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Daniel Ibanez
Gregory Fisher
Joseph Calamita

Lifesaver (1st PCT)

Neal Krauszer
Ashley Corwin
AMT Scott Russell

Distinguished Service (BSO)

Alejandro Perez
Peter Lang
Robert Psomas
John Giovaniello
Emil Knight
Jeffrey Toscano

Top Detective (Gang Inv. Unit)

James Schmettan

Top Supervisor (1st PCT)

William Iger

Meritorious (5th PCT)

Gregory Nordquist
Evan O'Brien

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President's Message

by James McDermott

I just wanted to give you a quick update on the steps the PBA are taking in an attempt to initiate conversation with the County. Since the originally drafted contract was voted down by the membership, we have arranged meetings with the Trustees and Delegates from each of the Eight Precincts and the three Headquarter Commands in an attempt to seek feedback on the favorable aspects of the agreement and also the parts that were least favorable to our members. We have met with the Union Representatives from five of the eleven commands thus far and have scheduled or are in the process of scheduling meetings with the remaining commands.

These meetings have been very productive in helping us establish the direction we will proceed. I encourage all members to contact your Representatives with any helpful thoughts and ideas, so that they may continue to bring forth your sentiments or you may email the PBA directly at Admin@nassaupba.org.

There is no greater time than now to be united as a membership. I hate to recite a cliché, but united we stand and divided we fall. We all have the same goals of enhancing our futures, so I remain confident that we will persevere.

We have a scheduled meeting with the negotiators for the County on February 19, 2021 and will continue from there. As always, we will make every effort to maximize our chances for the most favorable scenario possible.

Legal Report

by Milan Rada, Esq. with John Hewson, Esq

All members should already be aware of the Medical Review procedure that exists to challenge a decision of the Department's Police Surgeons on several issues. However, it is always important, especially at the beginning of a new year to remind you of the process. For starters, this is a right of each member of the PBA, and it warrants a reminder that simply because the Police Surgeon "orders" a member on a medical issue, that does not mean that the order cannot be challenged. Although meeting with the Police Surgeon due to an injury or illness can be an intimidating situation and a member might feel like he or she has no choice, that is obviously not the case. So, as we say on a regular basis

in The Legal Report, make sure that you keep your PBA delegates and/or trustees in the loop when you are sick or hurt. They will be able to advise you appropriately regarding your rights including your rights to Medical Review.

The Memorandum of Understanding, agreed to by the PBA and the Police Department and ratified on March 25, 1993, created a Medical Review procedure to be used in several instances. These instances include (a) whether a police officer can work in either a full or restricted duty capacity; (b) an officer's ability to work within his or her physical limitations while at work; (c) whether a specific condition constitutes recurrence of a previously sustained line of duty injury; (d) whether an illness or injury was sustained in the line of duty; and (e) the length of time it may be necessary for a member's disability to resolve.

The starting point for any of these situations is that there be disagreement between the police officer and the Police Surgeon. Quite often we will receive a call from a member that he/she went to the Surgeon, and the Surgeon told them that they cannot give them line of duty status or that they have to put the member back to work on restricted duty. We often disagree with the idea that they "have to" do something or "cannot" do something else. It is more accurately a situation where they "will not" do or "grant" something. But that is within their rights as well. It is okay for there to be disagreement if the subsequent process is followed fairly by all parties.

If the result is disagreement, we advise all members that it is not a situation that should immediately become confrontational or adversarial. The negotiated process was put in place over 25 years ago to deal with the disagreement. We tell clients at that point to simply state that his or her doctor is telling them something different, and they want to avail themselves of the Medical Review process. This is when the formal request for Medical Review takes place with the Medical Administration Office (MAO). Also, when a member requests Medical Review, he/she should immediately inform his/her PBA delegate and/or their trustee because the process will involve the PBA as well as the Department. If we are unaware of someone going through Medical Review (which surprisingly happens more times than we like), the PBA and our office cannot advise the member appropriately. As disability counsel to the PBA, we play a significant role in the process. If we are not aware that you are going through the Medical Review process, we cannot advocate on your behalf. For example, all the medical evidence favorable to you might not be considered if we do not participate.

Once Medical Review is requested, the procedure dictated by the Memorandum of Understanding is that a telephone conversation take place between the Police

Surgeon and the member's physician to see if the two can reach agreement on the issue. Be aware that your doctor will get this call, so it is very important that your doctor is made aware of this fact. If the member's physician and the Police Surgeon agree, then Medical Review is over. Obviously if there is agreement that the injury was sustained in the line of duty, then the officer's line of duty status is approved. If there is agreement that the injury did not occur in the line of duty, the officer is denied line of duty status. We do not have actual statistics, but based on our anecdotal experience with these matters, often the doctors are unable to reach an agreement. The next step is that an appointment is made for the officer to visit "a neutral third-party doctor," who after examining the officer and reviewing all pertinent medical records will make a written recommendation to the Commissioner of Police. In the absence of including us in the Medical Review process, the Police Department alone will submit medical records to the neutral third-party doctor, which is detrimental to the police officer's case. Further, the Police Surgeon, or MAO, will provide a written report to the neutral third-party doctor of its evaluation of the case. If we are not consulted by the police officer who has requested Medical Review, or by that officer's delegate or trustee, we cannot provide the police officer's position of his/her case and relate the medical evidence to that position. It is obvious that if the police officer does not submit an evaluation of his/her case to the neutral third-party doctor, he/she is at a distinct disadvantage at this stage of Medical Review.

Over time, attrition left us with only one doctor remaining on the list of neutral doctors agreed to by the PBA and the Department many years ago. After some negotiation, the PBA and the Department were able to agree on a new list of doctors in a wide array of medical specialties to address Medical Reviews going forward. As compared to the Workers' Compensation IME process whose doctor is paid for entirely by the County and is not "independent" as the name might suggest, the neutral third-party doctor is presumably completely neutral and independent because the doctor's fee is split equally between the PBA and the Department. Thus, we can compile all the medical evidence relevant to the determination in conjunction with the Department to make sure that ALL evidence is presented to the neutral doctor, not just the Police Surgeon's opinion and evidence.

The beauty of this contractual process is that the decision of the neutral third-party doctor should be the final determination on this issue, for better or for worse. Granted, the Commissioner can adopt the opinion of the neutral third-party doctor or not, so the reason for the MOU is to alleviate the Commissioner from making a medical determination on a medical issue. Therefore, the doctor should be making the decision, so that opinion is usually the final step in the process.

Occasionally, the neutral third-party doctor's opinion does leave some remaining questions which should then lead to further discussion between the PBA and MAO on a particular issue. For this reason, making sure that your representatives are involved in the process is important because otherwise they cannot continue to advocate for the position that best protects the member. You should be aware that recently, after the neutral third-party doctor sent a very favorable (to the police officer) report to the Commissioner, MAO then sent a video to the neutral third-party doctor to see if the video changed the doctor's opinion in any way. To his credit, the doctor was not intimidated by the two (2) detectives that brought the video and did not change his opinion in any meaningful way. We have noted the process should be fair, which means that all existing medical and non-medical evidence is to be sent to the neutral third-party doctor prior to the police officer's appointment. In this case the video existed well before the member went to the examination, but was not shown to the doctor until AFTER the doctor submitted his report. The Medical Review process provides that ONLY NEW is to be submitted to the neutral third-party doctor. This should clearly demonstrate the importance of our involvement in the Medical Review process.

As always, we wish you all the best and a safe beginning to the New Year. However, we know the realities of the job, and injuries will occur. The key to this article is to know that if there is disagreement with the Police Surgeon such as they tell you that they "have" to put you back to work on restricted assignment, and your doctor disagrees and believes that you need to be home entirely to recover, you absolutely have the right to push back on that Police Surgeon's opinion and by availing yourself of Medical Review!

