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## **From the Editor...**

by Brian Engelhardt

On Thursday Dec. 4th the PBA is holding its annual Holiday party at The Long Island Marriott in Uniondale at 8pm. All members of the PBA, active or retired, full or associate are welcome to attend. The night starts off with the Nassau Co. Emerald Society Pipe Band and continues with guest speakers and presentations to the PBA's honorees which include our TOP COPS. The awards this year include Distinguished Service, Meritorious, Lifesaving, Humanitarian, Overall, Detective and Supervisor of the Year. There's a video production which includes two ten foot screens for the presentations. Honorees, with their families by their side, are honored by their peers and supervisors. Each individual event is portrayed by a narrator and complimented by video on the screens. It's a special night to hear the excellent job done, time and again, by our police officers. And when the awards are finished there's dinner and friends. This is the time when you meet everyone who went in different directions upon graduation from the academy, from your command who was promoted or transferred or just friends that you've made in your career. Take the time, be involved you'll enjoy it.

## **First Vice President's Report**

by Kevin Tobin

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy and healthy Holiday season. May you also have a prosperous New Year. I realize in these fiscal times, that may be a chore, but I am sure you will do the best you can.

This has been an interesting year to say the least. I would like to say thank you for your support on the contract extension; there were countless hours and hard work that went into this agreement. Much of the gratitude goes to your trustees and delegates, who without their input and support, and you the membership, who had told us your concerns during the year, on issues that you felt needed to be addressed. This could have never been accomplished without the hard work of Jim Carver. We in the PBA are only effective when your representatives bring your issues to us. We need to continue this very successful flow of information to continue to be in the forefront.

One only has to see on a monthly basis the issues that are being addressed. Please check our website to stay informed. To list a few examples, I have put into this newsletter a synopsis of issues and grievances filed on behalf of the members in various commands throughout the county.

To date we have been forced to file 18 grievances this year alone. We are still trying to resolve a multitude of grievances

from last year and prior years. This effort is not for lack of trying on the PBA's part. It becomes one of, once again in many of these issues, anyone who feels they know how to interpret the contract, does just that. There is no accountability to higher police dept. officials when they misinterpret the contract, at great cost to the county I might add.

Recently, the commissioner saw fit to have a meeting with myself, Jim Carver and John Lasala (chairman of the board of trustees), and the director of labor relations from the county. The Chief of the Department and 1st Deputy Commissioner were also in attendance. This was, from my perspective, one of the first times there was an active and somewhat productive meeting to begin to resolve the outstanding issues. It has taken us a number of years to get to this point. We explained the problems that we are dealing with on a day-to-day basis, and how we wind up with so many grievances. We did have an exchange of ideas and believe it or not were able to come to a resolution on a few.

We know the pressure the department is receiving from the county administration regarding their budget crisis. We also explained that this is NOT a 9-5 job. It takes money to run a police department, and we are not about to sacrifice our cops' safety, or the public for that matter in the name of the almighty dollar.

This article in no way is attacking anyone, as some may want to spin it. There is a feeling, it is time for the police administration to stand up and say that there are limitations on what they are expected to cut back on. No one should expect the unions to constantly fight all the fights when it comes to dismantling this department. We will not sit back idly and let it happen. We, and I mean everyone, inclusive of all upper management must take that argument to the county. We can't be told on a regular basis, "We are doing all we can." Look and see the suggestions, or the results that are coming our way that affect police officers in a detrimental way. The result has to be, that we preserve a department that is second to none in the country. If that is too big a task then maybe it is time to reevaluate those positions.

This in no way should be interpreted as saying no one cares but the PBA, not at all. We all realize that these are difficult times not only in Nassau County but nationwide. We need to understand the complexity of this budget crisis. We must never sacrifice our belief to have the courage of our convictions. This now leads me into my next issue.

For those who are not aware of the procedure that is in place regarding labor issues, for the PBA and the department, when an issue or a contract violation is not able to be resolved in a certain command, and the trustee brings that to our attention, we MUST go forward. A large part of that procedure begins when the PBA brings that issue to the attention to the 1st Deputy Commissioner of Police. This is the way we were asked to proceed by the commissioner. When that takes place, it in no way is to undermine or, step on any ones toes. It is the process that is in place. This works for labor and management alike. If management is unhappy

with that process, the proper forum is to bring that to the attention of Commissioner Mulvey. The reason for this process is to try and have an open exchange on how to resolve issues. The person who has been appointed to that position is 1st Deputy Commissioner McGuigan. All must remember there are contractual time limits to the filing of different grievances.

Although I have heard a million times that the PBA should pick its battles. We do not pick and choose. We only file after careful consideration of the violation. All of this being said I have put into this article an update of the outstanding issues. If anyone would like to get any information on a specific grievance or Perb action, please feel free to call me and I will be happy to update you.

### **STATUS OF CONTRACT GRIEVANCES & IMPROPER PRACTICE CHARGES**

Below is a brief update on contract grievances and improper practices. We have and will continue to inform you of agreements or other resolutions as they are reached. Your PBA continues to fight hard to protect your rights and benefits. Questions about specific matters are directed to the PBA office.

### **PRE-2007 GRIEVANCES AND IMPROPER PRACTICE CHARGE**

As of my last report to you, there were 10 open matters (9 grievances and 1 improper practice charge) filed prior to 2007. We have been successful in reaching tentative resolutions in 3 of the grievances and the 1 improper practice charge. Several hearings have been held so far in one of the remaining grievances, another grievance has been assigned to an arbitrator, and the rest of the grievances (all 4) have been consolidated so that only one set of hearings is necessary.

### **2007 GRIEVANCES**

10 grievances were filed in 2007. The PBA has reached a resolution in 4 of those grievances. Several hearings have been held in one of the remaining grievances, with two more dates scheduled in the next six weeks. Two other grievances have been assigned to arbitrators. And we are working on agreements to resolve the rest of the grievances without the need for arbitration.

### **2008 GRIEVANCES AND IMPROPER PRACTICE CHARGE(S)**

As of the date this report was prepared, 17 grievances and 1 improper practice charge have been filed in 2008. Of those 18 matters, we have resolved or reached tentative agreements on 9 grievances (or half of those matters filed this year). We have been discussing and will continue to discuss resolutions in the remaining matters and are hopeful that we will be able to reach conclusions that are fair and consistent with our contract.

## **CONCLUSION**

In total, 17 grievances and/or improper practice charges have been resolved or tentatively resolved through MOA, Stipulation, or agreement. Hearings in three grievances have begun. And the remaining matters have either been consolidated, assigned to an arbitrator, and/or are awaiting dates to be scheduled for hearings.

## **The 4th Annual PBA Team Championship**

Congratulations go out to the 6th Pct. team on their successful defense of the Team Golf Championship. This year's event was held on September 12th at The Middle Island Country Club. Despite some rather nasty weather the last hour or so, all the matches were completed. The 6th Pct. completed the 3-peat by defeating the F-Troop team from the 4th by a single point. The F-Troop team which won the inaugural title came within just a few strokes of winning this year. One of the 2 detectives' teams finished tied with F-Troop for second with the First Pct finishing just 1/2 point back in 4th. Only a halfpoint back of the First was the Third who finished a very close 5th.

This championship brought 140 golfers from 10 commands together in a fun, yet very competitive event. However even more important was the fact that in this one day, we raised almost \$4,700 for the Baribault Foundation. We would also like to thank the friends of our championship listed below. Without their generosity it would have been impossible to have so much success.

If your command does not have a team (2nd and 7th pcts) please consider joining in, this is a great event and I hope to continue the charity portion of the event. Next year's event is tentatively scheduled for September 18th.

### **THE FOURTH ANNUAL PBA GOLF CHAMPSHIP**

We would like to thank the following for their assistance with our event

The management and staff of the Middle Island C.C.

The management and staff of the Mill House Inn

James Carver, Bobby Rettinger, Joe Failla

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## Legal Report

by Milan Rada, Esq.

During the holiday season, sentimental thoughts naturally turn to family, friends, gift giving and good and warm times spent in the company of the people we love and who make life worthwhile. It is with this in mind that I implore you to take the time to think of yourself and the security of your family and to do something which will take care of you in the event of a serious injury resulting from a car accident.

I beg that, as you read this Legal Report, you take out your personal automobile policy and make sure you have underinsured coverage. What is underinsurance coverage and what does it do? I'll answer this question with a "war story" from my law practice. We represented a cop who was very seriously injured in a car accident. His injuries were so serious that they were regarded as career ending. An application for 3/4 accidental disability retirement benefits was submitted. The car that hit our client's RMP carried only \$100,000.00 liability insurance, which is the limit on the amount of money available from insurance as compensation to our client from a lawsuit. Assume that our client had injuries that were grave enough to warrant compensation in the sum of \$500,000.00. Assume further that our client did not have underinsurance on his own policy. In this scenario our client's recovery, from a practical point of view, is limited to \$100,000.00, despite the fact that this sum falls far short of adequately and fairly compensating our client for his injuries.

Our client could have protected himself and his family if he had purchased underinsurance coverage for himself. When you buy underinsurance coverage you provide a level of protection for yourself above and beyond the coverage carried by the driver who hits you and causes your injury. To get back to my client's example, assume that he carried \$300,000.00 liability and \$300,000.00 underinsurance on his personal automobile policy. If he collected the full \$100,000.00 from the other driver's insurance policy and he was awarded \$500,000.00, he could then go after his own insurance policy, pursuant to the underinsured provision, for \$200,000.00, which represents the difference between his underinsurance amount and the amount being paid by the other driver. You can only purchase underinsurance up to the limit of your own car insurance policy.

Whenever any members of my firm or I give lectures or seminars on Workers' Compensation or disability retirement benefits, we always mention underinsurance coverage. Obviously we have not reached enough of you. I hope that all of you will now recognize the importance of having underinsurance coverage and that you will purchase it, or increase the amount you have, immediately if you do not have it. While uninsured motorist coverage is required by law, underinsurance coverage is not. You have to ask for it and pay separately for it. It is not expensive, especially considering its value in the event of a serious car accident with a motorist who carries minimum liability coverage.

At a recent seminar, my partner, Richard Brandenstein, Esq., was asked whether an umbrella policy you might have acts in the same way as an underinsurance provision. It does not. Your umbrella policy will protect you in the event that you cause injury to someone else and you are sued for damages; it does not cover you when you have been injured in a car accident and the driver who injures you is not adequately insured to cover your injuries.

Switching to the world of 3/4 accidental disability retirement, in a recent case, a Port Authority of New York/New Jersey police officer, who also belongs to the New York State Police and Fire Retirement System, filed concurrent applications for 3/4 accidental disability retirement benefits and 1/2 performance of duty disability benefits. The applications were filed on October 25, 2007 and fully favorable decisions on both applications were made on October 16, 2008. The Retirement System found that both of the cop's injuries were "accidents" within the meaning of the law, so as to qualify him for the 3/4 disability benefit. The accidents were described in this way: 1) "On April 20, 2005, while on duty and at work, walking toward the ramp area [at JFK airport], my right foot became entangled in a protruding coil of hose, causing me to trip and fall and injure my back". 2) "On February 17, 2007, while on duty and at work, walking toward the side rear door of building 269, I accidentally slipped on black ice causing me to fall, resulting in injury to my neck, left shoulder and additional injuries to my back".

