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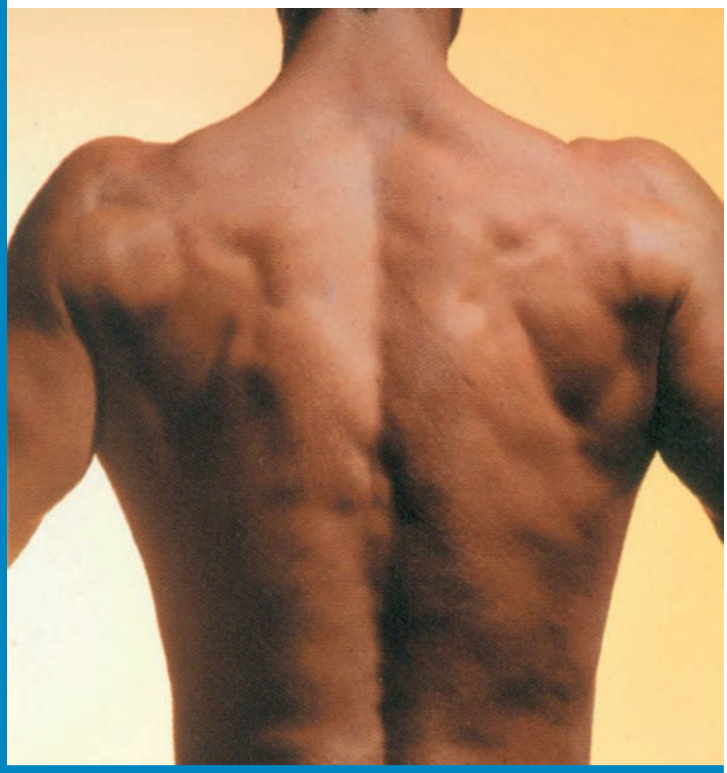

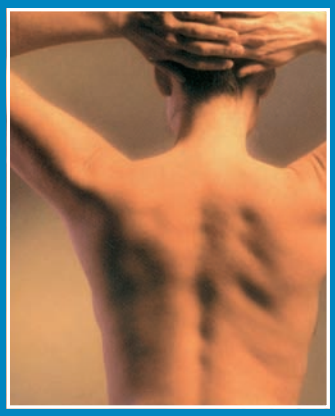

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Next Open
P.B.A. Meeting
Thursday
May 21
5:00 PM

Please note time change!

From the Editor…

by Brian Engelhardt

WELCOME HOME

On Friday April 11 at approximately 1900hrs 300 U.S. Marines returned home from Iraq to their Garden City base on Stewart Ave. Six buses full of Marines were escorted by NYPD, State Troopers and Nassau Co through streets filled with fire department apparatus from all over Nassau Co who hung huge American flags overhead welcoming them home. More than two thousand family, friends, co-workers and well wishers met them as they arrived home. The Nassau County Police Pipe and Drum Band escorted them into the receiving area where family members waited to see their loved ones. After a full year of uncertainty they were united and a wave of smiles and tears washed over them. The joy expressed between the fathers and mothers, husbands and wives, parents and children is indescribable. The sacrifice that these families have made is unfathomable to a civilian. It's not only the person deployed; It's the family that has to struggle at home without their better half.

This celebration and homecoming was a huge success. I would like to acknowledge AMT Danny O'Keefe, Kathy Dupont and the other wives of the homecoming committee for a job well done. I don't know the name of everyone who worked so hard to make it happen so please don't feel slighted. Your work did not go unnoticed. Once again it's my honor to express all of our gratitude for the sacrifice you and your families have made. Thank You.

(L-R): Town of Hempstead Councilman Gary Hudes, Third Precinct Delegate P.O. Alex Philippas, Commissioner of Police Lawrence Mulvey, Master Gunnery Sgt. Select and Third Precinct P.O. James Dupont, Gunnery Sgt. and Fourth Precinct P.O. Robert Cirino, PBA President James Carver and First Vice President Pete Paterson.

President's Message

by James Carver

Congratulations to the DAI on their recent passing of the contract extension/rescue plan. Securing benefits through 2015 following what the PBA accomplished back in September is a good thing for the membership. Members who were looking to retire over the next 6-7 years can now plan better knowing what the future holds for them.

5TH PCT SHOOTING

I was called out in the early morning on April 4th to a police shooting in the 5th Pct. Without getting into any details I can state that the 2 officers involved (Kevin Vargas and Steve Ben-Jacob) did a great job in apprehending 4 armed subjects after a pursuit which included exchange of gunfire. This is just another example of the great work that is done by Nassau police officers day in and day out. Not enough credit is given to the work that is performed day in and day out by the media.

Kevin and Steve were operating RMP 509 which was doubled along with 501 in the 2007 interest arbitration award. These were 2 of the cars that the union had asked to be doubled. In March of 2008 the operators of 501(Tim Siar and Tom Mulligan) were involved in a shooting that deadly physical force was needed. Tim and Steve were honored as PBA Top cops for 2008 and are now the recipients of the Alphonse DíAmato award given out by the Police Conference of NY this coming May. You wonder what the outcome would have been if these cars were not doubled.

STATE BUDGET FINALIZED

In April the State finalized its budget with increased spending balanced by Federal stimulus money. The stimulus money is a one shot fix to the budget that may have severe repercussions in the near future. Although the unions were successful in having the proposed Tier 5 removed from the governors budget there is increasing pressure to have it introduced later such as a study on how much the new tier will save in the future. Mayor Bloomberg is actively pursuing to change not only the civilians pension but the pension for future police and fire. The papers, especially the *NY Post*, have taken the issue of pensions as a personal crusade. There are more articles and editorials on the pension system and how the 20 and out police/fire pension is destroying the finances of the city.

In one Post article they quote a retired city detective, who worked just over 20 years and is in his early 40's, as saying that they should change the pensions for new employees. That's just great. He earned his pension but doesn't think that future officers should be afforded the same benefit. We as union leaders cannot allow that type of thinking to prevail for the future. The easy thing to do is to go along with that change since it wouldn't affect anyone

currently on the job. We will not take the easy way out. We will actively oppose any negative change in the pension benefit.

RECENT PASSING'S

The start of this year has brought more than a fair share of our members passing away. The sudden loss of Ken Wilkinson and Jimmy McGinn and the passings of Matt Simeone and John Hillman both after long illnesses, all of them way too soon. It was great to see the turnout of members at the wakes and funerals for each. Each of them left behind families that will miss them tremendously and having a great turnout of members in uniform is a memory the families can hold on to forever knowing that each of these men were well respected and well liked by their peers. May they rest in peace and never be forgotten.

First Vice President

by Pete Paterson

The New York State budget was passed in Albany during the month of April. The process this year was extremely difficult because of the major decline of revenue due to the recession. The original budget contained several issues that would have affected the pension system in a negative way, such as new tiers for future employees. They were eventually removed from the budget process, but by no means are they a dead issue.

We all know that there is a bad recession going on, not only in this state but within the entire world. The pensions are being scrutinized more and more by various groups and news organizations and that makes the process a lot harder. These groups are not telling the whole story. These pension benefits were negotiated and paid for over several years. They didn't just happen overnight. Our members work hard for the county residents and face dangerous situations on a daily basis. We earn our pensions just like every other public employee. Currently there is a big push to change certain pension benefits within the state. These changes affect new employees since your pension benefits are protected once you are hired. We still need to remain diligent in opposing any new changes that diminish benefits in our pension plans.

9/11 LEGISLATION

Last year there were some changes with respect to the 9/11 presumption law that was enacted in Albany in 2005. These changes enabled a lot of our membership to be eligible for this law if they become permanently disabled due to their participation in the WTC disaster rescue and recovery effort. The biggest change that affects our members addresses the 40 hour requirement. In the original law you had to participate in the rescue recovery effort for at least 40 hours at a designated sight. The law was amended to include anyone who responded for any amount of time during the first 48 hours after the first aircraft hit the towers. If you were there during this time then you do not need to meet the 40 hour requirement. I spoke with the retirement representative in Albany and he advised me that they are going to re-examine all of the prior submitted eligibility registration forms and update the files of anyone who was there for the first 48 hours, didn't have the 40 hour requirement, and subsequently was denied. I will notify you if you need to re-apply. If you did not respond during this time period, the 40 hour requirement is still in effect as well as the other original requirements.

Please keep in mind that this legislation required a lot of work to protect you and your families. You owe it to yourself to register if you participated in any way, even If you feel that you don't fall into the parameters of the law. If you responded to the World Trade Center Disaster rescue and recovery effort you should file the notice form, RS6047n, with the New York State & Local Police & Fire Retirement System. You can find information on the New York State Comptroller's website at www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/members/index.htm. Look under the benefits section on this page and you will find WTC filing information.

Furthermore, you should also file a notice form with the New York State Workers' Compensation Board by filing form WTC-12. The information is right on their website at www.wcb.state.ny.us/

Both these forms are also on the Nassau County PBA website at nassaupba.org

The deadlines for these forms to be filed have been extended to September 11th, 2010.

Both forms have to be filed in a timely manner and if they are not filed you will not be eligible for the presumption

MILITARY RESERVISTS

In 2001, the PBA along with the SOA and DAI approached the county and lobbied for local legislation for the members who were activated to fight the war on terror. This local law is to protect the member and their families while they are activated on military duty. If activated, make sure you contact the PBA and we will advise you on what benefits you are entitled to. This was enacted by a local law and can be somewhat confusing. If you have any questions, or any doubt, please call us.

Due to the fiscal crisis we are facing, legislation that has any costs is going to be extremely difficult to get passed this year. We will be pursuing the heart bill clarification but the bill does contain a cost. This law will help clarify the existing heart bill to so that if a member becomes permanently disabled as a result of a heart issue, he or she will have a better chance to file a disability claim.

The non-creditable service issue still contains a significant cost. I have been meeting with representatives of the retirement system to try and craft a bill to attempt to address this issue, and still have a chance of passing the legislature. This continues to be a tough fight, but I have a lot of other police unions supporting this issue. We will continue to pursue it.

Second Vice President

by Kevin Tobin

As I begin to write this newsletter, you must realize that the rescue plan for the county has NOT been totally resolved as of yet. There are numerous unions who have not done their fair share as we speak. The SOA has not voted on their contract or a rescue plan, we are still awaiting to see what SHOA is going to do, and that ordinance employees have not fully divulged what they are going to contribute to this never ending saga. This all remains to be seen. I believe it will be in the very near future, because as we all know, this was priority number 1 for our county executive. Remember WE WERE ALL GOING TO SHARE THE SAME PAIN. The proof will be in the pudding, as they say.

I would like to bring you up to date on the numerous issues and grievances that have been in play or believe it or not, the newest ones that the department has violated. I can only remind you that there is still an atmosphere that the contract is not that important to the department or the county, if it stands in the way of them wanting to get the job where they think it belongs. The bottom line is the only real concern is once again the almighty dollar or overtime. The position the department takes is continually, if it cost 1 dollar more than normal they won't do it.

Many will ask why we as PBA officials say that? The only real answer is because it is the reality of policing in this county that we have come to. You will see how difficult and at times dangerous some of these issues have become. Two of the more egregious situations which have come to light recently, I will address.

The first one is the guarding of prisoners. In January there was an incident in the 1st Pct. where a subject was arrested and was a very violent prisoner. He was brought to court and continued to be extremely violent. This prisoner took numerous P.O.s to restrain him numerous times during the arrest. The prisoner was brought to the hospital and was guarded the entire time he was under arrest, and rightfully so, for every ones safety. The hospital heavily sedated the subject. It was then decided by the department that there was now no need to continue to guard this individual. So for the next approximately 14 hrs, there were no police officers with this arrestee. Now here is where it gets really BIZARRE!! The department decided to have a supervisor check on the individual numerous times during the tour. There was no need to guard him, we will just have a supervisor check on him. YES this is for real. When these events came to the PBA attention, we immediately voiced our objections and some serious concerns. The response from Patrol and others was "If there were no Police officers with him he is now NOT a concern for us. Are you kidding me, No I am not. We immediately filed a grievance. In the interim we received a letter from the department describing the Departments position on this very serious matter. (See letter)

What about the prisoner himself? What about the hospital personnel? What about if a friend or family tries to get him out. Oh we know that never happens! Needless to say, the department stands by their determination. The PBA has sent the Nassau County District Attorney a letter asking for their input into this very pressing issue. We will keep you posted on its progression.

The 2nd issue that is now coming to a head is the issue of Blood Borne pathogen training.

This issue has been addressed to OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration). The department has had no training program in place in regard to your training in this area. After the PBA contacted OSHA, they are now conducting an investigation into this training, or lack of. The department admittedly has said there was no ongoing training in this area. It becomes increasingly difficult for Police officers to do their job on a day to day basis if there is no training in this department. This issue has a direct effect on your health and safety each day. After numerous phone calls and e mails to no less than 5 chiefs and upper management, we still do not have a training program in place. We were informed by OSHA that giving this training at a turnout is not sufficient to comply with OSHA standard. The department has taken a different position, to date we have not received a definitive answer. We are not even sure who is in charge of this in the administration. If you do become exposed to a communicable disease or blood or bodily fluids, be sure to notify the desk officer. They will get you an exposure number from MED COM. Make sure you are cautious on these incidents. If you have a problem please notify a PBA rep. (see letter from our attorneys).This now brings me to the other numerous grievances and issue we are currently addressing. As you can see we are continuing to protect your contract, while there are those that think they can violate it on a whim, they have even said that to your PBA board.

1. Grievance on custodian performing P.O. work at Police Academy
2. Grievance on guarding prisoners
3. PERB improper practice to be filed on staffing levels at BSO raids.
4. Misuse of DPAs (directed patrol) in numerous pcts.
5. Grievance on missing MDTs in RMPs
6. Grievance on retiree's retro payments.
7. Grievance on transfer of P.O. to records Bur. while on probation
8. Use of video camera in highway cars. (This was resolved by the department, the camera was removed.)
9. Grievance violation of the 417s in pcts.
10. 4thh hearing with arbitrator on annual training for firearms at the range.

This is a partial list of some of the latest grievances we have been forced to file, in addition to the numerous ones we filed in the past, inclusive of violations of the posting procedures in various commands.

There appears to be a mantra from the department and the county that they are not responsible for circumstances that arise in relation to policing. Examples are, we don't

police large crowds at shopping malls, we don't provide police at Fairs, we don't police the recent Tea Party protests, we don't need details at gatherings that may become disruptive. We don't have the money, we can't provide security at functions where the public might be in jeopardy. Well, I ask you this, if the police don't do it WHO DOES?? This department has very capable Commissioners and chiefs, who need to say enough is enough. By the same token the county exec must give them the tools to let us do our job. This department in its zest to find new ways to circumvent good policing is headed down a very slippery slope. Please stop the blame game. Where is the accountability?? We must all be very cautious of WOLVES IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING!! Please do not take any assignment as mundane, and be sure you have enough help at all calls. This is especially true at relieving time, where it appears that common sense in assigning these calls and the appropriate number of cops is becoming more and more a safety issue. Our job as cops is also to go home at the end of the tour.

Corresponding Secretary

by Bob Rettinger

NYSHIP VERIFICATION PROGRAM

Everyone should have received a letter from New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP) outlining the Dependent Eligibility Verification program that they are conducting. They are conducting this program to verify that all dependents of everyone with family coverage are eligible to receive these benefits. The amnesty period runs from April 14, 2009 through June 12, 2009. Once that is completed they will begin the Verification Period which will run from July through September of 2009.

It is important that everyone reads all instructions, completes and returns the forms that are requested. Failure to do so may lead to a problem with your Dependent health insurance coverage.

RETIREE DENTAL INSURANCE

I have been informed by Healthplex that they will have an open enrollment period during the month of June for any retiree that would like to sign up for the Healthplex Retiree Dental Coverage Plan. If anyone has any questions they should contact Healthplex at 516-794-3000.

RMP'S

It has been a long time coming but after years of neglect the department is starting to replace the aging fleet of RMP's. The department has received the first 11 of the new RMP's that are on order. The first new RMP 817 actually hit the street last week. With a good portion of RMPs in the precinct having more than 100,000 miles (many with over 120,000-140,000) it couldn't have come any later. The plan as of right now is for FSB to get approx 2 RMPs out every 2-3 weeks. Hopefully the department and FSB can keep up with this schedule.

Recording Secretary Report

by Joe Failla

Since April 16, 1925, the day that the P.D.C.N. was officially formed 9252 men and women have taken the oath to become a Member of the Force. All of them except one at one time were in fact Members of the P.B.A. Although 172 Recruits were hired in 2008, only 137 of them graduated with thirty two of them quitting and two being terminated all prior to graduation from the academy. This time last year we had a total of 2,733 sworn Force members. Since this time last year our total number has only decreased by a total of 120 giving us a current total of 2634.

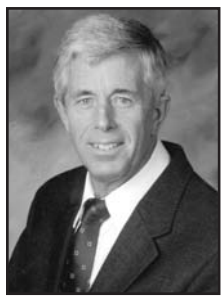
We currently have 1866, which is three less than last year, of the rank of Police Officer. Of the 830 Detectives and Supervisors within the Department, 716 make up the category of Associate Member. Fifty-two, make up the category of Half Members, again Detectives and Supervisors. There are sixty-two Non Members, down two from last year, made up of Detectives and Supervisors. The category of Retired Members now totals 2,555.

In the year 2008, our total P.B.A.. Membership was decreased by sixty- five. The oldest of the Members that passed last year was in his forty-first year of retirement from the P.D.C.N., Ptl. Robert E. Sandquist, Serial 1003, age 91. The youngest was P.O. Jeffrey Ryan, Serial 7243, age 48 in his nineteenth year of service in the Departments Precinct 6.

One of those we lost, whose tenure as the 16th PBA President, Ed Lecci, had a great impact on building this PBA into what it has become today.

I had the privilege of personally working with several of these Officers, Big AI Vaninga, Ed "the Narc" Jensen, Walter "I gotcha" Langer, Willis Barnes, Dan Polley, Milton Gruber, John "The Sarge" Deller, Jim Rocchio, Jack Hoffberger, Tony" The Hat" Visslailli, Lt. John Keteltas, Ray O'Connor, former PBA 1st VP and Lt. Jack Harvey. They were all true gentlemen.

