the class email or text Sean Greene at, Treasurer@ncfop10.com or 980-759-5144.

Tega Cay, SC PD offers the opportunity for retired Law Enforcement Personnel to qualify with their concealed firearm. Active firearm instructors will be on hand to conduct the qualifications. You will need to bring your own firearm and ammunition. You MUST have completed the necessary forms that can be found by clicking https://www.tegacaysc.org/DocumentCenter/View/12659/HR-218-Application. You must also submit a copy of your current retired Law Enforcement picture credentials. The completed forms and copy of credentials need to SPO Steven Timbs at STimbs@tegacaysc.gov Upon successful completion, you will so contacted for issuance of qualification credentials, good for one (1) year. As long as you have qualified through our agency before, you will not need to submit paperwork again. You will only need to qualify every year to keep this active. According to LEOSA, you must reside in the state that you will qualify in.

Range: Rock Hill PD's range, located on Worthy Boy's Road, in Rock Hill, SC.

Qualification Course of Fire: https://www.tegacaysc.org/DocumentCenter/View/12660/RETIREMENT-FIREARMS-COURSE

Email SPO Steven Timbs at: STimbs@tegacaysc.gov to register for a date for your H.R.218 qualification.

Additionally, if you are traveling to NY and retired from a NY law enforcement agency here are two locations where you can attend an HR-218 qualification class.

Westside Rifle & Pistol Range, 20 W, 20th St., NY, NY 10011, 212-929-7287. Driver's license, retired ID card and \$60.00 is required.

Fireams instructor Scott Carter is conducting qualifications at the Nassau County Range in Uniondale, (Mitchell Field) on a weekly basis, mostly on Saturday mornings. You can visit his website at https://hr218-leosa.com click on the registration link, enter your information and upload a photo.

Once he receives the request, he will contact you and send you the required documents via email. You can also email him at: hr218le-osa@gmail.com or call via cellphone at 347-582-8220.

As you prepare for the upcoming tax filing season be aware of a change in the tax law for charitable deductions. Taxpayers who don't itemize deductions may qualify to take a charitable deduction of up to \$600 for married taxpayers filing joint returns and up to \$300 for all other filers for cash contributions made in 2021 to qualifying organizations. For more information, read Publication 526 at: https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-publication-526.

18 new NC laws that went into effect on Jan. 1, 2022. See page 20.

For the most up to date information on the new NYC Medicare Advantage Health Plan go to: https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/health/letter-to-retirees-version-12-17-21-v6.pdf

I will be emailing members an updated club roster later this month. Please check it to make sure your information is listed correctly.

As you begin the New Year please continue to keep all first responders and health workers in your thoughts and prayers.

May the good Lord watch over you and your loved ones, protect all of our law enforcement officers as they continue to battle those who wreak havoc in our country and all of our armed forces personnel who continue to battle terrorists throughout the world.

On behalf of the entire club board: "May the New Year bring you much happiness, prosperity and good health in 2022 and always, and may 2022 be better than 2021 for you and yours.

We wish you and your family a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year and many more."

I look forward to seeing you at a meeting.

Fidelis Ad Mortem,

Harvey Katowitz







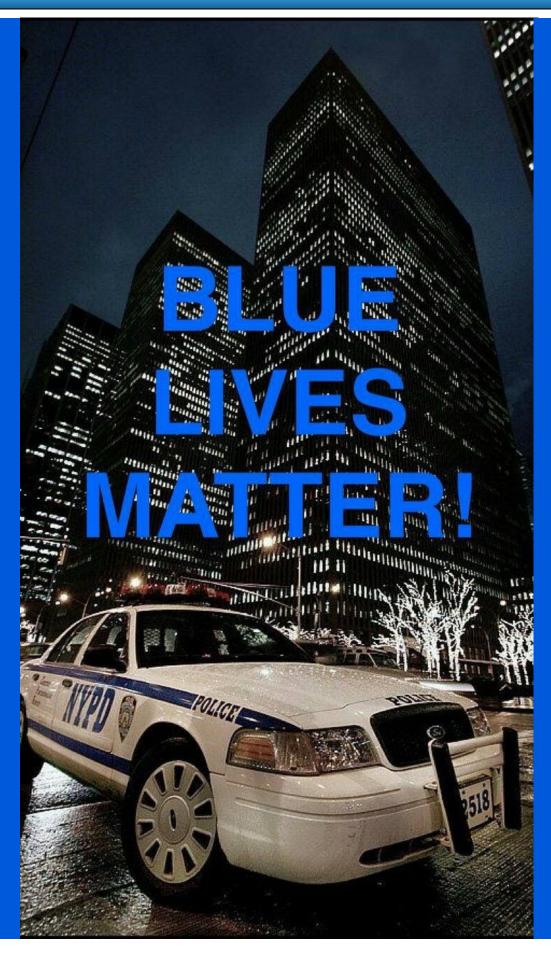




Total Line of Duty Deaths: 482
Cause of Death
9/11 related illness - 3
Assault - 5
Automobile crash - 22
COVID19 - 323
Drowned - 3
Duty related illness - 2
Gunfire - 63
Heart attack - 18
Motorcycle crash - 3
Stabbed - 3
Struck by vehicle - 14
Training accident - 1
Vehicle pursuit - 3
Vehicular assault - 17
Weather/Natural disaster - 2
Total Deaths by Month
Jan - 60
Feb - 35
Mar - 23
Apr - 24
May - 23
Jun - 18
Jul - 31
Aug - 83
Sep - 87
Oct - 55
Nov - 24
Dec - 19
Total Deaths by Gender
Male - 442
Female - 40
Average age - 48
Average tour of duty - 17 years, 8 months

Total Deaths by State	Total Deaths by State
Alabama -12	Nevada - 7
Arizona -10	New Hampshire - 1
Arkansas - 8	New Jersey - 4
California - 22	New Mexico - 3
Colorado - 8	New York - 10
Connecticut - 1	North Carolina - 23
Delaware - 1	North Dakota - 1
Florida - 50	Ohio - 6
Georgia - 40	Oklahoma - 7
Illinois - 9	Oregon -2
Indiana - 5	Pennsylvania - 14
lowa - 5	Puerto Rico - 7
Kansas - 4	Rhode Island -1
Kentucky - 4	South Carolina - 8
Louisiana - 6	Tennessee - 20
Maine - 1	Texas - 90
Maryland - 2	Tribal Police -3
Massachusetts - 3	U.S. Government - 44
Michigan - 6	Utah - 1
Minnesota -2	Virginia - 6
Mississippi - 5	Washington -5
Missouri - 9	West Virginia -2
Nebraska - 1	Wisconsin - 3

2021	2020 % +/-
TOTAL - 482	TOTAL - 385 26%
AUTO - 59	AUTO - 46 - 2%
GUNFIRE - 63	GUNFIRE - 50 28%
MEDICAL - 346	MEDICAL - 282 28% 🛖



TERENCE "TERRY" MULVEY

December 1, 2021











Terence "Terry" Mulvey, 62, passed away on December 1, 2021 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. The son of Theresa Mulvey and the late Arthur Mulvey, Terence was born on Long Island on January 13, 1959 and moved to the Bronx in 1975 where his life flourished. Terence is survived by his beautiful wife, Erin, and his adored children, Caoilfhionn and Ian who are, truly, the greatest joys of his life and of whom he was always most proud.

In addition to his children, Terence was the adored "Uncle T" to his many nieces and nephews.: Blessed with countless close friends he loved like siblings, Terence's life was filled with love, laughter, fun and friends. Not surprisingly, Terence always seemed to add to this growing number of people whom he befriended as each year passed.

Entering the NYPD in 1983, Terence considered it an "honor and a privilege" to serve with his fellow NYPD officers. Terence moved up the ranks in the Department, achieving Detective 1st Grade in 1999. During his time as a police officer, Terence worked in Midtown South, Manhattan North, the 24th Precinct and the Dignitary Protection Unit for Mayor Guiliani where he developed a strong bond with the family, especially Andrew and Caroline, a bond which continues to this day. Terence finished his career assigned to the DEA New York Drug Enforcement Task Force. During this time, Terence responded to Ground Zero in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks which precipitated his cancer. Most importantly to Terence, it was this last assignment with the DEA where he providentially met the love of his life, Erin.

Upon his retirement from his full NYPD career, Terence, not one to rest on his laurels, returned to school to complete his education receiving a Master's Degree in Education in 2007 from Lehman College. Terence was a substitute teacher at Saint Margaret of Cortona's school and a full-time teacher at the Incarnation School in Manhattan. In 2014, Terence became the Assistant Principal at Cardinal Hayes High School. He considered this job to be the "greatest job in the world" as he felt it was an honor to help shape the lives of the young Hayes men. At Hayes, he also loved moderating the "exceptional children's program" which brought students together with individuals in the community with developmental challenges, and he enjoyed walking in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade under the Hayes banner.

Terence's genuine love for all children is manifested in a special way in his role in the "Toys for Children" program which he held dear to his heart. For the past 34 years, Terence spearheaded the Toys for Children fundraiser which raised money and toys for the Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital Child Life Unit. Every year, Terence's loyal friends and contributors proved why Terence was so proud of his community as they donated precious time and money to ensure its yearly success. Even when Terence's sickness drained him of much of his energy, he would find the strength and energy to go gift shopping for the children at the hospital so they and their parents could experience Christmas joy during the Christmas season. This year, Terence would begin the process but his wonderful friends will continue with their fundraising event to ensure that the Child Life Unit receives the "Toys for Children" donations.

It is impossible to 'sum up' Terence's very full and blessed life in a few short paragraphs or phrases: loving and proud father, adoring husband, committed family man, attentive son, nutty and loving uncle, loyal and funny brother and friend, faithful Christian, caring mentor and guide, tenacious worker, brave officer, wonderful neighbor, rabid Giants and Yankees fan, interested traveler, history buff, etc. Through every facet of his life, Terence seemed to make sure that laughter wove its way through – whether it was to ease the pain of a tough situation or to just enjoy the moment because life was too short not to laugh. This doesn't begin to describe the breadth and depth of the impact he had on all those who had the privilege of knowing him or who crossed his path. Terence would humbly tell you, though, that he received much more than he gave; but we all knew the truth about this genuinely giving man (who even gave his brother one of his kidneys). In the words of St. Paul, our Terence has fought the good fight, he has finished the race, and he has kept the faith. Well done, good and faithful servant...well done.