Applications for both 3/4 accidental disability and 1/2

performance of duty disability benefits were filed in the event that the Retirement System might have determined that either one or both of the injuries were not "accidents". The police officer was very significantly injured and he simply could not work anymore. He needed to establish his disability and did not have the luxury of filing for 1/2 performance of duty after a 3/4 accidental denial, if that happened.

I have often been asked about the strategy of filing for both benefits at the same time. Clients have wondered if by filing both applications the Retirement System is being signaled there is concern over the "accident" issue. Other clients have asked whether the filing of both applications invites the Retirement System to simply deny the higher and better 3/4 accidental benefit and instead award the lesser 1/2 performance of duty benefit.

Over the course of 20 years representing members of the PBA in disability matters, I have had many disagreements with the Retirement System. I still do and I am currently involved in litigation concerning the Retirement System's failure to publish its policies, as it is required to do. However, although many cases are being denied for "no accident", filing a 1/2 performance of duty application along with the 3/4 accidental one, has not been detrimental. As for awarding the lesser benefit, this will happen only if the Retirement System agrees that the cop is disabled, but not due to an accident. Essentially, if it **IS** an accident, the concurrently filed 1/2 performance of duty application will not dissuade the Retirement System from making the right decision. Further, if it **IS** an accident and disability is found to exist, the Retirement System will approve both benefits and the cop is free to select the higher benefit.

The following injury was found NOT to be an accident by the Retirement System: "While on duty and at work, the police officer was assisting in searching a combative arrestee when the arrestee spit at the cop. The cop washed sputum from his right arm and face. Further, the cop reports that during the struggle the cop twisted his right wrist and is now experiencing pain in his wrist and soreness to his elbow. The cop also is experiencing loss of movement and strength in his right arm".

The following injury was also found NOT to be an accident by the Retirement System: "While on duty and at work, in the course of gaining control of a mentally disturbed, violent individual, it was necessary to use physical force. In this event, two other police officers and two AMTs were assisting when the momentum of using force caused me to fall onto the wood bed frame on my back and everyone else fell on top of me, causing my injury".

On another note, I am collecting PBA cards for the years we have proudly served as official PBA disability counsel. I am missing 1988 and 1989. If you can get me these cards, I am deeply appreciative and I will acknowledge your contribution to my collection in the next PBA Legal Report.

On behalf of my partners, Victor Fusco, Esq., and Richard Brandenstein, Esq., and the entire staff of the law firm, we

wish all of you and your families and friends a wonderful holiday season!!

"Stay safe out there".

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Doctor:

You are treating \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Rank) (Name) (Serial #)

a member of the Nassau County Police Department, who is providing you with this form and who was on sick leave from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. It has come to our attention that many doctors do not know that a Restricted Assignment may be available to members of the Department. Restricted Assignment is a status authorized by the Police Surgeon. The work assignments can be administrative or clerical in nature, (e.g. sitting at a desk with ability to change position at will). The only prohibition is on reclining while on duty. Feet or legs may be elevated. Brace, crutches and other devices may be used. Medications for symptoms control may be taken. Prisoner contact is not required. Driving is **NOT** a requirement. With these factors in mind, would you please provide the Department with the following information.

Please provide the specific PHYSICAL limitations which prohibit a Restricted Assignment as described above during the dates the member was on sick leave:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please list medications and/or treatments prescribed for this occurrence:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

DIAGNOSIS:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Illness/Injury Started      Date Recovered or      Anticipated Return to Restricted Assignment

Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Provider Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Provider Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Physician's Signature  
(Stamp Not Acceptable)

# MAO / POLICE SURGEON QUESTIONNAIRE

In order to evaluate members' police surgeons visit and MAO investigation the PBA requests that the following information be provided:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SERIAL# \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF APPOINTMENT \_\_\_\_\_ COMMAND \_\_\_\_\_

SCHEDULED TIME OF APPOINTMENT \_\_\_\_\_ TIME SEEN \_\_\_\_\_

I# \_\_\_\_\_

EXAMINED BY (NAME OF SURGEON) \_\_\_\_\_

MAO SUPERVISOR VISITED (IF APPLICABLE) \_\_\_\_\_

1. Was a medical exam conducted? Yes    No

2. What did the medical exam consist of (What did the doctor do?) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Did the Police Surgeon perform any medical tests as part of the examination? (feel for spasm, test for sensory loss, use a tape to measure for atrophy, test for reflex loss, make you walk on heel/toes, test straight leg raising, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

4. How long did the medical exam take? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Were you ordered to either Restricted Duty or Full Duty? Yes    No

6. Was the Police Surgeon aware of the duties and responsibilities of your position before you were assigned back to full duty? Yes    No

7. If you were ordered back to work, who gave the order, Police Surgeon or MAO Supervisor? \_\_\_\_\_

7a Did this order conflict with any of your doctors evaluations? Yes    No

8. Do you feel the Police Surgeon treated you fairly and professionally? If not, please provide details. \_\_\_\_\_

9. Do you feel the MAO Supervisor / Staff treated you fairly and professionally? If not, please provide details. \_\_\_\_\_

10. Were you asked to complete any forms by the Police Surgeon? Yes    No  
If yes, what forms? \_\_\_\_\_

11. After completion of any forms, were you asked, ordered or in any way coerced into making any changes on any of the forms? Yes    No  
If yes what forms? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Did the Police Surgeon discuss your symptoms, such as pain that you might have? Yes    No  
Did you feel that this was a full and complete discussion? Yes    No

13. Did the Police Surgeon or MAO Supervisor make any suggestions that you seek treatment with any doctors or physical therapists? Yes    No

*If you feel that you were not treated professionally by any of the medical staff of the Police Surgeon's office, or MAO please complete the form and then contact a PBA representative.*



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WE NEED YOUR HELP TO RECRUIT

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#	NAME	STREET ADDRESS	TOWN/ZIP CODE	PHONE #	E-MAIL ADDRESS
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2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
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9					
10					

THE INFORMATION YOU SUPPLY IS GUARANTEED TO ONLY BE USED BY THE PBA FOR THE PURPOSE OF INFORMING THE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OF ANY CHANGES WITHIN THE NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT MAY EFFECT THEIR COMMUNITIES. THIS INFORMATION WILL NOT BE GIVEN, TRADED OR SOLD TO ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION FOR ANY REASON. OCCASIONALLY THE PBA WILL SEND THEM A LETTER AND/OR E-MAIL, (IF ADDRESS IS SUPPLIED), UPDATING THEM ON ANY INFORMATION THAT THE PBA FEELS MAY BE OF INTEREST TO THEM ABOUT A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE. AT THAT TIME THE PBA MAY ALSO REQUEST THEM TO WRITE A LETTER OR MAKE A PHONE CALL TO SUPPORT THE PBA'S POSITION TO KEEP THE PUBLIC SAFETY OF NASSAU COUNTY A NUMBER ON PRIORITY FOR ALL.

**PO-\_\_\_\_\_CMD-\_\_\_\_\_SERIAL#-\_\_\_\_\_**

**PLEASE BE SURE TO RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR PBA REP A.S.A.P.**



# First Precinct

by John Carroll

Greetings once again from the First Pct. The months are cruising by now with 2009 right around the corner. Most of the leaves have fallen and soon the trees will be gnarled and bare with the last vestiges of balmy weather squarely behind us. It seems as if the spare RMP's are disappearing faster than the fall foliage. I thought a Police Dept is supposed to have Police cars. I think I read that somewhere. Factor in that the mechanics are being removed or reassigned and it should make for a interesting new year. It just doesn't make any sense.

The Pct had a bit of a face lift recently. There were a few glitches but for the most part it will be a more efficient use of our space. Now we need vacuums for all the rugs.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

Dec 7th - Children's Christmas party.

Dec 14th - 1st pct Christmas party

See JB or Maureen for details

Dec 4th - PBA Christmas Party at the Uniondale Marriott

## MORE FIRST

by Maureen Mazur

The construction in the First is finished and the band-aid effect did not come out half bad. The arrest room, the time office, the supervisor's office, ladies restroom and the admin office all came out nicely.

The Police Department is up for major changes. The cutbacks will immensely hurt this department. I don't know how the First precinct will survive without the aide of our crossing guards and our mechanics. Do more with less, is the motto, but how much less is it going to be??????

Welcome to the precinct Sgt. Sodano on his 1-month stint at the 1st. Sgt. Sodano is a former 1st precinct cop who used to work in Merrick many moons ago.

## IS IT TRUE THAT????.

RMP 105 is wanted for questioning in connection with the vicious and unprovoked attack on PO Paloscio. Sofia told him, "You got rocked dude".

Provenzano is moving to Italy to open up a winery?

## WHAT P.O???

Claims that God doesn't love him after seeing Poulos with his girlfriend?

Former 1st pct member is out on sick leave because he broke his buttock!

Wants to get into politics but couldn't understand the new laptop computer for the RMP's.

Goes by the name of Numb-nuts?

Squad 3 member that doesn't respond to priority calls on his post, even when the call is for a family inside a burning

home.

Said to D'Alto, "Don't make me hit you with my rubber gun."

(Female) Has a mouth like a truck driver.

Made up a game called "Wyoming".

When he found out he had 2 more make-up days to schedule by the end of the year, looked like he was going to pass out.

Is being called Sarge by his fellow squad members because he studied so much.

Requests to be in the newsletter?

## WHAT ROOKIE ???

Refers to himself as abnormal?

## WHAT LT??..

Rewards his squad members with transports.

## WHAT SGT ???

Refers to everyone as Highway.

## CONGRATS

Clams Casino on his addition to the clam nest!

Tom Wigand on his newest addition.

## WAIT 'TIL THE CHRISTMAS PARTY !!!!!

PO Paloscio and PO Brevogel are planning on singing their new hit song for the entire pct. It's called, "I fought the door and the door won".

## TOWER OF BABBLE

by Brian Kletchka

Greetings. Salutations. Hey, how you doin? The Tower has been shuttered these past few months. I know that the absence has been devastating. I feel your loss most acutely.

"Riches do not exhilarate us so much with their possession as they torment us with their loss."

One must concur with the above statement from Greek philosopher Epicurus. Would I equate my Tower rambling as riches that could be measured as currency? No. Only coin of my realm is the convoluted and obscure.

Okay, enough of my faux hubris. (Yes, back-of-cereal box readers, break out the Webster-Meridian)

When this is published, it will be the month of December. Deck the Halls time or deck anyone who keeps droning on about question 32 on the Sergeant's test. All I can say is go have a cream soda and a sandwich, Mike Maloney, or I'll stab you through the \*%\$#@\*% heart with my pencil.

Speaking of the Sgt's test, I know those who have taken it anxiously await the results. Will the time spent studying actually pay off? Or was it a VERY LUCKY and MAGICAL Saturday for those who did not crack a book or glance at a Department Order?

Side-note: The question about who the Incident

Commander is at the scene of a Critical Incident, is NOT Nick Stillman. I fear most of us who work in the first pct might have dropped that question on the first 40.

### **MORE SGT. TEST NEWS**

Ciaccio spent about 25 grand on the test. I hope the Job gives you a receipt, Dan. Good luck claiming that on your '08 taxes.

Sean Mulligan bought out all the Sharpie Hi-lighters in Staples in Williston Park. He had the whole ROYGBIV spectrum going on in his 5 subject notebooks. I didn't know that Assault 3 had 17 sub-divisions and could look so pretty.