All of these Members that have left the ranks of the living have touched the lives of many. We all either knew or worked with some of them if not most. All of these individuals had something in common with the rest of us, they were Nassau County Police Officers. Let us be thankful for having known them as well as those that we work with every day.



Det. Terrence M. Quinn
Serial 4854, JAB
Appointed - October 9, 1970
Retired - December 9,2004
Passed - January 2, 2008
Age 61

Det. Angelo C. Ragone
Serial 2908, MODD
Appointed - January 5, 1960
Retired - April 2, 1981
Passed - January 6, 2008
Age 75

Insp. John J. Blankenhorn
Serial 1253 Ch. of P.
Appointed - June 16, 1949
Retired - February 18, 1993
Passed - January 13, 2008
Age 84

Lt. William V. Lysaght
Serial 4744, PCT. 7
Appointed - June 11, 1970
Retired - July 12, 2001
Passed - January 13, 2008
Age 64

P.O. Alfred K. Veninga
Shield 2740, Serial 5281, RB
Appointed - January 14, 1972
Retired - July 21, 1994
Passed - January 16, 2008
Age 62

Lt. Richard W. Simons
Serial 1177, CB
Appointed - March 8, 1948
Retired - March 30, 1972
Passed - January 24,2007
Age 90

P.O. Joseph E. Nolan,
Serial 3134, ACAD
Appointed - June 15, 1962
Retired - December 19, 1985
Passed - February, 2008
Age 75

P.O. Joseph G. Calhoun, Sr.
Serial 2925, Shield 143, RB
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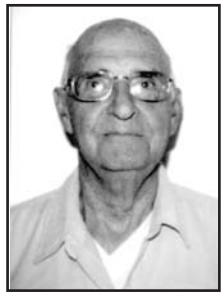
Retired - April 4, 1987
Passed - February 7,2008
Age 78



Det. Victor E. DeVeux
Serial 1752, HOMICIDE
Appointed - August 3, 1953
Retired - March 3, 1972
Passed - March 26, 2008
Age 82

Sgt. William E. Draghi
Serial 2683, BSO
Appointed - April 16, 1958
Retired - August 11, 1977
Passed - March 31, 2008
Age 74

P.O. Benson J. Huggard
Serial 3643, PCT.3
Appointed - April 29, 1966
Retired - May 12, 1983
Passed - April 11, 2008
Age 69

Det. Richard R. Brusa
Serial 5564
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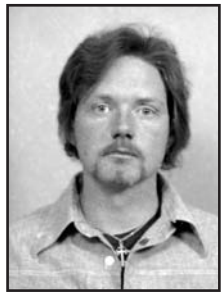
Passed - April 15, 2008
Age 60

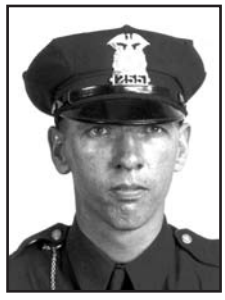


P.O. Edward F. Jensen, Jr.
Serial 4233, PCT.7
Appointed - January 17, 1969
Retired - June 4, 1987
Passed - April 28, 2008
Age 63

P.O. Oscar J. Wittmann
Serial 2088, Shield 1085, RB
Appointed - March 1, 1955
Retired - April 18, 1985
Passed - May 21, 2008
Age 87

Sgt. Terence Robertson
Serial 2823, FSB
Appointed - September 1, 1959
Retired - June 4, 1987
Passed - May 28, 2008
Age 82

Lt. Edward F. Koehler
Serial 2041
Appointed - March 1, 1955
Retired - September 5, 1991
Passed - June 5,2008
Age 81



PTL. George H. Fleury
Serial 971, Shield 255, PCT.8
AppOinted - March 3, 1947
Retired - April 30, 1956
Passed - June 7, 2008
Age 86

Det. Wallace C. Gray
Serial 4104, MODD
Appointed - August 2, 1968
Retired - January 12, 1990
Passed - June 5, 2008
Age 65

Det. Robert K. Millmann
Serial 2812, MODD
Appointed - Sept. 1, 1959
Retired - September 12, 1995
Passed - June 23, 2008
Age 75

P.O. Walter J. Langer, Jr.
Serial 3654, Shield 1637, PCT. 5
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Retired - March 21, 1991
Passed - June 27, 2008
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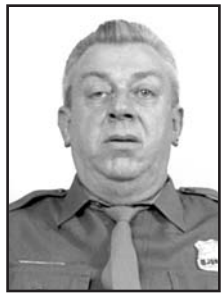

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Serial 1323, Shield 503, PCT.4
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Retired - January 20, 1983
Passed - July 1, 2008,
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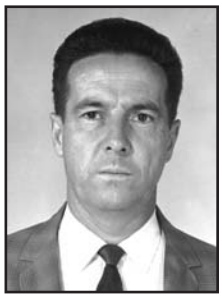
P.O. Willis L. Barnes
Serial 4984, Shield 968, PCT.4
Appointed - Sept. 24, 1971
Retired - September 22, 2006
Passed - July 2, 2008
Age 66



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Serial 1265, JAB
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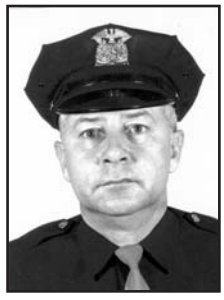
Retired - October 23, 1969
Passed - July 4, 2008
Age 86

Det. William J. Nalepa,
Serial 2484
Appointed - April 1, 1957
Retired - June 30, 1991
Passed - July 11 , 2008
Age 76

Det. George Felice,
Serial 1262, OCOD
Appointed - June 16, 1949
Retired - July 12, 1967
Passed - August 7, 2008
Age 88

Sgt. Edward J. Turner
Serial 2842, PCT.1
Appointed - September 1, 1959
Retired - January 3, 1980
Passed - August 8, 2008
Age 76

Det. Daniel Polley
Serial 4262, DD2
Appointed - January 17, 1969
Retired - February 17, 2000
Passed - August 21 , 2008
Age 63



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Serial 2020, P&A
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Retired - July 4, 1985
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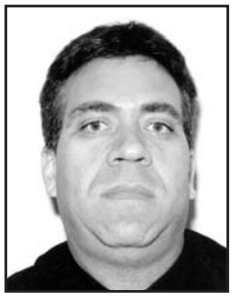
Passed - August 23, 2008
Age 68



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Serial 7243, Shield 509, PCT.6
Appointed - October 19, 1990
Passed - August 23, 2008
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Sgt. John F. Deller, Jr.
Serial 1750, HPB
Appointed - August 3, 1953
Retired - April 11, 1986
Passed - September 6, 2008
Age 78

PTL. Edward Lecci
Serial 1221, Shield 574, PCT. 5
Appointed - May 16, 1949
Retired - January 2, 1971
Passed - September 8, 2008
Age 88

Det. Matthew J. Brennan, Jr.
Serial 1376, OCOD
Appointed - March 16, 1950
Retired - March 27, 1970
Passed - September 12, 2008
Age 81

P.O. John T. McKee
Serial 3319, Shield 1746, RB
ApPOinted - October 4, 1963
Retired - January 30, 1991
Passed - September 25,2008
Age 71

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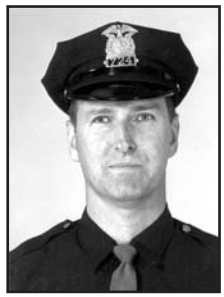

P.O. William S. Sielski
Serial 1382, Shield 724, CB
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Retired - January 8, 1982
Passed - October 4, 2008
Age 86

P.O. James O. Rocchio
Serial 4308, Shield 331, HPB
Appointed - February 28, 1969
Retired - April 25, 2002
Passed - October 5, 2008,
Age 60

DCI John J. McGowan
Serial 1791, OCh of OP
Appointed - August 3, 1953
Retired - April 30, 1986
Passed - October 19, 2008
Age 89

P.O. Henry L. Gongolewski,
Serial 973, Shield 275, PCT.1
Appointed - March 3, 1947
Retired - January 22, 1981
Passed - October 22,2008
Age 90

P.O. Francis J. Mullen,
Serial 1862, Shield 964, PCT.5
Appointed - October 1, 1953
Retired - January 10, 1983
Passed - October 23,2008,
Age 87

Sgt. Martin J. Krenick, Sr.
Serial 3501, PCT.2
Appointed - April 16, 1965
Retired -April 15, 1985
Passed - October 26, 2008
Age 67

Det. Raymond L. Gallo
Serial 1155, MODD
Appointed - March 8, 1948
Retired - March 7, 1968
Passed - October 28, 2008
Age 88

Lt. August H. Schaper, Jr.
Serial 934, PCT. 8
Appointed - October 1, 1946
Retired - July 20, 1967
Passed - October 31 2008
Age 84

Sgt. Jack R. Hoffberger
Serial 3246, RB
Appointed - July 1, 1963
Retired - May 26, 1987
Passed - November 22, 2008,
Age 77

Sgt. William L. Mills
Serial 1226, PCT.6
Appointed - May 16, 1949
Retired - March 30, 1972
Passed - November 28, 2008
Age 82

Det. Anthony J. Visslailli
Serial 1557
Appointed - October 1, 1951
Retired - July 31, 1993
Passed - December 7, 2008
Age 87

P.O. Donald D. Swensen,
Serial 2347, Shield 1241, PCT.4
Appointed - June 5, 1956
Retired - January 2, 1979
Passed - December 14, 2008
Age 78

Lt. John S. Keteltas, Jr.
Serial 1166, PCT.6
Appointed - March 8, 1948
Retired - March 7, 1983
Passed - December 19, 2008
Age 82

There are no Departmental pictures on file for the following;

Lt. Thomas F. O'Brien
Serial 1797, PAL
Appointed - August 3, 1953
Retired - February 10, 1972
Passed - January 15, 2008, Age 84

Sgt. James P. Kelly
Serial 1776
Appointed - August 3, 1953
Retired - February 19, 1976
Passed - January 27, 2008, Age 77

PTL. Joseph P. Weber
Serial 1335, CB
Appointed - February 15, 1950
Retired - February 23, 1970
Passed - April 3, 2008
Age 89

Det. Charles F. Burns
Serial 2207, MODD
Appointed - April 16, 1956
Retired - April 3, 1975
Passed - May 2,2008
Age 81

Lt. John O. O'Keefe,
Serial 6110, PCT.1
Appointed - July 13, 1979
Passed - June 5, 2008, Age 56

P.O. Raymond M. O'Connor
Serial 1657, PCT.8
Appointed - February 1, 1953
Retired - January 2, 1981
Passed - June, 2008
Age 77

PTL. Anthony R. Alfano,
Serial 1593
Appointed - April 1, 1952
Retired - April 1, 1972
Passed - June 11, 2008
Age 86

Det. .John T. Micena
Serial 2183, DD8
Appointed - February 15, 1956
Retired - August 21, 1975
Passed - July 4, 2008
Age 83

PTL. Herbert D. Connellan
Serial 2160, HPB
Appointed - February 15, 1956
Retired - February 14, 1974
Passed - August 4, 2008, Age 88

Det. James T. Lee,
Serial 1671, DD5
Appointed - February 1, 1953
Retired - March 14, 1972
Passed - August 5, 2008, Age 82

Lt. John J. Harvey, Sr.,
Serial 2451, PCT. 5
Appointed - April 1, 1957
Retired - April, 1987
Passed - August 31,2008, Age 77

P.O. John R. Falcinelli,
Serial 3091, RB
Appointed - June 15, 1962
Retired - November 30, 1986
Passed - October 21,2008, Age 77

PTL. Maurice W. Houghton
Serial 1608, CPU
Appointed - April 1, 1952
Retired - March 15, 1972
Passed - November 18, 2008, Age 79

Det. Sgt. Alfred M. Heiser
Serial 2167
Appointed - February 15, 1956
Retired - May 30, 1974
Passed - December 12,2008, Age 81

Det. David G. Ryan
Serial 1578, JAB
Appointed - April 1, 1952
Retired - February 13, 1969
Passed - December 25, 2008, Age 84

Sgt. Arthur J. Lynch
Serial 1785
Appointed- August 3, 1953
Retired - February 22, 1973
Passed - December 26, 2008
Age 86

PTL. Charles B. Cowley
Serial 1430, PCT.7
Appointed - May 1, 1951
Retired - March 1, 1972
Passed - December 30,2008

Sergeant-at-Arms Report

by James McDermott

Last Saturday night two Fifth Precinct officers were able to track down a van with four occupants that just committed a house robbery in Elmont. What followed was most important, they were able to remain calm, work the radio with clear transmissions and navigate through the back streets of the unfamiliar 105 Precinct. They were able to do this amidst being involved in an all out gunfight with heavily armed felons and were still able to arrests these subjects without jury to themselves or the public we protect. I would like to congratulate PO Kevin Vargas and PO Steve Ben-Jacob for their bravery. They showed nerves of steel through a very harrowing situation!

This brings us back to last spring in the 5th Precinct where two other PO's got involved with a knife wielding subject on Hempstead Tpke in Elmont. In this case, the officers were able to thwart a very violent situation without further injury to the public and themselves. Again, PO Timothy Siar and PO Thomas Mulligan both acted bravely and calmly in the face of danger. They both should be commended for their actions.

I did not go into specifics in each of these cases as they are still on-going. But, in both of these police shooting incidents there is more than just one common thread. Obviously, they both happened in the same precinct, in Elmont, all 4 POs acted bravely, professionally, calmly, etc. But what stands out most besides the heroism is that they were both patrolling in recently doubled two-man RMP's. In the last arbitration award, it was the PBA that negotiated and insisted on the doubling of both 509 & 501. Both of these cars patrol the Nassau/Queens border and face a multitude of public safety issues on a daily basis. Delegate Joe Nocella of the 5th Precinct crunched the crime stats for the PBA and forwarded them to our Negotiating Team of Gary DelaRaba, Jimmy Carver, Kevin Tobin, Wayne Hartmann and Brian Engelhardt. These stats showed that each of these small posts (in size) consistently were busier than 70% of the towns in Nassau County. Obviously, this needed to be addressed, but one might think that this should have been addressed by the County itself, through the Police administration. In my 21 years on this job, this has been the hue and cry of the Fifth Precinct. Trustees Chuck Russo, Kevin Black, Dean Losquadro and I have all pushed the administration for this to happen. We received support from the CO's but it never got done.

Just off the top of my head, the 5th Precinct has had one of its COs go on to be Police Commissioner, another 5th Pct. Lt. also became Commissioner, 2 other COs became Deputy Commissioners, another CO became Chief of Patrol, another became Chief of Support and yet another became an Assistant Chief in the Chief of Patrol's Office. This all happened in my time on the job. Seems like a lot of clout? Maybe if they all lobbied together they could have made this happen? I think so.

Back to my point, it took the PBA to negotiate this deal. A deal that should have never had to be done if only the job itself stepped-up and grabbed the reins on this a long time ago. Last Saturday this deal paid dividends as it did last spring. We had officers in extremely dangerous situations dealing with armed felons and they did not have to await assistance as there assistance was seated beside them in the passenger seat!

Once again, I want to congratulate and commend these fine officers from the 5th Precinct for their bravery. I also want to thank the above named Negotiating Team for not taking "no" for an answer and for getting the job done! Believe me, we are not finished yet as there are many other safety issues out there that need to be addressed. In the meantime, keep your PBA delegation informed and stay strong!

Legal Report

by Richard J. Brandenstein, Esq.

A recurring issue that directly effects police officers involves exposure to persons with communicable diseases. There are innumerable instances such as arrests, transporting prisoners or even bringing persons to hospitals when an officer can be exposed to persons with communicable diseases. The issue arises as to precisely what information the officer is entitled to receive? The answer is a little more complicated than you may think.

There are a number of laws which address medical information privacy issues, such as the Federal HIPPA regulations, the NYS Public Health Law, the NYS Sanitary Code, Regulations from the NYS Department of Health and the Nassau County Department of Health regulations and other statutes. You can add to that a number of law cases which have been decided regarding these various privacy issues and what you are left with are a lot of contradictions and nothing too crystal clear. The laws and courts are trying to balance the rights of people to have their medical records and information kept private versus the needs of health care providers, emergency responders and the general public to be able to protect themselves.

I contacted a number of the parties involved in these issues to determine how they are handling these matters in actual practice. Whenever a health care provider either suspects or confirms that a patient has a communicable disease they are mandated by law to report to the New York Department of Health. There is a list of more than 60 diseases that must be reported to the Department of Health. It covers diseases from amebiasis to yersiniosis and everything in between. The report is supposed to be made within 24 hours of diagnosis. In Nassau County the report is actually delivered to the Nassau County Department of Health. Nassau County maintains a specific department to handle communicable disease reports. Upon getting a report it is their responsibility to determine what steps

must be taken to protect the public. Among the various steps would be to notify any person with whom the person came in contact and who may be at risk. I was assured that when a police officer is involved the information is transmitted to the Nassau County Police Surgeon for appropriate action and to locate and advise the particular officer involved. They believe this is the fastest and most effective method to get the information to the officer. I confirmed with the police surgeon's office that this is in fact the procedure as they understand it. Upon getting such a report the police surgeon indicated that they contact the officer directly. Oftentimes there is no preventive treatment to be given though an officer may have been exposed to one of the 60 communicable diseases. I was further told that a person cannot transmit a communicable disease unless they themselves contract the disease. So, if you were afraid that you may be a "carrier" of some disease and that you can infect your co-workers or family, that is not the case, provided you yourself do not become ill.

HIV and AIDS raises some additional issues. The common scenario is that an officer is exposed to a bodily fluid or actually attacked or perhaps bitten by a suspect. The suspect is brought to a hospital and admitted. Of course, the officer is worried that the suspect could have AIDS. If the suspect consents to a blood test for AIDS there is no issue. The test is taken and you await the results. If the test is positive for AIDS, you can take the prophylactic cocktail and hope for the best. If the suspect refuses a blood test, the hospital doesn't have the right to compel him to take one to determine if he has AIDS. If you are lucky enough that the suspect has been in the hospital before there could be a notation in the hospital chart indicating whether the patient has AIDS. If so, that information can usually be obtained by the police surgeon. If that isn't the case, your only recourse is to take the prophylactic cocktail or not. Technically, an effort could be made pursuant to Public Health Law 2785, to obtain a court order to compel the suspect to submit to a blood test. Public Health Law 2785 provides that "a court may grant an order for disclosure of confidential HIV related information upon an application showing (a) a compelling need for disclosure of the information for an adjudication of a criminal or civil proceeding; (b) a clear imminent danger to an individual whose life or health may unknowingly be at significant risk as a result of contact with the individual to whom the information pertains; (c) upon application of a state, county or local health officer, a clear and imminent danger to the public health; or (d) that the applicant is lawfully entitled to the disclosure and the disclosure is consistent with the provisions of this article".