OFFICER MIA GOODWIN



End of Watch Wednesday, December 22, 2021

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY OF OFFICER GOODWIN



Officer Mia Goodwin was a mother of three children, including a 3-year-old, one-year-old and a four-month-old. Goodwin had just returned to work after maternity leave for her most recent birth.

Goodwin was struck and killed on I-85 as she and 3 other CMPD officers were directing traffic at an earlier crash scene at 3:45 a.m. when two 18-wheelers collided and struck four police cruisers.

Officer Goodwin was married to a CMPD firefighter.









We honor those
Who have laid down their
life for their country.
Whether weary or emboldened, 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 commitment, send them our love, and we will never forget the service that they gave.





Constable Madison "Skip" Nicholson

Wilcox Co., Constable's Office, AL EOW: Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021 Cause: Gunfire





<u>Det. Antonio Antoine Valentine</u> St. Louis Co., P.D., MO EOW: Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021 Cause: Vehicle pursuit



Deputy Sheriff Clay Livingston Elbert Co., Sheriff's Office, CO EOW: Friday, Dec. 3, 2021 Cause: COVID19



P.O. Richard Houston, II
Mesquite P.D., TX
EOW: Friday, Dec. 3, 2021
Cause: Gunfire



Senior P.O. Eric Lindsey
Austin P.D., TX

EOW: Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021 Cause: COVID19



P.O. Theodore James Ohlemeier Colwich P.D., KS EOW: Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021





Det. Joseph Pollack
Douglas Co., Sheriff's Office, CO
EOW: Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021
Cause: COVID19



Corporal Jack Lee Guthrie, Jr. Dallas College P.D., TX EOW: Thursday, DEC. 9, 2021 Cause: COVID19



Deputy Jailer Robert Daniel
Graves Co., Jail, KY
EOW: Friday, Dec. 10, 2021
Cause: Weather/Natural disaster



P.O. Jeremy Martin Wilkins Chandler P.D., AZ EOW: Friday, Dec. 17, 2021 Cause: COVID19



P.O. Zachary Cottongim
Louisville Metro P.D., KY
EOW: Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021
Cause: Struck by vehicle



Officer Chad P. Christiansen
WI. Dept of Military Affairs –
Volk Field Security Forces
EOW: Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021
Cause: COVID19



Sgt. Kevin Redding Haverford Township PA. P.D. EOW: Monday, Dec. 20, 2021 Cause: COVID19



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P.O. Mia Goodwin
Charlotte-Mecklenburg, NC P.D.
EOW: Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021
Cause: Automobile crash



P.O. Keona Holley
Baltimore City P.D., MD
EOW: Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021
Cause: Gunfire



Agent José Ferrer-Pabón Puerto Rico P.D. EOW: Friday, Dec. 24, 2021 Cause: Automobile crash



Lt. Matthew A. Vogel Hudson Co., NJ Sheriff's Office EOW: Monday, Dec. 27, 2021 Cause:COVID19



Deputy Sheriff Sean Riley
Wayne Co., IL Sheriff's Office
EOW: Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021
Cause: Gunfire



Sgt. Marlene Rittmanic
Bradley IL PD
EOW: Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021
Cause: Gunfire



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.







DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING













Membership Meeting Minutes December 14, 2021

The formal part of the meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm with 40 members, 05 guests and 02 members participating via Zoom. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance, invocation, reading of the names and causes of the death of the 18 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
Corres. Sec: Bob Fee
Treasurer: Chris Russo

Trustee: Dennis Cirillo - Excused

Trustee: Kevin Gribbon
Trustee: Brenda Jordan

Trustee: Ian McGrouther - Excused

Trustee: John Randazzo

Sgt. at Arms: Harry Dobson - Excused

Historian: Jim Rochford

Chaplain: Donald Sanchez - Excused Chaplain: Deacon Rich McCarron - Excused

Reading of November's Minutes: Available in our December newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Introduction of guests:

- Michael Poncia, son of club members Chris & Christine Poncia was recognized, and given club paraphernalia. He was the Ardrey Kell HS football player who caught flack for carrying a Blue Line flag onto the field during their home coming game to honor CMPD school resource officer Julio Hererra who recently died of COVID-19.
- Lt. Robert Lukach, Lincoln Co. Sheriff's Office spoke about the HR 218 classes offered by his department. Further information is in the newsletter.
- Raleigh 10-13 Club president Bob Young spoke about the problems have with the current vendor that provides the WTC health monitoring program outside of the N.Y. area. A new vendor will take over in Spring 2022. He has been in contact with Duke Hospital and expects Duke to offer WTC health monitoring once the new vendor begins administering the program.

Sickness & Distress:

- John Evrard passed away on 11/22/21.
- Debbie Hearle, Wife of Ron Hearle, passed away on Dec. 9.
- Dennis Cirillo COVID-19
- Dave Clarke Complication from cataract surgery
- Chris Russo is recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Harvey Katowitz is recovering from fractured ribs.

Communications & Bills

- Social Security recipients will receive a 5.9% Cost of Living increase in 2022.
- Required Minimum Distributions (RMD's) In 2020, due to the COVID 19 pandemic the IRS waived the RMDs for certain retirement accounts. The waiver was not extended for 2021. If you are over 72 years of age and have accounts that require you to take the RMD, make sure you do so before the Dec. 31 deadline (April 1, 2022 for those turning 72 in 2021).
- **Beneficiaries:** A periodic review is recommended to ensure they are correct. This review is especially important following a life event such as a marriage, divorce, birth or death. It is also recommended to choose contingency beneficiaries where possible, in the event your chosen beneficiary pre-deceases you.
- Contribution Limits: The contribution limit for employees who participate in 401(k), 403(b), most 457 plans, and the federal government's Thrift Savings Plan is increased to \$20,500. Limits on contributions to traditional and Roth IRAs remains unchanged at \$6,000. The catch-up contribution limit for employees aged 50 and over who participate in 401(k), 403(b), most 457 plans, and the federal government's Thrift Savings Plan unchanged at \$6,500. Therefore, participants in 401(k), 403(b), most 457 plans, and the federal government's Thrift Savings Plan who are 50 and older can contribute up to \$27,000, starting in 2022.

NYSP - Pistol Permit Recertification: As per New York State Law, pistol permit holders need to recertify every five (5) years via the New York State Police website. January 2022 will be the fifth anniversary of the enactment of this requirement. Go to the NYSP website to check your status and to recertify. Remember, it is your responsibility to recertify your permit whether you receive a notification letter or not.

You should have your Pistol Permit and your New York State Driver License or Non-Driver ID handy when using the website.

- OLR announced that the cut-off date to switch to AETNA Medicare Advantage has been extended to 1/1/22.
 This is subject to change, pending the result of an ongoing lawsuit.
- Charitable deduction changes: Taxpayers who don't itemize deductions may qualify to take a charitable deduction of up to \$600 for married taxpayers filing joint returns and up to \$300 for all other filers for cash contributions made in 2021 to qual ifying organizations. For more information, read Publication 526, Charitable Contributions: https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-publication-526
- VSF payments will be made or credited on or about December 15th.

Report of officers

President: Brenda Jordan was acknowledged for the extra work she does setting up the lodge before our monthly meetings and special events and cleaning up afterwards. A motion was made and seconded to present Brenda with a check for \$150.

Vice President: Nothing to report.

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

Recording secretary: Nothing to report

Corresponding secretary: Nothing to report

Trustees:

Dennis Cirillo: Excused

Kevin Gribbon: Nothing to reportBrenda Jordan; Nothing to report

• Ian McGrouther: Excused

John Randazzo: Nothing to report

Sgt. at Arms: Excused

Historian: Nothing to report

Committee Reports

Membership: 445 members

Socials: After holiday dinner party will be on January 15, 2022 at the FOP Lodge.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: A motion was made, seconded and passed to make Michael Poncia an Honorary Member of the Club. The Members passed the hat and collected \$232.00 for Michael.

Good of the Club

- Frank Aquilone and Glen Galanos were both named "member of the year" for 2021. Harvey awarded them each with a 9/11 memorial coin set.
- New Members:
 - Ret. NYPD Sgt. John O'Connor
 - 2. Ret. NYPD Det. Jeff Ferrara
 - 3. Ret. NYPD Det. Phil Lombardo
 - 4. Ret. NYPD P.O. Larry Lederer

A motion to accept the new members was made and seconded. The motion passed.

50/50 of \$125 was won by Chris Russo.

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

Next Meeting Tuesday, January 11, 2022 6PM







NYPD 10-13 Club of Charlotte After Holiday Dinner Party Saturday January 15, 2020, 7PM Fop Lodge #9

\$50 Per Person Includes Hors d'oeuvres, Dinner, Dessert, Three Alcoholic Drinks Music & Dancing

MENU

Appetizers

Crab &Crawfish Cakes w/ Cajun Aolie Vegetable and Chicken Potstickers w/ Ponzu sauce Charcuterie Board Fruit Platter



Caesar Salad Rolls Honey Orange Butter

Entrée

Prime Rib w/ Ajus Pan Seared Grouper w/ Beurre Blanc



Mushroom Manchego Risotto
Golden Duchesse Potatoes
Green bean Almondine
Roasted Eggplant &Zucchini w/ Onions & Peppers

Dessert

Tiramisu Parfait

Apple Roses w/ Caramel Icecream
Black Forrest Cheesecake w/Chocolate Cherry Sauce

Beverages

Coffee, Tea, Water, Soda, 3 House Alcoholic Beverages

Please bring a check to the December 14 membership meeting, pay via Zelle at

hkatowitz@charlotte10-13.com

or send a check to NYPD 10-13 Club of Charlotte, NC 5922-5 Weddington Rd., Suite 11 Wesley Chapel, NC 28104





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HARVEY KATOWITZ PRESIDENT BERNARD ROE VICE PRESIDENT

The NYPD 10-13 Club of Charlotte, NC will award two (2) \$1,000 scholarships, "Bob Andretta" and "911 Memorial Scholarships" and a \$500 scholarship "Elliott Cuff Memorial Scholarship to the child, grand-child or great grandchild of a member of our 10-13 Club.

In order to be eligible for these scholarship the following criteria must be met:

- The sponsor must be a member in good standing of the NYPD 10-13 Club of Charlotte, NC, Inc. (The term "good standing" means the sponsor must be a paid-up member for at least three (3) consecutive years).
- The Applicant must be preparing to enter an <u>accredited four-year college</u> as a freshman in the year the scholarship is awarded.
- When the application is submitted, applicant must include a "Letter of Acceptance" from the college
 he or she will be attending and an essay on what it means to be an American.

