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Annual Holiday Party
December 3, 2009

Long Island Marriott
Hempstead Turnpike, Uniondale
8:00 p.m.

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Top Cops
Top Detectives
Top Supervisors

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September 30, 2009

Jennifer Musselwhite
Fourth Precinct - NCPD

Nassau County Police Benevolent Association
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To the Members of the NCPD PBA:

I want to express my sincere gratitude to the members of the Department that attended and assisted with my husband's wake and funeral. Words cannot express how the outpouring of support and the attendance by the members comforted all of Brian's family. Numerous members made it a point to speak to and share stories with Brian's son, Austin. I know that is something he will carry with him for the rest of his life. Thank you for giving him those memories.

I also want to thank the Trustees, Delegates, and members of the Third and Fourth Precincts, as well as the members of the Police Academy and HPB, who went above and beyond to provide any support they could to me and to Brian's family throughout this difficult process. The respect, kindness, and concern was so touching and reminds me how grateful I am to be a member of this Department.

The services for Brian were not routine as he was also a longtime member of the Port Washington Fire Department. Thank you for working with the representatives of the PWFd to coordinate the services and allow all of his brothers and sisters in blue to say goodbye as one.

The Department was a second family to Brian for almost 23 years. I know how proud he was to be a member of this force and I can only hope that Brian was able to see the send off he received.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Musselwhite

CC: Trustee, Todd Gerbasio, 4th Pct
Trustee, Brian Engelhardt, 3rd Pct

To the fine members of the Nassau County PBA,

While you may not know this, my wife Jeannie stopped traffic when she entered a room. Her beauty, her personality and her spirit went unmatched by most. Her untimely and unexpected death stopped everyone who knew her right in their tracks. Over 500 people showed up to her wake, this is an example of how many people she touched that loved her during her short life. Over and over again I was greeted by people sharing stories of her many funny antics and praising her love for those she encountered. However, what stood out the most was the impressiveness of the many members of the Nassau County PBA who came out to show their respects to me and my family during our time of sorrow.

My family was awestruck and amazed at the professionalism of the police escort on the day of Jeannie's funeral. From the Massapequa Funeral Home, to Maria Regina Church, then passed our home in Copiague, all the way to St. Charles Cemetery we seemed to be the only cars on the road. Sergeant McGrath, Sergeant Morea, and Police officers Chris Schuh, Todd Felicia, Tom Ciancarelli, Keith Jacklitsch, Tom McCaffery, Matt Brennan, Janet Gallagher, Gary Fujarski, Kurt Faraczek, Colleen Magnifico, and Thomas O'Reilly as well as members of the Motorcycle Platoon including Dave Thomas, Billy Aiello, Bill Bialkoski, Joe Buckley, Christie Rabkevich, and Scott Zelazny all cleared a path for over 100 cars in our motorcade. It was apparent that during a time when collectively we, her loved ones, were rendered speechless, we could truly smile and say that Jeannie once again stopped traffic. For this we thank you. The countless comments I continue to receive from family and friends are a true testimony of your professionalism.

It is an honor to be a part of brethren beyond the scope of family and friends. Thank you for your continued support and kindness during a time of need for our family.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Sergio". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Police Officer Joseph Sergio & Family

From the Editor

by Brian Engelhardt

I wrote this article for the May '08 newsletter and it appears that it's again relevant.

STRENGTH

Any organization, ours included, is judged or perceived by the power it possesses. That power lies in the undying commitment and unity that portrays that strength. The strength to act as one, a common purpose, focused first and foremost on the resolve to attain its goal. If we allow ourselves to separate, we will fail under pressure. If we retreat in a time of crisis, than we have lost our strength. Our union's success is based on a unified front. I'm not saying that we can't disagree because that's where the common goal is born. There's disagreement, communication, and than finally negotiation to achieve that goal. Once that goal is defined, all our resources can be used together until we have achieved success. And it's this process that gives us the strength to win. The contractual or working condition problems or issues are not the reason for failure. They will always be there. Disputes or conflicting interpretations of the contract is why we are here. It's a fact of life. If we are focused, strong and unified in our commitment, these problems will be resolved. Along with strength; drive, determination and attitude is needed to succeed. Drive is the force of unity. Everyone on the same page after the process of disagreement and communication has occurred. Determination is the resolve to fight the fight to the end. To never give up, always reevaluating but always going forward. And last but not certainly not least is attitude. The in your face I'm not gonna stop coming persona that finally wilts the other sides resolve. This union possesses all of these attributes. The only thing which can cause us to fail is distractions from within. These distractions show a vulnerability which can be eyed as a lack of strength. The strength and unity which has helped us reach the goals we have attained. Strength of our honor, wealth and name is at stake. We must all have trust in each other as well as ourselves. And we all rely on our union to be our strength.