Please stay safe, and if you have any questions about this topic or any other topics involving injuries, such as Worker's Compensation, disability retirement benefits, Social Security disability benefits, Veterans' Disability benefits or personal injury negligence lawsuits, please do not hesitate to contact us at 516-941-4403 or 516-941-4404 or by e-mail at mrada@fbrlaw.com or jhewson@fbrlaw.com. Enjoy the start to what we hope will be a much better 2021 and do not forget your honey on Valentine's Day.

**NEXT OPEN
PBA MEETING
TO BE DETERMINED
DUE TO COVID**



First Precinct

by PO James Fullerton

Hopefully by the time you read this the vaccine hasn't turned everyone into zombies. First, I would like to thank everyone that reached out to me last month while I was laid up. That's right, yours truly got the Rona. Funny, Vito tells everyone that I couldn't catch a cold. Well look who is laughing now!! I would also like to give a very special thank you to the fifth precinct. I don't know how they knew I had Covid-19, but they were kind enough to send over a bunch of Cool Aid to help keep me hydrated. Thank you so much, it definitely came in handy. My advice to everyone, go out and get a blood pressure cuff and O2 monitor. When I was tested I had no real symptoms, but my BP was through the roof. Supposedly that is now one of the symptoms. But then again, what isn't these days!

BUFFY'S SPOTLIGHT

On December 15th, 2020 Officers Taker and Mirenda responded to 26 Branch Place in Roosevelt for a report of a House Fire. Upon arrival, officers observed heavy smoke coming from the house. Officers were able to gain entry into the house, which was filled with heavy smoke and fire. Officers had to crawl on the floor to search for a possible victim and were able to locate an 86-year female that was trapped inside. Officers were able to remove her from the house to an awaiting ambulance for treatment. This is outstanding work boys!!! Nice job fellas.

On January 03, 2021, Officers Salvadori and Slack responded to a Burglary in Progress at the T-Mobile store in Baldwin. As PO Salvadori was pulling up, he observed defendant's vehicle fleeing out of the parking lot and attempted a VTL stop. The vehicle refused to stop and entered the Southern State Parkway westbound. PO Slack then observed a second vehicle, that came back stolen, and was attempting to interfere with PO Salvadori. While on the Southern State the first vehicle became disabled and officers Salvadori and Slack were able to place defendant into custody after a brief struggle. The second vehicle fled westbound towards the city. This was a great job!!! Outstanding work.

On December 16th, 2020 Officers Sheeler and Coleman received a call for a woman in labor. While enroute to the hospital, the baby had other plans and decided to he didn't want to wait till mom got to the hospital to make his entry into this world. Officers pulled the ambulance over and delivered a healthy baby boy on the side of Hempstead Turnpike. Great job fellas. Hey its not always about great grabs!!

A special Buffy shout out to Officers Ditore on her first "jump-out". On December 17, 2020 while returning

from dropping off one arrest at the Third precinct, Officer Ditore heard a notification for a larceny that just occurred in East Meadow. Officer Ditore, along with a more seasoned Vet, observed the defendant walking southbound on East Meadow Avenue. Officer Ditore, got to do her first Jump-out, and grabbed the defendant. Congratulations on the jump out, hopefully next time the victim wants to press charges.

FIRST PRECINCT TOP COP AWARD AUGUST 2020

On August 19, 2020, at approximately 1720 hours, Police Officer Gironda and Police Officer Sutch of the first precinct special patrol unit were conducting crime deterrent patrol in Roosevelt when they observed the Defendant secrete a large clear plastic bag inside of his shorts. The Defendant entered his vehicle and abruptly pulled away from the curb, the officers while following behind observed the Defendant commit multiple VTL violations. The Officers attempted to pull the vehicle over and the Defendant started driving erratically at a high rate of speed and immediately crashed into the rear of another vehicle on the southern state parkway. The Defendant continued driving on the shoulder of the parkway and was observed throwing a black fanny pack out the side window later determined to contain cocaine and a loaded .45 caliber Taurus semi-automatic handgun with one round in the chamber and 7 additional rounds of ammunition in the magazine. The Defendant did then jump out of the moving vehicle and a foot chase ensued. The Defendant was then observed throwing a clear plastic bag which later was found to contain approximately 5.4 ounces of cocaine. With the assistance of other Officers, the Defendant was placed into custody were \$2,860.00 in currency was recovered. A search of the Defendants vehicle contained a bullet resistant vest, 3 bags of marijuana and two boxes of fireworks.

Due to Officer Gironda & Sutch's quick response, tactics and observation skills they placed a very violent Defendant under arrest. The defendant was charged with violation of Penal Law 220.18 Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance 2nd (A Felony), Penal Law 265.03- Criminal Possession Weapon 2nd: Loaded Firearm. The Top Cop Committee is proud to have Police Officer Gironda and Police Officer Sutch as the Top Cop of the First Precinct for the month of August 2020.

FIRST PRECINCT TOP COP AWARD SEPTEMBER 2020

On September 6, 2020, at approximately 0252 hours, Police Officers responded to the rear of 455 Jerusalem Ave, Uniondale. A 911 caller stated that a heavy set dark black male wearing a hat sitting in the front passenger seat, a thin build dark female wearing glasses sitting in the driver's seat, and a thin build dark black male

wearing chains standing outside the driver side with the door open. The caller further stated that the black male wearing the hat in the front passenger did take a firearm from the glove box, take out the magazine and then reinsert it, and then rack the slide. PO Rooney, PO Mcallister and PO Conley approached the two individuals standing next to the Nissan Altima. PO Margolnick after getting consent and smelling an odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle did then remove the Defendant from the front passenger seat where he was seated. PO Margolnick did open the glove box and recover a loaded magazine. PO Fagan subsequently recovered a bag of marijuana in the center console and a 9mm pistol located inside a camera bag stuffed into a cooler, in the second row of seats behind the driver's seat. PO Rooney, PO Mcallister and PO Conley then searched the Altima. Officer Rooney recovered a zip lock bag containing 10 spade shape pills in various colors believed to be ecstasy, 4 plastic containers with a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana, numerous clear empty plastic bags known for carrying narcotics and a scale found in a pink string back pack in the truck. Due to Officers quick response, tactics and observation skills they placed a very violent Defendant under arrest. The Defendant was charged with violation of PL-265.02 (01)- Criminal possession weapon 3rd: Previous conviction and PL 265.03(03) – Criminal possession weapon 2nd: Loaded firearm outside home and PL 265.01-B(01)- Criminal Possession of a Firearm. The Top Cop Committee is proud to have Police Officers Michael Rooney, Brian Mcallister and Kevin Conley as the Top Cop of the First Precinct for the month of September 2020.

FIRST PRECINCT TOP COP AWARD OCTOBER 2020

On October 4, 2020, at approximately 0452 hours, Police Officers observed a Gray BMW sitting at a traffic light for 2 cycles without moving. Officers approached the vehicle to check on the well-being of the Defendant who appeared to be sleeping at the wheel, while his car was in drive and his foot on the brake. In plain view a handgun was observed on the lap of the Defendant. Officers gained entry to the vehicle and secured the loaded firearm. The Defendant was intoxicated and driving with 7 suspensions on his license. After a search of the Defendant and his vehicle approximately \$19,538.00 in US Currency, an additional loaded magazine and 214 grams of marihuana was recovered.