The NYPD 10-13 Club of Charlotte, NC will also award a \$500 scholarship, the "Jim Houston Memorial Scholarship" to the child, grandchild or great grandchild of a member of our 10-13 Club.

In order to be eligible for the scholarship the following criteria must be met:

- The sponsor must be a member in good standing of the NYPD 10-13 Club of Charlotte, NC, Inc. (The term "good standing" means the sponsor must be a paid-up member for at least three (3) consecutive years).
- The Applicant must be entering an <u>accredited Community College</u> or a <u>post-secondary program</u>
 for <u>students with intellectual and developmental disabilities at an accredited four-year college</u> as a freshman in the year the scholarship is awarded.

When the application is submitted, applicant must include a "Letter of Acceptance" from the college he or she will be attending and an essay on what it means to be an American.

The recipient of each scholarship will be determined by a lottery drawing at the May membership meeting of all eligible applicants.

NOTE: There can only be one winner per member family during a three year period.

Application must be received by May 1, 2022





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2022 College Scholarship Application

Sponsor's Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Telephone:	E-Mail:	
Applicant's Name:		
Relationship to Sponsor:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Telephone:	E-Mail:	
High School Attending:		
College Attending:		
Address:		
City	State:	Zip:

Application must be received by May 1, 2022





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

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	e make check payable to NYPD 10)-13 Club of Charlotte, NC		
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HARVEY KATOWITZ

BERNARD ROE VICE PRESIDENT

October 19, 2021

PRESIDENT

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

Harvey Katowitz

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MEMBERSHIP



2022 Monthly Meeting Dates

 Jan. 11
 May 10
 Sept. 13

 Feb. 08
 Jun. 14
 Oct. 11

 Mar. 08
 Jul. 12
 Nov. 08

 Apr. 12
 Aug. 09
 Dec. 13



John Evrard - 11/22/21 Debbie Hearle, Wife of Ron Hearle - 12/09/21 Ray Hickey—12/18/21

May "Dee" Dolores Pirrello , wife of Sal Pirello - 12/25/21



SICK DESK UPDATE

Dave Clarke – Complications from cataract surgery Chris Russo is recovering from shoulder surgery. Harvey Katowitz is recovering from fractured ribs.

Welcome To The Club

The following members joined our club in December

Ret. NYPD Sgt. John O'Connor Ret. NYPD Det. Jeff Ferrara Ret. NYPD Det. Phil Lombardo Ret. NYPD P.O. Larry Lederer



Our meetings now begin at 6pm

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

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day - Jan 09.







JANUARY

Ostoits, Alan	1
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Biagetti, Louis	3
Anderson, Bryan	4
Albrecht, Bob	6
Laurel, Randy	6
Torres, Keith	6
Famulari, Charles	8
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Lewis, Kenneth	14
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Wear something blue
Place a blue light in your window
Tie a blue ribbon on your mailbox

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.









Kevin Stoeckert

John Randazzo

Kevin Gribbon

Ian McGrouther

Dennis Cirillo

Geographical Area	Trustee	Tel. (H)	Tel. (C)	Email Address
Catawba County	Dennis Cirillo	704 256-4038	516-318-1707	dennisjcirillo@gmail.com
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Gaston County	Dennis Cirillo	704 256-4038	516-318-1707	dennisjcirillo@gmail.com
Iredell County	Kevin Stoeckert	631-235-1070	631-235-1070	stock304@gmail.com
Lincoln County	Dennis Cirillo	704 256-4038	516-318-1707	dennisjcirillo@gmail.com
Mecklenburg County	John Randazzo	704-243-7523	704-770-1461	eightpointid@carolina.rr.com
Rowan County	Dennis Cirillo	704 256-4038	516-318-1707	dennisjcirillo@gmail.com
Union County	Ian McGrouther	917-952-7427	917-952-7427	lanLizMc@hotmail.com
All other areas	Kevin Gribbon	803-548-4752	803 493-3024	kgribbo@outlook.com

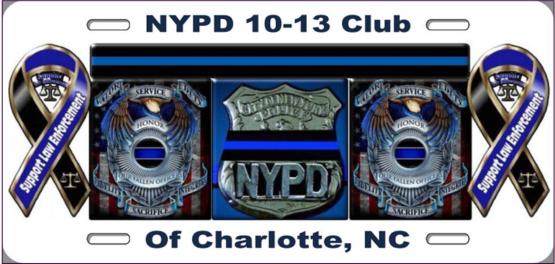


CLUB MERCHANDISE

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

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







THIS AND THAT



18 New North Carolina Laws Going Into Effect January 1, 2022

<u>SB 103:</u> Reduces regulations to help children with Autism. It's officially an act to reduce unnecessary regulatory constraints for applied behavior analysis. https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/S103

<u>SB 248:</u> Adds additional information to health insurance cards regarding dental plans. https://lrs.sog.unc.edu/bill-summaries-lookup/8/248/2021/S248

<u>HB 160:</u> Retirement service purchase rewrite system. This is administrative changes to teacher, state and local government employee and judge's retirement plans. https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/H160

<u>HB 734:</u> Department of health and human services revisions. This in part is to help protect citizens from unlicensed mental health facilities. https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/H734

<u>HB 366:</u> This is part of the Regulatory Relief Act which works on regulations for many things including allowing distilleries to sell alcoholic beverages directly to people in other states. It also mandates that Pre-K programs and kindergarten programs are publicly available online. There's also a detailed section involving rentals and landlords, and another about wastewater. https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/H366

<u>HB 489</u>: 2021 Building Code and Development reforms. This one changes building codes and updates development reforms. https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/H489

<u>SB 693:</u> Expedite Child Safety and Permanency. This law is an act to amend various abuse, neglect and dependency laws to ensure the safety of children in "out-of-home" placements and to expedite permanency planning hearing for children removed from the home. https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookUp/2021/S693

<u>HB 436:</u> Supports law enforcement mental health. Under this act, it is required to screen law enforcement officers prior to certification or employment, educate them on maintaining good mental health and to provide mental health resources. It also creates a physical fitness study. https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/H436

<u>SB 300:</u> Criminal Justice Reform. This act increases protections, training and oversight for state and local law enforcement officers. It creates a decertification database, and requires use of the FBI's Next Generation Identification System. https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/S300

<u>HB 27:</u> This one has to do with making sure magistrates have the training they need to be magistrates. https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookUp/2021/H27

HB 403: Clarifies laws governing new motor vehicle dealer franchises. https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookUp/2021/H403

<u>HB 890:</u> This changes rules and regulations pertaining to the ABC Commission. For instance, it allows online orders at ABC stores. It's 28 pages long. https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookUp/2021/H890

<u>SB 542:</u> State Health Plan Combat Fraud/Property Finders Standards. This one incentivizes plan members to report fraud, waste and abuse by health care providers. https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/S542

<u>HB 685:</u> Electronic Transaction Fees/Official Fees. This act allows the recovery of electronic transaction fees imposed by third parties and amends the retail installment sales act to clarify what "official fees" mean. https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/S542

<u>SB 435:</u> This is an act to make changes to statues involving Guaranteed Asset Protection Waivers and to create an article governing Vehicle Value Protection Agreements. https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookUp/2021/S425

SB 270. This has to do with technical insurance changes. https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookUp/2021/s270

SB 308 is more to do with building codes. https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/S308

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Medicare retirees remember to save your Social Security 1099 form for 2021 that you will receive in January 2022. Use it to compare to your 2021 Medicare reimbursement that you will receive in April 2022.

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: https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/health/faq-medicare-part-b.pdf

Medicare Part B Reimbursement Program Application: https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/health/med-b-application.pdf

IRMAA Medicare Part B Reimbursement

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

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

Questions about your IRMAA or Medicare Part B Reimbursements?

Medicare Part B 2020 reimbursements were issued in April 2021. Please check your bank account/statement (or the mail, if you are receiving a physical check) for your payment. If you already submitted your Medicare Part A & B card to the Health Benefits Program, this payment is automatic and you will receive it annually.

Medicare Part B 2019 differential reimbursements were issued in March 2021. Please check your bank account/statement (or the mail, if you are receiving a physical check) for your payment. For those retirees/eligible dependents who are not eligible for IRMAA, Medicare Part B 2019 differential payments up to \$318 will be issued once the Medicare Part B and IRMAA payments are processed in calendar year 2020.

Those retirees/eligible dependents who are eligible for 2019 Medicare Part B differential reimbursements must submit the <u>Medicare Part B 2019 Reimbursement Differential Request Form</u>, along with required documentation.

Please submit this form, along with all required documents, electronically to: https://nycemployeebenefits.leapfile.net

IRMAA 2020 reimbursements will be issued in October 2021.

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 is separate from your pension payment. If you don't have EFT or direct deposit, you should receive a check in the mail.

Please submit the IRMAA 2020 Reimbursement Application, along with all required documents, electronically to: https://nycemployeebenefits.leapfile.net

IRMAA 2019 reimbursements were issued during October and November 2020. Please check your bank account/statement (or the mail, if you are receiving a physical check) for your payment.

If you are currently receiving your pension check through Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) or direct deposit, your reimbursement was deposited directly into your bank account. This is separate from your pension payment. If you don't have EFT or direct deposit, you should have received a check in the mail.

If you did not receive your IRMAA reimbursement by December 1, 2020 or if you did receive the reimbursement and you believe the amount is incorrect, you must resubmit the **IRMAA 2019 Reimbursement Application**.

Please submit this application, along with all required documents, electronically to: https://nycemployeebenefits.leapfile.net

IRMAA 2019 Differential payments were issued at the end of November 2020.

For those retirees/eligible dependents of a retiree with a Medicare Part B effective date prior to 2016, they received an additional amount up to \$318.