On the face of it you would think it wouldn't be too difficult to convince a court that a blood test should be ordered. However, the actual cases that address this issue aren't so cut and dry. A court denied a request for a blood test of a woman who bit a court officer in family court because there wasn't a sufficient basis to suspect she had AIDS. The New York District Attorney's Office sought blood tests on certain defendants and withdrew the requests after the Commissioner of the Department of Health of the City of New York opposed the applications on policy grounds. A 1997 Bronx County court granted a request for blood test when a suspect bit an arresting officer and then told the officer he had AIDS and the officer had a year to live. The cases that have successfully been granted a court order were based upon more than a mere suspicion or fear. Essentially, the suspect would probably have to make some sort of admission that they have AIDS or perhaps be a habitual drug abuser before a judge would be convinced and direct a blood test. It should also be taken into consideration that the delay in obtaining a court order could also delay and jeopardize the effectiveness of the treatment. Each case would have to be evaluated on its own merits. The law takes privacy seriously.

If it's any consolation, nurses, doctors and all health care professionals are subject to many of the same risks and fears as emergency responders. They too are exposed to all types of bodily fluids and oftentimes don't know whether the person has HIV or AIDS. In 1992 a decision was rendered in the case of Craig Ordway, M.D., against Suffolk County. Dr. Ordway sued Suffolk County because he performed surgery on an inmate. After the surgery he learned that Suffolk County had been aware of the fact that the inmate had tested positive for AIDS 4 years earlier. They never told him that the inmate had AIDS. Had he been advised, he argued that he could have taken extra steps to protect himself, such as goggles or an extra surgical gown. Because he didn't know, he thereafter suffered from AIDS phobia because he wouldn't know whether he actually contracted AIDS for 5 years. The court dismissed this case and stated that the county's duty was to protect the confidentiality of the inmate's status and not the doctor. The lesson from that and many other cases is that you must assume that all patients or suspects have a communicable disease and protect yourself as much as possible.

Feel free to contact me at 516-496-0400, extension 4402, if you have any questions.

Next Open
PBA Meeting
Thursday, May 21
at
5:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE
TIME CHANGE

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Reporting of suspected or confirmed communicable diseases is mandated under the New York State Sanitary Code (10NYCRR 2.10). The primary responsibility for reporting rests with the physician; moreover, laboratories (PHL 2102), school nurses (10NYCRR 2.12), day care center directors, nursing homes/hospitals (10NYCRR 405.3d) and state institutions (10NYCRR 2.10a) or other locations providing health services (10NYCRR 2.12) are also required to report the diseases listed below.

Amebiasis
☎ **Animal bites for which rabies prophylaxis is given**[1]
☎ **Anthrax**[2]
☎ **Arboviral infection**[3]
Babesiosis
☎ **Botulism**[2]
☎ **Brucellosis**[2]
Campylobacteriosis
Chancroid
Chlamydia trachomatis infection
☎ **Cholera**
Cryptosporidiosis
Cyclosporiasis
☎ **Diphtheria**
E. coli 0157:H7 infection[4]
Ehrlichiosis/Anaplasmosis
☎ **Encephalitis**
☎ **Foodborne illness**
Giardiasis
☎ **Glanders**[2]
Gonococcal infection
Haemophilus influenzae[5] (invasive disease)
☎ **Hantavirus disease**
Hemolytic uremic syndrome
Hepatitis A
☎ **Hepatitis A in a food handler**
Hepatitis B, C (specify acute or chronic)
Pregnant hepatitis B carrier
Herpes infection, infants aged 60 days or younger
Hospital associated infections (as defined in section 2.2 10NYCRR)
Influenza, laboratory-confirmed
Legionellosis
Listeriosis
Lyme disease
Lymphogranuloma venereum
Malaria
☎ **Measles**
☎ **Melioidosis**[2]
Meningitis
Aseptic or viral
☎ **Haemophilus**
☎ **Meningococcal**
Other (specify type)
☎ **Meningococcemia**
☎ **Monkeypox**
Mumps
Pertussis
☎ **Plague**[2]
☎ **Poliomyelitis**
Psittacosis
☎ **Q Fever**[2]
☎ **Rabies**
Rocky Mountain spotted fever
☎ **Rubella** (including congenital rubella syndrome)
Salmonellosis
☎ **Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)**
Shigatoxin-producing ecoli[4]
Shigellosis[4]
☎ **Smallpox**[2]
Staphylococcus aureus[6] (due to strains showing reduced susceptibility or resistance to vancomycin)
☎ **Staphylococcal enterotoxin B poisoning**[2]
Streptococcal infection (invasive disease)[5]
Group A beta-hemolytic strep
Group B strep
Streptococcus pneumoniae
☎ **Syphilis, specify stage**[7]
Tetanus
Toxic shock syndrome
Transmissable spongiform encephalopathies[8]
Trichinosis
☎ **Tuberculosis current disease (specify site)**
☎ **Tularemia**[2]
☎ **Typhoid**
Vibriosis[6]
☎ **Vaccinia disease**[9]
☎ **Viral hemorrhagic fever**[2]
Yersiniosis

1 Local health department must be notified prior to initiating rabies prophylaxis.
2 Diseases that are possible indicators of bioterrorism.
3 Including, but not limited to, infections caused by eastern equine encephalitis virus, western equine encephalitis virus, West Nile virus, St. Louis encephalitis virus, La Crosse virus, Powassan virus, Jamestown Canyon virus, dengue and yellow fever.
4 Positive shigatoxin test results should be reported as presumptive evidence of disease.
5 Only report cases with positive cultures from blood, CSF, joint, peritoneal or pleural fluid. Do not report cases with positive cultures from skin, saliva, sputum or throat.
6 Proposed addition to list.
7 Any non-treponemal test ≥ 1:16 or any positive primary or secondary stage disease or prenatal or delivery test result regardless of titer should be reported by phone; all others may be reported by mail.
8 Including Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. Cases should be reported directly to the New York State Department of Health Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias Registry at (518) 473-7817 upon suspicion of disease. In NYC, cases should also be reported to the NYCDOHMH.
9 Persons with vaccinia infection due to contact transmission, and persons with the following complications from vaccination: eczema vaccinatum, erythema multiforme major or Stevens-Johnson syndrome, fetal vaccinia, generalized vaccinia, inadvertent inoculation, ocular vaccinia, post-vaccinial encephalitis or encephalomyelitis, progressive vaccinia, pyogenic infection of the infection site, and any other serious adverse events.

SPECIAL NOTES

- Diseases listed in **bold type** (☎) warrant prompt action and should be reported **immediately** to local health departments by phone followed by submission of the confidential case report form (DOH-389). In NYC use universal reporting form PD-16.
- In addition to the diseases listed above, any unusual disease (defined as a newly apparent or emerging disease or syndrome that could possibly be caused by a transmissible infectious agent or microbial toxin) is reportable.
- Outbreaks: while individual cases of some diseases (e.g., streptococcal sore throat, head lice, impetigo, scabies and pneumonia) are not reportable, a cluster or outbreak of cases of any communicable disease is a reportable event.
- **Cases of HIV infection, HIV-related illness and AIDS are reportable to:**

Division of Epidemiology
P.O. Box 2073, ESP Station
Albany, NY 12220-2073
(518) 474-4284

In New York City: New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
For HIV/AIDS reporting, call: (212) 442-3388

For more information on disease reporting, call your local health department or the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Communicable Disease Control at (518) 473-4439 or (866) 881-2809 after hours. In New York City, 1 (866) NYC-DOH1. To obtain reporting forms (DOH-389), call (518) 474-0548.

PLEASE POST THIS CONSPICUOUSLY

WHO SHOULD REPORT?

Physicians, nurses, laboratory directors, infection control practitioners, health care facilities, state institutions, schools.

WHERE SHOULD REPORT BE MADE?

Report to local health department where patient resides.

Contact Person_____

Name/Address _____

_____

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Phone_____

Fax_____

WHEN SHOULD REPORT BE MADE?

Within 24 hours of diagnosis:
- phone diseases in bold type,
- mail case report, DOH-389, for all other diseases.
- in New York City use form PD-16.

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Nassau County **Police Department**

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LAWRENCE W. MULVEY
COMMISSIONER

January 28, 2009

Police Officer Kevin Tobin
Second Vice President
Police Benevolent Association
89 East Jericho Turnpike
Mineola, New York 11501-3106

Dear Officer Tobin:

I am responding to your e-mail inquiry of January 20, 2009 at 6:17 p.m. concerning the guarding of a prisoner who was arrested in the First Precinct on January 2, 2009.

At about 1130 hours, after being transported to District Court and prior to arraignment, the defendant became combative and uncooperative with the Sheriff's Department personnel and was subdued and returned to Records Bureau personnel. While in route back to detention, the defendant continually kicked the side van doors of Departmental Vehicle 2756, breaking the window and denting the doors. The defendant was subsequently additionally charged with Criminal Mischief and transported to NUMC with Third Precinct police officers guarding him. At about 1400 hours on January 3rd, First Precinct officers relieved the Third Precinct officers and continued to guard the defendant on all tours until January 8, 2009. During the day tour a medical decision was made to put the defendant under heavy sedation. At 1700 hours a supervisor, at the direction of the Commanding Officer of the First Precinct and with the concurrence of the Chief of Patrol, informed the head nurse that the Department would no longer be guarding the defendant and to notify the precinct when a decision is made to bring him out of sedation. The defendant was checked twice during the night tour by a patrol supervisor. At 0630 hours on January 9th, the head nurse notified the Desk Officer that the defendant was going to be taken off sedation and so the prisoner watch was reestablished until the prisoner was arraigned on January 12, 2009.

The Department's position in a case like this, where a defendant is in a medically induced coma and poses no risk to anyone and has no possibility of escape, is that a police guard is not necessary. In a less extreme case, such as where a defendant may be in a very weakened state and/or in and out of consciousness due to his medical condition, the Department may believe that it is not necessary to assign two officers instead of just one. In such a situation the Interest Arbitration Panel directed at a meeting on April 24, 2006, that the Department must contact the PBA to see if an agreement can be reached to assign only one officer to guard the defendant.

In the Supplemental Award of December 2004, the Interest Arbitration Panel stated that with regard to "Prisoner and Mentally Aided Staffing" the PBA position was that it "contends it is unsafe to assign only one officer to guard a prisoner or mentally aided individual". In its "Discussion and Findings" the panel wrote that "the evidence is overwhelming that there are real safety concerns when a single officer is responsible for guarding a prisoner or mentally aided individual". The panel went on to state that it was also sensitive to the PBA's concern of an officer of the opposite sex being alone with a prisoner who needed privacy or be searched.

It is the position of the Department that when a defendant is in a medically induced coma that a police guard is not necessary and so there are no police officer safety issues or prisoner privacy issues involved and thus the provisions of paragraph 5 "Prisoner and Mentally Aided Staffing" of the Supplemental Interest Arbitration Award of December 2004 do not apply.

Sincerely,

Robert W. McGuigan

Robert W. McGuigan
First Deputy Commissioner

Jimmy Carver 3/26/09

I am writing to you about one of the advertisers in the PBA news letter.

My father recently passed away at 93 years. I live in Florida as did my dad; he was to be buried on Long Island at LI National Cemetery. I contacted Craig Braun who advertises at the back of the newsletter.

Craig handled everything, from providing a funeral home down here to get my father to Long Island, to flowers to place on the casket at the cemetery as well as all the paper work (in 2 states). He also contacted the cemetery and got a military honor guard for the service.

To say he was professional, caring and efficient is putting it mildly. He took the entire burden off of me in what was a trying time to say the least. He saved me and my family money where ever he could while providing a truly professional service.

I highly recommend his services to anyone, PBA member or otherwise.

Fraternally,

Larry Baxter

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.

Lynn Ang

Pension Estimate and Projections L.L.C.

Cell Phone: 516-946-1696

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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 Bob Rettinger.

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:

EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR POOR UNACCEPTABLE

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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,
FUSCO, BRANDENSTEIN & RADA, P.C.,

By: _____
Milan Rada, Esq.

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Next Open
P.B.A. Meeting
Thursday
May 21
5:00 PM

Please note time change!

Retirees

by J. Vic Dolgos

JANUARY - FEBRUARY - MARCH - APRIL 2009

Twenty-six PBA members leaving the "Big Job". Join one or all of our organizations and keep in touch. Stay well!

Paul F. Daniell
Serial 4097
8/68 - 1/09
40 years service

Michel Hayes
Serial 4969
7/71 - 4/09
38 years service

William Mack Jr.
Serial 5325
3/72 - 3/09
37 years service

Richard A. Miron
Serial 5356
3/72 - 4/09
37 years service

George Hasset
Serial 5634
6/73 - 4/09
36 years service

Thomas Kennedy
Serial 5651
6/73 - 4/09
36 years service

William McHale
Serial 5686
6/73 - 3/09
36 years service

Anthony Bonkowski
Serial 5817
10/73 - 4/09
35 years service

Joseph Chiodi
Serial 5931
7/74 - 4/09
35 years service

George Gudmundsen
Serial 5943
3/75 - 2/09
34 years service

Thomas Kutt
Serial 6091
2/77 - 3/09
32 years service

Richard McGuire
Serial 6029
2/77 - 4/09
32 years service

Frank Passalaqua
Serial 6037
2/77 - 3/09
32 years service

John P. Ruane
Serial 6044
2/77 - 2/09
32 years service

Richard Fogelson
Serial 6094
7/79 - 4/09
30 years service

Robert Shaw
Serial 6116
7/79 - 1/09
29 years service

Robert Cannataro
Serial 6162
10/82 - 1/09
26 years service

Carl E. Miller
Serial 6195
10/82 - 1/09
26 years service

Roland Berotte
Serial 6243
4/83 - 1/09
26 years service

Zachary Palega
Serial 6272
4/83 - 3/09
26 years service

Thomas Salsberg
Serial 6593
4/86 - 1/09
23 years service

Andrew DeSimone
Serial 6983
7/87 -3/09
22 years service

Sheila Wimberly
Serial 7052
7/87 - 1/09
21 years service

Kevin D. Cotton
Serial 7071
10/87 - 4/09
21 years service

James DiBeneditto
Serial 7917
3/95 - 3/09
14 years service

William Levey
Serial 8451
1/04 - 2/09
5 years service

Congratulations and Best Wishes to all our retirees

First Precinct

by Maureen Mazur

With April came many changes in the First. Farewell to Inspector Michael Cronin who is on his way to an upward rise at HQ. Inspector Cronin had a short stint in the First Precinct after the great escape of Capece, but hopefully it wasn't too painful for him. He did get to "break ground" for the new First Precinct on Grand Avenue near the High School prior to his departure. Rumor has it Capece and Heffernan where also there for the great unveiling, but they were disguised as Baldwinites, to ensure no further political fallout.

Welcome back to the First Precinct Inspector Michael Studdert, hopefully you'll get to stay here for awhile unlike your previous commands which you seem to zip in an out of.

Welcome to the precinct new PO's Culmone, Wildeman, Moore, Curtain, Mirenda, Purcell and Schmitt, with all the talk of layoffs I'm sure all of them were sweating it out there for a while. 5 out of the 7 newbie's did their field training in the First so I'm sure they have accumulated easily.

Farewell to Dennis Sheehan who transferred to ESU. Sometimes on this job things make sense - someone qualified going to where they belong - good for you Dennis! Dennis will be missed in the First as much as he attempted to keep a low profile, Dennis is/was 1 of the PO's who showed up to events/parties etc… and attempted to get involved, it was noticed and much appreciated. The time office will miss you immensely with all your coffee and cookie runs.

Farewell to Michael O'Connor to Hwy.

IS IT TRUE THAT…

The time office's workload has decreased with some of the recent transfers?

There's a rotating door for the Commanding Officer in the First precinct?

Schultz witnessed Sgt. Randlov crying?

The new regime of First precinct PO's would rather stay home and play XBOX, play station 3 or Wii than participate/attend First Precinct functions?

Sgt Randlov and Sgt Lewis are brother and sister?

There was an event-free Vegas trip with First PO's?

Ramos is going to miss working in the stationhouse?

WHAT P.O….

Went out sick for weeks, for insomnia?

PO's - are the "gel twins"?

Has the most inappropriate lunchtime conversations - "no holds bar"?

On his 1st day back on patrol after being on light duty, threw a hissy fit, when he had to sit on a crime scene.

Is being slated for the next episode of "House"?

Has lost so much weight, he is 1/2 himself?

Went sick for a chipped tooth?

WHAT ROOKIE …

Is over-qualified for Highway?

Could put the 40-year-old virgin to shame with all of his collectible Star War figurines - in original boxes!

Stands at the front desk when he works there?

ROOKIE VS VET

After a recent exposure to an infectious disease 2 PO's, 1 vet and 1 rookie had adversely different reactions. The rookie, so overcome with nervousness to his exposure, called in sick for nausea, the vet came to work, business a usual. The rookie's exposure packet - was done over the phone: the vets- he stood outside the supervisor's room, and I mean outside the building - and the packet was done through the window. (The supervisor wanted to avoid contact) Both PO's are required to respond to the surgeon's office, the vet responded to the Rookie's residence to pick him up to accompany him to the surgeon. Upon his arrival to the rookie's residence, (to bring him to the surgeon) sheets were covering all of his furniture and belongings; to avoid further contamination. The rookie also had someone take his dog for a couple of days - fearing for the dog's health.

FIRST PCT. VOLLEYBALL

Is there a team? You wouldn't know it by the turnout. Anyone interested in playing volleyball should call the 3rd pct or the 7th, they actually field a team.

CONGRATS

To John Herman on his 3-in-1 package. John got married, bought a house and is having a kid, all he needs is to have a girl, and the gray hair will come on quick!

DISCLAIMER

Remember this newsletter is all in fun - some things are true, some things are exaggerated and some things are just possible. Hopefully everyone can take a joke…

APOLOGY

I apologize for saying former partner of Wilky, Frank Allaire is retired - he is still on the job and on the board for the DAI….sorry!