Corporal Greulich states 4th time is indeed the charm. So he says, via intense consults with Capt Morgan.

George Mullins Lives!

Well, we all know that. many of us have gone to the PTS sessions or subscribed to the home study course and have listened to George on the various CDs in the car or on the Ipod while on the treadmill ( Ha! Not me! Not gonna risk the Big One for ANY test!)or for semi-neo Luddites like me, co-opted their daughter's Disney Princess CD player.

I believe our Sean Mulligan had put together a study course of his own shortly after the Test. I give the big fella credit. He thought out-side of the Chevron box. I fear PTS has some serious competition on its hands or may sue for copy-right infringement. Dunno which. So, sit back, close your eyes and hear the mellifluous voice of Sean ÷ Big Head-cause its crammed full of knowledge, not hot-dogs' Mulligan:

"This is Sean Mulligan and this is Session One in my 47 week tutorial for Promotion. There is a whole lotta good STUFF in this session and I can tell you, I've been in this business for 180 days, and the examiners, in their infinite wisdom, could have a field day with all the material that you need to commit to memory.

So, with that in mind. The Study Guide? Fluff. Toss it. It will just bog you down in factual detail and general competency. As What's-his-name -who -wrote- that- book-Dude, Provolone, I think, said: Competency and Facts in a tall organization are primacy in the Principle of Exception and are not necessarily inherent to the barriers of a technical Supervisor. Spam of control..sorry..my stomach rumbling, uh..where was I. Uh.... Read Chapter 15 of Provolones' Guide to Prosciutto Supervision. It's not only pertinent, it's delicious.

C.PL? Yawn. Use it for a paper weight for all the notes you should be jotting down as you listen to this recording. I suggest the Preamble to the Constitution, its LOADED with the nitty-gritty detail that you do need for dealing with the Law. Why limit yourself to only New York State? Knowledge is power, my friend. Wield as a weapon and slay your competition. Man, I feel like Master Chief in Halo right now when I say that. Might be a good idea to fire up the X-Box, 'cause ole MC can give you some good tactical insight. Limited area Disaster? WMD's? Bring it home with

Halo 4.

It looks like I'm nearing the end of this recording, so next week, we will discuss how the Penal Law and V.T.L. can be fashioned into attractive door-stops, because, essentially, that is what they are good for. Martha Stewart will be my special guest for that segment. The New Mexico Vehicle Enforcement Guide Flip Memo-book insert and Car Digest is all you need.

Remember, you can always have less, but never have more than 3/4 of it right.

## **Second Precinct NEWS FROM THE 02**

By Danny Cebollero AKA "The Beef"  
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And to think, all because one supervisor denied then delegate Cortes from speaking at turnout, I bet he wishes he could take that decision back!

### **Beef's useless movie quote Joe, this is an easy one!**

No I didn't. Honest... I ran out of gas. I, I had a flat tire. I didn't have enough money for cab fare. My tux didn't come back from the cleaners. An old friend came in from out of town. Someone stole my car. There was an earthquake. A terrible flood; Locusts; IT WASN'T MY FAULT, I SWEAR TO GOD.

## **THE BENNY HILLMAN - 2ND PCT COMMANDER - RAMP RANGER RETIREMENT PARTY**



You could label this one as the last minute mess. Tables were flying everywhere!

What started out as eighty persons in attendance quickly

blew up into well over one-twenty-five thirsty - hungry souls. Thanks to all those who took the time to celebrate with our honorees and thanks go out to our Admin/Crossing – ladies who constantly support and attend pct events - your attendance never goes un-noticed!

### **THE STATE – OF –THE – FLEET ADDRESS NEW RMP’S - ANY TIME NOW!**

You know I’m only kidding right!

So you don’t get your hopes up, I’ll give you an all to common Scenario in my the State – Of -The – Fleet address.

Let’s take my car for example.

Mileage — 122,000 Miles “just a babe in the woods”

Interior Condition —The driver’s side window leaks when it’s up – and won’t go down when you want it to.

Not to mention every pot-hole sounds like incoming artillery rounds.

Exterior Condition – The nickname says It all  
“The Stevie Wonder Road Test Vehicle”

And what do I need to make my car, my 12hr office a more livable space you ask?

“A new transmission”

That’s a good investment!

After all it’s only the 3rd transmission, there’s plenty of life left in the old girl, we’ll run her till 200,000 easy!

From what I’ve seen around the county, I should be the last to complain. Don’t worry I plan to take corrective action ASAP. I have a sure fire plan to fix this situation, I am currently filling out applications to have all the crappy county RMPs appear on the T.V. show

PIMP - MY - RIDE

### **TRUSTEE REPORT**

by Ken Cortes

Happy Holidays to all. 2008 has been a difficult year for all in the second precinct. With all the challenges we had, it was great to see us all pull together. On behalf of Mike Schmitt, Paul Catanzaro, Frank Russo, and Danny Cebollero I would like to thank you for all the support you have given us. We could not get the job done without you. From the Ken Baribault Fundraiser, to the recent retirement dinner. It was great to see both young and old getting involved with supporting each other.

I never cease to be amazed by what we as a group can accomplish. When one of our own was in need, people were tripping all over each other to help. It makes me proud to represent you.

Your PBA Delegation is looking forward to serve you through 2009. Always remember we are here for you. Whenever you have any question or concerns just pick up the phone. We wish you all Happy Holidays, and a safe 2009 to you and your family. Thanks Again.

### **KEN BARIBAULT**



Ken is doing much better. Each day he is improving. Last month myself, Jimmy Carver, Wayne Hartmann, Mike Schmitt and several second precinct officers paid Ken a visit at the Kessler institute in New Jersey. He is fully conscious but cannot speak. He has some paralysis on the right side of his body, but this seems to be improving with his physical therapy. His family is grateful for the support you have given them. Keep calling and visiting him as this perks Ken and his family up. The fanfare this case received has faded, but we cannot forget to support our brother officer. He will be in the Kessler institute for a few more months, and I will organize another trip out in the near future. I hope that he come home to his family and friends. Please keep the Baribault Family in your prayers.

### **RETIREMENT DINNER**

We held a Retirement dinner on October 21. Thanks again for the great turnout. It was sad to see three great police officers leaving in the middle of their prime. John Hillman, Steve Alevas and Rich Grimmer will all be missed. Keep in touch guys!



**Rich Grimmer**



**Steve Alevas**



**John Hillman**

### **FLOWCHART FOLLIES**

For those newer members, The PBA used to be in full charge of the overtime book. The department fought long and hard at the bargaining table to take control of the entries so that it would be fair for all. In all the years we had the old system we had few problems with overtime.

As you know, we have been having a few problems with the overtime book. Throughout late 2007 and 2008, worked overtime failed to find its way into the overtime computer program. In the end of 2007, there were in excess of 50 spots of overtime not entered in the computer.

As you may know, Paul Catanzaro has been monitoring the overtime book. His hard work and diligence brought this matter to my attention. It had to be addressed.

In the spirit of cooperation and fairness, I requested that the commanding officer have the numbers entered so we could move on. We did not file a grievance at that time. I wanted to give the precinct administration every opportunity to make things right. The precinct administration assured me that the overtime control system would work for the police officer into the future.

Fast forward to Spring of this year. In our audit, we found the same problems again. This time there were over 30 non-entries. In all fairness to the membership, we could not let this go on. This time many members did not have the opportunity to work overtime due to the non-entries. Considering the value of overtime, we could not allow this to go on.

We were met with a roadblock. As your representative, I gave several scenarios' that could have made this situation better. Each time I tried to negotiate, I was met with refusal

to accept any thing to make this situation better. I had no choice but to proceed with my very first grievance. The department has decided to settle this and make you the members of the second precinct whole. I would like to thank Paul Catanzaro for his diligence in this matter. Nobody works harder than Paul does when it comes to the overtime book.

I would like to thank Kevin Tobin for all his hard work in this matter. During the negotiations phase several chiefs had worked on this Grievance with Kevin and presented him with 3-page flowchart, which explains how, and when to enter overtime into the computer. As ridiculous as it seems the department found it necessary to present a flowchart complete with a legend with five different symbols to explain that the department must enter the overtime worked into the overtime management system.

With Kevin's help common sense prevailed, and we will move on from this issue. In closing, I leave you with my own flowchart that can help those who must enter the overtime when it is worked. Though not as sophisticated as the departments charts, it gets the job done.

Again, I want to wish you all Happy Holidays and a safe New Year. Until next time, Onward and Upward!

*Police Officer  
Works  
Overtime*



*OT  
Entered  
In  
Computer*

### **Fourth Precinct**

by Frank DeResto  
(the4thpct.org)

There's an old saying, "Time flies when you're having fun". Well I must've had a blast this year, because I can barely remember it and it's almost over. I can't believe Thanksgiving is over and we're moving onto Christmas.... then New Year's.... and it starts all over again. Not much to report this month. All's been quiet on the Western (and Eastern) Front.

The Holiday Parties are rapidly approaching. The PBA Holiday Party is Dec. 4th at the LI Marriott in Uniondale. The 4th Pct Kids Party is Dec. 6th at the Hewlett Firehouse. The 4th Pct Party is Dec. 10th at The Nutty Irishman in Farmingdale.

On Nov 12th we had a Retirement Party for Tommy Eagan, Frank Morris and Willie Costigan. I must comment on the fact that for a bunch of guys, whose combined time equals over 100 years of service to this job, the turnout of current, active Fourth Pct cops was less than spectacular. In fact it was downright appalling, and we can do better!! They DESERVED better!!!

## CONDOLENCES

Please join me in expressing our sympathies to Sgt. Jimmy Louie and family on the untimely passing of his wife Susan. To Jimmy Regan and his family on the loss of his father, Ken. And to Todd Gerbasio and his family on the recent loss of his grandmother, Rose Spallino.

## LAFFIN-ISMS

(Whenever Tommy says something, we're all Laffin)

- 1) It's tighter than a fart in a mitten.
- 2) If I promise to come back tomorrow, can I leave now?
- 3) Pizza Hut!
- 4) Wooo-aaaaaa-wooo-wooo.
- 5) What's that noise? / There's the phone.
- 6) Pull my finger.
- 7) Where's Anthony?
- 8) Fourth Precinct, Officer Laffin. This is the Fourth Precinct.
- 9) My shoulders. / Do I have to do everything?
- 10) It's all going in the lawsuit.
- 11) Ha-ha, ha-ha, he said doody!
- 12) My gun, my gun.
- 13) For a dollar.
- 14) What's for dinner?
- 15) Yepper!
- 16) We're closed.
- 17) A apple.
- 18) Who's my relief? / Are we done yet?
- 19) DEAD!
- 20) See ya, bye / OK, bye.
- 21) The County collects a \$10 fee.
- 22) Do you have a crayon?
- 23) Where's the love?

## DeRESTO'S DESK

by Frank DeResto

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As I stated at the beginning of this article, I had a blast this year! And it's mainly because of the guys and girls of this great command. I know Thanksgiving is over, but I just wanted to say "Thank You!!!" to everyone here. At times we may take each other for granted and not show our

appreciation often enough. But it's because of you, that coming to work is not the dreaded experience people in other jobs have everyday. I come to work knowing that if the \$#!+ hits the fan, someone will have my back and I'll have yours. That's what makes this a great job!

That's all for this month.

Be safe and play nice.