HEALTH AND WELFARE



Citizens for the Extension of the James Zadroga Act

COALITION TO HELP INJURED AND DYING 9/11 RESPONDERS AND SURVIVORS



BRYANT GLADNEY'S LIFE OF SERVICE INCLUDED DEPLOYMENT TO NEW YORK CITY AFTER 9/11 ATTACKS

Columbia Daily Tribune | December 30, 2021

Bryant Gladney leaves behind a legacy of serving mid-Missouri during his 25 years with the Boone County Fire Protection District. https://www.columbiatribune.com/story/news/2021/12/27/bryant-gladney-boone-county-assistant-fire-chief-deployed-new-york-city-9-11/9028495002/

EPA SUED OVER REFUSAL TO REGULATE CORROSIVE 9/11 DUST

Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) | December 27, 2021

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's corrosivity standard is so lax that it illegally subjects people who breathe or ingest unregulated alkaline dust to serious harm. https://peer.org/epa-sued-refusal-regulate-corrosive-dust/

FAILURE TO PASS BUILD BACK BETTER PLAN THREATENS 9/11 HEALTH CARE FUNDING

NY Daily News | December 22, 2021

The death sentence Joe Manchin declared for President Biden's massive domestic policy bill is also threatening a key priority of New York lawmakers — plugging a nearly \$3 billion gap in the 9/11 health program. https://www.nydailynews.com/news/politics/us-elections-government/ny-failure-pass-build-back-better-threatens-911-health-funding-20211221-ieihsm5c2jadbkx6dfz7tcwtha-story.html

FDNY ASSISTANT CHIEF IS 264TH MEMBER TO DIE OF WORLD TRADE CENTER-RELATED CANCER

ABC 7 NY | December 8, 2021

Assistant Chief of EMS Alvin Suriel, a 32-year veteran of Emergency Medical Service, is the 264th member of the FDNY to die of WTC-related illness. https://abc7ny.com/fdny-911-death-cancer-alvin-suriel/11308137/

REPS. MALONEY, NADLER, UNION LEADERS, AND ADVOCATES APPLAUD FUNDING FOR THE WORLD TRADE CENTER HEALTH PROGRAM IN HOUSE PASSED BUILD BACK BETTER ACT

Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney | December 2, 2021

The WTCHP needs adequate funding now and in the future so that every injured and ill 9/11 responder and survivor has access to the medical treatment they need and deserve.

https://maloney.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/reps-maloney-nadler-union-leaders-and-advocates-applaud-funding-for-the

ELECTED OFFICIALS SPOTLIGHT NEW 'BUILD BACK BETTER' FUNDING FOR WTC HEALTH PROGRAM

Spectrum News NY1 | December 1, 2021

According to the FDNY, nearly 75% of its members who worked at the World Trade Center site now have some form of long-term illness. https://www.ny1.com/nyc/all-boroughs/news/2021/11/30/build-back-better-funding-for-wtc-health-program

BUILD BACK BETTER ACT WILL HELP FUND WORLD TRADE CENTER HEALTH PROGRAM

amNY | December 1, 2021

Mario Cilento, President of NYS AFL-CIO, says that elected officials need to take immediate action to ensure medical care for those who risked their lives in 9/11 aid. https://www.amny.com/news/build-back-better-act-will-help-fund-world-trade-center-health-program/

Staten Island ex-NYPD sergeant gets prison time for 9/11 benefits fund theft

Dec. 1, 2021 — SILive.com -

Authorities said Spinosa lied about her time at the landfill and falsely stated that she worked at the location, sifting through materials for human remains from September 2001 to June 2002.

 $\underline{\text{https://www.silive.com/crime-safety/2021/12/staten-island-ex-nypd-sergeant-gets-prison-time-for-911-benefits-fund-theft.html}$

TELL CONGRESS:

"REMEMBER 9/11" SHOULD BE MORE THAN A BUMPERSTICKER

CITIZENS FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE JAMES ZADROGA ACT

HEALTH AND WELFARE

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

Gentlemen.

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

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

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

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

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

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

On the member CBP page we posted,

Nominate Your Providers!

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

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

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

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

Joining EmblemHealth HIP and GHI

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

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

NYPD NEWS

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

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AN ORGANIZATION OF ACTIVE AND RETIRED NEW YORK CITY POLICE OFFICERS OF ALL RANKS

President Frank Martarella December, 2021

Vice President John Briganti To all Chapter Presidents and Members

2nd Vice President Richard Molloy I would like to start by saying Thank You to my current Executive Board for their

Secretary Marie Zolfo

Treasurer John Mcloughlin

Past President *Pres. Emeritus Anthony V. Perrone

Board of Directors Larry Carito Arizona 10-13

> Scott Hassler Fort Mill S.C.

Harvey Katowitz Charlotte NC 10-13

John Briganti Hudson Valley 10-13

Salvatore V. Pepitone Jersey Shore 10-13

> Michael Fanning Myrtie Beach 10-13

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> John Adams NE PA 10-13

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President's Advisor Harvey Katowitz

> Legal Counsel Ravi Batra

dedicated service to the National NYCPD 10-13 and to our Chapters.

As you are all aware by now, as of January 1, 2022, I will be stepping down as President of the National; however, I will be staying on as an advisor to our new President Michael Fahy to insure a smooth transition. Also stepping down is Secretary Marie Zolfo who will be replaced by Salvatore Pepitone, as well as Treasurer John McLoughlin, who is being replaced by Jill Killeen. 1st Vice President John Briganti and Vice President Richard Molloy have been re-elected and will remain on the Board with President's Advisor Harvey Katowitz. Thomas Sullivan has been appointed Chairman of our Committees.

I have been involved with the National for twelve years, as has been Marie and John. It is now time for us to step down/retire and let some young energetic new board members continue the goals of the National 10-13.

At this time, I also want to extend a special thank you to President Emeritus, Anthony Perrone for mentoring me during my time on the National Board, and I am sure Tony will do the same for President Fahy.

The holiday season is approaching quickly upon us. During this crazy time in our lives, with the COVID virus, which we all thought, was behind us, now we face this new Omicron variant. As the world goes into panic mode, we pray that we don't go back to extreme restrictions, let us make the best of the holiday season and hopefully Mr. Freeze stays away and we have mild winter weather.

In January, the New York State Legislation will be back in session. We are told that the State Legislative Buildings will finally re-open, thus allowing us to visit the legislators in Albany. Your National Executive Board has already been aggressively active during this quiet time of the 2021 session. We have met with numerous State Senators, Assembly members and via phone

Member - Alliance of Public Retiree Organizations of New York Recognized by the Congress of the United States, the Legislature of the State of New York, and the New York City Council as the established union representing all retired NYC Police Officers

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conversations and letters. We have also been attending the Alliance of Public Retirees monthly meetings in Albany in preparation for the 2022 legislative session. Most of our Legislative Agenda Bills have already been numbered and we have verbal commitments from our prior bill sponsors that they will be re-submitting our 2022 un-numbered bills for the 2022 session. NOTE: Our 2021 numbered bills do not need to be re-numbered; they only need 2022 re-submission of the 2021 Fiscal/Actuary Notes that are required for all legislative bills.

As you all are aware, former Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul is now the Governor of New York State. The Governor has already announced that she will be running for reelection in November 2022. It is our opinion, and that of our Alliance organizations, as the Governor seeks re-election, she will be more supportive of our Legislative Agenda Bills in comparison to former Governor Coumo.

As we all know as retirees, as per the Taylor Law, we are no longer able to vote or negotiate regarding our benefits via our line organizations. This is why we must look to our elected officials to protect the benefits that we fought for and earned.

While talking about benefits, I am sure you all are aware of the cities new proposed Medicare Advantage Program, which as retirees, we had no input into this proposed change to our medical coverage. As of this writing, the plan is on hold due to a court injunction. It remains to be seen what the outcome will be, but I believe that at some point we will be pushed into a new Medicare Advantage Plan. It should be noted that we presently have two separate Legislative Bills in Albany. One is for all state workers and the other is for New York City police, firefighters and their dependants. If passed and signed by the Governor, it will guarantee our benefits that we had when we retired.

I must mention that there has never been a more dangerous time for our law enforcement profession or our city, not to mention the lack of respect to all law enforcement officers in the country. The NYPD and other law enforcement agencies are under attack by radical groups and progressive liberal politicians who seek to destroy all we have achieved. As of December 1st, 58 police officers have been killed in the line of duty incidents and in all, 314 have been shot. In addition, there have been 95 ambush-style attacks thus far this year across the United States. All record numbers with one month left for the year 2021. Let us all pray and never forget the above officers and their families.

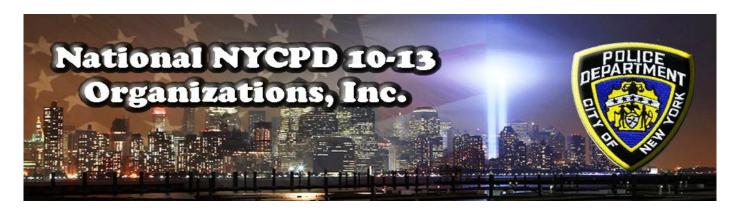
I would like to conclude by saying that is has truly been an honor and privilege to have been President of the National 10-13 Organization. I want to once again thank my Executive Board, our Chapter Presidents and Members for allowing me the honor to serve as your President.

In conclusion, on behalf of myself and the Executive Board, I would like to extend Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season, Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Frank

Frank Martarella

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2021-2022 Legislative Agenda July 28, 2021

New York State Legislation	Senate #	<u>Sponsor</u>	Assembly #	Sponsor
1- Health Ins. Protection (Retirees) -Protects Benefits We earned upon Retirement	S5030-21	Lanza	A4203	Weprin
2- Veteran's Supplementation (Retirees) 1/4% per month up to 36 months (total 3%)	S5110-21	Brooks	A6468-21	Barrett
3-COLA Enhancement Bills		Gounardes	A-Pending	Abbate
**a) Reduces Eligibility age From 62 to 55 with 5 years' service	S-Pending	"	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 Reimbusement Form: https://www.nationalnycpd10-13.org/forms/Medicare Part B .pdf

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

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

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

WTC Notice of Participation: https://www.nationalnycpd10-13.org/forms/WTCNoticeofParticipation withcoverletter 201609.pdf

WTC HEALTH PROGRAM APPLICATION: https://www.nationalnycpd10-13.org/forms/WTC Application 2019.pdf

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

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NATIONAL NYCPD 10-13 ORG. NYPD ID CARD RENEWAL

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

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

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

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

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

If your ID card is lost or stolen, you must make a police report with your local precinct or 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 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 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.

From January thru March 2022, Larry Kelly, 392 Colon Ave Staten Island NY, 10308, Phone# 347-582-6885 will be renewing our ID cards. Please forward any renewals directly to Larry, as this will save time in the renewal process.

Place in the envelope: your PD ID card, the completed PD Form, and a check in the amount of \$7.75 to cover the cost of priority mail return of your new card. Also include a small note/sticky with your email address and Larry will acknowledge it's being processed.

Note: The check or money order for return postage should be made out to RSA (Retired Sergeants Association). This is only thru March 2022.

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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.



PERSONNEL ORDERS DIVISION

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

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

Name:	Signature:



THE BEST FOR THE BEST

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 selfdefense incident (for OFF-DUTY incidents only). This plan is non-transferrable. The Primary member must either carry under HR218 for Law Enforcement members or have a concealed carry permit. LEOSA annual status and All permits must remain valid. Will need to submit proof to verify eligibility for this plan.