Due to Officers quick response, tactics and observation skills they placed a very violent Defendant under arrest. The Defendant was charged with violation of PL 265.02 – Criminal Possession of Weapon 3rd with a previous conviction, PL 165.45 – Criminal Possession Stolen Property 4th: Firearm, PL 221-15 Criminal Possession of Marihuana 4th, PL 265.03 Criminal Possession of Weapon 2nd: Loaded Firearm outside of home, PL

265.01-Criminal Possession Firearm possess a firearm, VTL 511.3A- Aggravated Unlicensed Operation with Alcohol (Class E Felony) and multiple VTL violations. The Top Cop Committee is proud to have Police Officers Philip Buonora and Christopher Carney as the Top Cop of the First Precinct for the month of October 2020.

As always, stay safe, stay healthy, and HAPPY VALENITINES DAY loves birds!!

Notes From the E.S.U. Corner

by Kevin Probst

ON THE JOB

November is supposed to be the month of thanks, and I hope everyone had a healthy and filling Thanksgiving! I want to end the year on a positive note and thank a few people. I want to thank all of the members who attended Arties Memorial this past October. It means the world to ESU and the Lopez family for the support you all showed. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



As you have all read in my previous newsletters, ESU has more than doubled the size of the unit in 24 months from 19 cops and 3 supervisors to 42 cops and 5 supervisors. This has been a daunting task for the senior supervisors, senior cops and the training staff in the unit. It has been a massive learning curve with some bumps in the road but so far it has worked out very well for the unit. We moved in a positive direction and we are now able to assist the cops on the street at a faster and safer rate by having four trucks in service during the day (one per frequency), and the unit is able to grow some experience at a faster rate. So I want to thank the supervisors for believing in all of us and the senior men

in the unit who have worked hard to take 28 cops and 3 supervisors under their wings on the street and help show the tips and tricks to getting the job done in a safe and effective way.

ESU as a whole requires a variety of equipment and training with all of it. We use and train with rope rescue, to extrication equipment, air bags, tow equipment, animal handling/equipment, elevator rescues, hand/power tools, heavy vests and helmets, water/ice rescue and so on. Without this equipment ESU would be driving around in a Ford F550 billboard with limited resources. Within the past year ESU had the opportunity to put in for vital new technology equipment purchased through Asset Forfeiture. Without the support of our upper supervision, these requests would not have become made a reality. Everyone involved from our current administrative supervisor Sgt. Keith Faivre, our former C.O. of Highway Patrol, Lt. Mike Franco, Chief Mullane (at the time our Inspector) who backed our training with the new equipment, Chief Canavan and Chief Lack who always had our support in bringing the purchase requests up to the Legislature and defending the need for the equipment and Chief Palmer who has signed off on the paperwork and supported this positive growth of members and equipment. A special thanks to all of the members of Asset Forfeiture, and Chief of Patrols office staff who have put up with my questions on numerous occasions and going through all of the requests. Finally, a big thank you to Commissioner Ryder who is and always has been a huge advocate of the Emergency Service Unit. We can not thank you enough for your support!



TRAINING

Early in November, the newest members of the unit officially graduated and have hit the trucks, just in time for fall in-service. Inservice has been over for about a month by the time the newsletter hits the print and we have gotten a lot of good feedback on the supervisors and training staff! Thanks Marc!

RETIREES

Once facilities start opening up for large groups we can continue the monthly retirement gathering with all

of the retired members! Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

If there is any information you would like to see published in the newsletter please feel free to email me at kprobst@pdcn.org

JANUARY'S UPDATES

ON THE JOB

PO's Chiofolo, Runko, Judge and Babich responded to a mental aided down in the 4th pct for a male who was threatening his family. Upon patrol arrival there was smoke coming from the residence. PO's donned SCOTT packs and made entry to try and gain access to the aided. The aided continued to light the room/house on fire and at one point became too involved for ESU to make a rescue. The fire department continued with an exterior attack until the house was fully involved with smoke. At that time it was determined that there was no way a person could survive inside and the FD made entry. The aided was discovered downstairs and was unconscious but breathing. ESU members assisted FD on the removal at the front door. Great job done by all!

Since the arrival of new heavy lift airbags, ESU has responded and worked 3 jobs where vehicles have fallen on someone working underneath. These calls are usually few and far between but when it rains it pours! This is why training on new equipment is important, not only during inservice but constantly pulling things off the trucks and re-familiarizing yourself.

RETIREES

Two more members joined the retirees group in the month of December!

Marcus Negron joined the department October 14th 1994 and was assigned to the 3rd pct upon graduating the academy. In August of 1998 Marcus came over to Highway Patrol and worked a few different spots in his tenure. He had an enforcement car, was in SET, and then went to the Motorcycle Platoon. In 2008 Marcus joined the ESU family and has been an asset for the last 12 years. We are going to miss the excitement in his voice when he answers the phone, and all the ball breaking and laughs we've all had.

Mike Iannarelli was hired by the police department on March 31st, 1995 and after 5 years in the 7th pct, Mike made his way over to the Emergency Service Unit in November of 2000. Twenty years in a unit is a long time, and with that amount of time comes experiences and exposures that some people may never see. Those years of experience is a major loss for all of us. Mike has been

an asset whether it is welding, repairing some piece of equipment, talking someone through an assignment, or throwing someone through a window, these experiences are ones we are going to miss.

We can not thank you both enough for the laughs and experience you brought to us. Enjoy your retirements and we look forward to seeing you both soon!

FEBRUARY 2021 UPDATES

ON THE JOB

During the tail end of December and beginning half of January (as I am writing the February newsletter in the beginning of January), COVID ran its course through the truck guys and the office. Luckily most of the members had little to no symptoms and were able to quarantine quick enough as to not spread it to their family and friends. For anyone who is currently ill with COVID hopefully you feel better quick!

ESU is proud to announce that we broke the in-house record of Headquarter Impounds! In 2020 we recorded 638 impounds and that is only towed from the scene to the building. This number does not reflect being towed out to the impound lot and/or any departmental tow of RMP's, ambulances or other police related vehicles. Congrats to all of the members who have contributed to this accomplishment! I think I have a good feeling about 2021!

On January 10th, PO McMullen witnessed a small plane flying extremely low and followed it, while doing so he requested ESU to respond forthwith to the vicinity of Bethpage Fire Academy. The plane crashed and upon PO McMullen's arrival, he requested the spreaders and was already making his way into the cockpit to assess the pilot. PO's Mallott and Liguori were the first ESU truck on scene and got the Holmatro tools up and running to start extricating the pilot. PO's Nolan, Spedalieri, Badolato and Bezmen were on scene a short time later assisting with patrol and medics to remove the pilot who suffered serious injuries during the crash. He was transported to NUMC in stable but serious condition. Great job by all who responded to get the pilot to the hospital in a quick and timely manner!

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our website

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TRAINING

Training was limited during the holiday season and during the month of January due to COVID running its course through the unit. Once we get into some warmer weather we have to schedule some rope and trench training with ROCO.

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MARINE BUREAU

by P.O. John Kannengeiser

Winters are long and cold out on the water. The good majority of recreational boaters are high and dry, making plans for next season. However, there are many commercial maritime professionals out on our district waterways making a living both day and night. Commercial druggers, clambers, baymen, town workers and tugboat crews are just a few that are out there braving the elements to earn their keep and support their families. Many have expressed their appreciation to have the NCPD Marine Bureau out there 24/7. They know we are there for them regardless of the situation.

PRACTICE = PROFICIENCY = PROFESSIONALISM

With another holiday season in the books, the Marine Bureau has commenced our new winter training program. The program consists of in-service training broken down into distinct segments. Towing, Search and Rescue, Patrol Vessel systems and Underway Operations are just some of the vital parts of what we will be doing to stay sharp. Working with the United States Coast Guard will certainly be a high point of our winter program as their knowledge and experience will benefit our members greatly. We will be finishing up the last segment just in time for our April SMPVOC class and then anticipate a busy 2021 season.