NOTICE

PBA Open Meeting on Thursday, May 21 will be at 5:00PM

Second Precinct

TRUSTEE REPORT

by Ken Cortes

In these difficult fiscal times, the department is looking for ways to cut operating costs. In normal times, they just cut training, personnel, and equipment. As usual it always falls on the street cop. I will not go on about how it falls on the cop on the street as I usually do. I am taking a different tact this month.

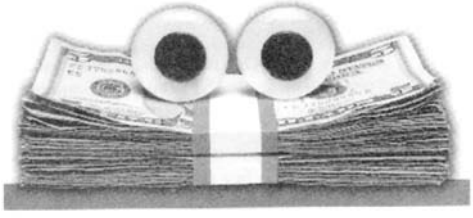
We had a meeting recently with a high ranking member of the department, regarding our new uniforms. After the meeting, your union representatives asked several questions. I asked about when new radio cars will be out and presented this high ranking member a list with radio car mileage. There were several cars in excess of 120k miles. And I was assured this will be looked into. (Whatever that means)

But what disturbed me was another issue came up regarding a possible violation of the contract regarding improper transfers. When your 2nd vice president asked this high ranking member was he aware that he was violating the contract, he responded (I am Paraphrasing on the exact wording)"Yes I am violating the contract" . This unfolded in front of 18 PBA officers.

Apparently, this high ranking department member does not like this particular section of the contract. This is very disappointing. There are many aspects of the contract that we as the PBA don't like. But we follow them because it is the right thing to do. If the department feels they need to change the contract, they should do it at the negotiating table not the grievance table.

So as usual, the PBA will file a grievance, and there will be court costs, and possible penalties. Meanwhile back at the ranch, they try to control arrest overtime on the backs of the working police officers throughout the county.

The department should try controlling costs at the grievance table. If the department feels something is staring them in the face they are right…



It's the money you could be saving if you followed the contract.

That's it for this month, until next month Onward and Upward!

NEWS FROM THE 02

Brought To You By Danny Cebollero AKA The BEEF
Bringing You The Best In Dissatisfied
Monthly Employee Correspondence Spud Mash Can Buy

First I wish to thank last month's unknown artist. Really now, do you honestly think I was capable of drawing a cartoon like that? Look a little more carefully, did that cartoon look anything like 1.7S litre-like stick figures?

POLICE SURGEON

Allow me to introduce you to the newest requested member of the Police Surgeon's Office His name is Zoltar. This also happens to be Beef's Movie Quiz question of the month…In what movie does Zoltar appear?

Many members have requested that Zoltar here be placed outside the

door to the Police Surgeon's office. The overall consensus is that a member having to visit order to determine whether or not that member has to return to work stands a better chance of getting a more accurate diagnosis from Zoltar here than from anyone else working inside that office. Just think of the logic expressed here, for two-bits, you too can find out whether or not you are supposed to go back to work and finally feel confident that a compassionate, informed decision was made on your behalf.

What I find most amazing is that it's almost impossible these days in the medical world to find an internist who would override a specialist, yet here in the NCPD police surgeon's office this seems to be the norm. It appears that our internists here at the Police surgeon's office know better than some of the leading specialists in their field when it comes to getting members to return to work. I liken this policy to a civilian walking into our station house asking for their accident report to be changed. They may have experience with accidents but that in no way makes them an accident reconstruction expert. So why is an internist overriding a specialist and then why does a phone conversation override a written medical opinion?

This issue has quite literally progressed to accusations of shake-down tactics being used by the surgeons office to get your personal doctor to make comments and or judgments which would allow the surgeons office to order you back to work or worse yet retroactively snatch sick time away from you, turning your contractual and job benefits into nothing more than a departmental administrative Ponzi scheme.

This underhanded subversion of your contractual rights

has prompted action by our lawyers and the PBA to encourage you to give your doctor (the medical review form letter) posted in the forms section of the members side of the website. This Form letter is necessary to advise your doctor of the meaning of light duty, and to be used in medical review process. So listen carefully, for the sick time you might be saving could be your own. When injured and you visit your own doctor bring this form.

BITCH WITH BEEF PRESENTS

Movie Quiz #2 : May Is Guess One Get One Free. What Driver? What Movie?

The Movie Death Race 2000
The Driver Frankenstein.

Why is this important you ask? Well simply put, have you driven a Nassau County RMP lately. Just take a good look at it and you'll probably find that much like Frankenstein many NCPD RMP's out there are made up of several different parts from previously wrecked RMP's. Yes my friends, sorry to say but if you are operating a RMP out there that does not have your post numbers on it, there is a good chance that your driving a Frankenstein car.

Yes a car made up of only the finest of used parts of previously totaled RMP's. Your dashboard, your fenders, hey it might even be possible that your air bags may have already gone off and may have been recently replaced from another junked unit. The PBA is looking into this. Here's a pretty picture, imagine Nassau Employees slinking around the FSB graveyard like a bunch of vultures waiting for the next carcass to roll by. This is all rumor of course but if true how far has this department sunk?

Still thankful those ties are gone? And that's all I have to say about that because stupid is as stupid does.

Third Precinct

by Mike Covais

I would like to start off by thanking the Chief of Department for coming down to the PBA office and showing off the new line of uniforms that we may someday wear. On display were uniforms that we field tested and found flaws with and another set that were not tested but we're going to purchase. I think the new style uniform is a great idea, easy to care for and more comfortable. These new uniforms have not been field tested by our officers. We must have sufficient time to accomplish this task. If we are going to make a major purchase we must make sure this product meets our needs.

I did find some other things that went on quite curious. When I was in the academy the Chief who was then a Sgt., talked of "nassau blue". Nassau blue was a color that was solely ours. No one had that shade of blue except Nassau. It was something to be proud of and it distinguished us from other departments. Nassau blue is not held in that high of a regard by the Chief now. I can only wonder if money has something to do with it. Then again what can you say about a person who would stand in front of a room full of union officers and talk about knowingly violating the contract when questioned about an unrelated issue. It sure takes the guessing out of who is going to win a grievance.

I would like to thank the vast majority for the positive feedback regarding last month's article. There was some dissent from a small minority. I wish to offer some advice and please relax your mind, you will not need a thesaurus. If you want an incident to fade away it is a bad idea to talk to everyone in the command about it. It is bad enough when people are held captive at work and have to listen to something they do not agree with, but it is especially unacceptable conversation at a party for a retiree. Now if you feel the right to defend another you should make certain that the person you are defending is not 100% wrong. It looks bad when you are attempting to take the heat off a wrongdoer and at that same time he is bragging to an officer in another command about the dubious deed he committed. Now this issue is put to rest, but I assure you not forgotten!

On May 6th @Verdi's in Westbury the 3rd Pct will have its annual retirement/reunion party. Two of the honorees are close friends. Tom Kennedy worked his 37 years in the Third Pct. My first contact with Tom was almost 30 years ago when he performed a car stop on a shy seventeen year old boy for no apparent reason. Yes, I did talk my way out of numerous summonses. Six years later I was working next to Tom and demonstrated the proper way to perform a car stop. He has always been there for me as well as everyone else in the command. He is always calm, cool and collected. Tom Kennedy is a good guy, a good friend and a good cop.

Next is Zachary Palega. Zach is an enigma wrapped in a riddle. He is a man of a million stories or 1,000 stories with 100,000 versions. I can joke about Zach because he is my very good friend. He was my best man at my wedding and tag team partner out in the street. When you worked with Zach you were working with a professional. He took care of business the right way. This is the guy you want in the foxhole next to you.

These two guys really cared about a cop. They went about it differently, but the result was the same. It is the end of an era with the retirement of Zach and Tom. The Third will always be the place to work, but it will feel different with their retirements.

Good luck and Godspeed on the next chapter in your lives.

Welcome home Jim Dupont. Jim you are a hero. There are those who talk about freedom, but you have fought for it. You are a patriot!

The men and women of the Third have always been there for their comrades. Thank you for your donations over the past months for:

The families of Jim Dupont and Pete Ellison. John Failia who is in our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery. (Special thanks to the Greater Long Island Run Club for their generous donation)

The Acquilino family. Chris and Karen there are not enough words to express our condolences on your devastating loss.

Fourth Precinct

by Frank DeResto (the4thpct.org)

It's spring out there, but you wouldn't know it from the weather. We are officially into short-sleeve time and it's still struggling at night to get over the freezing mark. A few of us brave souls (idiots) have gone ahead pushed the season and donned the summer option uniform. What were we thinking?

On Sunday March 22nd, our own Pat O'Connor was on his way home from just finishing a night tour. As he drove through east Rockaway he encountered heavy smoke in the area. He traced the smoke to a house on Oceanview Rd and found a working house fire. He dialed 911 and then attempted to wake the occupants. After a few tense moments of ringing the doorbell and yelling "FIRE", the occupants awoke and with Pat's assistance they escaped without injury.It took approximately 1 hour to bring the fire under control. The whole time Pat was there offering whatever assistance was needed at scene. Great Job Pat!!

Welcome aboard to the newest members of our F-Troop family: Alex Anastasiades, Robert Prince Jr. and Sean Walker.

SUMMER OPENER

The Fourth Precincts annual Summer Opener/PBA meeting has been scheduled for June 9th, at Montego Bay in No. Long Beach. The Meeting will start at19:30hrs for PBA members, followed by the summer opener at 2000hrs for all members and guests.

WELCOME HOME!!

Police Officer / Gunnery Sgt. Robert Cirino is back from Iraq! Bobby has served several tours in Iraq. His career as a Marine and as a Nassau County Police Officer shows his strong dedication to this great country of ours and to our county. We are extremely proud of his service and glad that he is home safe. Please keep the rest of the boys and girls over there in service to our country's freedom in your thoughts and prayers.

BIRTH-DAZE

Congratulations go out to Frank and Jamie Brennan on the birth of their son, Jagger Joseph, born March 16th at 8:31pm. Tipping the scales at 6lbs 15oz at 20in.

Congratulations also to Mike and Jeanine Abbruzzese on the birth of their daughter, Sienna Noelle, born April 1st. Weighing in at 6lbs 11oz at 19 ½ in.

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathies go out to Gary Rodetis and his family on the recent loss of his father, James Rodetis and to Thomas Dunn and his family on the loss of his grandmother, Mildred Nemeth. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

F TROOP

by Nelson Arnold

Hope everyone will attend the "summer" party that is scheduled for June 9th at Montego Bay. It's a great time to get together before the summer vacations hit the roll calls. Everyone knows what back-up is, so let's make sure everyone does it out there on the street. The person you're working with or working next to may not be your favorite person but that doesn't matter. You back up anyone and everyone no matter what. Ride on that violent 10-62 even if you're not assigned to it. Stop when you see another cop on a VTL stop. Go on that violent domestic. Respond on that person not breathing. Assist with the multiple suspicious persons call. Stop and get out of the car when a fellow officer is giving the SFST to someone. I don't care what the call is - just help out. It's always going to be appreciated and will never be looked down upon, at least not by any cop with common sense. I recently had arrest overtime and on my way back to my relieving point I saw an officer giving a driver the SFST. I stopped and exited and stood there while the test was being administered. I was shocked to find out from the other officer that an RMP had already driven by. That is unacceptable! You don't like DWIs - too bad! Don't feel like assisting - too bad! We depend on each other out there - we're wearing the uniform - we're the brotherhood, the M.O.S., the thin blue line or whatever you want to call it - we're it! Protect each other. Help each other. Fight and survive for each other - no one else will do it for you.

Be safe out there.

Fifth Precinct

by Joe Nocella
pbanewsletter@yahoo.com

VALOR

In today's times, even the most insignificant of events are sensationalized. Words that have special meaning get overused and as a result, lose their potency. Words like discipline, determination, bravery, and heroism. All very strong words which I would be 100% justified in using as I describe the actions of Kevin Vargas and Steve BenJacob during an Elmont home invasion last month. No watered down adjectives here. . . You just can't say enough about the way they handled themselves. You could ramble on for hours, you could rant and rave, you could wax poetic but one thing is for sure ... this was a very significant event and no matter how much you talk about it, you could never sensationalize the amazing job they did. Well done brothers!

EVERYONE GOT INVOLVED

While Kevin and Benny were on their own during the ordeal, there were a lot of people working feverishly around them in an effort to help. Sgt.'s Dunn and Miller did an outstanding job of maintaining the safety of everyone involved; even Sgt. Iannucci reached out from behind the desk. Gayle Adler, Keri Wilkinson and Brian Kimotek were all great in keeping order as dispatchers, Brian Ferrucci and Tom Sanginario were on top of it like the true professionals they are, and of course, every patrol car in the precinct did their very best to get to 509 and assist as quickly as they could. By the way, nice job Juan... Linden Blvd. and 175 St. is a far cry from 7' post!

JUST OVER THE BORDER

Thanks to our brothers and sisters in the 105 and 113 precincts for helping us out when we needed it most. You guys always give 100% when it comes to backing us up and you should know that your efforts do not go unnoticed.

INVALUABLE

Back in 2006, the PBA fought hard to get 501 and 509 doubled and since the '07 arbitration award, that fight has paid untold dividends. Somewhere in Suffolk County, there's a bushy haired man with a big smile on his face!

HERE AND GONE

We've had some pretty significant movement in the last month or so. Laurene Daly has moved on to the Electronics Squad and Matt Kelly, Steve Leavy, and Chris Lynch are now in new commands. Ashley Novelli was drafted to records, came back, but then had the rug pulled out from under her so she's still there.

Inspector Studdert has moved on and is now the new CO of the First Precinct. I'd just like to say that in his tenure in the fifth, Inspector Studdert established himself as a capable leader and a very decent man. Our loss is the firsts gain. Last but not least, welcome back to Inspector Sean O'Donnell, the new CO of the fifth. The Inspector was once a Lieutenant in the precinct so a lot of us already know him. He came to turnout last month to address the troops and made, what was in my estimation, a terrific first impression. He was honest, sincere, and by all accounts, happy to be back in the fifth. What more could you possibly ask for? Good to have you back boss. It's been busy first month... and here comes summer!

2009 POLICE APPRECIATION RUN

This year's Police Appreciation Run will be held at Eisenhower Park on June 11 at 1900. Proceeds from the 5K run go to the Police Crisis Fund. Sponsored by The Greater Long Island Road Runners, this fund aids Long Island law enforcement officers and their families in times of need, and yes, has benefited members of our command both past and present. This is a great cause so run, walk, or crawl, they deserve our support. Any further questions, feel free to contact John Miller down in POP.

GOOD TIMES

What a fantastic turnout for last month's transfer party at CJ's. There were a lot of new faces in attendance and that is a very good thing. You're all part of the family and by now, everyone should feel comfortable enough to come out hang together. I'm hopeful this trend will continue. There is no better way to get to know the people you work with then to go out together from time to time and blow off some steam .,. and now that summer's coming, God knows there will be ample steam to blow off!

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY

Only two open meetings left before the summer break. Come on down and find out what's going on.

Sixth Precinct

by Ed Conroy

Spring is here and hopefully the warm weather is upon us because as I sit writing this article in early April it is chilly and we even had snow flurries the other day. Mothers Day is on the 10th so don t forget your moms. It is time to plant your gardens and get back outside and get active. Before you know it the summer will be upon us and the kids will be out of school. We are going to have a Precinct picnic this summer, the date has not been set as of this writing but we will let you know as soon as we have one. We will need some assistance in running the picnic as

well as feed back that members are interested in having one so let one of the PBA Reps know. If anyone else has any ideas for other Precinct functions let us know, we can be of assistance if you would like to get one going. The Precinct Islanders trip was a success and the same should hold true for the Mets game.

With the economic situation still what it is and cuts being made by every municipality across the state and this country one cannot ignore the effects it has had on everyone. The Department seems to be more focused than ever on reducing overtime costs. The constant pressure has trickled down from Headquarters through all Commands and is evident in the way some Precinct Supervisors are handling end of tour overtime situations. At relieving time emergency calls should not be held until an Officer from the next tour signs on. If you feel that this has occurred copy down the time and incident number and notify a PBA Rep, we will look into it. Line Supervisors have a job to do and sometimes they have tough decisions to make. I will not fault them for doing their jobs, but I will question a situation if I feel that the publics and or an Officers safety is put at risk to save a half an hour of overtime. Officer Safety is paramount; if you feel that it is being jeopardized at any time notify a PBA Rep immediately.

There needs to be a working relationship between the Precinct PBA and the Precinct Supervisors, we are all here for the same cause; protecting the public and making sure the Cops all go home safe at the end of the day. At times it is one of give and take, others it maybe more of a debate but on my part it is always the same point of focus; protecting the Cops and no Supervisor should be offended if I come to them with an issue, it's business and nothing personal.

While we are talking about Officers safety there have been several incidents that have occurred across the Country that are a harsh reminder that this is a dangerous job. California, Pittsburg and New York City were three well publicized events recently that remind us not to be complacent. Car stops are probably the most dangerous things we do. There are many variables that come into play. First you're out in traffic where you are a target for any cell phone talking, texting and just plain old head up their ass driver out there. Second you never know who you're pulling over. The operator may have just committed a crime or maybe wanted by some jurisdiction and you re the lucky cop that pulls him or her over. Domestics are very unpredictable and sometimes very volatile. You never know what you're walking into. You also have to remember that these people are related, they have family ties and now all of a sudden it hits them that you re locking up one of their own and the tables may turn with you ending up the victim. Be careful out there, wear your vests, back each other up and be aware of your surroundings. I never want to hear, I'll advise from scene or it's a chronic . Let your assistance come no matter how far they are coming from, you can always give a disregard from scene after you know that it is safe or they are not needed, but you can't ask for assistance if something happens to you or if you get to scene and need assistance it is going to take that much longer to get someone to you. We are here for twelve hours it's our job to make sure that everyone goes home at the end of the tour.

TRANSFERS

Congratulations to Vinny Papa on his recent transfer to E.S.U. Good luck Vinny I know that you ve wanted this for a while and you re a good fit for the spot.

Mike Kalab has gone back to Marine Bureau after his winter stint on land. Enjoy it Mike and hopefully you ll get that permanent order soon.

Congratulations to Deputy Inspector DePaola on being made the new Commanding Officer of B.S.O. I wish you luck and thank you for all your work in the Sixth.