## TRUSTEE'S REPORT

by Todd Gerbasio

the4thpct.org

I would like to welcome all the new faces to the 4th Pct. You have come to the best kept secret in the County. I hope you enjoy your career at the 4th as much as the rest of us do.

What a crazy year this has been. We have had 2 of the 4th Pct Founding Fathers retire. Frank Morris and Tom Eagen. I wonder what it was like in 1776 when they came on the job. The one thing I can say is Frank gave 100% to this job and the people he served ever single tour. Frank was a mentor to many on this job and I thank him for that.

Tom was more of the behind the scenes guy. I did not realize how much Tom did for the guys on the street until I became the Trustee. Tom always looked out for the guys as the Pct Clerk. If something did not seem right with a personnel move or other issues that would effect the Cops on the street —Tom was on it and corrected it.

Thank you both for your service to the members of the 4th Pct.

The Patriarch of the Nassau County PBA has retired. That's right - Gary is gone. Some thought this union would fall to its knees. Some even said we have seen the last of good contracts. The County would just run over us and do what they want. Then everything got worse. Then the world started to fall down around us, the economy tanked and people were losing their jobs. Stocks are worthless, Nassau County deficit is more than some Country's budgets. We have a new PBA President for the first time in 20 years. WOW poor Jim Carver. Poor us. We are done. What will poor Carver do..... I know what he does!!!! He gets us a contract extension until 2015 with raises, locks in health benefits and fixes a few things we did not like that the arbitrator did in last award. And you guys were worried. Listen my friends this is only the beginning. JimCarver and the rest of the Executive Board will lead us into the future. Stand by and be amazed.

Less then 25 SHOPLIFTING days till Christmas. Be safe out there. When the economy goes down crime goes up. REMEMBER COMPLACENCY KILLS. Keep your head up at all times.

Be Safe. Happy Holidays to all.



## **Fifth Precinct**

by Joe Nocella

### **THE CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR**

Believe it or not, December is here and the holidays are upon us. That means it's time for the annual Christmas Spectacular. No, not the one at Radio City. I'm talking about the one at the PBA office. You know, the one where the PBA runs from the office to Headquarters to Mall Management all over the county and then to the Legislature trying to get the department to staff holiday patrols.

It has become a sort of rite of passage for the PBA. The dance goes something like this ... Listen to the rumors circulate regarding holiday patrol cut backs or elimination, request to know the department's plans for staffing the mall details, listen to their static, go to each mall and ask management to put pressure on the department to keep their facilities safe during the holiday season, and then address the legislature and force the department to do the right thing. That's it in a nutshell. It's an annual event ... year after year. You can set your watch by it. You can count on it like you can count on Charlie Brown getting laughed at because he picked a skimpy Christmas tree, only nobody is laughing here. Year after year, the need for these patrols is justified tenfold yet here we are again putting on the show. Just a few short weeks ago we had a shooting/stabbing and a police officer assaulted at the Green Acres Mall ... and this is what we're dealing with before the crowds descend upon us.

So what's it going to be this year? Will Santa grant our wish for the department to do the right thing without having to twist their arm or are we going to see yet another re-run of the big show? Stay tuned.

### **IT'S SANTA ZAUG AND HIS SIDEKICK SPIDERMAN!**

Come one, come all! This year's children party will feature not only an appearance from Santa Zaug, but it's my understanding that Spiderman will be there too! Bring the whole family to the West Hempstead Firehouse and see the jolly old sort and his web-slinging sidekick in action!

Saturday, December 6th at 12 noon and the cost will be \$10 per person; children 5 and under are free ... It's gonna be a blast!

### **HOLIDAY FUN AT MULCAHY'S**

This year's holiday extravaganza will be held on December 18th at Mulcahy's in Wantagh. Lots of food, lots of cheer, and lots of people ... you can count on all three.

### **SUPPORT THE CAUSE**

By now I'm sure you've seen the raffle posters hanging up in the station house for our basket of cheer. The

proceeds from this raffle will help buy down the cost of our kids party. So even if you don't have kids and aren't planning to attend, please be generous and help support the cause. Tickets are only \$10 for three.

### **FLAG FOOTBALL FOLLIES**

by John Schellderfer

I will start off by saying yes, I threw four interceptions (Marc Babich, you have to take one of those). For all who showed up and endured the pain I say thank you and it was good to see our brothers to the east, the men from the seventh precinct.

Whether it's a precinct picnic, transfer party, holiday party or football game, we organize these events to improve morale and get the members together away from the stresses of the job. Now if we can only improve on the score of the game! Badminton anyone? ... Just a thought.

### **EVERY THIRD THURSDAY ...**

This month's open meeting will be held on December 4th at our annual holiday party at the Marriot Hotel in Uniondale. This is always a huge event, last year I believe we had around 500 people there, so come on down and join in the festivities. I'm sure you'll see a face or two that you haven't seen in a while.

## **Sixth Precinct**

by Ed Conroy

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone. I hope that everyone takes the time to enjoy this holiday season and spend time with family and friends. With the scores of holiday parties and family gatherings remember to be careful while traveling and to act and travel responsibly. All too often this time of year gets marred by tragedies on the road. I know it sounds like a commercial but it's true, we should know we are in this business and we should also realize that we are not immune to the dangers.

### **YEAR AFTER YEAR**

Another year is coming to a close but it seems like we keep dealing with the same issues year after year with the County wanting us to do more with less. The County is again turning to the Unions for concessions to make up for the huge holes in the budget that their projected sales tax revenues and other gambles have failed to fill and they never learn from their previous mistakes. No matter how many times they end up in the same scenario they continue to play the same game. Putting off debt, cutting corners or playing shell games to balance budgets just doesn't work. Unable to fix situations correctly they put it off on the shoulders of the Unions and the workers that keep this County going while stripping services from the citizens that pay some of the highest taxes in the Country.

The cycle of politics is unfortunately predictable and while people start with good intentions they eventually fall victim to it. Some of the biggest battle cries from politicians and the topic that they try to stay true to all in the name of trying to retain their elected position is "I won't raise taxes" or "no new taxes". While no one likes to have their taxes raised municipalities can't justify not raising taxes when every year just like homeowners their bills go up. We as employees expect a raise every year to keep up with the rising cost of living and like us the County has to deal with the same issue. I understand the concept of consolidation and efficiency but it gets to a point when everything is cut so far there is nothing else to cut and dare I say it, taxes must be raised. Unfortunately it is a realistic approach. If the County does not bring in revenue it can't make its bills just like we can't make our bills if over time we did not receive a raise in salary. If there was a small cost of living type increase in taxes every year it would be a softer blow to the taxpayers then waiting years and hitting us with a double digit tax increase. We are in some tough economic times and only time will tell how we make it through.

### **MECHANICS**

The rumors about our Police mechanics are running rampant. While at the time of this writing things are still not set in stone they aren't good. They run from removing some of the mechanics from stationhouse garages to all of them being taken out, to some uninformed individual under the misconception that they only do oil changes so why do we need them in the stationhouses. This move could literally bring this Department to a stand still. Without working cars we cannot function. We cannot have rmps sitting at a DPW garage all day waiting for repairs and just think of the backlog this is going to create at FSB. Our Precinct mechanics do a great job keeping us on the road. They work long and hard days fixing and maintaining our cars. Our Mechanics go through an extensive background check and have to meet a higher hiring standard than the DPW mechanics. The DPW garages in my mind are not secure facilities and bringing our cars there I feel jeopardizes the safety of our Officers. We cannot have outside mechanics working on our marked or unmarked cars. Keeping the Police Mechanics in the Precincts and at FSB is the right move for the County and the Department itself. Moving them will not save the County anything in the long run.

### **BIRTHS**

Congratulations to Andrew Mirro and his wife Linda on the birth of their son Lucian Joseph who was born on September 18, 2008. Lucian came into the world at 8lbs 9oz and was 21 inches long.

Congratulations to Michael and Jennifer Dolan on the birth of their daughter Casey Kathleen. Casey was born on

October 18, 2008 and weighed in at 8lbs 1oz and was 21 inches long.

Congratulations to Jethro and Julie Cardona on the birth of their son Jett Robert who was born on October 27, 2008. Jett weighed in at 6lbs 14oz and was 20 inches long.

### **HOLIDAY PARTIES**

The Sixth Precinct Christmas party will be held on December 9, 2008 from 8:00 pm until 12:00 am at Jackie Reilly's, 3964 Hempstead Turnpike at the corner of Hicksville Rd. The cost of the party will be \$40. So come down, ring in the holidays and bring some friends.

The Sixth Precinct Kids Christmas party will be held on December 13, 2008 at the Manhasset Lakeville Firehouse located behind the Precinct from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. This is a great time for the kids and some adults too. If you haven't attended one yet with your kids or nieces and nephews come on down, if you have I know I don't have to sell you on it. The cost is \$30 per family, see flyers for further details and information about Santa's visit. Anyone interested in helping out with the party on that day or cooking a dish to bring contact Joe Ferrara or Andy Von.

### **TOP COP AUGUST 2008**

The Sixth Precinct Top Cop Committee has selected Officer Ian Johnson as our "Top Cop" for August 2008. On August 8, 2008 at 0042hrs a notification was broadcast for an assault in Great Neck. Unknown subjects had shot a pedestrian in the face with a CO2 powered BB gun and fled the scene in an auto. The subjects had also shot and damaged a window on Middle Neck Rd. Officer Johnson began to canvass the area and located a vehicle fitting the description of the vehicle that the subjects were last seen in. After conducting a car stop and interviewing the occupants of the vehicle, Officer Johnson was able to recover the weapon and the subject gave a full written confession to the 6th Sqd after a successful show-up. For his keen observations and hard work which lead to the arrest of this subject resulting in Felony assault charges Officer Ian Johnson has been selected as the Sixth Precinct Top Cop for August 2008.

### **TOP COP SEPTEMBER 2008**

by Glenn Demeo

The 6th Pct Top Cop Committee has selected Ed Hartmann Top Cop for September 2008. Usually the Top Cop Award is given to an Officer who did something extraordinary on duty. Ed did something extraordinary off duty.

Ed found out that Donna, a mother of a 3rd Pct Police Officer needed a kidney transplant, and that testing was being done to find a donor. Ed went and got tested, and later was notified that he was compatible with Donna. There was a good possibility Donna's body would not



reject Ed's kidney.

Ed spoke with family about donating a kidney to Donna. They talked about the dangers of going through surgery, and the fact that he would have only one kidney, and how it could affect his life if he developed a problem in the future. It didn't take Ed long to decide to go through with the surgery. He had the opportunity to help another person and he wanted to do it.

On June 19, 2008 Ed and Donna had the surgery. After a short recovery stay, Ed was released from the hospital. While recovering at home, Ed received a phone call from Donna thanking him for what he had done for her. She told him she was doing well, and the kidney was working fine. She also told Ed she didn't know how sick she really was until she started feeling better with her new kidney.

Ed's selfless act has given Donna a chance at a more normal life. He may have even saved her life. Now Donna and Ed share a bond very few people ever experience. Ed is doing well, and returned to work in September. He doesn't think of himself as a hero. If you ask him, he'll tell you he was just glad he was able to help Donna. One of the definitions of the word hero is, 'a Person of great courage'.

Ed, it took courage to do what you did, you are truly a hero.