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

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



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



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Dedicated \$1MM Civil Liability coverage.

RETIRED LIEUTENANTS ASSOCIATION NYPD



We have received several emails with updates on the status of the Medicare Advantage Plus Plan so we have combined the information below from the NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees

Updates

Today, is Wednesday December 15th.

Judge Frank posted his decision last night. He is setting a POTENTIAL start date of the new MAPP of April 1st and an opt out deadline of March 31, IF the city meets all the criteria set forth and provides satisfactory periodic updates to the court. The judge extended the ability to opt out of the plan through June. This is a major win for retirees in the first phase of our case. Read the decision here: https://iapps.courts.state.ny.us/nyscef/ViewDocument?docIndex=wL1bDfv2QTn8bWjh/CCCXQ==

According to the city, co-pays on the GHI Senior Care plan are scheduled to take effect January 1. We argue that the copays are part of the TRO and should not be implemented. Please advise us if you receive a new GHI card with co pays indicated or you are charged a co-pay after January 1.

We have yet to see if the city can satisfy the Judge's requirements, leading to the implementation of this plan. If the restraining order is lifted, we will argue the merits of our case that this change was illegal and is a reduction of our benefits.

Lastly, DO NOT OPT OUT YET!

From the Retired Sergeants Association

The RSA has been informed that the Alliance (Empire BCBS Retiree Solutions & Emblem Health) is mailing out a postcard this week to OFFICIALLY notify city retirees that:

"The new NYC Medicare Advantage Plus (PPO) plan is not starting on January 1, 2022. The new plan start date has been postponed and is subject to Court approval. This means at the start of 2022, retirees will remain enrolled in their current plan including any changes that retirees requested."

Retirees can find the Health Plan Rate Chart effective January 1, 2022, posted on the Office of Labor Relations (OLR) website at: https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/health/revised-retiree-rates-jan-2022.pdf

As we have previously communicated to our members, retirees enrolled in the GHI Senior Care plan, the "buy-up" (PREMIUM) will not apply for January 1, 2022, until the start date of the new NYC Medicare Advantage Plus plan.

It goes on to say: "We'll let you know once we have more information about the new plan start date. The opt-out period has been extended until further notice."

The RSA was also informed that once there is clarity in terms of the effective start date, a letter will be issued to Medicare retirees.

I guess the "paper shortage" has been rectified!

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RETIRED LIEUTENANTS ASSOCIATION NYPD

The RSA also provided an update on copayments scheduled to start on January 1, 2022

This is a reminder for Medicare Retirees, currently in GHI Senior Care, that although implementation of the new NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan is still being evaluated in the Courts and the implementation of the new plan is delayed, the current GHI-Senior Care Plan is still scheduled for co-pay increases effective January 1, 2022.

The following will go from NO CO-PAY (2021) to \$15 CO-PAY (2022):

PCP visits
Specialist visits
Diagnostic tests (X-rays, lab, radiology, etc.)
Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder
Urgent Care Center
Rehab Services
Hearing Exam

The annual deductible will remain the same at \$253.

2022 Medicare Deductibles:

Members are also reminded the 2022 calendar year annual GHI-Senior Care (out of pocket) Medicare deductibles will still be accrued by plan participants for the unknown length of the "court scrutinization" and Medicare Plan transition/implementation periods. It is unknown how far into 2022 this changeover will occur.

The uncertainty is what happens to 2022 deductible dollars paid by current GHI Senior Care plan participants? Will these dollars eventually be migrated over to the new NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan? Are the plan participants going to be forced to pay the new "duplicate" deductible dollars?

It appears the NYC Office of Labor Relations (NYC -OLR) and The Alliance (Emblem Health and Blue Cross/ Blue Shield) are "ferociously -arguing" over who will absorb the tens of millions of dollars that will be paid by Medicare participants currently in GHI -Senior Care and then eventually migrated to the new MA Plan, a plan with its own embedded deductible. This would mean Medicare participants would be forced to pay "duplicate deductibles". Absent Court intervention and a Court mandate, this burden will unfairly fall on the backs of us retirees as apparently NYC-OLR is not content with its \$650M dollar bonus! The Alliance is equally hesitant to relinquish a part of the unknown billions in revenues they will accumulate. How this will play out is any one's guess!

It is however, refreshing to hear that the Municipal Labor Committee (M.L.C.) is finally showing a conscience and looking out for Medicare participants. It is the M.L.C.'s position that Medicare retirees should be "held harmless" from paying "duplicate annual deductibles".

Hopefully the M.L.C. will show resolve, maintain their integrity, and uphold that Medicare retirees have been disrupted and disturbed enough and not compromise to the insatiable NYC Office of Labor Relations and the Alliance.

We thank the RSA and SBA for their updates
We will keep you informed as new information becomes available



ALLIANCE OF PUBLIC RETIREE ORGANIZATIONS OF NEW YORK



RPA LEGISLATIVE CORNER REPORT:

December 2021 / January 2022 Report

LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

2021-2022 Alliance Legislative Bill Agenda: We have been and are working diligently with our Legislators, to prepare to do a massive push to move our bills forward at the start of the January 2022 Legislative Session. With 2022 being an election year, we believe that this will be an added opportunity to help us get some bills through to completion and signed into law. This has to be a "TEAM EFFORT" by all retirees voicing their displeasure personally, emotionally and emphatically to each of your legislators at their District Offices, 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. Some key points to stress with your Legislators:

Inflation is at a record high and only going higher with sky rocketing gas prices, food prices, heating oil, propane, natural gas and electric price increases **BUT** our pensions are not going up to meet this inflation rate, <u>not even close</u>. <u>Many of our more senior retirees</u>, those who retired in the 70's, 80's and 90's, have only paltry Pensions and Social Security to live on and are directly feeling the effects of financial strain and having to make difficult choices, which is not right. We must never forget them as they need us to fight for them so they can continue a dignified quality of life in retirement. That's why it's so important for all of you to make two phone calls ASAP to your local Assemblyman and Senator to motivate them.

All Legislators need to be reminded that they work for us and we can vote them out of office for not doing their jobs for all retirees on Election Day 2022!

THIS IS OUR "FORGOTTEN VETERAN'S BILL"

NEW Bill # S-5110A-2021 / Veterans Supplementation Bill / Senator Brooks In Senate Finance 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 / Heath 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 including most recently in the last week or so.

NEW BILL # S-5184-2021 / Health Protection Bill for Police Officers and Firefighters / Senator Sanders In Civil Service and Pensions Committee / Only 4 Co-Sponsors

NEW BILL # A-05108 / Health Protection Bill for Police Officers and Firefighters / Assemblyman Abatte / Only 1 Co-Sponsor PASSED NYS ASSEMBLY AWAITING NYS SENATE ACTION !

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

Not submitted in the Assembly for a bill number yet.

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

Not submitted in the Assembly for a bill number yet.

NEW BILL # \$6060-2021 / COLA Bill (5 year additional look back) / Senator Gounardes In Civil Service and Pensions Committee / Not one Co-Sponsor

Not submitted in the Assembly for a bill number yet.

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

Not submitted in the Assembly for a bill number yet.

S-5835-2019 / COLA Bill (raise base calculation from 18K to 21K) / Senator Breslin Requested to be re-submitted

A-7413-2019 / COLA Bill (raise base calculation from 18K to 21K) / Assemblyman Steck

Requested to be re-submitted

First of all a huge thank you to everyone who took the time and did what needed to be done ...

VOTING DOWN PROPOSITION 1, 3 AND 4

This brings back memories of when we voted down the Constitutional Convention Proposal, when retirees and everyone came together overwhelmingly voting to protect our constitutional rights which were under attack.

It's my belief that if we can keep up this retiree grass roots momentum going strong to the 2022 elections and the 2024 election, that we can save our great New York State and nation. Retirees and their families comprise a HUGE VOTING BLOCK and a force to be reckoned with at the polls.

The politicians running our state and nation have forced everything into an intentional downward spiral of massive increases in inflation, unnecessary high gasoline, heating oil, propane, natural gas and electricity pricing, building material price increases and shortages of all essential goods. Retirees should not have to chose between having enough food, heat, electricity, medications or health care ever!

Retirees are proud people who don't want government handouts nor do we want to become dependants of corrupt politicians running our lives. **Politicians work for us, not the other way around.** There is absolutely no legitimate logic to undo a well oiled, fiscally sound economy, public safety, border security and the Covid 19 pandemic under control. The intentional CRT educational brainwashing of our innocent children and grand children should not nor will not be tolerated! Don't ever mess with Mama Bears, Poppa Bears or Grand Parent Bears!

In just under one year the present administration has destroyed our robust economy, energy efficiency and independence, low unemployment, our secure southern border and worldwide respect for our country has sunk like the Titanic and will continue to do so until we vote these useless politicians out of office. The most egregious results are the sky rocketing crime, especially violent crimes and then releasing the criminals out a revolving door. This has to stop as well as the "defund the police movement". What about all the victims of this violent crime...where is their justice and protection from being violated over and again and in some cases killed?

We have our work cut out for us but the results in the Virginia state elections, should be the catalyst to bond us together and propel us forward, to fight this fight until we win and take back our great state and the greatest nation in the world restoring peace, wealth, security and the rule of law as stipulated under the Constitution of the United States and New York State. Please do not give up and be complacent as Virginians should serve as role models for us all that we can make this happen.

Last Legislative Report I wrote and exposed quite a bit on the tyrannical tenure of ex-Governor Cuomo before he resigned in disgrace from office. At that time we had the NYS AG's report outlining a very detailed investigation into ex-Governor Cuomo's actions, some of which suggested criminality. Even though Assembly Speaker Heastie declined to move forward with an Impeachment Proceeding against Gov. Cuomo, the Speaker Heastie did on March 19, 2021, "charged the Assembly Judiciary Committee with determining whether there was evidence to support a finding that Governor Andrew Cuomo had engaged in conduct, as governor, that would have constituted serious and corrupt conduct in office that may have justified articles of impeachment." (https://nyassembly.gov/Press/?sec=story&story=99809)

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ALLIANCE OF PUBLIC RETIREE ORGANIZATIONS OF NEW YORK

The Committee's task was to examine all credible allegations, including but not limited to allegations that the Governor:

Used his office to sexually harass or assault women who were his employees;

Directed his staff to unlawfully withhold or misrepresent information that was required to be reported to the State Legislature or other governmental entities regarding the effects of COVID-19 on populations of New Yorkers:

Directed, or had knowledge of, executive personnel withholding information regarding safety concerns about New York State bridges: or

Directed, or had knowledge of, executive personnel attempting to suppress related investigations.