WELCOME

On behalf of the entire Precinct I would like to welcome our newest members who have recently graduated from the Police Academy. Remember if you have questions ask them. Everyone here was new at one time and no one knows everything so ask, we are all here to help.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to Eugene Sullivan and his wife Lisa on the birth of their son Eugene Thomas. Eugene Thomas came into the world on March 20, 2009 weighing in at 7lbs 9oz and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Congratulations also to Dan and Michelle Cioni on the birth of their daughter Olivia Nicole weighing in at 7lbs. 7oz.

TOP COPS

Police Officer Dennis Jiannaras has been selected as the Sixth Precinct Top Cop for January 2009. In the early morning hours of January 1st P.O Jainnaras was called to investigate the Larceny of a pocketbook from a local bar restaurant in Roslyn. While conducting the investigation he discovered that two addition pocketbooks had been stolen over the course of the night. P.O Jiannaras executed excellent management of the scene and had total control of the patrons within the restaurant. One of the Male patrons drew attention to himself by his actions and his eagerness to leave the premise. The patron now turned suspect and he made a statement that other patrons refuted. Officer Jiannaras then asked for and was granted a consent search of the suspects vehicle at which time he located the proceeds of all three Larcenies as well the suspects female accomplice. For his excellent investigative skills and successfully solving these crimes with the arrest of two subjects for Grand Larceny we select Police Officer Dennis Jiannaras as the Sixth Precinct Top Cop for January 2009.

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.

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 MeetingThe 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

Hello everyone and welcome to May, my favorite month of the year. Not only is Mother's Day this month but we also have Memorial Day weekend the unofficial start to the summer. So get those bbq's out and shock the pool and get ready for summer.

This past month we say good bye to some longtime members of the seventh pct. Chris Bringmann and Dave Hicks who departed us for Emergency Services, also known as the 7th pct annex, good luck guys and I'll see you at the raccoon calls. Also Bob Barry has left the 7th Pct for the greener pastures of retirement, Bob spent most of his career here in the 7th except for a brief stint in safety town, where he tirelessly battle the road rage antics of kindergartners and first graders. Rumor has it, it's there where Bob suffered his career ending injury at the hands of a menacing first grader who ran him over and then backed up and ran him over again to make sure the job was done. All kidding aside Bobby enjoy retirement you deserve it 32 years is a long time, we'll see you around the campus. Let's all welcome, our brand new Police Officers who have joined our ranks, Bill Bourguignon, Eric Diaz, Joseph Gerry, and Shannon Smith. Welcome to the best place on patrol, any questions just ask. Everyone here is willing to help good luck and welcome to the family. I would also like to welcome Bob Kellermann who transferred in from the range and Howard Fried who came from the third, hope to see all you folks at the precinct functions. NYSHIP is currently doing an audit of all participants in the plan, this audit is two phased, phase one is the amnesty part. If you have a dependent(s) currently registered under your plan that does not meet the requirements anymore you have until June 6th to remove this person without any penalty. After that date if you fail to remove the dependent that does not qualify and NYSHIP catches you, they will go back to the date the dependent became ineligible and charge you any claims they paid. The second phase will be to verify all remaining dependents on your plan; you may need to submit marriage certificates, birth certificates and college transcripts. This will start sometime in the summer, if you fail to submit this information back to NYSHIP they will remove all your dependents until proof is submitted. Any questions contact your PBA rep. Until next month stay safe and remember professional courtesy.

TOP COP AUGUST 2008

On August 19, 2008 at 0347 hrs Seventh Precinct Police Officers responded to an audible alarm call at a dental office located at 2962 Merrick Rd in Wantagh. Police Officer Stephen Parry, operating RMP 717, was the first to arrive at the scene and observed two male white subjects running from the building. After putting out a quick notification Officer Parry chased after the subjects. He was quickly joined by other Seventh Precinct Officers who assisted with the search. A short time later officer Parry and Officer Shawn Warta, operating RMP 703, apprehended the two subjects in a yard behind the dental office. A check of the building revealed that the subjects had entered thru the roof. While Officers Parry and Warta were affecting the arrest, both subjects resisted and one subject struck Officer Parry causing a physical injury. After gaining control of the subjects they were placed under arrest and transported to the Seventh Precinct for arrest processing. The two subjects were charged with Burglary 3rd and Resisting Arrest. One of the subjects was also charge with Assault 2nd. As a result of their quick response and alertness Officer Stephen Parry and Officer Shawn Warta were able to quickly apprehend two subjects who had just committed a rooftop burglary. The Seventh Precinct "Top Cop" Committee has selected them as Top Cops for the month of August 2008.

Eighth Precinct

by Marisa Caroselli

May is our month for catching up on all the news of 2009. I promise all of our Top Cops will be headline news next month (sorry, Dave).

INJURED RESERVE

An ever-growing number of Eighth Precinct members are sidelined because of on-duty car accidents. Get well to John Beisel, Glenn Kappenberg, and Lou Ferrara. As the tragedies of Suffolk County Police Officer Glen Ciano and our own Kenneth Baribault illustrate all too well, more so than knife or bullet, an RMP accident, be it by drunk or other, is the real threat to most of us. Please be careful and since more often than not these accidents are by no fault of our own, wear your seat belts.

Speedy recovery to Steven Schwartz after an on-duty injury at a domestic; Michael Nicoletti after a serious fall at

home; and Gregory Bernhardt and Christopher Beatrice after foot and knee surgeries, respectively. Out of sight but not out of minds, continued good wishes to those including Raymond Graham and Mark Louie whose injuries are so serious that we may never see them in the starting line up again.

Welcome back on Restricted Assignment to Douglas Brunn, Peter Matchekosky, and Patrice O'Shea after being sidelined by serious back and neck injuries.

JUMBLE

Congratulations to Bill Stio on his transfer to the Emergency Services Unit (ESU) where we know he will thrive.

All the best to Gene Angell, Andrew French, and David Rysdyk as they are off to Detective School.

Good luck on their post changes to Tom Verga and Mike Bonsignore. Putting family first is just one of the reasons police officers make such good parents. Congratulations on being awarded car seats and posts to the following P.O.'s: David Gallagher (812), Brendon McGovern (808), James Montefusco (SP4), and David Olsen (803).

Welcome to days to P.O.'s Carolyn Barnett, John Giugliano, James Merle, and James Montefusco.

Best wishes to Matt Schmidt and Conor Walsh on their change of assignment to Highway Patrol Bureau.

Farewell to Detective Michael Bartlett as he returns to Arson Bomb Squad (ABS). Goodbye to Detective Sergeant John Wheeler as he moves on to the First Squad and welcome to the Eighth Squad to Detective Sergeant Nathaniel Amritt.

Before I was able to wish him luck on his new assignment, he went and resigned on me, so good luck to former AMT Scott Cohen as he seeks his fortune in cow magnets (no joke there but do not ask me to explain it); we know you will do well.

WELCOME

Further adding to our ranks of Fifth Precinct alumni, welcome to our two new transfers, P.O.'s Matthew Kelly and Steven Leavey.

Happy Graduation and hello to our newest members: David Brohman, Stephen Kaminskey, Anthony Lucchese, Richard Marandino, Frank Parente, and Christopher Rowe.

MILITARY LEAVE

Safe return to Sergeant Lance Brown as he is again called to military service and welcome home to Tommy Verga after his recent military activation.

FIELD TRAINING OFFICERS

Thank you to Adam Fischer, Michael Mazzara, and Steven Schwartz on their recent service as Field Training Officers (FTO's).

BABIES

The babies are here!

Proving that life does indeed begin after retirement, congratulations to Paul Lemke and his wife Lilly on the birth of their fifth child, a son, Collin Lemke, on November 10, 2008.

Hello to Luke Jamison, son of Donny Brown, who was born on January 27, 2009 and weighed in at 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

Ryan and April Clauss are now the proud parents of a baby girl. Delaney Mckenna, 7 pounds, 11 ounces and 20 inches, joined us on March 29, 2009 at 4:41 a.m. after a mere 13 hours of labor.

David Brohman's wife Melissa gave him a 7 pound, 15 ounce and 21 inch graduation present on April 08, 2009, a son named Tyler Jefferson.

Congratulations to all our new rookies, welcome to the precinct.

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

The Awards Committee has recognized the outstanding police work of the following members in the fourth quarter of 2008. Well done to Police Officer Michael Bjornstad, Meritorious Police Service Award, September 07, 2008; Police Officer Donald Costleigh, Meritorious Police Service Award, June 19, 2008; Police Officer Brian McCarthy, Meritorious Police Service Award, June 19, 2008; Police Officer Brendan McGovern, Meritorious Police Service Award, September 07, 2008; Police Officer Michael Spadaccini, Meritorious Police Service Award, September 07, 2009; Police Officer Conor Walsh, Meritorious Police Service Award, September 07, 2008; Police Officer Jason Collins, Recognition for Lifesaving, October 23, 2008; Police Officer David Zylinski, Recognition for Lifesaving, October 23, 2008; Detective William Russ, Command Recognition, June 09, 2008; and Detective Steven Leung, Command Recognition, June 09, 2008.

Headquarters III

by P.O. Paolicelli

I'd like to start this month by thanking the newly re-formed Top Cop Committee which the road units, MCP, ESB, MCSU, K-9, and the Mounted Unit. We have been receiving numerous letters each month for recommendations on this award and are happy to see the amount of dedication and down home good police work that is being done on a daily basis. I said it last month and I'll say it again don't let these arrests and so forth go by the wayside, make sure they are written up and have a supervisor forward the arrest paperwork to the committee for review. By now many of you have met most of the new guys and I think we did pretty good. I've heard and seen some good things out there, keep up the good

work. Not to beat a dead horse but use common sense on VTL stops, etc. when on the side of the road, and get the road cleared and off of it ASAP. I had the usual 2 car prop s/b at exit 13 the other day. Upon arrival the 3 occupants are standing between MV1 and MV2 in the left lane by the wall exchanging info. Talk about having a "DEATH WISH!î It seems like the night tour VTL's are turning up weapons and drugs on a more frequent basis. 1 of 2 things is happening, either we're being more vigilant on searches or they're getting sloppy with their concealment efforts. PO McKenna had another (not so routine) DWI stop a couple of weeks ago where the guy was wearing body armor and an empty holster, further investigation revealed a weapon inside the vehicle and yes he was intoxicated (I think this elevates it to the death penalty right?) I'm not sure haven't been studying for the tests. Anyway use caution and don't get complacent, nice job Dan. Anyone who attended Inspector Simeone's Funeral witnessed a tremendous final tribute to one of our own. When we hear of budget cuts and unit dispersment, the Department would be doing itself and the County a great injustice. The members of the Motorcycle Platoon, Mounted Unit and Pipe Band do a tremendous job with these details and every other detail they are assigned to. The MCP left for Pittsburgh on Wednesday morning to take part in the LODD Funerals for the 3 members of their Department while responding to a domestic violence call and a suspect wearing body armor ambushed them upon arrival. I'm sure they will represent our Department in the highest regard. Don't get complacent!!! I understand that the Department has received a shipment of new Rmp's and we will wait to see what the game plan is for FSB to get them striped, lighted and looking up to par for the road. Between PO Speelman and myself we're over there quite often tweaking 58 for maximum horsepower (ha ha). I know they are an extremely dedicated and talented bunch of guys who've been treated not so kind in the recent past for all that dedication. I know the rest of day guys will agree that Chris and John at BHR are irreplaceable when it comes to our Rmp's. Hopefully we'll see some new cars especially for 56 in the near future. I've been flooded with special requests for more photos of the "famous ear shot" I'll see what I can do; If I print him too much he'll want royalties.

NEWS FORM ESB

by P.O. Hudson

Last month I reported that P.O.'s Blum and Evans won the H.P.B. Cop of the month for December, 2008. These two will also be honored as the Emerald Society's Cops of the year. If you would like to attend this dinner you have until May 8, 2009 to get a ticket. The dinner is May 21, 2009. A big welcome to E.S.U. to our six new members: Christopher Bringmann, David Hicks, Vasili Michaelides, Vincent Papa, Dennis Sheehan and William Stio. Hope you enjoy your new home. You are in for six months of training. Just like the academy only a lot more fun. On a different note: F.S.B. or D.P.W. or whatever. We have trucks that desperately need service. Right now we are using a borrowed pickup truck with a cap and a 2003 rescue truck with 157,000 miles on it. Our two main rescue trucks are down for the count, again. And, we can't get one of our other vehicles serviced because there is only one lift at FSB/DPW that it fits on. There is another vehicle on the lift with no work being done because the mechanic assigned to fix it is off on his swing.I guess we can't back the truck off the lift and fix something else? No, we can't. It is beyond comprehension but I guess that's life. On a more pleasant note, which desk officer called a RETIRED E.S.U. cop at home at 1:30 in the MORNING to ask him to come in for O/T on a barricade? And, what H.P.B. cop chased down an E.S.U. cop moving an impound to Cedar Creek and thought he had a big collar for a Sig.15? See you next month.

And now for something completely different! We recently put had to put out a BOLO/AMBER Alert on the video disc from the OPS desk reception area. Maybe it'll show up on one of the "BIG ROADS" somewhere in the Country. I'll have to find out how those royalties work!

In closing, There's no doubt that over the past couple of years and 1 or more reasons HPB has had our share of morale issues. Under our current leadership within HPB good things are happening and the optimistic outlook on life always makes things easier for everybody. With that in mind, Our Annual HPB Retirement/Reunion Party is being held at the North Ritz Club, Jericho Tpke, Syosset on May 7th. Every year we encourage more people to attend and last year's party had a great showing. Please see Maria in the office for payment to ensure an accurate head count for the food and drinks. For all the new members please make every effort to show up and meet the rest of the crew that you might not see because of the 12's and squad you're in. It is a night of good food, good fellowship and good laughs. The committee does a fantastic job; let's have a record attendance this year (especially the road guys). Until next month, Stay Safe

Marine Bureau

by John Connor

WELCOME BACK

April 1st and the temps are back. Thank you to Chief Turk and DI Salz for abiding by the contract, which states: temporary assignment starts April 1st. Welcome back to PO Deng, PO Goldhammer and PO Shannon from the 7th Pct., PO Dollhausen, PO Monaco and PO Vatter from the 2nd Pct, PO Kalab from the 6th Pct., PO Nicolich, PO Spagnuolo, PO Wilson from the 3rd and PO Shahinian from the 1st Pct. All T.A. Police Officers are trained and are on Patrol. This allows our permanent POs to complete repairs and update our CFR training before our summer season begins.

SUMMER 2009

Nassau County is the busiest recreational boating county in NYS. There are approximately 39,000 registered vessels and a large number of commercial fishing vessels making Nassau County their homeport. It has been the mission of the NCPD Marine Bureau to make boating safety a priority in our eight decades of existence through strict enforcement of State Navigation Law and Local Town Ordinances.

The Marine Bureau patrols 225 square miles of waterways on both the North and South Shore of Nassau County. Post 911 has impacted the operations of the Marine Bureau significantly. We maintain joint patrols of over 27 locations, (ex. Fuel storage depots, power plants) with USCG, to reduce the possibility of a terrorist attack on any of these locations. Additionally, our other functions include search and rescue operations for overdue boaters. While on this subject, if you are going out on your boat, let someone know about your float plan: where you are going, when you are coming home, how many people on board…etc. Check the weather!!! It helps if we need to look for you. Don't be a tragedy like those pro football players off of Florida.

We also remove hazards to navigation, monitoring oil spills, vessel inspections and investigations of boating accidents and aided cases. Marine Bureau has eight officers trained in accident re-creation. The Marine Bureau also maintains an Underwater Search and Recovery team consisting of two Sergeants and eight Police Officers who assist the Detective Division and other units of the Department, State and Federal agencies in recovery of victims, property evidence and Homeland Security investigations. The Marine Bureau provides the boating public with services on the water, which on land are provided by patrol cars, fire trucks, ambulances, ESU trucks and tow trucks. Hopefully, we will do this with two boats per shore.

New Regulations on recreational summer fluke: There now is a split season…Open May 15th to June 15th. CLOSED June 16th to July 2nd . Open: July 3rd to August 17th . Two fish minimum 21 inches. Hope you catch that 13 pounder!! This new federal regulation is going to sink Long Island's fishing industry. Check dates if you are planning any Precinct fishing trips!

While speaking of fishing, this is the last summer of free saltwater fishing. The days of Huck Fin will be gone on October 1st. The new NYS budget enacted a fishing license fee. The cost to NYS residents: Annual-$10, 1 day-$4; Non-resident annual-$15, 7 day-$10, 1 day $5. This salt-water license is not a result of the state's need to generate more cash, although state officials hope it will. This is a NYS answer to a 2006 federal law designed to provide more information about the number of fisherman and what they catch, in lieu of a federal license.

TIP OF THE MONTH

Before you put your vessel in the water for summer, check all thru-hull-fittings and seacocks both interior and exterior for wear and electrolysis.

ATTA BOY

On Sunday, March 8, 2009 at 1445 hrs. Marine Bureau received a call for a body in the water. The victim, a 93 yr old male apparently walked into the water and committed suicide at Jones Beach. Marine #4 responded with POs Gregory Boyce, Robert Cernilli, Timothy Waterbury and William Joie aboard to attempt a recovery. Helicopter #4 also responded with Pilot Thomas Fabian and AMT PO James Morein. Helicopter #4 located victim in surf zone. The wave heights were 3 to 5 ft breaking in tight sets. Because of this tight wave pattern, Marine #4 could not get close enough to the victim without possibility of being caught in the surf and pushed up on the beach.

PO Boyce and PO Cernilli, who are members of our dive team, realized a water recovery was the only option.

Sergeant Gregg Magnifico, also a member of the dive team, responded in 2647, our four-wheel drive dive truck with his and PO Boyce's dive equipment. The team formulated a plan where Helicopter #4 would pick up PO Boyce's dive gear at Jones Beach Coast Guard Station from Sgt. Magnifico. Helicopter #4 flew back to scene and PO Fabian hovered over Marine #4 as PO Morein dropped PO Boyce's dive gear into the cockpit of Marine #4. Sgt. Magnifico responded to the scene in 2647. On the beach, he advised FSU members and NYS Parks Police of their plan of a water recovery. Sgt. Magnifico entered the water from the beach. Po Cernilli maneuvered Marine #4 through the waves as close to the victim as possible, while PO Boyce entered the water and swam to victim, securing the victim with lines from Marine #4. PO Joie and PO Waterbury were manning the lines in the cockpit of Marine #4. PO Boyce swam toward Sgt. Magnifico with a line. Once he reached Sgt. Magnifico, they both pulled the victim to shore. They were assisted by ESU and the victim was pulled onto the beach. This once again shows how Nassau County Police can work together to bring closure to a family's loss. Job well done!!