The Marine Bureau mourns the loss of retired member, Mel Berger. Mel retired from the Marine Bureau in 1979 where he was a Dive Team member. He also served his country in the United States Navy where he was a Diver as well. Condolences go out to his family. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

The pandemic continues to impact our lives with COVID-19 cases spiking again. Be smart, stay safe and remain healthy everyone.

Until next month, Fair Winds and Following Seas.



ARPO

by Bob Livoti

The 2021 dues notices along with our 2021 calendar, cards and decals were mailed out and the dues payments are still coming in. A second dues notice will be mailed out to those who still haven't paid their dues. You can help us avoid double mailing costs by getting your dues payment in on time. Remember that if you are not a member in good standing, you are not eligible for the death benefit.

Due to the overwhelming load of mail at the post office, our calendars sat in the Melville distribution center from the end of November to the beginning of January. The response from the post office was, "we'll get to it as soon as we can." The calendars were sent out bulk mail because of the weight and the dues notices were sent out first class. Thank you to all that have already sent in their dues payments. A second notice will go out in February with a late fee for those that didn't send it in on time.

The big push is on for virus vaccinations or so it may seem. Now everyone is being told it is in short supply. Hopefully, supplies will increase so everyone can get their shots. It is no different in Florida. Supply is in short supply and everyday there are more and more virus cases. Short article this month, as things are busy in Florida. Everyone stay safe!

Blue Knights

by Vinny Calderon
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BLUE KNIGHTS NY X

Greetings one and all from the "Central Command" of BLUE KNIGHTS, NEW YORK X

For those of you who may be unfamiliar- the Blue Knights is the Oldest Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club in the World and our Chapter -New York X is the largest Chapter with over 160 members. We, as a Chapter were Chartered in October 1979 and have grown steadily ever since.

For 2021 we have a new Executive Board consisting President- Vinny Calderon (NYPD Retired), VP John Hill (NCPD Retired), Secretary Al Barnych (NCPD Retired) and Treasurer Brian Adam's (NCPD Retired) as well as three New Directors. We are comprised of active and retired members from at least 2 dozen different Law Enforcement Agencies and scores of units and commands with those agencies. We have riders of all skill levels and many different brands of motorcycles are represented.

While 2020 brought an unprecedented series of challenges to our organization (as many others) we were able to adapt and overcome so as to enjoy a fairly full ride calendar all while practicing the recommended safety protocols.

Currently- we meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at Brew SA on Woodcleft Canal in Freeport, NY. Meetings Start at 1900 and we have food at every meeting.

BKNYX supports the AMT Children of Hope organization and we often provide escorts for their organization when needed. We have also Partnered with LEO WEEKEND and are the Hosting LEMC for the annual "Ride 4 Remembrance" which raises money for great activities for the families of Police Officers who were killed or seriously injured LOD. Additionally- we have "Open Rides" every Wednesday and Saturday so there's plenty of opportunities to jump on a ride and grab

a bite to eat.

WE are a family oriented MC and Host a Picnic Every Summer as well as a Holiday Party every December. Our annual Motorcycle Raffle offers a lucky winner to take their choice of a New Harley Davidson or a cash alternative and is one of our better attended events.

So if you're a licensed Motorcycle Rider and you have an itch to scratch- come on down to a meeting and see if we can bring your Motorcycle Riding experience to the next level. If you have any questions at all, feel free to contact me via email at- abarnych@yahoo.com or my cell- 516-429-8238

Ride With Pride
Big Al Barnych BKNYX Secretary

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IPA Region 5

By William Costigan
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I want to start by apologizing for missing the January Newsletter. Happy New Year and let us hope for a better 2021.

Our Christmas ornament sale was a huge success. Thank you to the many members for your generosity and support. We were able to raise \$1,300 for our Scholarship Fund.

Though COVID-19 is still part of our everyday lives, we hope to ease back into events as restrictions are lifted. We must take things on a month-by-month basis but anticipate that we will return so normal as soon as possible.

As we plan out our calendar year, one of our members, Jon Browne of the Long Beach PD, is putting together a Surf Club. Jon will be organizing through the spring and hopes to host a surf event when the weather gets warmer. Any member interested in joining should send an email to IPA.NassauRegion5@gmail.com

If you have not already done so, all members need to send their 2021 dues directly to IPA Region 5 either BY MAIL: 304 Elm Drive South Levittown, NY 11756 BY FAX: 888-647-3690 or BY EMAIL: wjpowell@gmail.com

Next Meeting Date

To Be Scheduled
Wantagh Inn
3264 Railroad Ave
Wantagh, NY 11793



IPA is open to new members all year round.
Join us at our next meeting or event.

Nassau Police Post 1050 American Legion

by Dan Scheidel

This pandemic thing and the chase to get a vaccine is starting to get ridiculous. When speaking to a neighbor he remarked that his a friend if his was told a vaccine was available but he and his wife would have to go up state for the shot. Nothing at all as to how long they may have to wait for it but vaccines were available. It gets too confusing, especially for us senior citizens.

There was an article in a local newspaper that vaccine shots were available at Veteran Hospitals or Nursing homes but after reading more it said the veteran had to be registered at the hospitals. There were some age restrictions but I understand that each facility has its own guidelines. If in doubt, call to find out their requirements. There are two I can think of, St. Albans and Northport

If you are a veteran pick up a copy of the Legion magazine. There are some very interesting articles about veteran rights and veteran needs. One article assessed the toll in mental health the Covid pandemic has been having on so many people. I'll leave it at that, if you can pick up a copy and maybe you'll wish to join the American Legion at a future date.

Police Post 1050 members are reminded that there will be no monthly meetings until we can gather without fear of contacting the virus. East Meadow Post has been notified and they tell us we will be welcomed back when we are ready. We thank them for their generosity. Post dues are still due. It won't be too long before those not paying could be considered null and void. If you pay on line, please drop me a note or email and let me know so I can mark you, "Paid" on our roster.

Scholarship winners were picked early in January and the \$500.00 awards will be sent upon verification from the school they are attending. We lost money this year with only 35 members out of 90 members taking even one book of chances. The Executive Board and the Board of Officers will have to sit down and determine if we are to continue having this be just one way of giving back to the members, some sort of reward.

There isn't much more to bring to the membership. We still would like to bring new members into our organization but these are not the times to try. Our other message to all, be safe.

Nassau Police Running Club

by Rocco Sinisi

It looked like in December that we would be in for a long harsh winter but despite one big snowfall, temperatures have been mild for winter. Christmas Day one could go out for a run in shorts.

The mild temperatures have been a blessing in avoiding the treadmill. Where some of us once embraced the treadmill and didn't call it "The dreadmill", the wearing of a mask at an indoor gym has made the task of indoor training kind of difficult, at least for me. The biggest issue being that after several miles of huffing and puffing into mask, it gets wet and then one inhales the mask with each intake of breath.

So I have been doing a lot more running outdoors

in the cold. Putting on all the cold weather gear in preparation. I have been doing quite a bit of running in Central Park as I split my time between Long Island and New York City. Something that being retired has allowed me ample time to do it.

Having never run in Central Park except during a race, it's pretty inspiring to see so many people out on a cold weekend morning walking, running or cycling. People running at different paces to push you or to chase down those in front of you. Different loops around the park with rolling hills. One can go counterclockwise, like most runners do in the park or you can go clockwise the next day and discover a harder run and the reason most go counterclockwise. I'm looking forward to spring and summer as temperatures rise and more people exercise in the park. It's a nice change compared to running alone here on Long Island.