## NEWSLETTER

If anyone has anything that they want to submit to the newsletter let me know. If there are any announcements, births or gatherings I would be glad to submit them. Sometimes things do get by me so drop me a note. On the same note if anyone else would like to submit an article let me know. And while I'm on the topic of the newsletter I want to reprint a portion of my article from last month that got a little screwed up during print so here it is—RMP 604 Well it's finally done, post 604 is officially doubled! We have been pushing for this for a long time and the work and persistence has paid off. While there are still the critics out there that say it really doesn't call for it, the people here in the Sixth know first hand that this was a necessary move.

## WELCOME

I would like to take this moment to welcome the recent graduates from the Police Academy to the Sixth Precinct. Welcome aboard you ended up in a good place to work.

And this is the way it appeared—

### RMP 604

Well it's finally done, post 604 is officially doubled! We have been pushing this for a long time and the work and persistence has paid off. While there are still the critics out there that say it really doesn't call for it, the people here in the Sixth know first hand that this was a necessary move. Welcome to take this moment to welcome the recent graduates from the PO Precinct. Welcome aboard you ended up in a good place too. We have been pushing While there are it, the people here I would like Academy to the Sixth work.

## WRITER'S NOTE

The writer is not responsible for errors made when the article is sent to print.

## TOP COP INFO

The Precinct Top Cop committee needs your help. If you know of an Officer or Officers that deserve recognition, please submit the information to me, the clerk's office or Sgt Ward our Top Cop Committee Supervisor.

## OPEN MEETING

The PBA open meeting is held on the third Thursday of the month(Except for July and August). Come down, stay informed and get involved.

Hope to see you there.

Until next month, be safe and stay healthy.

## Seventh Precinct

by Tom O'Reilly

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! Yes it's that crazy time of year again where shoppers line up and fight over that last wii game, or whatever the latest craze. Everyday drivers become more aggressive so they can fit more into their limited schedules, thus increasing auto accidents, road rage incidents, aided cases and overall more calls for service. Also let's not forget the predators out there that will be looking to pounce on unsuspecting shoppers and business owners during this hectic season. All of this leads to one more demand on the patrol cop, don't spread yourself thin out there, you should not be giving 10-40's or I'll advise to anything. It only takes a second for it to go from mundane to being in a world of sh#. Take care of each other out there.

### Holiday Patrols: Questions

Will there be a Holiday Patrol? When will the Holiday Patrol Start? How many teams will we have for Holiday Patrol? What is the department's plan for the Holiday Patrol?

### Answers:

No their will be no holiday patrol, no need to answer the remaining questions.

## RADIOS

The department has started issuing out new portable radios and installing new mobile radios in the RMPs, though this equipment is new, the system that we operate under is still the same system. You will still have trouble transmitting via your radios in certain locations especially with your portables. It is imperative that you report any transmission problems to your PBA reps, so that we can put

the department on notice. Also, if you have not received a new radio holder, notify your PBA rep as soon as possible. As for the radio system we are still in process of obtaining all the sites to install the new equipment; as you are aware the new radio system is the result of a PBA grievance, here is a brief update as to the status of the radio site construction progress. The radio system consists of 38 locations throughout Nassau County, Suffolk County and New York City, 15 of the 38 sites are completed. Of the remaining 23 sites, 15 of them have some progress ie: civil designs, permits applied, permits received, etc. Leaving the remaining 8, 4 which only have signed license agreements, allowing the Police Department on the site, and 4 sites where there is no movement. The PBA will remain vigilant in their quest to get you the best radio system possible and will continue to assist the Department and Motorola to deliver this system as quickly as possible. Again if you experience a problem with the radios notify your local PBA rep.

### **POLICE OFFICER DWIGHT FORD**

During this holiday season, when we give thanks and enjoy the comforts of our families and home, that there are people in this world like Sgt. Dwight Ford U.S. Army who was once again activated and sent back to Iraq for his 3rd tour of service for his country. Let's keep all of our servicemen and women in our thoughts and prayers for their safe return home. Remember Dwight still has his wife and three small children back here at home, it is up to us to make sure they are taken care of while he is away.

### **REMINDERS**

PBA Holiday Party December 4th, Marriott Hotel, Uniondale, 2000 hrs

7th Pct Christmas party December 16th, Mulcahy's, 2000 hrs

7th Pct Kids Christmas Party December 20th, Seaford Fire House, 711 and 718's RP, 1300 till 1700 hours \$20 per family in advance \$40 at the door

I would like to extend everyone a very Merry Christmas and wonderful Holiday season, to you new parents out there enjoy this time of year and take tons of video and pictures the time goes by too quickly. That's all friends. See you next year.

### **TOP COP - FEBRUARY 2008**

**P.O. WILLIAM CASEY**

**P.O. DAN REITER**

On February 24, 2008 at 0454 hrs. P.O. Casey was assigned to RMP 701 and P.O. Reiter was assigned to RMP 708. P.O. Casey was conducting intensified patrol in the Wantagh business area due to numerous larcenies from autos in the Precinct.

While on routine patrol P.O. Casey observed two

vehicle, a green Plymouth Voyager with its trunk open, and a gray Mercedes SUV stopped at Oakland Avenue, just south of Sunrise Highway, Wantagh. P.O. Casey asked the individuals if they needed assistance. The suspects stated everything was OK. A short time later P.O. Casey observed the same two vehicles westbound on Sunrise Hwy. and the green Plymouth had no license plates. P.O. Casey conducted a car stop at Sunrise Highway and Railroad Ave, Wantagh. As P.O. Casey requested assistance, and immediately put out a notification for the gray Mercedes which fled the scene westbound on Sunrise Highway. Assistance arrived and the subjects were transported to the Seventh Pct. for further investigation and arrest processing.

P.O. Reiter in RMP 708 was responding eastbound on Sunrise Highway to assist P.O. Casey. P.O. Reiter observed a Mercedes SUV enter the southbound Wantagh Parkway from W/B Sunrise Highway. At a high rate of speed prior to P.O. Casey's notification. When P.O. Reiter heard the complete notification involving the Mercedes he turned around and started to canvass southbound Wantagh Parkway. P.O. Reiter was able to catch up to the vehicle and conduct a car stop on S/B Wantagh Parkway. P.O. Reiter observed five brand new tires and rims in the rear of the Mercedes. Additional officers were able to locate three new Dodge Chargers from Merrick Dodge on Sunrise Highway that had their tires and rims stolen and were left on cinder blocks.

The four defendants were transported to the Seventh Precinct for arrest processing. All four subjects were charged with grand larceny 3rd and Poss. of Burglar Tools, total loss for twelve tires and rims would have been \$10,000.

Because P.O. Casey self-initiated patrol, he was able to affect arrests of two defendants. His quick notification for the gray Mercedes alerted responding officers. P.O. Reiter was alert and took the initiative to follow the gray Mercedes and successfully stopped it without a pursuit resulting in two more arrests. All twelve tires and rims were recovered.

As a result of their excellent police work displayed on February 24, 2008 the 7th Precinct Top Cop committee has selected P.O. William Casey and P.O. Dean Reiter Top Cops for the month of February 2008.

### **TOP COP - MARCH 2008**

**P.O. JEFFERY CLOUGHER**

On March 26, 2008 at approximately 1440 hours a 17-year-old-female was standing in the parking lot at the corner of Cartwright Blvd. and Beverly Road in Massapequa. The female was waiting to meet her friend when a male white subject with blonde hair and a stocky build, who exited a blue truck bearing NY plate BDV1934 approached her. The white male subject asks the female if she would help him with directions. He then held out a business card that had an address on it. While the victim was reading the address, the male subject reached up and

grabbed a gold link necklace with the nameplate “Kristin” written in gold and diamonds off her neck. the victim then fled the scene in the blue truck in an unknown direction. Police Officer Jason Sepulveda responded to the call securing a 32b from the victim and broadcast a notification for the subject. A search of the area by assisting Officers proved to be negative.

On March 26 at approximately 1720 hours a 15—year-old male was walking home when he noticed a blue Chevrolet SUV parked at the corner of Howell St. and Grand Avenue in Bellmore. As he walked by, a male white subject exited the blue vehicle and approached him while holding a piece of paper. He then asked the male victim, “Do you know where Bellport is?” The victim noticed that the subject was now coming closer to him and as he was stepping away, the male subject grabbed a gold chain from his neck. The subject then jumped back into his clue SUV and ran over the victim’s left foot as he fled the same heading westbound on Grand Ave. Police Officer Darlene Luffman of the First Precinct responded to the scene and secured a 32b from the victim and broadcast a notification. A search of the area was negative.

Police Officer Jeffrey Clougher was working a 0700x1900 tour of duty on March 26, 2008 assigned to RMP 701. During his tour he heard both of the robbers notifications and while on patrol, he searched for the blue Chevrolet SUV.

At approximately 1850 hours Police Officer Clougher finished his tour of duty and was relieved by the night operator of RMP 701. On his way home, Officer Clougher decide to make a stop at Pathmark located at 4055 Merrick Road, Seaford. As he pulled into the parking lot, he observed a blue Chevrolet Blazer. Officer Clougher then parked his vehicle in a position where he could better observe and investigate if this was the vehicle used in the two earlier robberies. He quickly saw that the two suspects in the Blazer matched the description of the robbery suspects and the plate was the same given out in notification. Officer Clougher called 911, identified himself as an off-duty Nassau County Police Officer and explained the developing situation. He observed the male subject exit the blue Blazer, while the female remained in the car. Moments later assistance arrived and the uniformed officers assisted Officer Clougher in placing the male and female subjects under arrest. The defendants were transported to the Seventh Precinct for arrest processing. the male and female subject were charged with two counts of Robbery 2nd, a C Felony, for the robberies committed earlier that day. they were also charged with outstanding Robbery, Forgery and Petit Larceny warrants. the property stolen during the robbers was also recovered.

As a result of his excellent police work displayed on March26, 2008, the Seventh Precinct “Top Cop” committee has selected Police Officer Jeffrey Clougher “Top Cop” for the month of March 2008.

## **Eighth Precinct**

by Marisa Caroselli

The dickies are back, a sure sign that the holiday season is here. Over the warm weather it seems some of those dickies have grown arms after raiding Cammarata’s vitamin stash. Whatever your pleasure—be you a dick-ie or a tie-hard—stay warm this winter.

Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy holiday season.

### **SERGEANT’S EXAM**

Congratulations to everyone who invested time and effort into preparing for the exam and making it to November 8. Promotion or not, anyone who put an effort forth can honestly say they learned some new things, or relearned some old things they forgot, while studying. A force of police officers motivated to study in hopes of advancement is good for the Department and the citizens it serves. Self betterment and a sense of accomplishment in working toward a goal should offer a bit of satisfaction over the long months while the exam is graded and the list formulated.

If you have not already done so, be sure to thank those around you who offered their support while you geared up for the test. Whether that support came in the form of encouraging words, understanding for time spent away from home, or more practical help like babysitting, many of us would not have been able to make it to exam day without such help. A special thank you to my guys—my husband, father, and son—for all of their help and patience.