CONGRATULATIONS!

We would like to congratulate our own Sgt. John Owen for accepting the position of Deputy Commanding Officer of the Marine/Aviation Bureau. Sgt. Owen started at the Marine Bureau as a Police Officer and later returned as a Patrol Supervisor after his promotion to Sergeant. Knowing the inner workings of the Marine Bureau made this a smooth transition and certainly a perfect fit! Good Luck Sgt. Owen!! (no calls at 4:00pm, please…) just kidding!

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to the family of Robert Witzig, who passed away on February 15, 2009. Bob was a WWII Navy Veteran who served aboard the USS Wasp. He joined the NCPD in 1947 and retired in 1967.

GET WELL WISHES

Our well wishes go out to some retired Marine Bureau members. Jeff Fink recently had heart surgery, Leo

Cunningham suffered a slight stroke, and Bill Sanford had bladder surgery. You are in our thoughts and prayers and we wish you all a speedy recovery!!!

Until next month, Be Safe!!!

Nassau Police Post 1050 American Legion

by Dan Scheidel

OBAMA TO BILL COMBAT WOUNDED FOR MEDICAL CARE

These were the concerns of a group of senior officials of veteran service organizations after a meeting with the President, White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emmanuel, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and other members of the Presidents advisors regarding a proposal to force private insurance companies to pay for treatment of military veterans who have suffered service-connected disabilities and injuries. The Obama administration made this proposal to generate an expected $540 million dollars at the expense of a veteran's private insurance.

American Legion Commander Rehbein angered by this decision, upon leaving the session said, "This reimbursement plan would be inconsistent with the mandate *"to care for him who shall have borne the battle"* given that the United States government sent members of the armed forces into harm's way, and not private insurance companies. I say again that the American Legion does not and will not support any plan that seeks to bill a veteran for treatment of a service connected disability at the very agency that was created to treat the unique need of American veterans." This news release was dated Tuesday, March 17, 2009.

The Washington Post had this headline in the March 18th edition, "White House drops plans to bill disabled veterans for care." Over and over I've said that only through a strong and united voice in these important matters can we insure that those that served are not denied nor have their care diminished for the sake of budget restraints. At the end of the session with the president, our service organizations stood together to support our veterans. Our veteran organizations are necessary to insure these benefits. That is why I continually ask you to join the Police Post. While our voice of 200 members may seem inconsequential, along with the thousands of others, politicians do listen. Two Democratic congressmen advised the president that such a proposal was "dead on arrival."

I gain nothing by having our police veterans join Nassau Police Post 1050. I seek no reward for raising the number of members to our Post. But our voice could be stronger when, with the other Posts throughout the county and country unite as they did with this matter to bring some pride and justice for our veterans. If you'd like to know more about the Police Post call me a 516 742-4364 or e-mail me at retncp89@optonline.net.

While our meetings are dedicated to Legion goals and demands, we do have an added entertainment each month. Our Law & Order Chairman, Robert E. Lee, (not of Civil War fame by no means) makes a historical presentation at each meeting. Sometimes he brings weapons of the past along with stories about each item. He also brings a tremendous knowledge of history to these presentations. Last month he brought in a Civil War ear saber, with the name "Samuel Hardings" engraved on it. The saber itself would have been interesting on its own but the saber belonged to a Captain in charge of bringing a infamous southern spy to justice. However the "Southern Belle" spy, actually her name was really Belle Boyd, enticed the good captain into a romance which lead to marriage. He was dishonorably discharged from the service and the pair spent their latter years in England. Like I said, Bob has thousands of stories to tell us and hundreds of military memorabilia to display. So we invite all our members to attend and prospective members can also join us. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at the Bellmore Post 948 Hall on Royale Street, Bellmore. Meetings begin at 2000 hours and refreshments are served. Come join us.

Our annual fund drive will be over in May. So far the "police family" has not responded although some of the line and fraternal organizations have come through. I've sent personal letters of gratitude to those "family" members that have responded and only wish more would take notice. As an American Legion Post we are mandated to support the American Legion in all matters they require but we've had to temper our response because of lack of funds. Even our community support has been somewhat diminished but we try. Your help would be appreciated. See the flyer in this month's PBA newsletter. Thank you.

ARPO

by Bob Livoti

May is a very active month for lots of people and organizations. In addition to Mother's Day being celebrated in May, we also have Police Week, Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day. All occasions to honor many people in our lives.

Police week starts off with many Memorial Services through the nation. Washington D.C. will be active all week long with Police services including the Blue Mass and the Candlelight Vigil. Here in Nassau County we will have our Police Memorial Services on Tuesday May 12th starting at 10 AM on the front lawn at HQ.

On that day we will honor our own members that made

the supreme sacrifice. Many of the families of our fallen members will be present for the memorial. ARPO will be there along with every other fraternal and line organization in the department and we will all be there to pay our respects. Police Week will end on Saturday, May 16th with Family Day at HQ, the day that is set aside for our members and families to tour the building and watch the demonstrations and equipment in action. It has always been a great time to bring the kids and grand kids down to see everything. Refreshments will be served for all those who are in attendance.

That Saturday also happens to be Armed Forces Day so we will also be paying tribute to the members of our Armed Forces who are located all over the world representing us, a nation of freedom that so many past members of the Armed Forces gave their lives to protect.

Later on in the last week of May, we will celebrate Memorial Day. Previously designated Decoration Day, it was inaugurated in 1868 by Gen. John A. Logan for the purpose of decorating the graves of Civil War veterans and has since become a day on which all war dead are commemorated. The American Legion along with the VFW and other veterans organizations will journey to our local National Cemeteries and place American Flags on all the graves of our military members buried there.

As you can see, May is both a month for celebration and for sorrow and remembrance for those loved ones we have loss. Please join us at one of the services during this monthís many activities. If you would like to volunteer some of your time to help out at family day at HQ, please let us know in advance

Columbia Police Association

by Carmine E. Soldano

I wish everyone and their families a very enjoyable and blessed Mother's Day. On Tuesday, April 7th, I had the pleasure of attending past President Robert J. Cannataro's retirement party at the City Café in Garden City. Chief Karen O'Callaghan did a great job in roasting Bobby. Bobby was also roasted by Tony Graziano, yours truly, and even some of his family members. The Association presented Bob with a retirement plaque, certificate, and personalized golf shirt.

Our 300 Club raffle ticket program is nearly completed for 2009. There will be only 300 tickets sold at $10 each. The first prize will be $1000 drawn at our meeting May 11th meeting. Please see any officer or Frank Ruvolo at the First Squad for ticket sales.

The Columbia Police Association will be hosting a table at the department's Police Open House Family Day on Saturday, May 16th. The hours are 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. We will hopefully have the Columbia Insignia Bar available to our members at this time. We will also have association shirts available to order. Please stop by and say hello.

The tentative date for the annual Fraternal Organization Picnic is Sunday, June 28, 2009 at Marjorie Post Park in Massapequa Park. This date is subject to change once the committee meets.

Lastly and most important, the St. George Association is looking for someone to be its next leader. Wayne Mathison is retiring by June 30th of this year. The St. George Association is one of our three religious organizations and is comprised of Nassau County law enforcement personnel of the Protestant faith. Anyone interested in donating some worthwhile time should contact Wayne at the CAP squad at ext 5275 or email him at wmathison@pdcn.org. Our final two meetings before the summer are on Monday, May 11th, and Monday, June 8th at 7:30 pm at Verona Restaurant. Please join us.

Police Emerald Society, Nassau County, NY

by Tom DeSane
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Greetings to all our members and friends. This month we celebrate our biennial Installation Dinner Dance. We also have many other upcoming events for our members and friends to enjoy for the remainder of this year.

Representatives of our Society attended the Easter Monday Commemoration Ceremony at the Nassau County Courthouse on April 13th. The monument on the south side of the Courthouse is there to commemorate the 1916 Easter Rising in Ireland.

Representatives of our Society will be attending the events of Police Memorial Week in Washington this month. They are held each year from May 13th through 15th. I recommend that everyone attend at least once during their career. You get a chance to show support for the families of our brothers and sisters who have made the ultimate sacrifice while also interacting with members of our profession from around the country.

Our Installation Dinner Dance will be held this month on Thursday, May 21st at the Crest Hollow Country Club. President McGinn and our Executive Board will be formally sworn in to office. Our honorees will be: our Man of the Year William "Joe" Baker, our President's Award recipient Kevin Tobin and our Police Officers of the Year Robert Blum and William Evans. The night will also feature a live band, step dancers and a performance by the Police Emerald Society Pipes and Drums, led by Drum Major and Man of the Year Joe Baker. Any requests for tickets or journal ads should be made ASAP. Applications and information are on our website.

The deadline for our Scholarship Program applications is June 1st. Please submit any applications before then. We will be awarding four $500 scholarships. Applications are available on our website.

Our annual Golf Outing will be held at the Timber Point Country Club on Thursday, June 4th. Breakfast starts at 7am with an 8:30am shotgun start. $150 Fee per golfer includes: breakfast, lunch, three hour buffet, open bar, carts, greens fees and prizes. Check our website for full details.

Other upcoming events will include the Fraternal Organization's Picnic at Marjorie Post Park in Massapequa in June, 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.

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. BE SAFE.

NCLEES

by Lou Walker

May 12 thru the15th, 2009 is National Police Week and is being held in Washington D.C. to honor our many fallen comrades.

As most of us known, Law Enforcement continues to be one of the most dangerous jobs in America. Historical data indicates that about 56,000 officers are assaulted each year, resulting in over 17, 000 injuries. Based on preliminary reports from NLEOMF and the Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS), 140 federal, state and local law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty during 2008. The top cause of death in 2008 and for the last 9 years were traffic related incidents. 71 officers lost their lives, which include 44 officers who were killed in automobile accident, 17 who were struck by vehicles, 10 died in motorcycle accidents, and 41 were shot to death. Also during 2008, 17 officers succumbed to job related illness. 3 from aircraft crashes, 2 died in bomb related incidents and 2 were stabbed, and one each was beaten to death, drowned, accidentally electrocuted and one died in a train accident. Some of these officers might have been saved if they had been wearing bullet-resistant vests, others might have survived if they had better driver training or safer vehicles ó or if civilians racing past accident scenes and traffic stops had been more careful.

Among all officers killed in 2008, the average age was 40 and the officers had served an average of 12 years in law enforcement.

Texas, for the second year in a row, experienced the most law enforcement officer fatalities, although the state's 2008 total of 14 was down from 22 in 2007. California had 12 officer fatalities, followed by Florida and Pennsylvania, with eight each. Four of the eight Pennsylvania officers to die this year were members of the Philadelphia Police Department, which experienced the most deaths of any agency. Thirty-five states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands lost officers in 2008. Eight officers serving with federal law enforcement agencies also died this year, down from 17 in 2007.

Nearly every other day a law enforcement officer is killed somewhere in America. It is because of this extraordinary level of service and sacrifice that a National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial was dedicated in 1991 in Washington, D.C.

While significant, these honors may seem very distant to families still grappling with grief over the loss of their loved ones. This is especially true in communities where the general public has ambivalent feelings, or worse, toward law enforcement. According to a U.S. Department of Justice study, only one out of every five Americans has any direct contact with a law enforcement officer during the course of a year, and most of those contacts are traffic stops. It is easy to understand why public support for law enforcement is sometimes lacking.

The National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies (NCLEES) have scheduled their fall business meeting on May 14, 2009 in Washington D.C. at the Liaison Capitol Hill, New Jersey Ave during Police Memorial Week.

NCLEES is a diverse group of 83 Law Enforcement Emerald Societies from across the country (New York, Chicago, Nassau County, Washington, Los Angeles to name a few) totaling over twenty-nine thousand members. The goals of NCLEES are muli-purpose. The primary objective is to unite Public Safety Emerald Societies and Police Irish-American groups under a unified organization to recognize and preserve the accomplishments of Irish-American Public Safety and Law Enforcement Officers.

Immediately following the NCLEES Conference (May 14, approximately 6:00 PM), NCLEES will host its 15th annual Pipe Band Memorial March. & Service

The NCLEES March & Service is a significant part of Police Week activities. This yearís host band is "Lake County Sheriff's Pipes & Drums of Indiana" and the host Honor Guard is "Philadelphia Police Honor Guard". They will be leading the over 20 Police Pipe Bands, more than 60 Honor Guards, and 70 Emerald Societies. Also featured will be new and antique police squad cars from across America and Canada. All will be participating in paying tribute to our fallen comrades who have made the supreme sacrifice.

The March will start on New Jersey Ave & F Street and will proceed passed various locations (Police Hqts, Superior Court and the FOP) and will end at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial at Judiciary Square, where there will be a short memorial service and wreath laying ceremony, along with the playing of the bag pipes.

Many Police Departments have sent their Pipe Bands, Honor Guards, motorcycles and members to attend National Police Week in D. C to honor our fallen brothers

and sisters whether they have a member on the wall or not and I would like to thank them for their support

For further information contact: Lou Walker Treasurer & March Chairman Lwalker960@optonline.net or go to NCLEES web suite www. NCLEES.org

Nassau County Guardians Assoc.

by John Nedd

The angel of death is upon us, as we have been grieving for members of the law enforcement communities for the past year, whether the member pass in the line of duty, or pass while still employed or retired and died within the year.

The bottom line is our health and welfare. When was the last time you had a physical? Or, you just went to see the doctor, because something did not feel right? We tend to put these appointments off, believing in ourselves that nothing is wrong and we use these excuses to feel good about ourselves.

Hello! You have good insurance, use it, get the check up we all need, know what's going on, on the inside as well as the outside. Stop over medicating yourself for the pain and discomfort and go and see your doctor. Medically, we are so advance, the sooner you are diagnose, the quicker they can help you.

As we patrol these streets in the County, remember, there's no such assignment which is routine. The alarm call; the quick car stop; the reoccurring domestic; the barking dog, they all put you at risk. Respond sharply and please if you have forgotten, we do not pull up in front of the reported assignment address.

Glad to see the detectives' class in the academy, this will help the precinct squads which are hurting for members to keep the work chart promising and the union with new finances.

Our election is here, and by the next newsletter, there will be a new executive board in place. It's great to see the younger members, stepping up to lead, wanting to be a part of the next generation of leaders to our great organization.

The PBA has published its annual scholarship booklet; please utilize the application for a high school graduate in your family or a high school graduate student you will like to sponsor.

If you missed Roland and Sheila retirement party, the CD is available for viewing. Some of the pictures are posted for your viewing pleasure. Look out for our Summer Jam and our Installation Dinner in the fall.

The SOA contract is still up in the air, while the twenty-one officers selected for future promotions hangs by a thread. These people were looking forward to entering their training school, only to have that opportunity postponed. One of our members is right in the mix and we hope that the opportunity returns. The result of the last test taken is yet to be published, and time is running out on the present list to promote these twenty-one officers.

Until Then, Keep The Faith.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

No sick or shut in reported for the month!

GUARDIANS IN MOURNING

The Family of Melvin Boone

GUARDIANS ON THE MOVE

Detective Sergeant Nathaniel Amritt to the 8th Squad

Detective Sergeant Keechant Sewell to Narcotics / Vice Bureau

CONGRATULATIONS

Three New Detectives: Fritz St. Jean, Lyndon John and Rhubens Toussaint.

Police Officer Garland Moore HPB, Elected Chief of Roosevelt Fire Dept.

Police Recruit Jacques Dartiguenave Graduated; Assigned to 5th Precinct.

Mayor Wayne Hall Re-election; Incorporated Village of Hempstead.

Mayor Andrew Hardwick; 1st African American Mayor Village Freeport.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 02 - NOBLE NY Chapter Meeting, Brooklyn New York

May 08 - Grand Council Guardians Pre Mother's Day Party, De River's.

May 11 - Guardians Meeting. Westbury Community Center

May 14 - NOBLE NY Chapter Scholarship Dinner, El Caribe

May 21 thru 24 - NAACP Leadership Summit, Scottsdale AZ

May 21 - NOBLE Long Island Chapter Meeting, Hempstead New York

Holy Name Society

by Neil Delargy

The Police Holy Name Society of Nassau County held our Seventy-Sixth Annual Communion Mass and Breakfast on March 29. The Mass was concelebrated at St. William the Abbott Church in Seaford by: Most Reverend Bishop Paul Walsh of the Diocese of Rockville Centre; Reverend Monsignor John Alesandro, the recently retired Spiritual Director of the Holy Name Society; Monsignor Tom Hartman, NCPD/HNS Chaplain; Father Joseph D'Angelo, NCPD/HNS Chaplain and Monsignor William

Koenig of the host parish. Our own retired detective, Deacon Jay Valdes, also celebrated the Mass and inspired the members with his presence on the alter. We enjoyed a larger than recent years gathering at the Church, which was led in a procession by First Deputy Commissioner of Police Robert McGuigan. A special thanks is due the Honor Guard and the Pipe Band for braving the strong winds and rainy conditions while playing and escorting the Society's members before and after the Mass. A particularly somber moment is the reading of the list of departed members that is concluded by Gus Kalin playing Taps and a lone piper playing Amazing Grace. This is a fitting end to a traditional service that brings back retired and active members to remember friends gone by and rekindle past associations.

The celebration continued at the Stuart Thomas Manor, catering facility, for the Breakfast. Monsignor Alesandro conducted the opening prayer and President Neil J. Delargy delivered a greeting, which convened a morning of great food and an interesting program. The Law Enforcement Explorers, Post 1000, supplied a Color Guard and numerous members that did everything from holding doors to selling raffles. The program would not have run as smooth without them. Vice-President John Meehan, on behalf of the HNS, to honor his 30 plus years of service presented a special ''thank you" to Monsignor Alesandro. The HNS wishes Monsignor Alesandro a healthy retirement and successful career in his new assignment as a professor at the Catholic University in Washington D.C.

Our guest speaker was Monsignor James VIaun the President and CEO of Telecare the Diocese of Rockville Centre's T.V. channel. Monsignor Vlaun captivated the audience and entertained us with stories from his youth and Diocese assignments.