The free running app, Strava, has become a welcome addition to my outdoor running routine.

The app, available to download to your phone, has a GPS feature that traces your routes whether on the streets, trails or a track. It can tell you when you are in motion or standing still. It allows you to connect with other runners and clubs including the Police Running Club to see what other runners in your social circle are doing. It keeps track of your mileage for the day as well as the week and month.

I also discovered while running in Central Park and pacing myself with two different strangers that afterwards in my Strava feed, the two runners had shown up as they were using the app as well. So a running tool as well as a social tool.

Membership is open to all departmental members. Go to NPRunclub.com for details.

**NEXT OPEN PBA MEETING
TO BE DETERMINED
DUE TO COVID**

Overall Top Cops

PO Joseph Calamita, Shield #3769, Serial #9274

PO Daniel Ibanez, Shield# 3853, Serial #9456

PO Gregory Fisher, Shield #4077, Serial 9550

Third Precinct Special Detail Officers, Joseph Calamita, Daniel Ibanez and Gregory Fisher were responsible for a total of 338 arrests in 2020. Of the 338 arrests, 114 were Felonies, 160 Misdemeanors and 64 were Violations. These arrests were compromised of 25 DWI's, 25 drug related arrests, 109 Forged Instruments (Credit Cards, Registrations, Licenses) and 32 Warrant arrests. In addition to this high level of arrest activity, in which 243 of the arrests resulted from self-initiated activity, these Officers also issued a total of 1,104 VTL Summons's.

Their hard work resulted in removing a loaded firearm from the street and the arrest of a male subject responsible for publicly exposing himself to females and minors on five previous occasions, after months of intensive patrols of the vicinity where these crimes occurred.

While investigating an unrelated stabbing involving teen gang members at the Roosevelt Field Mall, the Officers were responsible for disrupting an organized flash shoplifting mob from Bloomingdales. Officers were surveilling suspicious vehicles that were parked outside when the mob of ten to twelve individuals came running out of the store carrying \$61,370 worth of stolen merchandise. Officers intercepted the mob and were able to recover \$22,740 worth of the merchandise, arrested one of the subjects and seized one of the getaway vehicles. The subsequent investigation by Third Squad Detectives is ongoing and several other responsible involved persons are expected to be arrested.

Due to the consistently high level of activity these Officers have produced, and their devotion to crime suppression in our County, The PBA is proud to call these Officers our Overall Top Cops for 2020.

Distinguished Service

Police Officer Alejandro Perez, Shield #655, Serial #7352

Police Officer Peter Lang, Shield #931, Serial #7496

Police Officer Robert Psomas, Shield #3484, Serial #8960

Police Officer John Giovaniello, Shield #3334, Serial #8813

Police Officer Emil Knight, Shield #1669, Serial #7820

Police Officer Jeffrey Toscano, Shield #3072, Serial #8641

On February 25, 2020 at approximately 1030 hours, the defendant committed an armed carjacking in Garden City Park, N.Y. The defendant placed a loaded 9mm handgun to the victim's head and fled the scene with his vehicle. Upon hearing the notification of the incident, Officers Alejandro Perez and Peter Lang of the Bureau of Special Operations began to canvass the area in search of the defendant. The unoccupied vehicle was located in Queens.

Third Squad Detectives obtained the identity of the defendant and informed the BSO officers of his violent criminal past which included assaulting police officers, possession of a firearm, attempted murder and several bank robberies. Officers Perez and Lang set up surveillance at the residence where the vehicle was located. A male wearing a hoodie exited the residence and entered a different vehicle in front of the residence. Officers John Giovaniello and Robert Psomas arrived at scene. At this time, the Officers positively identified the male with the hoodie as the subject of the carjacking. The Officers pursued the defendant a short distance and he abruptly stopped in the roadway. Officers Lang and Perez exited their unmarked unit, identified themselves and ordered the defendant out of his vehicle while informing him he was under arrest. The defendant was observed reaching into the center console for what turned out to be a loaded 9mm handgun. While doing so, the defendant sped backwards, striking Officers Psomas and Giovaniello's unmarked unit. The defendant then drove forward off the roadway and onto the sidewalk striking Officer Lang who was positioned there. The defendant continued to accelerate as Officer Lang was thrown onto the hood of the defendant's vehicle and began to roll off. Believing that officer Lang was about to get run over or crushed between the vehicle and the building which was several feet away, Officer Perez fired his service weapon at the defendant in an attempt to stop him. Officer Lang while pushing off the hood of the defendant's vehicle, also fired his service weapon at the defendant. The defendant once again attempted to strike Officer Lang with his vehicle. Officers Giovaniello and Psomas, who had now positioned themselves around the defendant's vehicle, attempted to stop the defendant's aggressive actions by also firing their service weapons at the defendant. The defendant's vehicle violently crashed into a hair salon storefront, shattering the front glass window. Officers Jeff Toscano and Emil Knight, who were also surveilling the defendant's residence, arrived on scene and physically removed the defendant from the vehicle. At this time, it was evident that the defendant had succumbed to his injuries.

Meritorious

Police Officer Gregory Nordquist, Shield # 3843, Serial # 9445 Police Officer Evan O'Brien, Shield #3227, Serial # 10081

On September 16, 2020 at approximately 0025 hours, a male victim was contacted by friends who informed him that there were two unknown subjects in the front yard of his residential fenced in property located in Elmont. The concerned victim, and his friends responded to the residence where they observed the two males on his property and confronted them.

The two subjects fled the front yard on foot and were followed by the victim and his friends. The subjects then entered a gray Toyota Rav 4 which was driven by a third subject. The victim and his friends called 911 for assistance in stopping the subjects who had entered his yard without permission. The victim and his friends got into the victim's vehicle, a Hyundai Santa Fe, and followed the subject's vehicle. The subject's vehicle struck the victims vehicle and the subjects fired four gun shots at the victim and his friends.

Police Officer Gregory Nordquist while on routine patrol and unaware of this ongoing incident, heard what he believed to be gun shots. Officer Nordquist responded to the direction of where he had heard the shots. Officer Nordquist observed the Gray Toyota Rav4 traveling at a high rate of speed from the direction in which he originally heard the gun shots. He activated his lights and sirens and attempted to pull over the vehicle. The operator of the subject vehicle refused to stop and a short pursuit ensued and the subjects were able to evade the pursuing patrol car.

The vehicle was located a short time later in Valley Stream. During a canvas of the area, Officer O'Brien observed a male fitting the description of one of the subjects from the vehicle. The male was walking down the street and Officer O'Brien exited his vehicle in an attempt to stop the subject. The subject saw the officers and ran from him and a foot pursuit ensued. At some point, the subject fell to the ground and a black .45 Caliber Tanfoglio pistol fell out of the defendant's waistband and a live round was released from the pistol chamber due to the impact. Due to the proximity of the handgun to the subject, Officer Evan O'Brien utilized his taser in an attempt to temporarily incapacitate the subject. One of the taser prongs hit the defendant's leg and the other prong missed him, not allowing the taser to function properly. The Officers immediately grabbed the subject, pulled him away from the handgun and placed him under arrest.

The defendant was charged with Attempted Murder and reckless endangerment. If not for the superior determination of these Officers, this dangerous subject would likely have not been arrested for his actions, it is our honor to name Officers Nordquist and O'Brien as our Top Cops of the year.