### **THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

While we are offering thanks and considering the season and these challenging economic times, it is important to remember who makes up the Nassau County Police Department. While the patrol officer is the frontline and the face of our Department, the quality of service provided is the result of a collaboration of many different departments, individuals, and functions. This Department is only as good as its foundation. The professionalism of the Nassau County Police Department comes not only from a skilled police force but from the likes of professional, fulltime AMT’s, dedicated crossing guards, and accessible, knowledgeable, and trustworthy mechanics, just to name a few. If the base from which we all operate is eroded, the whole will undoubtedly suffer. Nassau County, as an employer, has an obligation to its employees and to its citizens to lead by example. Just as a police officer in his professional and personal life is held to a higher standard of morality than an average person, so too is a municipality held to a higher standard of responsibility than a private sector employer. So, thank you to all those who help us do what we do and will hopefully continue to do so into the future.

## TOP COPS

The Eighth Precinct Top Cops for the August 2008 are Officers Adam Fischer and Michael Incandela. Officers Fischer and Incandela responded for a domestic assault and menacing with a knife in Hicksville to learn that the suspect had fled scene, still armed, after requesting police be summoned so that he could stab the cops. After a canvass of the area with negative results, the Officers returned to scene to find the terrified victim being held at knifepoint by her boyfriend. Officer Incandela gained emergency entrance into the house by way of kicking in two locked doors. Once inside with their weapons drawn, the Officers faced the suspect who held the victim in a chokehold with a knife to her back. Repeated verbal commands obtained the release of the victim but the Officers still faced an armed suspect. Officer Fischer was able to use his OC spray on the suspect which allowed both Officers to wrestle the knife from the suspect. For their reserve and professionalism in a very volatile and dangerous situation which they brought to safe conclusion, Officer Adam Fischer and Officer Michael Incandela are awarded Top Cop honors.

The Eighth Precinct Top Cop for September 2008 is Officer Michael Bjornstad. Officer Bjornstad observed both a white van being driven at night without headlights and a Honda Civic proceed through a steady red TSL. While attempting to stop the van and with the Honda Civic behind him, Officer Bjornstad observed a passenger in the van throw a handgun out of the van window and then throw what appeared to be a white ball from the van. When the van abruptly stopped, the Honda Civic too stopped and yelled that the subjects in the van were armed with guns. Officer Bjornstad attempted to remove the subjects from the van at gunpoint but the van sped away. With police assistance arriving, the van again stopped and the driver bailed and ran from scene. Officer Bjornstad and other officers removed three subjects from the van and found a sawed off shotgun and marijuana in the vehicle. The driver was apprehended a short time later in a nearby sump. Finally, a handgun and a baseball-sized bag of cocaine were recovered where Officer Bjornstad had earlier seen them thrown from the van.

Upon further investigation it was revealed that the person in the Honda Civic was the victim of a home invasion burglary earlier that day in Suffolk County by the subjects in the van. The four subjects, convicted felons, were turned over to Suffolk County on charges including the B Felonies of Robbery 1, Burglary 1, and Assault 1 and will face charges in Nassau County. For his instincts, initiative, observations, and tactics, in the face of a felony car stop of some real bad guys, Officer Michael Bjornstad is awarded Top Cop honors.

## CRASH AND BURN

I do not have enough ink or space to keep up with the accidents which seem to be aplenty, plus, I think it is bad

karma to commit our missteps (or turns) to paper. Let us leave it at, please be safe.

## HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

Come join the merriment at the Eighth Precinct Holiday Parties.

The Precinct Party will be Thursday, December 18, 2008 at The Nutty Irishman on Main Street in Farmingdale at 1900 hours. The Family Party is Saturday, December 20, 2008 at Stuart Thomas Manor, Boundary Avenue, Farmingdale, from 1200-1500. Santa will surely stop by so have a small wrapped, ready for play present for each child in your entourage. As always, much work goes into these events so we hope to see crowds at both.

## FUNNY

Merle!!!  
Yeah, that's all.



Gone, but not forgotten



## Bureau of Special Operations

By Nick Squicciarini  
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Members of BSO have successfully completed a comprehensive training course for our new rifle. The new weapon is a "Rock River Arms" M4 rifle. This rifle is American made and the company is based out of Colona, Illinois. "Rock River Arms" is a firearms company that is owned by two brothers- Mark and Chuck Larson. These two men are no strangers in manufacturing pistols and rifles. They have actually built up quite a reputation and in 2003 the DEA purchased a significant number of their rifles. The rifle that BSO chose to purchase is very similar to an AR-15, but with modern day features. It fires a .223 round, has a pistol grip, 6 position Tactical Stock, 30

round magazine and weighs 9.5 pounds. Each rifle also has a "Sure-Fire" Vertical Fore Grip Light and "Aimpoint" Optics. The rifle has very little recoil and is extremely accurate. It was an excellent choice.



### RETIREMENT

October 22nd, 2008 was Bureau of Special Operations' Russ Howard's last day on the job. Russ was hired on June 15th, 1973 and after graduating from our Police Academy he was assigned to the Eighth Precinct. Russ spent 20 years on patrol and in 1994 was transferred to BSO. I met Russ in 1998, when I became a member of this command. We were both in "B" Squad and it didn't take me long to see that he truly loved being a BSO cop. In BSO, we have various training exercises, weekly outdoor range appearances and other tactical lesson plans throughout the calendar year. During these training days, Russ always gave 100% of himself and it was noticed by all. He was referred to as the "Good Soldier". I had been to many tactical scenes with Russ and when he was given an assignment, he took that order seriously and carried it out to the very end. This is how he earned his nickname. In BSO, P/T tests are given annually and at 57 years old Russ passed these tests with flying colors. This was due to his high level of physical conditioning. On his last day, we celebrated his retirement at one of our local establishments. Russ and his wife, Nina, were greeted by current/ past members of BSO, members of the Department and Russ' friends. The turnout was excellent. Enjoy your retirement!



P.O. Russ Howard 2nd from left standing.

### WITH SYMPATHY

Unfortunately, several members of this command suffered losses in their families. Sergeant Kevin Mc Carthy's brother-in-law, Mr. Mark Macken passed, Police Officer Matthew Endres' mother, Mrs. Mary Endres passed and Police Officer Philip Brady's cousin, Mr. Kevin Brady also passed. Our deepest condolences are extended to each of these families.

### IN OUR THOUGHTS

During this holiday season, please keep Police Officer Police Officer Ken Baribault in your thoughts and prayers. He is still slowly moving forward in his rehabilitation at the Kessler Rehabilitation Center in New Jersey. Also, Police Officer Carlos Flores is currently in Iraq and should be included in your prayers for his safe return back to the United States.

## Marine Bureau

By John Connor



I didn't write an October or November newsletter due to writer's block. I took over writing our article 2 years ago.

I am not a writer, I actually failed my English regents, however, this article gives me a place to vent my frustrations and tell it like it is. No smoke and mirrors here!! Certain people feel that I should hold back my opinions. I ask why? The powers that be need to hear from the foot soldiers, what is really going on. How about a NASS-STAT meeting without a power point presentation or crime stats. How about just PBA Officers and the Administration...STREET COPS talking to EX. STREET COPS to save this job. Everyone leave their egos at home.

### SUMMER'S OVER

Once again, we say good-bye and thank you to our summer temps: PO Deng, PO Dollhausen, PO Goldhammer, PO Kalab, PO Monaco, PO Nicolich, PO Shahinian, PO Shannon, PO Spagnuolo, PO Vatter and PO Wilson. I hope next year you all come back April 1st as the contract states. Till then, Be Safe. See you at the Christmas Luncheon.

This leaves our personnel at Marine Bureau at 43 Police Officers. When we went to our 12 hr chart in 1980, we were 79 permanent officers. That is a 50% cut in personnel. HQ wanted to take permanent officers out for this winter. Thanks to PBA Presidents, Jim Carver and Kevin Tobin, we will continue to patrol 24/7 in this post 911 time with no loss of personnel.

Speaking of patrol...Once again we patrolled the Inwood area around JFK Airport during the UN General Assembly, Sept. 22nd to Oct. 3rd on the day tours. We were reminded of the possibility of a shoulder fired anti-aircraft missile attempting to take down an incoming or outbound plane.

There have been numerous case reports taken by 4th pct. officers in areas of these approaches, as reported in our weekly Counter-Terrorism Notifications. These case reports observed Middle Eastern males taking photographs and times of approaching planes. These planes are at an elevation of 100 ft. in these areas. You don't have to be a rocket scientist to guess what they are up to. It is time we find the funding to man the Inwood Detail permanently. Congressman Peter King said "New York and Long Island are in a class by themselves when it comes to being a top target."

## **GRANTS**

I received an email from Chief O'Callaghan about my article in the September newsletter on the NYS Spider Operational Grant. (Foreign Vessel Interdiction) Our Homeland Security and Counter Terrorism Bureau spoke to US Coast Guard and hopefully we will be participating and doing interdictions next summer. I take some heat over my mentioning of grants, however, I read in the newspapers, the grants NYC gets to secure their infrastructure. The MTA received a total of 175.4 million dollars from the Federal Government Office of Homeland Security to secure city suspension bridges, NY/NJ Port Security Grant for 45.5 million. NYPD is the lead agency in a 29 million grant for securing the cities (STC). This grant which NCPD is a stakeholder enhances regional capabilities to detect and interdict illicit radio active materials. The Marine Bureau this month received 10 additional portable radiation detection devices to be put on our patrol vessels. We already have some personnel trained in their use.

In conclusion, this is why we need to be an active participant in all aspects of Homeland Security Programs: So that Nassau County gets its fair share of the monies available through these grants during these hard economic times.

## **E.E.O.C CASE SETTLED**

PO Coleman, PO Macaulay, PO D'Alessandro and PO Petrella have won their age discrimination lawsuit against Nassau County Police Department. The lawsuit went before Judge Waxler of US District Court for the Eastern District of New York. After reviewing the case with both sides, he advised the county it would be in their best interest to settle this lawsuit outside of court. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Attorney Sunu Chandy worked out a settlement with the county.

The settlement reassigns PO D'Allessandro and PO Petrella to the Marine Bureau by November 21, 2008 with compensation for lost wages after two and a half years in the 2nd Pct. and 7th Pct. PO Coleman and PO Macaulay were compensated for having to retire before their planned retirements.

All Police Department supervisors will be required to take four hours of anti-discrimination training.

In conclusion, I said in September 2006, that I owed it to these four officers to do all in my power as their PBA

Delegate to right this injustice. I couldn't. It took the Federal Government. The abuse of an administrative transfer will now cost the county over 450,000 dollars. As I get to the end of my career, I say to the next generation of bosses... Stand up for the men that work for you. Their respect is Priceless!

## **ATTA BOY**

PO Wallace and PO Dollhausen aboard Marine #20 assisted with a boat accident on August 3rd in Zach's Bay with a severe head laceration from an outboard motor... The aided survived.

PO Danzi and PO Scharp while on meal assisted 6th Pct. Sgt. Cipolla with an arrest till assistance arrived.

July 26th, Off Duty PO Citarella, while at Nassau Coliseum, assisted Mounted Unit Officer James Miller when his horse reared up crushing him against a fence and falling onto the Officer.

Sept. 23rd Dive team members, Sgt. Sawula, PO Boyce, PO Schmidt, PO McCloy, PO Cernilli, PO Frey and PO Tirman responded to a submerged clam boat with missing clammer off Bayville in Long Island Sound. Divers located vessel and evidence, searched called off due to darkness and overtime concerns. Aided recovered 5 days later on beach.

Sept. 27th PO Deng, PO O'Sullivan , PO Tirman on Marine #5 along with Aviation rescued three youth's aground off Hewlett Bay stranded for 3 hours.