The Saint Michael's Award recipient was Police Officer Ed Hartmann of the 6th pct. A brief description of Ed's noble deed is as follows: In the summer of 2007, P.O. Bob Price of the Nassau County Police Department's Homeland Security and Counter-Terrorism Bureau took his wife, Donna, to a doctor's appointment. The doctor diagnosed Donna with renal failure. As the condition became worse, Donna began kidney dialysis. It was soon apparent that Donna needed a kidney transplant. Donna's son Tom is also a Nassau County police officer assigned to the 3rd pct. When Donna's condition became known in the 3rd , the PBA arranged to print a full-page ad in the PBA newsletter asking anyone with Type-O blood to consider being tested for compatibility as a possible donor.

There were over a dozen responses from members of our department and even some from retired members living out of state. 3 matches were found and further testing was done to determine which would be the best kidney with the least chance of rejection.

That match belonged to Police Officer Ed Hartmann of the 6th pct. Over the next few months Ed underwent a battery of tests including several trips to Mt. Sinai Hospital in NY City. After numerous stress tests, EKG's and blood tests, Ed was found fit to donate and he made the decision to donate a kidney to Donna Price.

On June 19th, 2008, Donna and Ed underwent kidney transplant surgery. The operation took 6 hours for Ed and 8 hours for Donna. Ed went home the next day and Donna 4 days later. Bob Price said after the surgery that, "Not only is Donna doing amazingly well, she has no need for dialysis, no signs of rejection, and no complications from surgery." In fact, the kidney Donna received from Ed Hartmann was such a "perfect" match that it began to work as the doctors performed the surgery.

The extraordinary generosity and sacrifice of Ed Hartmann cannot be overstated. A stranger asked for help and Ed responded. It is in this spirit of Christian kindness that the Holy Name Society proudly presented Ed with its St. Michael's award for 2009.

Finally, please have patience with the HNS, we are experiencing a very difficult time with our membership application printer. When you receive the application please send in your membership applications and ''take a chance" on our raffle that will be drawn at our June meeting. Also, the Scholarship Drawing will not be affected by the membership situation. If you were a member in good standing during 2008 we will verify your membership for 2009 and process your application. No member will be adversely affected by our mistake. If you need an application contact any Board member or Neil Delargy at 7120 and we'll mail one out to you.

Nassau County Police Running Club

by Rocco Sinisi

I have one more article to write for the June issue before I get a two month break. It will give me time to catch up on all the race results for the next few months. For those members who also belong to GLIRC and receive the club magazine Footnotes you may have noticed an increase in road races. The GLIRC Footnotes lists just about all the upcoming races and I counted 18 races in the month of May. I am going to leave it up to Lesli Hiller to include some of the smaller ones in her emails and she has already posted them on the club website at www.nprc.cjb.net. You can also reach Lesli at Lhiller@pdcn.org to get on the mailing list.

As I pen this article I am nine days away from the Boston Marathon. I had some doubts about being able to run it due to my sciatica. I thought I would just head up to Boston that weekend and check out the local talent and be a spectator. But in the past several weeks I have been able to put in some good long runs and fully expect to have finished the marathon. Results are posted at www.BAC.org

In April I ran in the Aspire 10k as did club member Adam Scheiner. The Aspire 10K is the one race that can put your aches and pains and complaining about running into

perspective when you see those athletes wearing prosthetic limbs out on the course.

It was during Mile 5 that I passed two children with prosthetic legs, who had been given a head start to walk the course with supervision, that things get put into perspective.

Finishing time didn't matter. It was just a case of finishing something you started and having a sense of accomplishment. I think the only thing I can compare that feeling to is running a marathon and having a real sense that you had a challenge to face and you overcame it. I have gotten that sense of achievement after my previous marathon finishes.

Club members should remember to stop by The Runner's Edge in Farmingdale to pick up our new club running top. It is a long sleeved, almost black, mock turtleneck with the NPRC logo on the collar and the Runner's Edge logo on the front. very nice looking and comfortable. Just remember to bring your membership card as proof of membership.

The NY State summer series kicks off on June 8th at Jones Beach. We also have post race refreshments available for club members. Races start at 7 p.m. and vary in distance.

On June 11th at 7 p.m. at Eisenhower Park is the David Lerner 5K Police Appreciation Run. We had a terrific turnout last year and would like to see an even better one this year. The proceeds go to to the Police Crisis Fun and because of that fund we were able to make a donation to help out Kevin Baribault. We will have the tent up again and plenty of food and refreshments available.

Upcoming Races

5/9	Visiting Nurse 5K - Northport
5/10	Elizabeth Mcnamee 5K - West Islip
	Mother's Day 5K - Smithtown
5/17	West Side Run 5K - Syosset
	Brook Jackman 5K - Oyster Bay
	Glen Cove 5K
5/23	Runday 5K - Hicksville
	Bayville 5K
5/24	Long Beach 10 Miler
5/31	Aids/ Cancer 5K - Wantagh
6/6	Wounded Warrior 5K - Glen Cove

Shomrim Society

by Howard Friedberg

On April 5 Shomrim members participated in our annual Passover Food Drive. Deliveries of Passover food were made to 65 needy families.Thanks to all who participated. Special thanks to Alan Hirch, Cheryl Garber and Georgia Green for organizing the food drive.

Our next meeting will be on 5/11 at the Highway Patrol Building 7PM. Scott Bresalier will be giving a presentation on his recent trip to Israel with National Shomrim. Members are needed to participate in the color guard at the Jewish Sports Hall of fame induction ceremony on 4/26 and march in the Saluteto Israel parade on 5/31.

Congratulations to Larry Feffer on his retirement.

Rabbi Schwartz was honored by the Friends of Mercy Medical Center at their annual dinner.

Our annual breakfast has been postponed until the fall.

Retired Column

by John Nosovitch

TOM ORGAN…tomrita1594@mailstation Your last article John was instrumental in my hearing from an old friend Frank Paturzo. I tried several times to e-mail him, but it never went through. Must be a cold Vermont air bank blocking it. I would like him to know I received his mail. I am using the Retired Column to try to reach him, if he reads this, please let me know your phone number or call me at 1-954-726- 4169. I do hope you read this Frank and I hope we can get together. Thanks John for being the middle man, your help is most appreciated, the column is as always a great morale booster. Stay well and the best to you and your family

RAY RENNEBERG… renn2@bellsouth.net Greetings from the hills of the Carolinas. Just finished the March Newsletter as it gets here late in the month. A few weeks ago I received a nice e-mail from **Joe Carbone**. I had him on practical patrol in the 7th pct in the '70's. He was saying hello and thanking me for showing him the job as it should be done way back then. We would later work together in HPB for a while. That letter got me to thinking and I would also like to thank a couple of guys but don't have e-mail addresses for them. If I get too long winded you can split this into two articles if you wish. First though I have to thank "Whistling" **Bob Baumann** for writing the "Dino's Doins" column each month about my two loves of the job, the 7th Pct and HPB. It keeps me up on some of the old timers I used to work with a little closer with your great column. I'm reasonably sure he won't remember me, but I remember him. I grew up in Massapequa, a typical dirt-bag wanna-be in the mid 1960's. He drove 710. Everytime we would do something off center he would be there. We didn't get arrested, it wasn't necessary. It was a time when "the cop was always right", We didn't tell Mom and Dad what happened, you took your lumps or traffic tickets and you didn't want more. Not being able to make it as first class dirt-bag, I took the test and was appointed as a Cadet in 1967. I ended up working practical patrol one night with him and later was (probably much to his chagrin) doubled with him, once or twice, as was the case in the 7th back then for cadets between school crossings. He showed me pride in the uniform, pride in the job and what doesn't seem like much now, how to properly direct traffic (a lost art it would seem now). Thanks **Frank Napoli**, you kept me on the straight and narrow and did more than you know. The second guy is the late **Al Wermelinger**, also a 7th Pct alumni.

He later took on this naive cadet and was one of the best cops I have ever worked with. Not only did he show me proper police work, He and **Jack Watterson** , his then footman, introduced me to Ballentine Indian Ale and Limburger cheese sandwiches with onion on pumpernickel bread. Delicious even today. Nobody knew you had a drink because they didn't want to get close enough to talk to you. Seriously, thanks for all you did Al, job-wise and personally. I worked with a bunch of great guys during my time on the job but these two, three including Jack, struck a cord in me that I will never forget. Thanks again Guy's, I hope you're all doing well. Thanks again to John, Betty and Bob for keeping us " old timers" together.Loyalty above all else,except honor.

JOHN CLARKE…fordrod43@yahoo.com My name is John Clarke, in the newsletter, (the Nassau Blue comments) you printed my e-mail address under Jim Iulos' name & paragraph. Hope you can correct this as I'm getting e-mails from people I don't know. I am the one who lives in Wantagh {Sorry for the mistake} **Second message** Ok John & Elizabeth - No problem. According to **Bob Michele** Two wet noodle lashes for both of you. I' been reading your column for years & think it's great. As I said at the reunion (my 1st) for the newsletter I wished I had visited with the guys a long time ago, won't miss it again. Keep up the good work.

BOB MICHELE…rmich1957@g.mail.com Greetings from sunny Arizona. I just read the latest retired column in the newsletter. Unfortunately, there was a slight error. Under the paragraph for Jim Iulo you listed John Clark's e-mail address. (You'll probably blame Betty). {I did!} I e-mailed to Jim and got a reply from John Clark. I just got back from spending 10 days in Naples, Florida at John Pagnotta's new winter home. It is really a beautiful place and we had a great time, playing golf, swimming and dining out. John has 15 grand-children and I just found out that my oldest daughter is pregnant with twins, so I only have to get 13 more for a tie. {Congratulations}

GEORGE CHRISTENSEN… geojchris@mac.com John, there was an article in your column by Geraldine Fox-Grass about Hank Grass, I tried the e-mail address and it came back as incorrect, could you please check and see if that is the correct e-mail address that was listed in the newsletter, I would like to contact Hank Grass as I did work with him for some time in the 4th PCT and we lived close by in Massapequa and a few times rode to work together, Thanks for your time and keep up the good work. I enjoy the column. {The correct address for Hank Grass is jerifox-grass@yahoo.com}

HERMAN JORGENSEN… Jorgyh3777@aol.com This article is not about memories of the job and is informational only, for the consideration of readers of the Retired Column. For a number of years I have had an on again, off again problem with vertigo (that means dizziness for those of you who do not have a dictionary). Some or many of you may say you always thought I was "dizzy" most of the time. Anyway, around Christmas 2008 I had an attack of vertigo that lasted a long time and took me on many a trip into space that became difficult to deal with on occasion. About the time this was happening, a friend who had the same problem told me of a treatment, she heard about that cured her with only two visits to the doctor and it did not involve medication of any kind. I had tried a medication called antivert several times and it did not help. This story seems like it may get too long so I will just note some basic facts and if any of you have a vertigo problem you can call or e-mail me and I will forward the written material I have to you. I went to the Doctor three times. The first visit involved a lot of testing to determine if I had any permanent damage to the balance organs in my ears. I had no damage. The diagnosis was Benign Paroxysnmal Positional Vertigo (an "old" persons problem - who is OLD??) which means that crystals that should have been stored in one part of the ear where they would dissolve had migrated into a part of the ear that governs balance and were causing my vertigo. The second visit involved slow deliberate movements of my head, supported by the doctor, placing my head in several different positions. The head movements are not the snapping of the head that a Chiropractor does. That believe it or not fixed my vertigo. I was told the vertigo may come back and it may never come back, but for now I am a "happy camper" I asked the Doctor if the "debris" would pour out of my ears along with all the saw dust from my carpentry days and he laughed. He told me the crystals are moved back where they belong where they will dissolve. If any of you have vertigo you do not have to put up with it hopefully. This treatment cannot help anyone suffering from meniere's disease. {Welcome back to computer land Herman, missed your contributions to the retired column}

RICHARD (DICK) BOZA…dick6114@hotmail.com It seems like every time I email you is to tell you of a death. **Gloria (Ricky) Zubko**, wife of John passed away March 30th at home. I was with John right after she passed away and stayed with him until arrangements were made. She had taken a turn for the worst about a month ago and was diagnosed with cancer of the liver and pancreas and I guess it spread very fast. John and Gloria had been married 58 years and moved to Florida about 26 years ago after John retired from the Sixth Precinct where he worked his entire career. Fraternally Dick

BOB MICHELE …rich1957@g.mail.com. Please pass on my condolences to **Big John Zubko** if you are in touch with him. I worked with him in the 6th in the late '60's. I also met him and his wife and **Dick Boza** and his wife in Florida back in '69. John was always a gentleman and a very able cop.

GEORGE MORRISH ... piperNCPD@aol.com All is well here, cold weather almost over. Visited retired BSO cop **Vic Oporto** and his wife **Carol**, down in Virginia Beach, last weekend. Then swung over through Fredericksburg and visited retired SCPD cop **Jack Foley** and his wife **Carol**. The week before, the Pipe Band was out in Montauk for their St. Patrick's celebration. All the locals came out of hibernation for the big parade on Sunday,

March 22nd and went back to sleep the next day. It was cold, but about 20 of us band members had a really good time.....wives and girlfriends, too. Missed Nassau Blue this year, but planning on it for next time. Hope to see you all then.

DON KAIN…julyfive97@aol.com **Kris** and I had the privilege of having dinner with **George Behr**, his wife and daughter. We had not seen each other in 25 years. We had a lot of laughs reminiscing about our time in the 6th pct. It was one of the most delightful times I ever had. George's daughter lives in York and we will be sure to visit with George when he is here again. We were able to make contact because of the retired column in the Newsletter. Thanks John. Hope all is well there.All our best to you both,

GREG VAZQUEZ…210 Spindle Road Hicksville, N.Y. 11801-6243... Greg and I spoke on the phone after playing phone tag. **Greg** and his wife, **Janet** went on a bus trip with a group of NYC retirees and saw the beautiful sights of South Dakota.He said they really had a great time..A wee bit long since they traveled by bus and sitting got old. But happily Greg is doing well and have had no more replacement parts! Thus the Million Dollar Man is not Steve Austin.....

ODDS AND ENDS...Guy and Pat Hammersmith were on the road once again to visit their son and his family in Connecticut for Easter.... **Glenn and Joann Cooper** went to Long Island for the Confirmation of one granddaughter and the Sweet 16 party of another granddaughter.... **Bob and Dianne Livoti** are now back on Long Island after wintering in the Keys.....**Charlie and Lynn Wargin** have relocated to Johns Creek, Georgia as of March 30th. Enjoy your new home..... Glad to hear that **Tom Debeche** and **Richie Buchan** were at the last Nassau Blue meeting, a good sign that they are feeling better.. **Bill Buckley**, I will be in Austin TX, November 7th, so let's try for lunch once again!

HEALTH AND WELFARE…Deepest Sympathy to the families of Active Members **James F. McGinn, Matthew J. Simone Jr**. and to retiree **John Zubko** on the loss of his wife **Gloria (Ricky) Zubko**.

GET WELL WISHES to Spike (Bruce) Twining - get well soon

WRITER'S THOUGHTS: There is only one more column till the summer break, so let's hear from you. John Nosovitch 7445 Live Oak Lane... North Zulch, Texas 77872 - 936-399-2420 jnoso@tconline.net

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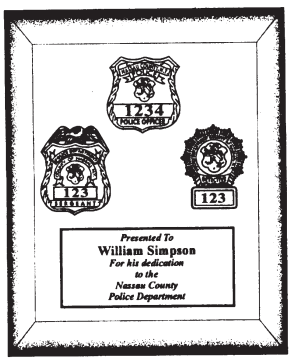

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and register.

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Upon completion of the reservation process please advise us who will be in your foursome.

The cost of this years outing works out to $500 per person for 2 nights, 3 rounds of golf and 6 meals. I can assure that you will not be disappointed.

On behalf of the committee I hope you will consider joining us in 2009.

Sincerely,
Wayne Hartmann/ Brian Engelhardt
Golf Committee Chairman

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Nassau County PBA
June 1-3, 2009

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TO: Reservation Manager DATE: _____
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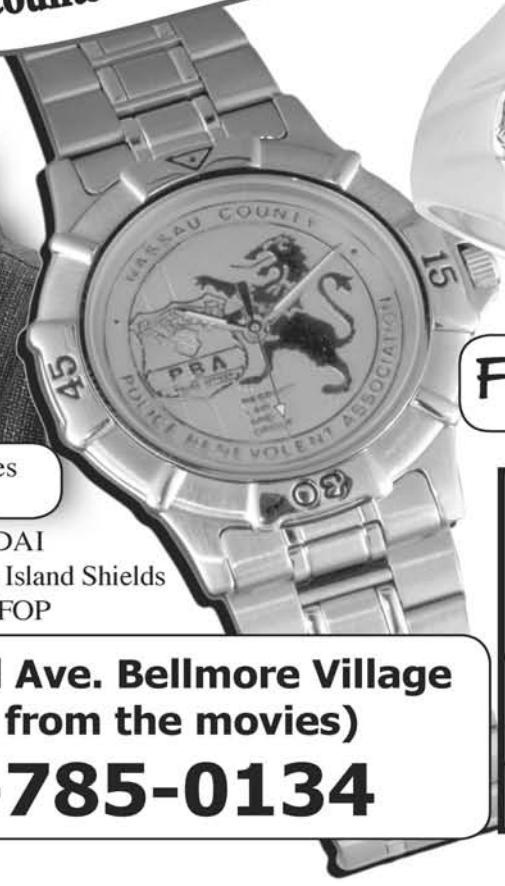

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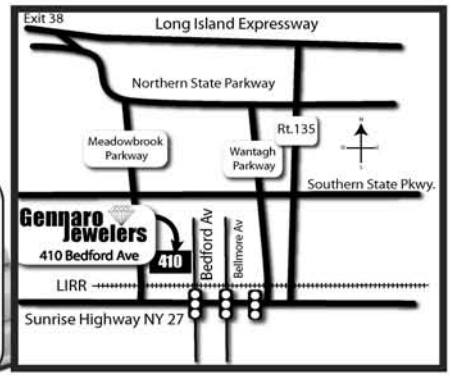