The Committee retained the counsel of Davis, Polk & Wardell LLP to lead the investigation. Although the Governor resigned from August, you directed the Committee to prepare a report on its findings.

During the course of this investigation, Davis Polk reviewed approximately 600,000 pages of documents, including photographs, text messages, BlackBerry PIN messages, emails, policies and procedures, recordings of phone calls, social media accounts, materials from prior litigation, video recordings, interview memos, transcripts and other relevant material. In addition, the firm interviewed, received proffers from, and/or reviewed interviews and/or deposition material from 212 individuals. Davis Polk also reviewed the statements and writings of the former Governor and his counsel throughout the investigation, including those made to the Office of the New York Attorney General in response to its report of August 3, 2021.

Davis Polk has completed its work and issued a report to the members of the Committee, which I herein transmit to you for your review. The report concludes that former Governor Cuomo:

Engaged in multiple instances of sexual harassment, including by creating a hostile work environment and engaging in sexual misconduct;

Utilized state resources and property, including work by the Executive Chamber staff, to write, publish, and promote his Book regarding his handling of the COVID-19 crises - a project for which he was guaranteed at least \$5.2 million in personal profit; and at the same time

Was not fully transparent regarding the number of nursing home residents who died as a result of COVID-19.

I thank the members of the Committee for their diligence and hard work during this challenging time. I also commend the extraordinary attorneys and investigators at Davis Polk for their professionalism and expertise.

Sincerely, Charles Levine

(The above letter was authored and issued on November 22, 2021 by Charles Levine, Judiciary Committee Chairman to Honorable Carl E. Heastie, Speaker of New York State Assembly.)

I would suggest that you click on the following NYS Assembly Press Room link (https://nyassembly.gov/Press/? sec=story&story=99809) and at the bottom of the press release, click on the right tab to view the entire 63 page report by Davis, Polk & Wardell LLP dated 11-22-2021. VERY EYE OPENING DETAILED, FACTUAL FINDINGS THAT REVEAL THE TRUE SCOPE OF CUOMO CORRUPUTION!

Wishing everyone a safe, healthy Happy Holiday season with your families

" UNITED WE WILL PREVAIL...DIVIDED WE WILL FAIL "

Legislative Report respectfully submitted by,

Bryant Kolner, RPA Legislative Representative

President of the Alliance of Public Retiree Organizations of New York



The next CEA General Membership Meeting will be held on January 5, 2022, 10am
Antun's
96-43 Springfield Blvd.
Queens Village, NY 11429

Dear CEA Member:

The NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan, a Custom Program for City Retirees, will not be implemented on January 1, 2022.

Joint Statement from the Office of Labor Relations, the Alliance and the Municipal Labor Committee Regarding 2022 Health Benefits Program for City Retirees

In July, Mayor Bill de Blasio and Labor Relations Commissioner Renee Campion announced an agreement with the Municipal Labor Committee to implement the NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan, a custom program for City retirees. Two companies that were not selected following the fair and competitive procurement process have filed lawsuits challenging the award of the contract to the Alliance. Those lawsuits were dismissed by the Court on October 21, 2021.

A group of City retirees also filed a lawsuit challenging the City's decision to implement the NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan. In that case, the Judge has requested a revised implementation plan and has extended the date for retirees to decide whether they want to opt-out of the plan. The judge has put the plan on hold until that issue is resolved. This, of course, affects when the plan can be implemented. We recently learned that the judge is not expected to decide these issues any earlier than the second week of December. A new date for implementation will be announced after a decision by the Court.

Our priority right now is to keep our retirees informed of these updates so that they know how this process will affect their health benefits in 2022. Our goal is to ensure as little disruption as possible as we work to provide high quality healthcare to our retirees and their dependents.

In that spirit, below please find a few key points about what we know now and how it impacts our retirees:

- Until there is a Court decision, no retirees will be moved into the new Medicare Advantage plan. Retirees will remain in the plan they were in for 2021 unless they utilized the once in a lifetime option to change plans or transferred plans during the annual transfer period. Retirees do not have to take any action at this time.
- The EmblemHealth / Empire BlueCross BlueShield Senior Care plan will remain premium-free until the new Medicare Advantage plan is implemented.
- Once the Court announces an implementation date, we will notify retirees of the period of time they will have to opt
 out of the Medicare Advantage plan. As soon as we have an approved implementation date from the Court, we will
 advise retirees. The most current information we have will be posted on the OLR website at <u>www.1nyc.gov/site/olr/index.page</u> and the Alliance website at <u>https://nyc-ma-plus.empireblue.com/</u>.

We will continue to keep our retirees updated on any developments.

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

The next general membership meeting will be on Wednesday, December 8th, 6PM at El Caribe 5945 Strickland Avenue, Brooklyn

Hope everyone has a happy holiday

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



Dear Fellow Sergeant,

We are happy to report that we earned a victory from the NYS Supreme Court in our battle to challenge the manner in which the vaccine accommodation process has been administered by the City. This morning, Supreme Court Justice Frank Lyle issued an Order enjoining the City from issuing final decisions on the RA/MA applications until it provides each applicant with sufficient information regarding the reasons for the denial. In essence, because the City initially put out a form letter stating an application was "denied" with no further explanation of the reasons for the denial, the Court found that such a vague and unclear denial undermines the appeal process which requires "specific, articulated" reasons for the denial. Failure to provide such specific information makes it impossible for an applicant to effectively challenge the denial on appeal.

Notably, in the midst of this litigation, the City started using a more specific "check the box" denial form letter, which contains reasons why an applicant's religious accommodation application was denied. The Court found that the City's new form provided sufficient, specific information for purposes of the appeal; however, that form only applied to religious accommodation applications, and not medical accommodation applications. As a result, the Court enjoined the City from issuing final decisions on any medical accommodation requests unless and until those applications are denied with specific, detailed reasons as well.

The most important part of the decision is that the Court found that the "jab or job" ultimatum by the City constitutes irreparable harm. The Court ruled that the City's demand that MOS either get vaccinated or face leave without pay is distinguishable from other cases where financial compensation can be made. The Court held that the "jab or job" policy forces MOS to violate their sincerely held religious beliefs or go against medical advice and get the vaccine. The administration of the vaccine is irreversible – once received, it cannot be undone. As a result, the Court found that the City's policy constitutes irreparable harm.

While this is a victory for those members seeking religious or medical accommodations, it is a limited and temporary one. Once the City provides specific information explaining the reasons for an officer's denial, they may continue with the presently-instituted religious and medical accommodations appeal procedure, which could ultimately lead to a final denial and that member's "jab or job" decision.

In the event any member has been denied a religious accommodation without having received a specific reason for the denial from the City, they should expect to receive an updated denial letter with specific, articulated information explaining the reason for the denial. Once received, the member must re-file their appeal, and specifically challenge the identified reasons for the denial. Of course, if any member has any questions, you may call our attorneys at the Quinn Law Firm at (914) 997-0555 for further clarification of this process.

As always, stay safe. Fraternally,

Vincent J. Vallelong

President

Sergeants Benevolent Association



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

Delegates Overwhelmingly Approve Contract & Recommend Membership Ratification of Its Terms December 30, 2021

On Thursday, December 30, 2021, approximately 99% of DEA Delegates approved and voted in favor of sending the recently proposed contract to the full, active membership of the union for its ratification vote. The actual Delegate vote was 171 **YES**, with only two voting against the proposed contract.

Click on **the pdf file below** to read the four pages outlining the basic terms and conditions of the contract and the estimated amount of retroactive pay members can expect to receive upon ratification of this contract. This contract is for the period of 38 months, from April 1, 2019, until May 31, 2022. While other unions agreed to an extension of three or more months, the DEA was able to negotiate only a two-month extension to generate the additional 2.25% "community policing differential" (now called "service differential" in our contract). The DEA believes this contract is an excellent resolution to the current round of negotiations.

In the next few days, the DEA will be issuing more information about the specific terms and conditions of the contract, and will be recommending that members vote for its ratification. Information about voting will be sent out shortly via email.

Because of the widespread impact of the COVID-19 virus and its developing different strains, and the delays it has caused in the United States mail delivery system, with the approval of the Delegate body, the union is planning to hold the contract vote electronically. So, please make sure your email addresses are up-to-date. In the interim, feel free to contact your Delegate, Welfare Officer, or Trustee if you have any guestions or concerns.

We wish all of you a very happy holiday season and best wishes for a safe, healthy, and joyous New Year. We look forward to ringing in 2022 with a new contract and greater wages and working conditions for all our members. Click on the link to read the terms and conditions of the contract. https://www.nycdetectives.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Full-Terms-Conditions-of-Contract-4-Pages.pdf

Update Regarding the NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan December 15, 2021

New Date — Effective April 1, 2022

On December 14, 2021, Judge Lyle Frank issued a decision on the NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan lawsuit. As you know, the previously planned effective date had been January 1, 2022. However, Judge Frank decided to allow the program to move forward with a **revised start date of April 1, 2022.** The new program implementation date will be effective provided Judge Frank is satisfied that the appropriate outreach has been made to physicians and, in turn, communicated to retirees.

Furthermore, the Court agreed with the Municipal Labor Committee (MLC) and ordered that retirees be held harmless with respect to deductibles. Any payment towards deductibles that NYC retirees make before the new plan becomes effective on April 1, 2022 will count towards the annual deductible in the new NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan.

Also, any plan premiums for plans other than the new NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan will **not** go into effect until April 1, 2022, and will **not** be deducted from members' pension checks until that date. Member ID card mailings will be adjusted to correspond with the new April 1, 2022 date as well.

Lastly, the Court ruling will permit flexibility in retirees' decision-making during the transfer, and there will be a continuing opt-out and opt-in period until, at least, June 30, 2022.

The MLC Technical Committee on Health met with the City Office of Labor Relations, Emblem Health, and Empire Blue Cross / Blue Shield on December 15, 2021, and they are working on revised communications, including a corrected NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan Enrollment Guide and letters that will be posted on the City's OLR website as soon as they become available.

As always, the DEA will keep our members' apprised of any and all updates as soon as we receive the information.