Oct 11th PO Tirman, PO Drum and PO Radalinsky handled a serious boat accident involving 2 boats with aided.

We don't stop working after Labor Day Weekend in Marine Bureau.

## **SUMMER AND FALL WEDDINGS**

Congratulations to Mike and Margorie Spagnuolo and to Kevin and AnneMarie Shannon on their summer nuptials. Congratulations to Mike and Dawn Larmony on their November wedding. Dawn is the daughter of retired Lt. Chuck Russo.

## **CONDOLENCES**

Our deepest sympathy to Joel Fuoco on the loss of his father and to Kevin Shannon on the loss of his brother-in-law this fall.

## **GET WELL**

Get well wishes go out to Tom Doran on his recent surgery. Tom said it won't effect his golf game!

## **REMINDER**

Marine Bureau Christmas luncheon is Wednesday, December 3rd at 1200 hours at Marine Base.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!!  
Till next month....be safe!!



## Nassau Police Post 1050 American Legion

by Dan Scheidel

By now you've probably tired of my same old request, "Membership". So far it has seemed to have fallen on deaf ears. If I didn't think it important I wouldn't dwell on this subject but with the events that are happening of late, the return of our veterans from the middle east, with sometime strange and debilitating ailments, they need a strong voice in seeing their needs are met. Over and over we hear of state and federal budgetary cutbacks and some always seem to land on the backs of our military. Only through the united voices of organizations like the AMVETS, the VFW, the American Legion and other veteran organizations can we be assured that our voices are heard and the needs of all veterans, old and new are protected.

Last month I mentioned ALS, Lou Gehrig's Disease, and the fact that an amazing number of today's veterans coming home with all the symptoms of that debilitating illness. Now the VA has added another injury to the list of illnesses or injuries affecting our veterans, TBI, Traumatic Brain Injury. Years ago in past conflicts, veterans suffering from these symptoms would not have lived long enough to suffer these injuries. Close by explosions, "road side bombs, etc." have caused what could also be compared to the "shaken baby syndrome". On the job most of us had or have seen such cases. It's best I get off my soap box before I get too deep into medical terms I can't really explain, but my message is this, "Veterans, join up and support our returning brothers and sisters". If you prefer the VFW, AMVETS or any other veteran organization, please do, so our united voices will be heard, loud and clear. If you'd like more information about joining our Post call me at 516 742-4364.

We wish to congratulate the winners of this year's Post 105 scholarship awards. Our hope that the little we gave will help in some way their continuing goals of advancing their studies. Maybe some of them will join the services and maybe others will become police officers as did their sponsors, their fathers, mothers or grandparents. Members of the Post are looking forward to our next community event, the "Day at the Races" with the veterans in the Northport Veterans Nursing Home in December. Along with the "races" we make this the Christmas Party so many extra gifts and prizes are awarded. It's a great day and Post 1050 look forward to the few hours we spend with those less fortunate.

Other than trying to regain the prominence Nassau Police Post 1050 once held in the Nassau County American Legion I receive no reward for the continued effort I've tried to bring about with our membership drives. Once we numbered close to 250 active members. Now, as the Post

membership ages, the inevitable happens, we lose three or four members each year as they pass on and leave the goals of the American Legion to our remaining members. Our main goal is to have the Post live up to the ideals of the Legion's founding fathers, serving other veterans. I hope the younger police officers in our department, those that are veterans, do not have what is considered the "Me Generation" attitude. Let's hope they return and join some veteran organization and will look to serve their fellow veterans.

On behalf of all the members of our Post I'd like to extend a happy holiday season to all, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanaka and Happy Kwanza to all.

## Association of Retired Police Officers

by Dan Scheidel

On behalf of the officers and members of ARPO let me extend the best wishes for a happy and glorious holiday season. Thanksgiving will probably be passed when this newsletter arrives but if not, Happy Thanksgiving. And may you all celebrate the coming holiday season as you see fit. So, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanaka and Happy Kwanza to all. Enjoy the spirit of the season and greet each other with understanding and love.

This will probably be my last article under this column title. Come December 31st a new slate of officers will take the reigns of this organization and I want to wish them well. Its been a great run at serving my peers and I thank all that supported me and my efforts. At times it was a difficult task but it was also very rewarding.

One reminder to all, our Christmas Party will be held on December 10th. I've asked Vic Dolgos, our in house "caterer" to order something special for the last meeting of 2008. Bring a small unwrapped gift or toy for our annual "Toys for Tots" donation. Each year you've made me very pleased with your response, so this year don't disappoint me. Meeting starts at 2000 hours with coffee, pastries and bagels starting at 1930 hours. Come join us and meet the new officers who will lead us into 2009.

Again, thank you for your support over the last few years. See you at future meetings.



## Nassau County Police Emerald Society

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

by Tom DeSane

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to our members, families and friends. This month we will be celebrating the

holidays while preparing for the upcoming year. One important change for next year regards the payment of dues to our organization. Don't worry, we are not raising the dues. The change is that our members now have the option to make direct dues payments from their NCPD Federal Credit Union account. This is also true for any of the fraternal organizations that they are members of. We have a link on our website for anyone who wishes to download the Credit Union form.

Our Christmas Party will be held on December 10th at 8pm at Johnny Malone's on Wantagh Avenue in Wantagh (formerly Lilly Flanagan's). Members will be treated to a limited open bar, food and a live band.

Our January meeting will be held on January 21st at 8pm at Peppercorn's Restaurant in Hicksville. At January's meeting, our new Executive Board will be sworn into office. The officers of our Executive Board for 2009 – 2010 are as follows: President – Peter A. McGinn - N.C.P.D. Arson Bomb Squad, 1st Vice President – Thomas F. DeSane - Old Brookville P.D., 2nd Vice President – Jamie Wilson - N.C.P.D. Headquarters, 3rd Vice President - Michael Pitcher - Old Brookville P.D., Treasurer - Sean P. Cassidy - N.C.P.D. Eighth Squad, Corresponding Secretary - Robert E. Kurtz - N.C.P.D. Highway Patrol, Recording Secretary - Neil T. Coleman - N.C.P.D. Highway Patrol and Sergeant at Arms – John W. Trutt - N.C.P.D. Emergency Services Unit. Our Board of Directors, who are appointed according to our bylaws, will be: Michael J. Fannon - N.C.P.D. Retired, Timothy J. Connors - Floral Park P.D., Francis T. Lenahan - N.C.P.D. Retired, Louis Walker - N.C.P.D. Retired and Robert Blum - N.C.P.D. Emergency Services Unit. Congratulations to all the candidates and thanks in advance for your service to our society. Thanks again to President Mike Fannon for all his hard work during the last two years

Upcoming events for 2009 include The Garden City Saint Patrick's Day Parade on March 1st, The New York City Saint Patrick's Day Parade on March 17th, Police Memorial Week in Washington D.C. in May, our Installation Dinner Dance on May 21st, our annual Golf Outing on June 4th, our annual 200 Club in October, the National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies Convention in Baltimore in November and our annual Christmas Party in December. Please support our events during the year. Your support of these events is what enables us to keep the membership dues so low while providing member benefits, including our scholarship program, and actively supporting worthwhile charities. The support of our members and friends is the bedrock on which our organization rests.

Up to date information on all events and additional information, including membership applications, flyers and photos of all events can be found on our regularly updated website: [www.ncpdemerald.org](http://www.ncpdemerald.org). BE SAFE.



## Nassau County Guardians Assoc. Inc.

by John Nedd

Long before the people of Nassau and Suffolk County, came to know the young Senator from Illinois, the Guardians were proclaiming the Senator as the next William Willett. As you know, William J. Willett became the 10th Commissioner of Police in a department of one of the most segregated societies in the country. Former Commissioner Willett served the people of Nassau County for Forty-nine years, and in the memorial pages of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, he's not even mentioned; and in the memorial pages of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, he's just another former chief. These, the two largest organizations that recognizes great leadership in Law Enforcement, does not recognized this great African American for his achievement of this first. So we ask you "are America ready for a Black President"?

During the jubilation and festivities, a student writing was recognized, "Rosa Parks SAT so Martin L. King could WALK. Martin walked so Obama could RUN. Obama is running, so our kids can fly". Only time will tell as we look forward to the history books.

Now that the Sergeant test has come and gone, I hope that you are a better officer today, then last month. The information you studied will make you an outstanding Law Enforcement Officer, it will keep you sharp and your assignments will become easier to handle. Remember be a good professional, and take care of the officer next to you and at the end of your tour, you both will get to go home to your family.

As this year comes to an end, look back and see what you have accomplished and when you set your goals for the next year, add something extra in community service or political enhancement. Your vote counted, so now be part of the process.

Until Then, Keep The Faith...

### **AFRICAN AMERICAN FIRST IN NASSAU COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY**

Dennis Ulmer - First African American Appointed to NCPD / Retired As Detective Lieutenant.

William Willett - First African American Police Commissioner / Nassau County Police Department

James Lawrence - First African American To Follow Bill Willett as Police Commissioner.

Thomas Scott – First African American Deputy Chief / Hempstead Police Department

Willie Dixon - First African American Assistant Chief / Hempstead Police Department

Eric Jenkins - First African American Detective Lieutenant Commanding Officer Of The 3rd Sqd.



Sherry Hines - First African American Female Lieutenant / Hempstead Police Department

Brian Staley - First African American Lieutenant / Port Washington Police Department

Lorna Atmore - First African American Female Detective Lieutenant / Commanding Officer

Chuck Carroll - First African American Detective Sergeant Assigned To Narcotics.

Alice White - First African American Female Sergeant.

Laurette Harper - First African American Female Detective Sergeant / Dep. Commanding Officer

Michael Beaubian - First African American Sergeant Assigned To Internal Affairs Bureau.

Gary Carpenter - First African American Sergeant Assigned To Marine Bureau

Nathaniel Amritt - First African American Sergeant Assigned To Applicant Investigation Unit.

Andrew Rhan - First African American Sergeant in Freeport Police Department

Vashti Anderson - First African American Female Detective To Graduate From The FBI Academy.

Derek Partee - First African American Detective Assigned To The FBI Task Force.

Cheroxie Marks - First African American Female Detective Assigned To Crime Scene Search Unit

Randy Hall - First African American Detective Assigned To Latent Fingerprints Section.

Ieda McCullough - First African American Female Detective Assigned to Polygraph Section

Edward Malone - First African American Detective Assigned To Forensic Evidence Bureau.

Joseph Smith - Active Delegate of Nassau County Police Benevolent Association.

Lynn Singleton - First African American Civilian Supervisor, Communication Bureau

## **GUARDIANS IN MOURNING**

Detective Thomas Williams, Jr. Freeport Police Department

Detective Ieda McCullough, Polygraph Section, Nassau County Police

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Police Officer Ed Phillips, on his newborn baby.

## **MOVEMENTS**

With the new budget crunch, no one is moving anywhere.

## **HEALTH AND WELFARE**

Keep a member in your prayers, lift them up with praises without them knowing

## **UP COMING EVENTS**

Holiday Party

Saturday, December 13, 2008

Tun Tavern: Stewart Avenue, Garden City

## **Police Holy Name Society of Nassau County**

by Neil Delgary

First of all let me take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and joyous Christmas season and a great New Year in 2009. The Board members of the HNS join me in wishing and praying for nothing but the best for our association and the various police department/law enforcement members throughout Nassau County during the coming year.