Lifesaver

Police Officer Neal Krauszer, Shield# 3977, Serial# 9380
Police Officer Ashley Corwin, Shield# 2333, Serial# 9829
AMT Scott Russell, Shield # 113, Serial# 4464C

On March 6, 2020 at approximately 1840 hours, Police Officer Cody Pelcher was attending turnout at the First Precinct Stationhouse when he suffered a medical emergency, causing him to pass out and fall to the floor. Several Officers jumped into action and attempted to render aid and summoned an ambulance. The Communications Bureau dispatched an ambulance to respond for what was originally believed to be a seizure. NCPD Police Medic Scott Russell was responding to a different aided case at the time, but was currently traveling in very close proximity to the First Precinct. He advised that he would switch assignments and respond to the First Precinct instead of his original assignment. Upon arrival, Officer Pelcher was immediately moved onto a stretcher and placed into the ambulance. As the ambulance responded to the hospital, AMT Russell continued to assess Officer Pelcher with the assistance of Police Officers Krauszer and Corwin. Officer Pelcher's condition worsened and he suffered a Cardiac arrest. AMT Russell and Officers Krauszer and Corwin immediately administered CPR. An AED was utilized to administer an electric shock to Officer Pelcher, in an attempt to get his heart beating again. The initial shock and several more shock attempts were unsuccessful. CPR continued during the entire transport to the hospital. Upon arrival to the hospital, Officer Pelcher was rushed into the trauma room and the trauma team was able to successfully shock Officer Pelcher and he regained a pulse. Officer Pelcher remained in the hospital for approximately eight days where he had an internal defibrillator surgically implanted. Officer Pelcher has since returned to work and has made a full recovery. Thanks to the quick actions of these honorees, Officer Pelcher is alive today.

Top Detective

Detective James Schmettan, Shield # 1246, Serial # 8504

On November 1, 2019 several Blood gang members shot 19 rounds into a house located in Massapequa Park. Detective James Schmettan and other Detectives were able to identify the subjects involved and placed them into custody. The investigation revealed that the subjects were involved in 12 other shootings throughout Long Island. It was also discovered that two of the subjects were trafficking firearms from Alabama. Search warrants led to the confiscation of four firearms and an additional three firearms were recovered during a car stop. All three subjects were indicted on Attempted Murder and firearm related charges. Detective Schmettan secured two written statements of admission regarding their involvement in gang related gun violence and drug activity. Information discovered during the course of this investigation has led to several more indictments and branched out to additional cases that are being investigated jointly with the Federal Government.

On September 1, 2020 an unknown subject shot 20 rounds at three victims. One of the victims suffered multiple gunshot wounds. The victims and witnesses were uncooperative with the investigation. On October 5, 2020 a Crip gang member, who was believed to be the shooter, was arrested on an unrelated incident. The subject was interviewed and gave a full statement of admission stating that he was the shooter of the September 1st incident. The subject was

charged with Attempted Murder, Criminal Possession of a Weapon and Reckless Endangerment. The investigation of this case led to the arrests in two other related gang shootings.

From April 18 2019 through October 2020, Detective Schmettan, aided by the use of Confidential Informants, conducted six separate controlled purchases of firearms, netting a total of seven hand guns. These gun buys involved known gang members and are a part of a larger gun trafficking investigation.

The results of his excellent work has earned him the right to be called the PBA's Top Detective of the Year.

Top Supervisor

First Precinct Sergeant William Iger

On December 1, 2019 at approximately 0630 hours, First Precinct units were assigned to an assault that just occurred in Uniondale. First Precinct Sergeant William Iger, who arrived for work only minutes before, quickly responded to the scene, where a female victim was walking to the bus stop, when a male subject tackled her from behind and attempted to steal her pocketbook. The victim struggled with the subject, who then fled the scene on foot.

The subject then entered a nearby residence through an unlocked rear window, but was confronted by the homeowner and fled the scene. The homeowner called 911 to report the incident and gave a physical description of the subject that matched the described subject from the assault that occurred ten minutes prior.

The subject then entered another residence through a rear unlocked door. Once inside, the subject entered the bedroom of a 9-year-old child and put a knife to his throat. He then brought the child to his mothers' bedroom, where the boy's mother pleaded with the subject not to hurt her son and asked him what he wanted. The subject said he wanted sex and attempted to rape her, but then fled the home when he heard voices of other family members in the house.

At this time, Sergeant Iger observed the subject running and entering through the gate of a rear yard. Sergeant Iger ordered the subject to stop, but the subject refused his order and jumped over a fence that led to an adjoining yard. Sergeant Iger immediately jumped the fence and continued his pursuit over more fencing and through several yards, all while advising the other units of his location and direction of travel. The pursuit continued to Uniondale Avenue where two awaiting First Precinct Officers confronted the subject who was armed with a knife. The Officers drew their weapons and ordered the subject to drop the knife. He complied and Sergeant Iger tackled the subject to the ground and placed him into custody with the assistance of several First Precinct Officers.

The subject was positively identified by all victims and was charged with multiple serious crimes. Sergeant Igers quick actions and unrelenting pursuit of the subject, who posed serious danger to the public, earns him the honor of being named our Top Supervisor of the Year.

Perseverance Award

Police Officer James Viviani, Shield # 2587, Serial # 8209

On March 12, 2020, at the beginning of the Covid Pandemic, Police Officer James Viviani began experiencing Flu like symptoms. He was tested and was confirmed to have Covid. He isolated himself at home in an attempt to recover, but his physical condition deteriorated over the next six days. He woke up on March 18, 2020 in respiratory distress and was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital via ambulance.

At the time, Covid was a new, unknown virus and there was very little research to determine effective treatment for the virus. After spending the next couple days in the hospital and not responding to the treatment he was given, his condition rapidly declined and he was rushed to the Intensive Care Unit. James found it extremely difficult to breathe, even while receiving 100% oxygen. The medical staff informed him that if he could not raise his oxygen levels, that they would have to put him on a ventilator. James, knowing that going on a ventilator could cause long term lung issues, spent the next 15 days concentrating on his breathing and was eventually able to increase his oxygen level and avoid being put in the ventilator. During that time, the medical staff experimented with certain types of treatment that were currently showing some success in treating this new virus and administered two different types of antibiotics, a drug normally used for treating Malaria, and a steroid.

James was eventually moved out of ICU and was released from the hospital on April 7, 2020. He was sent home with an oxygen tank to assist with his breathing. After recouping at home over the next month, he returned to work on June 4th, 2020 in a light duty capacity. After taking into consideration the health scare he experienced over the last several months, James reevaluated his future and made the decision to retire on August 28th, 2020. Officer Viviani's ability to struggle through a deadly illness, with little known treatment at the time, has earned him the PBA Perseverance Award for 2020.

Man of the Year

Congressman Peter King

Peter King started his political career in 1977 as a Town of Hempstead Councilman. In 1981, he was elected Nassau County Comptroller and went on to be re-elected in 1985 and 1989. Peter was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1992. Congressman King served for 14 consecutive terms, from 1993 till the end of 2020 when he retired. He was a longtime resident of Nassau County and the son of a New York City Police Officer. In all his time as a public Official, he has been a huge supporter of Law Enforcement, both on the local and national level. He constantly and publicly reinforces his commitment to Police Officers everywhere. His support has always been appreciated by the members of this union and his support has earned him the right to be called the Nassau Police Benevolent Associations Man of the Year.

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Remember to update your information

For those who have not done so in a while you should check your contact and personal information with the PBA and the Department especially if you have any changes in your life. Changes may include an address or telephone number change. A change in marital status or the birth of a child. You should also make sure that your beneficiaries are up to date with any life insurance, the Pension system and the Departments Termination pay beneficiary form. If you have never completed the Termination Beneficiary Form you should do so immediately. A copy of the Termination Pay Beneficiary form (PDCN 406) is included in this newsletter and can also be obtained from the Departments Intranet site.