December 19, 2021

PAROLE GRANTED TO MURDERER OF NYC'S FIRST WOMAN POLICE OFFICER KILLED IN LINE OF DUTY

Police Officer Irma "Fran" Lozada is part of a tragic piece of New York history. In 1984, she became the city's first woman police officer killed in the line of duty. Now, her sister and brother police officers are devastated by the news that her murderer has been granted parole release.

PBA President Patrick J. Lynch said: "Police Officer Lozada's sacrifice was a testament to the courage she shared with all New York City police officers, regardless of gender, race or creed. The release of her killer is a blow to every cop who puts her life on the line to stop criminals from preying on innocent New Yorkers. We continue to urge Governor Hochul and the State Legislature to fix our broken parole system before another hero's sacrifice is dishonored."

P.O. Lozada joined the NYC Transit Police Department, then a separate agency from the NYPD, in 1981. She was assigned to Transit District 33 in Brooklyn and was working in plainclothes on September 21, 1984 when she and her partner witnessed Darryl Jeter rip a chain off the neck of a rider at the Wilson Avenue stop of the L subway line.

P.O. Lozada and her partner gave chase but became separated. P.O. Lozada caught up with Jeter alone and was shot twice in the head in the ensuing struggle. Her body was recovered hours later amid the tall weeds and garbage in a vacant lot. She was 25 years old.

Jeter was convicted of second-degree murder and given a sentence of 32.5 years to life, prior to the enactment of PBA-backed legislation that made life without parole the top sentencing option for cop-killers. Jeter had served just over 36 years of his sentence before he was granted parole release earlier this month, according to NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision records.

Jeter is at least the 23rd cop-killer released by the Parole Board in under two years.

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December 14, 2021

PBA STATEMENT ON ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHIEF KEECHANT SEWELL AS NEXT NYC POLICE COMMISSIONER

"We welcome Chief Sewell to the second-toughest policing job in America. The toughest, of course, is being an NYPD cop on the street. New York City police officers have passed our breaking point. We need to fix that break in order to get our police department and our city back on course. We look forward to working with her to accomplish that goal."

http://www.nycpba.org/press-releases/2021/pba-statement-on-announcement-of-chief-keechant-sewell-as-next-nyc-police-commissioner/

December 11, 2021

JOYOUS RETURN FOR HOLIDAY PARTY FOR FAMILIES OF FALLEN POLICE OFFICERS

Joy and laughter filled the room-along with kids, parents, uniformed police officers and canine cops- at the return of the New York City Police Benevolent Association's Widows' and Children's Holiday Party. This treasured annual tradition, held this year at Russo's on the Bay in Howard Beach was cancelled last year by COVID but resumed in full merriment with dozens of families of police officers killed in the line of duty. The NYPD Emerald Society Pipes and Drums band marched in escorting Santa Claus.

Watch video: http://www.nycpba.org/news-items/pba-video/2021/families-of-fallen-heroes-celebrate-the-holidays/

PBA President Patrick J. Lynch said:

"This is our way of saying thanks to these hero families — not for the sacrifices they've made, but for the strength they show every day. When New York City police officers turn out from our stationhouses, we walk past portraits and plaques of these fallen heroes. Knowing that their families have the strength and courage to carry on despite their pain gives us the strength and courage to do our job and protect this city."

The entertainment featured something for everyone, including costumed characters, jugglers, face painting, magicians, NYPD horses, motorcycles and the holiday classic: family photos with Santa.

December 10, 2021

PBA ON MAYOR'S COMMENTS ON BRIAN LEHRER

PBA President Patrick J. Lynch said:

"At the exact moment people were chanting in the streets for 'dead cops,' Mayor de Blasio chose to turn up the rhetorical heat and suggest that police officers should be feared and hated. We all know what happened next. In three weeks, he'll be gone. New York City police officers will still be on the street, trying to reclaim this city from violence. We're focused on the future."



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.



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

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

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

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MANTOOTH, GREGORY A MD	5815 BLAKENEY PARK DR STE 100 CHARLOTTE NC 28277 (704) 542-2220	Plastic Surgery
NESS, DANIEL T MD	959 COX RD GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 866-7576	Plastic Surgery
EMERSON, ERIC T MD	649 N NEW HOPE RD GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 866-4005	Plastic Surgery
TIMMONS, BENSON E IV MD	649 N NEW HOPE RD GASTONIA NC 28054 (704) 866-4005	Plastic Surgery
SWANK, GREGORY M MD	315 19TH ST SE HICKORY NC 28602 (828) 325-9849	Plastic Surgery
LIESMAN, ROBERT M DPM	2115 E 7TH ST STE 102 CHARLOTTE NC 28204 (704) 442-8433	Podiatric Surgery
AFULUKWE, IFEDIORA F MD	209 S COLLEGE ST HEATH SPRINGS SC 29058 (803) 273-4018	Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Diseases
ERB, DAVID R MD	1529 N LIMESTONE ST GAFFNEY SC 29340 (864) 487-9931	Pulmonary Diseases
DE LA CRUZ, LUIS I MD	1529 N LIMESTONE ST STE B GAFFNEY SC 29340 (864) 487-9931	Pulmonary Diseases
BOSCIA, JOSEPH A III MD	1005 THOMPSON BLVD UNION SC 29379	Pulmonary Diseases
FORD, PETER F MD	7800 PROVIDENCE RD STE 209 CHARLOTTE NC 28226 (704) 544-7535	Vascular Surgery, General Surgery
MINUTE CLINIC OF NORTH CAROLINA See Other Locations	4100 CARMEL ROAD CHARLOTTE NC 28226 (866) 389-2727	Urgent Care
MINUTE CLINIC OF NORTH CAROLINA See Other Locations	3310 SISKEY PARKWAY MATTHEEWS NC 28105 (866-389-2727	Urgent Care
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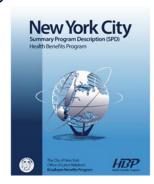
Emblem Health/GHI PARTICIPATING LABORTORIES UPDATED 10/11/20

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

LABORATORY NAME	PLANS COVERED	PHONE NUMBER	WEBSITE
ROUTINE CLINICAL LABORATORY	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
DIALYSISTESTING	,	'	1
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/PATHOL	.OGY		
Quest Diagnostics, Inc.	All Plans*	866-697-8378	questdiagnostics.com
NEUROLOGY/PATHOLOGY			
Quest Diagnostics, Inc.	All Plans*	866-697-8378	questdiagnostics.com
PAIN MANAGEMENT			1
Quest Diagnostics, Inc.	All Plans*	866-697-8378	questdiagnostics.com
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UROLOGY/PATHOLOGY			
Quest Diagnostics, Inc.	All Plans*	866-697-8378	questdiagnostics.com
AmeriPath New York	All Plans*	866-393-7434	ameripath.com

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

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



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

Thanks to Club Trustee Dennis Cirillo here is a link to the New York City Summary Program Description Health Benefits Program https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/health/health-full-spd.pdf
The handbook contains information of all of the medical coverage provided to NYC employees and retirees covered by GHI Comprehensive Benefits Plan.

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

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

The below information is listed on their respective websites.

SOC

Members must incur out-of-pocket expenses of more than \$3000.00 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 \$3,000.00 of out-of-pocket to qualify. 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 \$3,000 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.

SBA GHI Catastrophic Coverage continued.....

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

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

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

The catastrophic coverage benefit

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

Benefit limits and maximums

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

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

Services or charges not covered by the catastrophic benefit

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

Submitting an SBA catastrophic benefit claim

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

https://private.sbanypd.nyc/wp-content/uploads/documents/benefits/catastrophic-coverage-benefit-claim-form.pdf

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

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

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

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

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

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



NYC Health Benefits Program

City Coverage for Medicare-Eligible Retirees

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

Medicare Enrollment

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

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

Medicare Part B Reimbursement

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

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

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

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

Learn More about Medicare Part B Reimbursement

Medicare Part B Reimbursement Program Application

2019 Medicare Part B Reimbursement Differential Request Form

2018 Medicare Part B Reimbursement Differential Request Form

2017 Medicare Part B Reimbursement Differential Request Form

2019 Medicare Part B Premium Reimbursement ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Question: What if my bank account information changes?

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

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

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

IRMAA Medicare Part B Reimbursement

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

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



HR-218 Qualifications

Lt. Robert Lukach, Lincoln Co. Sheriff's Office will conduct qualifications at our convenience, Monday - Saturday at 700 John Howell Memorial Dr. Lincolnton, NC 28092. Cost is \$50. Lt. Lukach can be contacted at 980-241-4835.

Eagle Gun Range, 3789 Roberta Church Rd SW, Concord, NC 28027. Space is limited due to COVID-19. Contact Mike Boger: wrthawg@yahoo.com or 704-699-4790 for further information.

Tega Cay, SC https://www.tegacaysc.org/DocumentCenter/View/12659/HR-218-Application. You must also submit a copy of your current retired Law Enforcement picture credentials.

The completed forms and copy of credentials need to be emailed to SPO Steven Timbs at STimbs@tegacaysc.gov



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

THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF CARRYING A CONCEALED HANDGUN IN NC

- 1. Your permit to carry a concealed handgun must be carried along with valid identification whenever the handgun is being carried concealed.
- 2. When approached or addressed by any officer, you must disclose the fact that you have a valid concealed handgun permit and inform the officer that you are in possession of a concealed handgun. You should not attempt to draw or display either your weapon or your permit to the officer unless and until he/she directs you to do so. Your hands are to be kept in plain view and you are not to make any sudden movements.
- 3. At the request of any law enforcement officer, you must display both the permit and valid identification.
- 4. You may not, with or without a permit, carry a concealed weapon while consuming alcohol or while alcohol or any substance, controlled or otherwise, is in your blood unless the substance was obtained legally and taken in therapeutically appropriate amounts.
- 5. You must notify the Sheriff who issued the permit of any address change within thirty (30) days of the change of address.
- 6. If a permit is lost or destroyed, you must notify the sheriff who issued the permit and you may receive a duplicate permit by submitting a notarized statement to that effect along with the required fee. Do not carry a handgun without it.
- 7. Even with a permit, you may not carry a concealed handgun in the following areas: a) Any law enforcement or correctional facility; b) Any space occupied by state or federal employees; c) Any premises where the carrying of a concealed handgun is prohibited by the posting of a statement by the controller of the premises; d) Public educational property, however, a permittee may secure a handgun in a locked vehicle; e) Areas of assemblies or demonstrations; f) State occupied property; g) Any state or federal courthouse; h) Any area prohibited by federal law; i) Any local government building if the local government had adopted an ordinance and posted signs prohibiting the carrying of concealed weapons. 8. If you are in a vehicle and stopped by a law enforcement officer, you should put both hands on the steering wheel, announce you are in possession of a concealed handgun and state where you have it concealed, and that you are in possession of a permit. Do not remove your hands from the wheel until instructed to do so by the officer.