NEXT OPEN

P.B.A.

MEETING

THURSDAY

NOV. 19

P.B.A.

OFFICE



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CONVENIENT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT NEW YORK CITY AND LONG ISLAND

Date

Re:

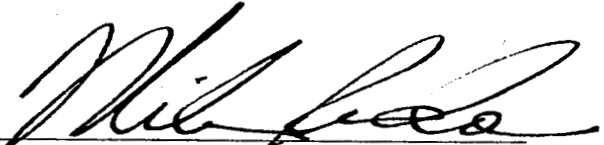
Dear Dr.

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.

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
Retired HPB
Formerly – PAB-Payroll Section

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

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

Legal Report

by Milan Rada, Esq.

In past Legal Reports, I have mentioned the importance of having “underinsured coverage” on your vehicle. A recent meeting with a client showed me that I need to continue to stress this until everyone out there has purchased this relatively inexpensive addition to car insurance. My recent appointment was with a cop who was injured due to the negligence of another driver. That driver carried only \$25,000.00 insurance. So, despite the fact that the cop had injuries worth at least 20 times the amount of coverage, he was only able to recover \$25,000.00. You must be sure to protect yourself and your family. Check to make sure you have “underinsurance” protection. If you do not, make sure to get it right away.

This month’s Legal Report is written by my partner, Richard Brandenstein, Esq.

THE IMPACT OF LAWSUIT SETTLEMENTS ON WORKERS’ COMPENSATION CASES

If you are injured on the job most people are aware that a Workers’ Compensation claim can and should be filed against your employer. Notice to the employer should be given as soon as possible and certainly within 30 days. The notice to the employer can be oral but normally involves some type of written accident report that your employer may require. There is no requirement that any particular type of accident report or form be used. In some unusual circumstances the 30 day notice rule can be extended. In addition, a formal Workers’ Compensation claim form (a C-3 form) must be filed within two years of the date of the accident with the New York State Workers’ Compensation Board. Generally, the employer has copies of such C-3 forms for you to complete. In the alternative you can simply download a C-3 form from the New York State Workers’ Compensation Board website. In some very rare instances the two-year rule can be extended. The failure to properly notify your employer or file a timely C-3 form results in a loss of all Workers’ Compensation benefits for that injury. Those benefits include lifetime medical coverage for that injury and direct monetary payments to the injured person to compensate them for their loss. What most people don’t realize is that you don’t have the right to bring a lawsuit against your employer. An employer is immune from suit by their employees. Even in those instances where the employer is very negligent or aware of the risk to which they expose their employees they cannot be sued. Workers’ Compensation benefits are a substitute for direct lawsuits against employers. The injured worker doesn’t have a choice. The only legal recourse against an employer is the timely filing of a Workers’ Compensation claim.

Some injured workers are fortunate in that their work related injuries were caused by the negligence of someone

other than their employer or a coworker. In such cases, they still must file their Workers’ Compensation claims against their employer but they are also permitted by law to bring a lawsuit against the person who negligently caused their injury. Such lawsuits are referred to as “third party lawsuits” because they can only be brought against some third party who is neither a coworker nor the employer. When an injured worker brings such a third party lawsuit they are actually doing their employer a favor because the employer gets a lien against the lawsuit for payments made to the injured worker in Workers’ Compensation. In fact, if an injured worker settles such a lawsuit without obtaining the written permission from the employer’s Workers’ Compensation insurance company, the penalty is quite severe: the permanent loss of Workers’ Compensation for that injury forever. The attorney representing the injured worker in the third party lawsuit generally obtains the needed written consent. It is very important if you have such a third party lawsuit to make certain that your attorney is aware that you have a companion Workers’ Compensation claim.

In addition to giving the employer (really the employers’ Workers’ Compensation insurance company) a lien against the proceeds from a third party lawsuit, the law gives the employer one additional benefit called “deficiency compensation”. What this concept means is that the employer gets a credit or a “deductible” against future Workers’ Compensation payments for that injury equal to the amount of money the injured worker netted in the third party lawsuit. Let me give you an example:

A worker is employed in a school district as a custodian. He is injured one day at work when a painting contractor dropped a filled gallon paint can from a ladder that struck him in the head. He loses six months from work during which he gets full pay from his employer and has \$20,000.00 in medical bills. He files a timely Workers’ Compensation claim and all his medical bills are paid by the employer’s Workers’ Compensation insurance company. Eventually he has a hearing on his Workers’ Compensation claim and the Workers’ Compensation Law Judge awards him \$600.00 per week (the maximum rate payable for injuries occurring after July 1, 2009) for each week that he was out of work, as a result of the injury. For the six months that he was out of work the award would total \$15,000.00. Generally, the Judge would direct the \$15,000.00 to be reimbursed to the employer to partially reimburse them for the wages paid to the injured worker for the six months that he was home. The employer’s insurance company has now paid out a total of \$35,000.00 on this claim. The injured worker also brings a lawsuit against the contractor (who is neither his employer nor a coworker). Several years later that case is settled at court with a liability insurance company for the contractor. After payment of the attorney fee the sum of \$300,000.00 remains. The attorney handling that case contacts the Workers’ Compensation insurance carrier to obtain their written consent to the settlement. They readily agree, pro-

vided that they are reimbursed for their lien of \$35,000.00. After payment of the lien the injured worker nets or clears the sum of \$265,000.00. (That sum would be tax free). In addition to their lien, the Workers' Compensation insurance company also has the benefit of "deficiency compensation" in the sum of \$265,000.00 If the injured worker loses more time from work or needs additional medical treatment for this condition he must pay it out of his own pocket until he has used up \$265,000.00 of either medical payments or lost wages. In effect, the third party settlement acts as a prepayment of future Workers' Compensation payments and relieves the employer of the responsibility to pay either medical bills or money to the injured worker for a very long time or perhaps forever. It's easy to see how an employer should actually encourage injured workers to look for possible third party lawsuits to pursue when an accident occurs.

The foregoing is a brief overview of the interplay between Workers' Compensation and third party lawsuits. As you can imagine, there is also an interplay between Workers' Compensation and possible No Fault Benefits, New York State Disability Benefits, Social Security Disability Benefits, and various disability pensions to which an injured worker may be entitled. To sort out your rights and responsibilities it is always a good idea to consult with an attorney to make certain that you receive all the benefits to which you may be entitled.



First Precinct

by Maureen Mazur

1st PCT GOLF OUTING

Thank you to JB on doing a fine job with the First Precinct golf outing once again. A thankless job with a lot of aggravation – trying to get money from cops...not an easy task! The golf outing always has a tremendous turnout and unfortunately cannot accommodate everyone that would like to golf, so John does have it rough having to cut some people out. This year there were more female golfers than there ever has been...Danielle, Laura, Jen, Dafni, Jeannie and Barbara. Our cooks did a fine job....Rooney, O'Mara, Neuman, Segretto, Fenimore, and Sgt Rothenberg. It was a quiet outing without Soto or Mahepath. Thanks again to Savannahs for putting together a great after outing party. The big winner of the party this year was Linda Stiklickas who won the 50-50....way to go Linda! Surprisesurprise...Mahepath didn't win anything this year.

IS IT TRUE THAT...

The Inspector made an arrest on a car-stop?

The foursome behind the 2 Inspectors, at the golf outing, complained they were going too slow?

O'Mara took Shawn Smith to a father-son Yankee game?

WHAT P.O.

Would like to be Ramos for the day?

Thought golf was too boring for his rock-star lifestyle?

Asked Mahepath if he got his kid's birth certificate off of the reservation?

When asked by the Inspector to run a license on a person he pulled over responded – can't you just run him in the car?

Answered the door in nothing but his tidey-whiteys when being checked on on sick-leave?

Who has a habit of ripping people to shreds, ripped into his partner in front of the wrong person?

PMS's over the lunch order every-time he works?

Keeps putting bumper stickers on 1 of the admin staff's car?

WHAT ROOKIE

Got a training ledger from his dad?

WHAT BOSS

Has better activity than his entire squad?

Has bologna arms?

Is known as Spanky?

CONGRATS

Mahepath on his newest addition.

To Nial Bourke on the birth of his son.

To Tommy Bruckbauer on a game-winning assist on goal - for the Nassau County's Lacrosse Team's first win....Go Nassau! Eric Sperling and Jen Charley on making detective.

QUESTION

We have a cop that calls in sick constantly for insomnia....if he can't sleep and he's awake – doesn't that mean he could work?



The "Wow" Crew.



The Cooking Staff



Nite Crew at it's best.

Second Precinct

NEWS FROM THE 02

Brought To You By Danny Cebollero

AKA The BEEF email me thebeef@the2ndpct.org

And www.the2ndpct.org

Welcome To The Lap-Top Age Which happens to be this Month's Movie Quotes Quiz.

"Paulie hated phones. He wouldn't have one in his house. He used to get all his calls second hand, then you'd have to call the people back from an outside phone. There were guys, that's all they did all day long was take care of Paulie's phone call."

Some of you out there a little long in the tooth remember what it was like when we switched to (new -old-new) system, so old it was featured in this film ten years or so prior to it's arrival here in Nassau. Remember this

"I bet those cops have got SCMODS"

So we have a new system. So far my experience with the system has been nothing but positive. That said while technology is great, there are a few problems here that you need to be aware of and be careful of. With the screen up you have this big light, right smack in the middle of your

line of sight when making right turns. When you pull the screen down to douse the light you have trouble using both hands to steer your RMP (10 and 3). Of course I'm only assuming that the dept has already considered this and has installed laptops in the EVOC vehicles so we can be properly instructed by our EVOC personnel to operate our RMP's safely under these new conditions.