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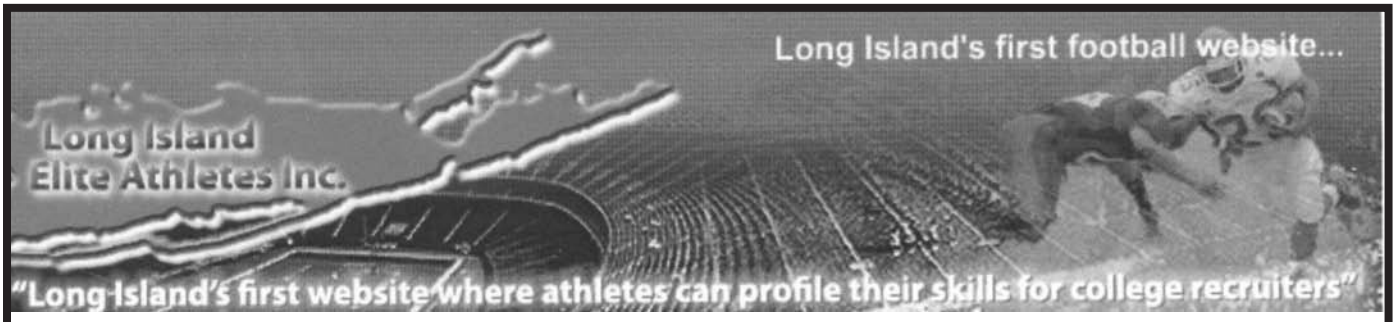

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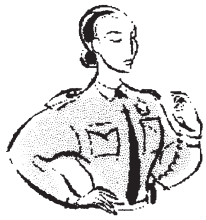

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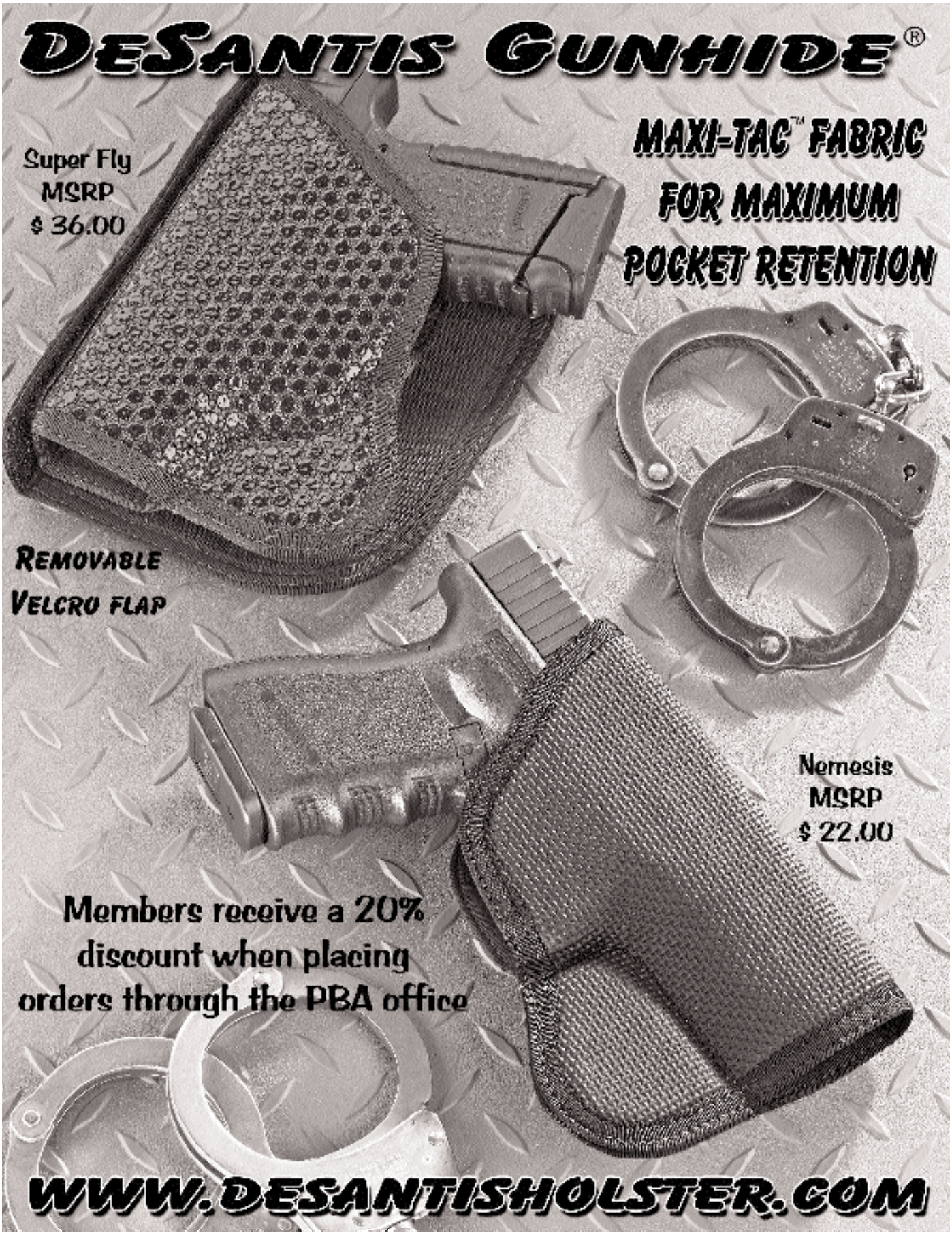
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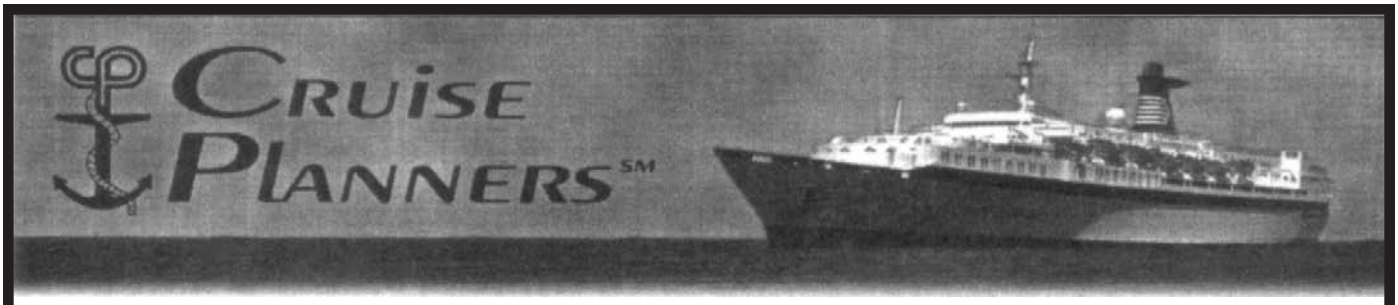

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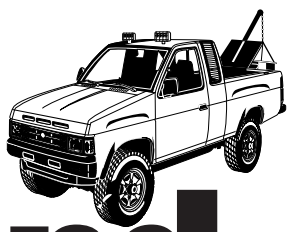

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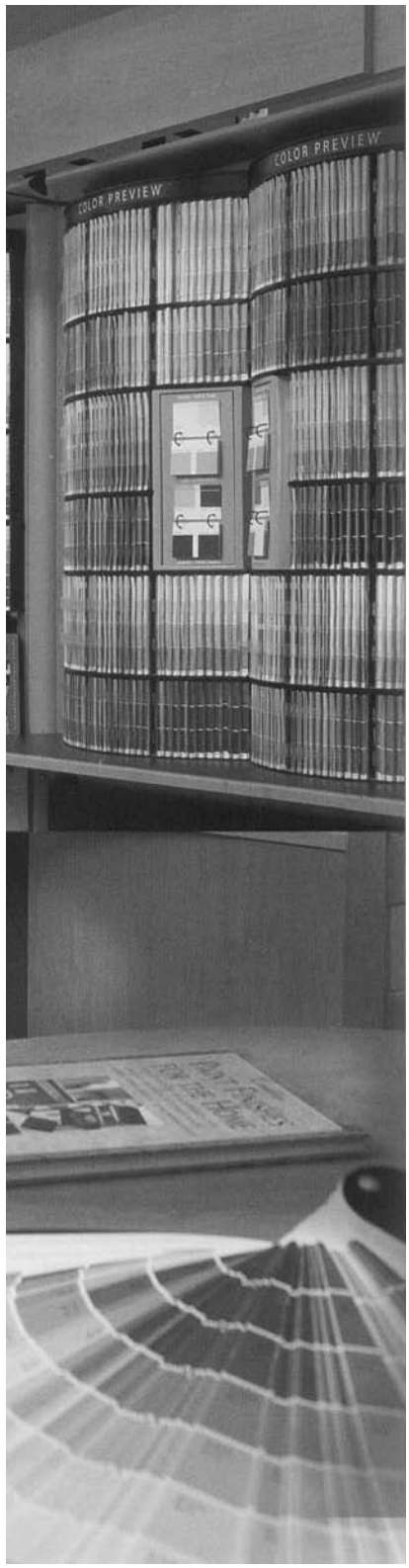

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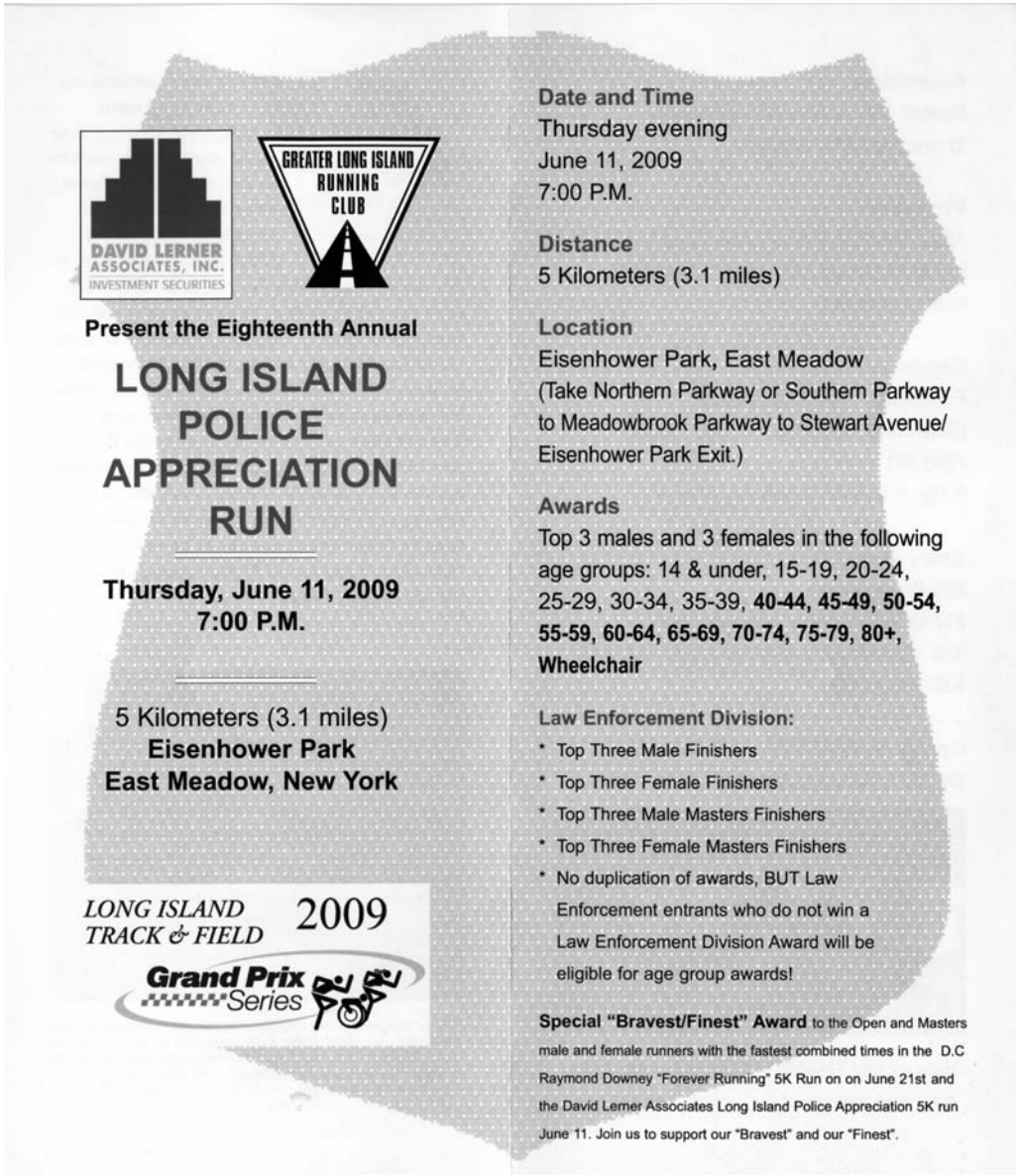

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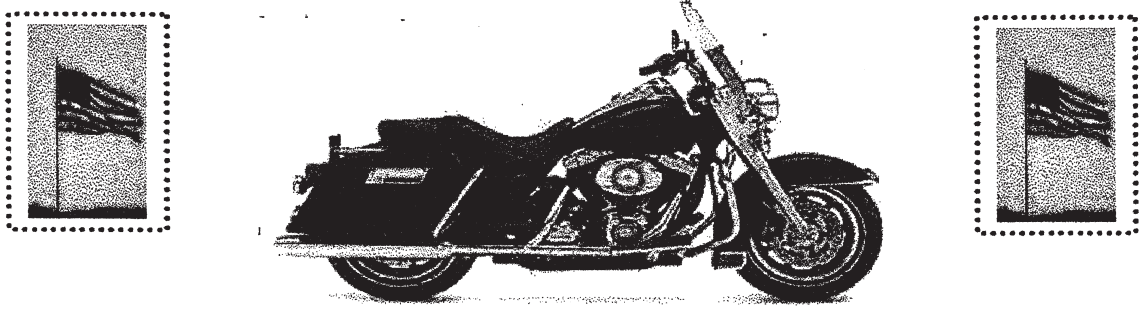

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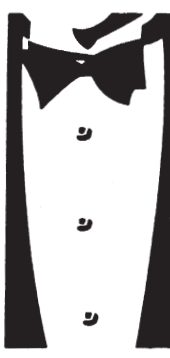

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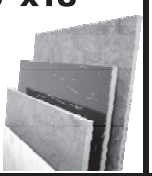

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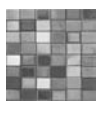

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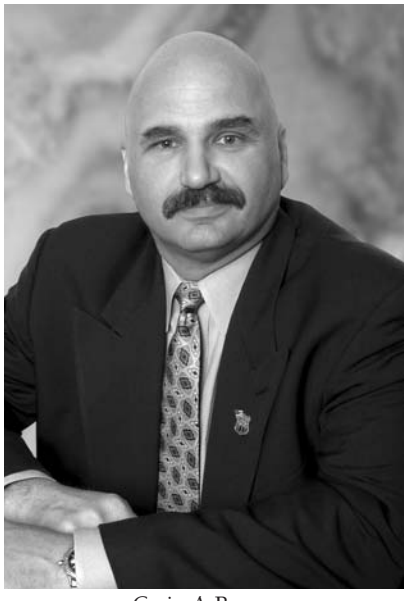

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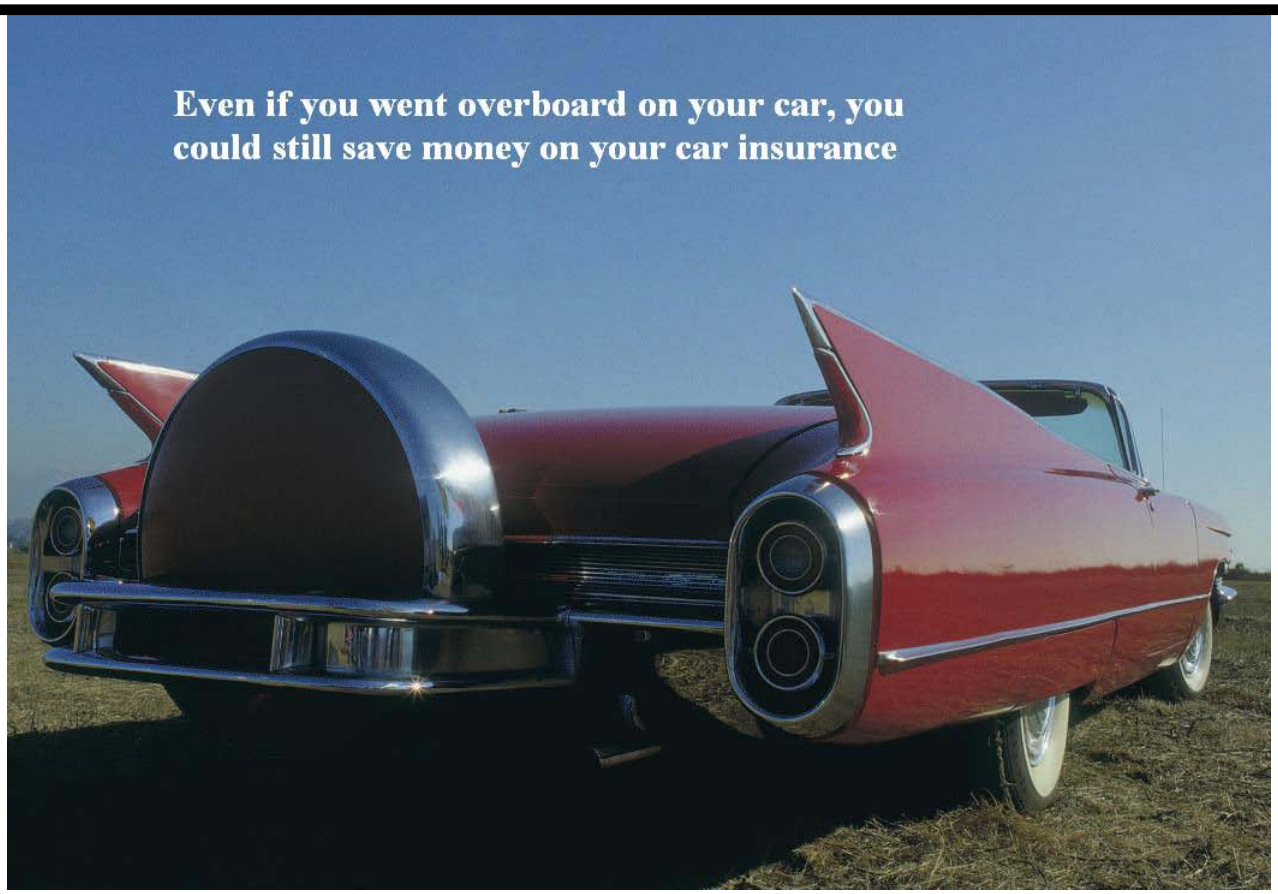

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