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 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

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

(Hopefully Not Needed For A Long Time)

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

I. PREPARATIONS BEFOREHAND

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

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

1. NYC Police Pension Fund (either in writing or by telephone)

233 Broadway, 25th Floor New York, New York 10279

Attention: Retiree Death Benefits Unit

Telephone (212) 693-5607/5919

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

- Police Officers Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (PBA) at (212) 233-5531
- Detectives Detectives' Endowment Association (DEA) at (212) 587-9120
- Sergeants Sergeant's Benevolent Association (SBA at (212) 431-6555
- Lieutenants and above Superior Officers Council (SOC) at (212) 964-7500
- Contact the NYC Health Benefits Program for Special Continuation of Coverage application (coverage for life) located at 40 Rector Street, 3rd Floor, New York 10006 (212) 513-0470.
- Contact the NYPD Operations Unit located at One Police Plaza at (646) 610-5580, for pall bearers (Funeral Director will usually do this for you) for all five boroughs, all of Long Island and Upstate New York, but not beyond Dutchess County.
- 4. Contact Social Security: (800) 772-1213 (Funeral Director will usually do this for you).
- 5. Contact Fraternal Organizations to arrange for visitors, Color Guard and possible insurance benefits.

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

 Call: NYC Employee Benefits (212) 513-0470

THIS INFORMATION PERTAINS TO COBRA

Police Officers & Firefighter surviving spouses are to follow this procedure

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

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

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

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

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

THINGS YOU WILL NEED

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

Pension Bureau

Veterans Administration (if a veteran)

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

Court (If probate is needed).

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

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

Personal Records.

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

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE (With Official Raised Seal):

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

Veterans Administration, if a veteran.

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY or LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION:

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

One for each bank account

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

DISCHARGE PAPERS: DD 214 - (Original needed)

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

Veterans Administration, if a veteran

PAID FUNERAL BILLS:

1 copy for Pension Bureau

1 copy for Probate Court

1 copy for IRS, if taxable estate.

OTHER THINGS THAT MAY APPLY (usually after burial)

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

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

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

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

Notify companies the person did business with.

Cancel credit cards, and close charge accounts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

COBRA INFO FOR SURVIVING SPOUSE

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

COBRA health benefits for surviving spouses.

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

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POLICE-MEN NEWS

Transfers-Appointments-News pertaining to those in blue

JANUARY 1882

2 January 1882

Officer DUGAN had his hand seriously cut and knee injured yesterday while stopping a runaway horse belonging to Joseph SCHNORR, 207 Green street.

A POLICEMAN INJURED

Officer Robert WALKER, of the Fourth Precinct, had his right foot severely injured this morning while returning from post by falling off the frontplatform of Myrtle avenue car No. 130. He was taken to the City Hospital.

A POLICEMAN BEATEN

A crowd of ruffians at three o'clock this morning beat Officer WOOLSAKE, of the Fourth Precinct, while he was doing special duty in citizen's clothes at the corner of Myrtle and Hudson avenue.

3 January 1882

POLICEMAN ARRESTED FOR DRUNKENESS

Roundsman DOWNEY, of the Third Precinct, for intoxication arrested BERNARD REILLY a police officer, who lives at No. 486 Degraw Street, on Sunday night. REILLY was so much under the influence of liquor as to be helpless and had to be taken to the station in a wagon.

Greenpoint Items.

Martin GERKEN, of 134 Norman Avenue, who was appointed on the police force by Commissioner JOURCAN on Saturday reported for duty at the Seventh Precinct Station-house on the 1st. inst.

Arthur DUGAN, a patrolman attached to the Seventh Precinct Station-house, and against whom four charges of drunkenness are now pending before the commissioner sent his shield to the station-house on Saturday evening and resigned from the force.

5 January 1882

DISMISSED A. Third Precinct Police Officer who was Arrested for Drunkenness. Officer Bernard RILEY, of the Third precinct, was found helplessly drunk on Monday morning by Roundsman DOWNEY. RILEY was taken to the station-house in a wagon being unable to walk. These facts were related to Police Commissioner JOURDAN yesterday. The roundsman also swore that RILEY attempted to assault him in the station-house. This the officer denied. He said he had been invited by a friend to have a New Year drink, and that he took two glasses of whiskey. Commissioner JOURDAN dismissed RILEY from the force.

24 January 1882

FLAMES--A Policeman's Gallant Rescue of Children

Six Little Ones Saved from Death, the Result of an Explosion of Kerosene, A kerosene lamp in the apartment o Bridget WHELEHAN, at No. 142 GrandAvenue, exploded about a quarter before four o'clock this morning, setting fire to the building, a two story frame structure. The WHELEHAN family occupied the top floor, where John LOFTUS, a son in law also resides. The flames spread quickly, owing to the strong wind which was blowing, and soon enveloped the upper part of the house. Officer Wm. KNIPE of the fourth Precinct, who was in the neighborhood, ran to the scene, and upon being informed there were sleeping children on the top floor, made his way upstairs. In so doing he placed himself in jeopardy, but thinking of the children he made his way to the room in which they were sleeping, and in which the fire burned fiercely, and after much effort, resulting from being obliged to make several trips to the room, he succeeded in safely removing them. The children were six in number, ranging in age from 2 to 14 years. The children were those of Mr.LOFTUS. The building was damaged \$500 and is not insured. The damage to the furniture is \$200, which is covered by insurance.

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POLICE-MEN NEWS

25 January 1882 OFFICER KNIPE 'S BRAVERY.

A Special Report of the Fire in Grand Avenue Yesterday. The Officer to be Commended by Commissioner JOURDAN.

In accordance with an order made by Superintendent of Police, CAMPBELL, Captain WILLMARTH, of the Fourth Precinct, has forwarded the following report in regard to the action of Officer KNIPE at the fire at No. 142 Grand Avenue yesterday morning:

Patrolman Wm. KNIPE, of my command, reported that at 3:40 A.M., while on patrol duty, he discovered smoke issuing from the second story of 142 Grand Avenue. He immediately ran there and entered the front door and ran up stairs to the second story, where the smoke was so dense that it drove him back. He then entered the room on the first floor and helped Mrs. Bridget WHELEHAN, who occupied the floor, to the street, and then made another attempt to get into the rooms on the second floor, but was driven back by smoke. He returned to the sidewalk, when a small boy told him there were children on the second floor. He then made another attempt to enter the rooms, when he heard a man's voice calling him to come and help him for God's sake! But the fire was burning so fiercely that he could not get into the room. He left went to the sidewalk where Mr. John LOFTUS, who occupied the second floor, broke the window and threw his six children out to him. He caught the children in his arms. He then assisted Mr. LOFTUS and his wife out of the window, which is ten feet from the sidewalk. The parties were all uninjured. The upper part of the house was badly burned and without the officer's assistance the fire might have been fatal to some of the occupants. The children's ages range from 2 to 14 years. The officer's mustache was slightly scorched. I think the officer's action in the matter very commendable.

Commissioner JOURDAN is to issue an order commending Officer KNIPE'S bravery at the fire.

DEATH OF A POLICE OFFICER:

Patrolman John HURST, of the Second Precinct, who has been connected with the police force for a number of years, died yesterday.

At a meeting of officers and patrolmen of the precinct at the station house yesterday afternoon, Captain CRAFTS in the chair and Sergeant MORRELL recording, the following resolution, reported by a committee, consisting of Sergeant Joseph CARROUGHER and Patrolman Francis EARLEY and John KEARNEY, were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, It has pleased the Almighty God in His divine providence to take from us our beloved companion and fellow patrolman, John HURST, a member of the police force for over five years.

Resolved, That, while we deeply mourn his death, we offer to his family in this their sad bereavement our heartfelt sympathy, assuring, them that, while they have lost a beloved son and the orphans left fatherless, we have lost a friend in our brother officer.

Resolved, That we attend the funeral in a body and that the station house be draped with the usual badge of mourning for thirty days and that a copy of the foregoing resolution bepresented to the bereaved family and published in the Union Argus.

An Ex-Policeman Breaks His Wife's Arm's, An Unenviable Record. Edward FITZSIMMONS, an ex police officer yesterday brutally beat his wife Winnifred with a club, breaking one of her arms. He was arrested for the offense, and today committed to jail for examination by Justice BERGEN. FITZSIMMONS was removed from the force for cowardice and neglect of duty in connection with the assault on a Republican torchlight procession during the campaign of 1880. He appealed to the courts and was reinstated. A few weeks ago he was again dismissed, then for beating his wife and for being drunk. There were seven charges against him.

It is said that the prisoner neglects to take proper care of his five children and the society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children are inquiring into the matter.



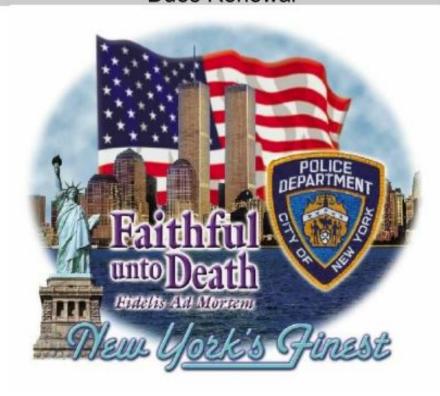
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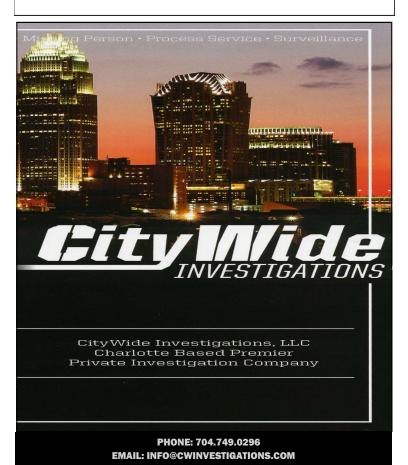
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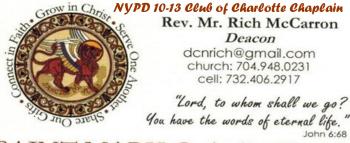




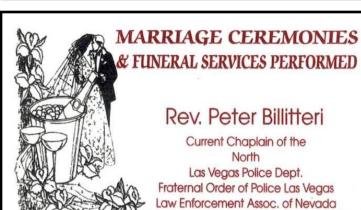
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