PBA PENSION ESTIMATE PROGRAM

Your PBA has instituted a Pension Estimate benefit for all FULL Dues paying Members. This benefit will entitle each member to one Pension Estimate during the course of his or her career. As a part of this service you will be entitled to have your pension estimate updated for 3 years after the initial estimate. We have hired Lynn Ang Pension Estimate and Projections L.L.C. to perform these estimates for the members. To take advantage of this benefit you will have to obtain a Pension Estimate Voucher at the PBA office. This voucher will then be given to Lynn when you meet with him to perform the initial estimate.

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Dear PBA Member,

Periodically, your PBA reminds its membership of appropriate steps that should be taken if you are called to Internal Affairs or become part of ANY department investigation. Recent events underscore the importance of involving the PBA and your legal counsel, me, as soon as possible.

Should you be called to Internal Affairs, be it as a witness or subject, you must notify your local PBA representative IMMEDIATELY. If you are deemed a subject, you have the right to have both a union representative and legal counsel with you during the interview. **If the investigation is criminal in nature, call me first!**

REMEMBER: You must be afforded a reasonable amount of time to contact a PBA representative and attorney. You have the right to confer with us both before and after questioning.

YOUR PBA REPRESENTATIVES AND ATTORNEY
ARE HERE TO PROTECT YOU!

In any situation, be it at Internal Affairs or otherwise, where you are asked to write a letter and there is even a remote possibility of discipline, be sure to begin the letter with the following statement:

"I am making this statement for administrative purposes only. I have not done so voluntarily, but in compliance with an order of a Superior Officer. This statement in no way constitutes any waiver of my rights, and this statement, or any part thereof, may not be used against me in any subsequent criminal proceeding."

Finally, upon notifying your PBA representative that you have been called to Internal Affairs as the subject of an investigation, we will arrange to meet prior to your interview at my office to review the facts and circumstances.

Fraternally,

Bill Miller

**TERMINATION PAY AND PAY FOR UNUSED SICK LEAVE
BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION**

PDCN 406 - 1/11

Initial Beneficiary Designation(s) OR Change of All Prior Beneficiary Designation(s) (check one box only)

I hereby revoke any previous beneficiary designation(s), if any, for my termination pay and pay for unused sick leave and direct that the monies payable for termination pay and unused sick leave be paid as indicated below.

| | |
|---------|------------------------|
| Name | Social Security Number |
| Address | Telephone Number |

NAMING THE BENEFICIARY

It is important that your beneficiary designation be clear so that there will be no question as to your intent. It is also important that you name a primary and contingent beneficiary. When naming beneficiary(ies), please supply all requested information. If the beneficiary is not related either by blood or by marriage, insert the words "Not Related". **NOTE:** Whether designating one or more beneficiaries, the total Benefit Percent must equal 100%.

PRIMARY BENEFICIARY(IES)

I hereby name the following beneficiary(ies). If I have named more than one beneficiary, it is my intention that those living at the time of my death share in the benefit payable as indicated below. I reserve the right to change this designation at any time.

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Name: _____ | Date of Birth: _____ |
| Address: _____ | |
| Social Security Number: _____ | Relationship: _____ |
| Benefit Percent: _____ | |
| Name: _____ | Date of Birth: _____ |
| Address: _____ | |
| Social Security Number: _____ | Relationship: _____ |
| Benefit Percent: _____ | |

CONTINGENT BENEFICIARY(IES)

If all designated primary beneficiaries predecease me, any benefit payable on my behalf shall be paid to the following. If I have named more than one contingent beneficiary, it is my intention that those living at the time of my death should share in the benefit payable as indicated below. Furthermore, if I survive these beneficiaries, any benefit payable should be paid to my estate or any other beneficiary I name thereafter. I reserve the right to change this designation at any time.

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Name: _____ | Date of Birth: _____ |
| Address: _____ | |
| Social Security Number: _____ | Relationship: _____ |
| Benefit Percent: _____ | |
| Name: _____ | Date of Birth: _____ |
| Address: _____ | |
| Social Security Number: _____ | Relationship: _____ |
| Benefit Percent: _____ | |

This form must be signed and notarized in order to be valid.

I, the undersigned, reserve the right to change the beneficiary(ies) without the consent of said beneficiary(ies).

Signature of Insured _____ Date _____

State of _____ County of _____

Sworn before me this _____ day of _____ 20 _____

Notary Public

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NASSAU COUNTY PBA
JUDICIAL/D.A.'S OFFICE
REVIEW FORM

Your PBA is interested in knowing how you feel about your interaction with the District Attorney's Office and the various judges in the court system. If you have had a good or bad experience involving the court system please take the time to complete the following Judicial Review Form and return it to the PBA Office, Attention Joe Nocella

These forms will be used to help evaluate the members of the court system. Your input is both needed and greatly appreciated.

NAME: _____ COMMAND: _____ SERIAL #: _____

DATE OF COURT: _____ COURT: _____

JUDGE: _____

DEMEANOR TOWARDS POLICE OFFICER: _____

IMPARTIALITY: _____

GENERAL RATING: _____

COMMENTS: _____

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY: _____

DEMEANOR TOWARDS POLICE OFFICER(S): _____

CASE PREPARATION: _____

WAS ENOUGH TIME PUT INTO THE PREPARATION OF THE CASE? _____

WERE YOU CONSULTED DURING THE PREPARATION OF THE CASE? _____

WAS YOUR INPUT IN THE CASE AND/OR PLEA BARGAINING USED OR HONORED? _____

COMMENTS: _____

OVERALL RATING:

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Date

Re:

Dear Dr.

Police Officer _____ is protected by a contractual provision known as "medical review". As part of this process, the Nassau County Police Surgeon will call you to discuss the officer's ability to return to work in a "light duty" capacity. Please be advised that all officers are required to work 10 – 12 hour shifts answering phones and interviewing complainants that enter the station house. If the surgeon articulates any reduced work schedule or special accommodations for your patient, please request that this information be put in writing and submitted to you for agreement before you state your opinion on your patient's ability to work.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Very truly yours,
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By: _____

Milan Rada, Esq.

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A mild recurring ache morphs into chronic pain. Doctors say your X-rays and scans show degenerative arthritis and herniated discs, related to that tussle. At this point many rights and potential benefits may come into play. Now is the time you need the advice of professionals who have been handling disability issues for Nassau Cops of all ranks for 30 years. What you thought was a minor work related injury could become a major headache! Whether you've been hurt on or off the job, you need experienced counsel to guide you - not a fortune teller.



Be sure to read the Legal Report by Milan Rada and John Hewson in the PBA Newsletter. Check out their Police Disability Blog on our website

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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.

The PBA has put together a list of contact information in the event a Retired Member or Spouse passes away. Please keep this on file so notifications can be made.

- Contact the Police Academy at 516-573-5740 to make a death notification and to request Pall Bearers if desired.
- Contact Highway Patrol for Escorts- 516-573-8200

Notify the County Comptroller and Pension System as there are important timelines:

NASSAU COUNTY COMPTROLLERS – 516-571-2369 You will reach Health Insurance Office in Mineola County of Nassau
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Survivor will receive form from them that has to be notarized. They will want a Photo-copy of D/C, with a note stating survivor's wish to continue Health Insurance coverage. This is very important. They will also want a copy of Survivor's Medical Card and SS# of Survivor and deceased member.

NEW YORK STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM – 518-486-7919 or 518-474-7736

NYS & Local Retirement System
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Attn: Survivor's Services

They will send application for amount due on death of Pensioner with transfer option.
Need Retirement # and SS# of Pensioner and Original Death Certificate.