The country survived the election odyssey and we have a new, historic President-Elect in Barack Obama. During these trying times of economic turmoil we're going to hear numerous speeches and proclamations attesting to what we'll have to do as a nation to survive these tough times. I'm sure the presidential inaugural speech will include quotable phrases that will be used to rally the American people to future prosperity. I can't help but think of the famous presidential inaugural speech given by John F. Kennedy when he called for every American to "ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country". The NCPD has been called upon, on our local level, to do our part for the citizens of Nassau County and now we are going to be asked to "do more" for our nation and our department in order to successfully survive this crisis. I see "what you can do" for your country or department as what the Catholic Church views as "stewardship"; which is the giving of your time and talents to benefit your fellow man. Police officers, in general, are very generous with their off-duty time and volunteer in many diverse ways benefiting the community. Many coaches, scout leaders, religion teachers and church volunteers I have encountered throughout my life have been devoted cops or other public servants. Police officers know first hand about giving back to the community and seeing its immediate, optimistic effect because it enhances our ability to do our job and cause positive change. We will meet the challenges that are placed before us, because simply, we've done it before. My thoughts and the prayers of the Holy Name Society are with every member of the police family as we endeavor to successfully meet the challenges of 2009.

Please, a reminder: When you receive your membership application in the mail for the HNS (or any other fraternal organization), send in your completed application and dues so that we can continue to work for you. Thank you, Merry Christmas and have a great New Year.

# Police Running Club

by Rocco Sinisi

In November I ran in the NYC marathon for the first time. I never had much interest in doing it because of the starting process that allowed all 38,000 runners the opportunity to line up and start at the same time. That meant it could take you a very long time to cross the starting line if you were unable to get near the front.

This year the NY Road Runners Club instituted a three wave process. I was put into the first wave which in itself was divided into three separate color groups. It took me no longer than 90 seconds to cross the starting line on a perfect weather day for a marathon. Cold and virtually windless. I joined up with the NYPD Running Club run by Tom Biggers who did a terrific job on marathon day. From arranging a traffic free bus ride from midtown to Staten Island to a private warmup and finish line area to a post race banquet. Well worth joining up with the club.

I had intended to wear our own club's singlet but chose the NYPD singlet so I could easily be spotted at the finish line and diverted to the NYPD club tent. And as I crossed over the Verazzano Narrows Bridge into Bay Ridge I discovered that the NYPD gets lots of support from the crowd. Shouts of "Go NYPD" or "Go Blue" or just "NYPD" greeted me along the entire route. I found myself running along side the crowd just to get that extra support. Support that inspired me to run a personal marathon best of 3:03:40. Besting my previous time by 8 minutes. I went in thinking that I would do the NYC marathon just once but I will be back next year in the hopes of going sub 3 hours.

Congratulations to a couple of first time marathoners as well. Shevy Berkovits completed the NYC Marathon and John McLaughlin went down to Washington DC to complete the Marine Corp Marathon. Good job guys.

Catching up on some local races, Lesli Hiller was the second place female overall at the Run for Warriors 5K. John Conley and Alan Hirsch also competed. At the Rockville Centre 5K/10K department members running were Tom Fabian, Lorraine Hannon and John Barret.

Frank Borgi ran in one of his final races before undergoing back surgery at the Sleepy Hollow 5K. We wish Frank something that he normally doesn't do after a race and that is a fast recovery.

Out at the Brightwaters Pumpkin Run Rick Hollman placed 2nd in his age group.

In East Rockaway some of my fellow co-workers in the 4th showed up at the East Rockaway Octoberfest 5k. Ken Donnelly took 2nd in his age group and also running were Terence Heller, John Fallace and Anthony Badolato.

In January the NYPD Running Club will be carrying the Special Olympics Torch for about a two mile run in midtown. Tom Richardson will be organizing a group to join the run.

Further details in the next issue.



Gary Farley 5K Run

## Retired Column

by John Nosovotich

**TIM IVERS**...ZebraT711@aol.com I hope you and Betty are up to par in the health department. When the hurricane was approaching Galveston, I mapped North Zulch on Google, and it appeared you were pretty safe from the approaching storm. {Got the wind, very little rain and had electricity - the rest of our county was out!} All is well here in the Florida Panhandle and we'll soon see how the economic downturn affects the tourist industry here. I received a card and letter from the children of Ernie and Ruth Donner informing me that they had died in July. Ernie passed away July 10th, and Ruth two weeks later on July 25th. He was 81 and she 78. Ernie was one of the earliest ambulance drivers in the police department. They called them chauffeurs back in the '60, and later AMTs. He worked in the 8th and 2nd Precincts, and in Hdqtrs as an AMT supervisor. He was also active in the Hicksville Fire Department. Ruth was a School Crossing Guard in the 8th Precinct and during summer vacations from that job, she worked in the stationhouse performing clerical jobs. They loved camping and touring in their motor home, and had a home base in Hawthorne, Florida. They visited us a few times here in Panama City Beach and they made a few of the reunions at Sunbelt and Nassau Blue. Thanks for all the work you do keeping us retirees informed and in touch.

**RAY STINE**...(Jimmie Stine, wife)..... jimray45@cox.net My husband Ray and I celebrated our 63rd wedding anniversary Oct. 18, 2008 and Ray is now 87 yrs old. We are both happily married. {Congratulations and many more}

**DON KAIN**...Julyfive97@aol.com I have to be another retired cop to thank you for the Newsletter column. Because of the column, I now e-mail with Carl Johnson and thru him I have e-mailed Stan Scollard and hope to

hear back from him soon. Because of the economy and diesel fuel prices, we have stayed home this year. We still have a time share in Daytona, the first week of November and we are planning to use it this year. We have been invited to a wedding in California in January and have not decided whether to drive out there so far. If we go it will be in the RV, via the southern route, which will take us past your place, (The door is always open) a quick stop in San Antonio to see a friend, a visit with a very good friend in Albuquerque, two stops in Arizona, and then to the wedding. On the return trip we would have to make some money in Las Vegas, look at Hoover Dam, stop at the 4 Corners, and see the Grand Canyon. These are things I want to do before I have to check out of my earthly space. One thought is to go for it and stick the credit card companies with the bills. Decisions, decisions, decisions..

### **ODDS AND ENDS**

Ed and Helene Graham are going to L.A. for a family reunion, then to the Sun Belt Reunion and then over Christmas they are off to Louisville Ky. and Atlanta Ga. Gus Schaper was a good friend to this column he could always be counted on to contribute to it. His calls will be missed.

### **HEALTH AND WELFARE**

**GET WELL...**Tom Debeche who is having back surgery and Barbara Kramer, widow of Kenneth. who has been in the hospital

**DEATHS...**Deepest Sympathy to the families of Ernie and Ruth Donner, John J. McGowan, Francis J. Mullin, John R. Falcinelli, Martin J. Krencik Sr., Maurice (Bill) Houghton, Raymond Gallo, Henry L. Gongolewski and August (Gus) Schaper Jr Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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### **WRITER'S THOUGHTS**

On behalf of Betty and myself. we would like to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Let's start the New Year off with lots of letters and notes from you, the Retirees!

John Nosovitch - 7445 Live Oak Lane, North Zulch, Texas 77872 936-399-2420 jnoso@tconline.net

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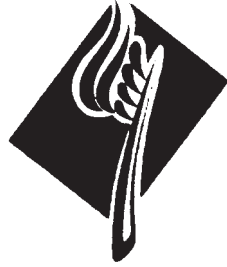
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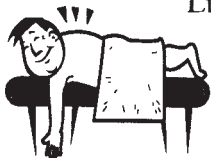
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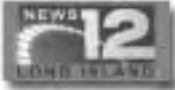
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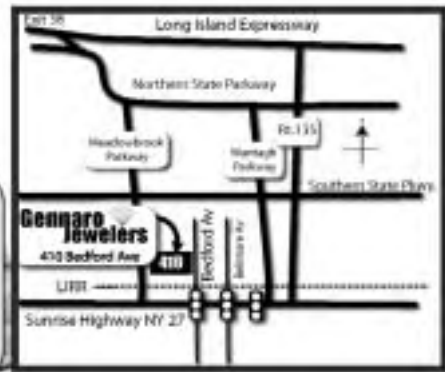
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Article extracted from Long Island Business News' February 2, 2007  
By Ross Daly

It's not much, by the eye-popping standards of juries in other parts of the country that routinely pass out multimillion-dollar awards, but the \$1.5 million awarded to an air-traffic controller who fell at LaGuardia Airport was the largest verdict on Long Island in 2006, according to Verdict Search, a division of American Lawyer Media.

On Nov. 21, 1998, James Courtney Jr. slipped while descending a staircase in the airport's air-traffic control tower. He said he fell and injured his leg, sustaining a tear in his calf that led to internal bleeding. He eventually was hospitalized for two weeks and underwent a number of surgeries.

In a lawsuit filed against the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Courtney's attorney, Patrick C. McCarthy of McCarthy, Safrath & Carbone P.C., contended that Courtney slipped on water dripping from the stairway's roof. He also claimed the leak had persisted for years and was so bad that tarps and hoses were rigged up to catch the water.

The case was tried in Nassau County because Courtney originally sued the Port Authority in New York City, and filed a separate medical-malpractice claim in Suffolk County against his doctors at John T. Mather Memorial Hospital in Port Jefferson. The two cases were consolidated in Nassau. (The medical-malpractice claim was later dismissed in a pre-trial judgment.)

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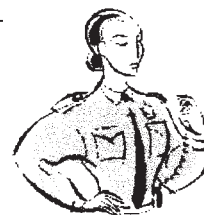
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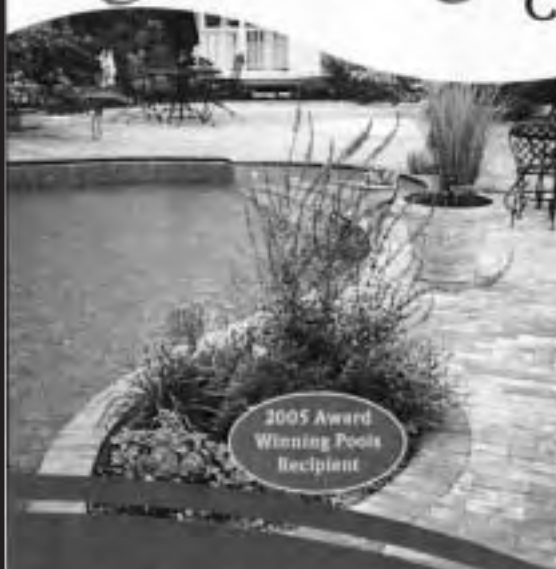
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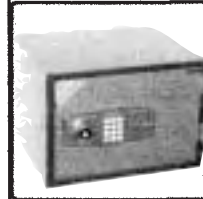
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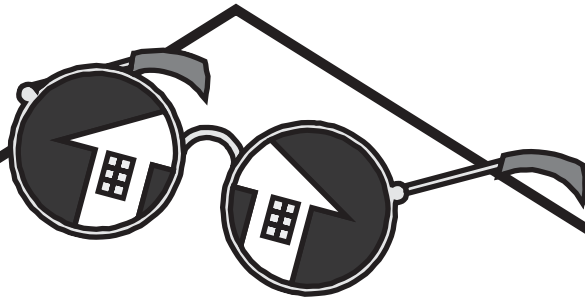


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