Notify the Union of representation from the list below:

NASSAU COUNTY POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION – 516-294-6230
Nassau County PBA – County of Nassau 89 E Jericho Tpke - Mineola NY 11501

They will need an Original Death Certificate will also send forms to be completed by survivor.

DETECTIVES ASSOCIATION INC. – 516-681-8442
DAI – 777 Old Country Road Suite 202 – Plainview NY 11803

They will need an Original Death Certificate.

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RETRIED POLICE ASSOCIATION of THE STATE OF NEW YORK INC. – 516-294-4488
RPA of the State of New York, Inc – 1 Old Country Road Suite 265 – Carle Place NY 11514

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89 E. Jericho Tpke, Mineola, NY 11501

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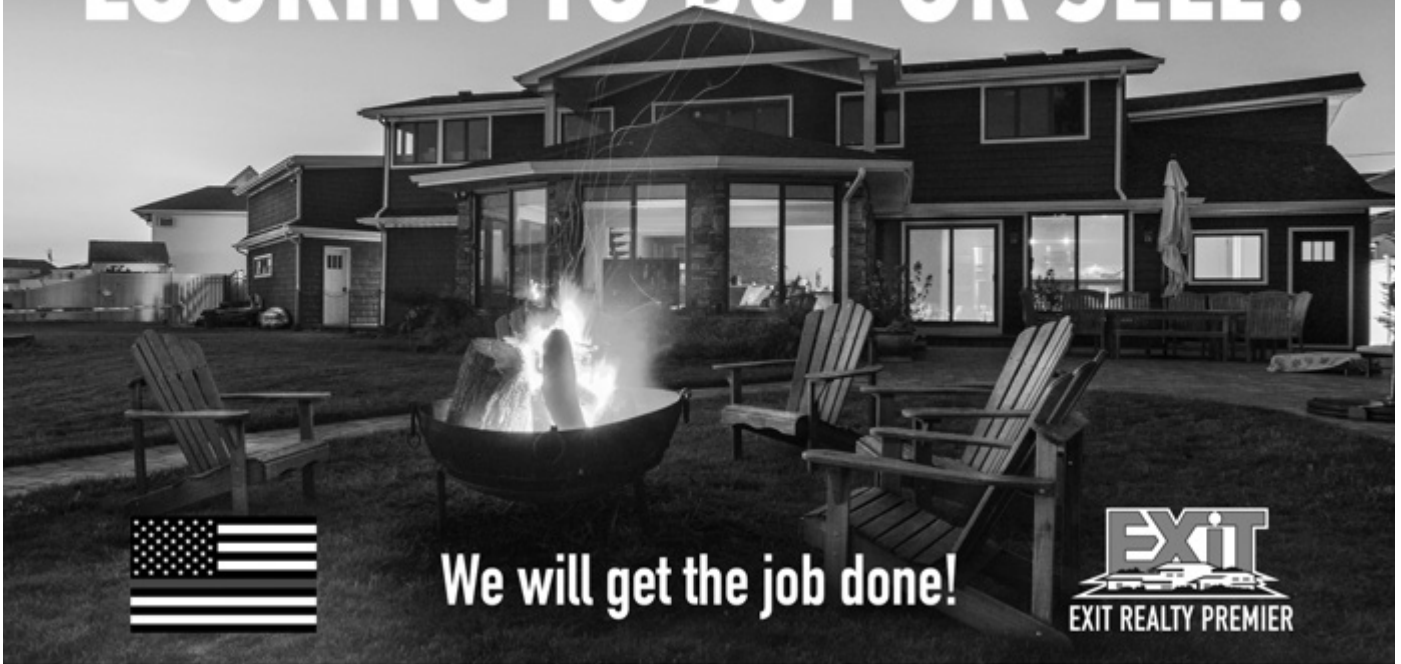
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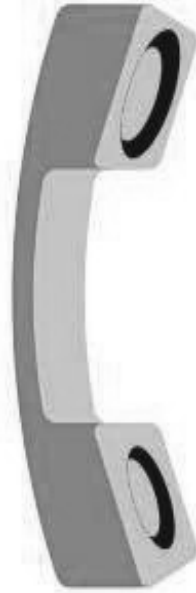
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Pastor Bill comes from a family of police and was a police officer himself for 6 years. As a former assistant district attorney and current defense attorney, he has worked closely with and helped many members of our department of all ranks. Bill describes a clear and strong call on his life to serve God and encourage as many as possible.

If interested or would like further information, please contact any of the following:

- 1) **John Carny** (retired NCPD Detective): jca2Zoo@aol.com
- 2) **Paul Waldvogel** (retired SCPD Detective): pforestbird@aol.com
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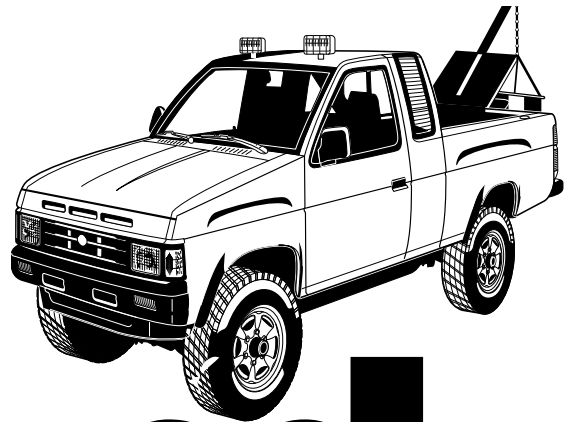
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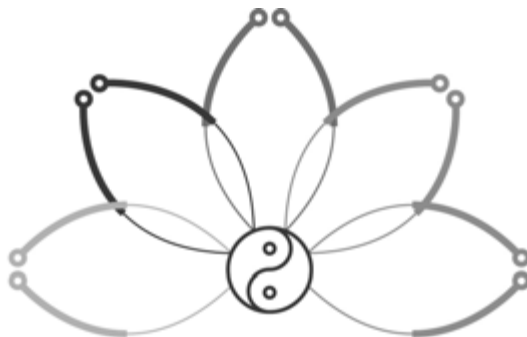


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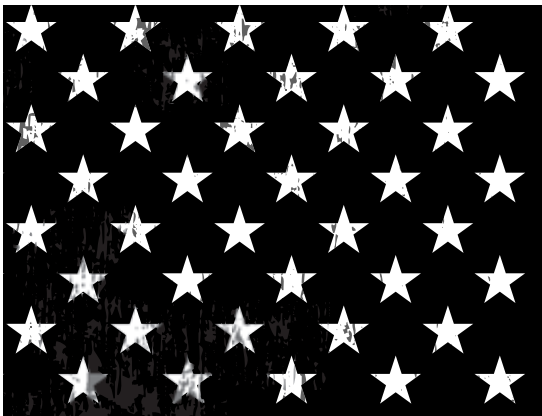
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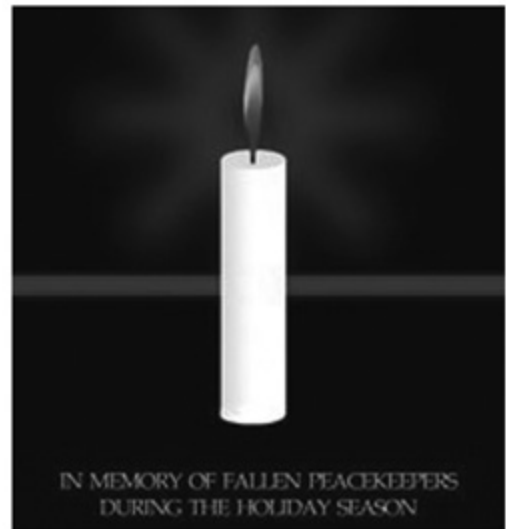
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