OOP's that's right we no longer go to EVOC.

Don't worry you'll be able to go there when you crash or better yet a when a whole bunch of brass might be scheduled to retire then school will be back in session so everyone can get their insurance discount!

FLU SHOTS

Look for a Dept order coming to a theatre near you.

Also Swine Flu Shots should be out by the time of this article check with your PBA reps for details.

NYSHIP DEPENDANT ELIGIBILITY PROGRAM

You should have received the packet by now. Follow the instructions and get back to the company by Nov 25th 2009.

TOP COP - JUNE 2009

After reviewing the activity for the Command for the month of June, 2009 the Committee has decided that Police Officer MaryJean Nappi will be our Top Cop for June 2009.

On Friday June 19, 2009 Officer Nappi received a radio assignment for a suspicious vehicle that had been circling around the neighborhood in the vicinity of Geico Plaza in Woodbury.

The vehicle was described as a blue van. A plate check revealed the registered owner is on parole for burglary. The area in question is also known as having had several recent burglaries.

Officer Nappi stopped the above vehicle in the Geico parking lot, the defendant was operating said vehicle. Officer Nappi asked the defendant what he was doing in the area- the defendant stated he was trying to find a place to smoke a joint.

Officer Nappi then inquired as to whether the defendant had anything on him that he should not and he replied he did. The defendant handed over a bag which inside contained two clear plastic bags and a smaller bag containing a greenish brown leafy substance believed to be marihuana.

The defendant was placed under arrest and transported to the Second Precinct. The defendant's vehicle was impounded. An inventory search of the defendant's vehicle revealed prescription medication bottles in the name of the Woodbury resident.

There were also personal papers in the name of a second victim. Officers responded and spoke to the resident who informed the officers that an unknown person(s)

had entered his residence and removed property from his residence.

The victim responded to the Second Precinct and positively identified a Panasonic TV model #THC42HDI8, a Sony camcorder, a Canon Rebel digital camera, four passports in the name of the victim's family, assorted jewelry, and other personal property which all were recovered from the defendant's impounded vehicle by Officer Nappi.

Burglar's tools were also recovered from the defendant's vehicle and held as evidence. The defendant was subsequently charged with Burglary 2, Possession of Burglars' tools, and Unlawful possession of marijuana.

The committee is please to award Officer Nappi the Top Cop designation for June 2009 and congratulates her on her thorough investigation.

TOP COP - JULY 2009

The committee has elected Police Officer Mary Byrne as recipient for the July Top Cop award.

On Wednesday July 29, 2009 at approximately 0133 hrs the defendant, while a passenger in co-defendants vehicle were driving around listed locations (arrest 14024) damaging victims homes and vehicles using golf balls and a bat. The damages were reported in excess of \$250 but less than \$1500.

The Defendant and co-defendant were stopped by Officer Byrne and transported to the Second Precinct for investigation. The defendant, after being given his rights, gave a statement of admission to Det. Leung. The defendant stated he did witness co-defendant strike another vehicle with a bat breaking the rear window and side view mirror. The defendant also admitted to throwing golf balls out of the car breaking the window of a house.

Defendant was processed and charged with two separate degrees of criminal mischief.

The committee commends PO Byrne for her diligence and arrest of said individual.

PHOTO TRIVIA

Who is this Retro Guy??



Third Precinct

by Mike Covais

Election time is here. Please vote. There are several local elections that have been decided by a few hundred votes or less. Hopefully everyone got the message about the not so Honorable Judge Sondra Pardes of Nassau County First District Court. The PBA withdrew their endorsement when this dolt refused proper bail, order of protection, or even to admonish a person who confronted a police officer off duty who had previously been arrested by that police officer. What is this judge thinking? Obviously common sense is not that common.

Election time has finally arrived for the position of Recording Secretary on the Executive Board. It is imperative that we all send are ballots back. There are 200 people in this precinct, there is no reason 200 ballots should not be returned. Let's demonstrate to the department that we care about our elections. Please fill out information on the outside of the return envelope. If it is blank or incomplete it is voided. Please notify the PBA if you did not receive a ballot by Nov. 2nd.

Let me clear up an insane rumor.....**There will be NO LAG next year!**

As long as we are talking about insanity, at one point the department wanted to outfit new police officers with OLD bullet-proof vests. The PBA immediately put a stop to this. Knowing full well that sometime in the future someone would again try to enact this moronic idea, a Memorandum of Agreement was signed by the County, Department and PBA. From this point forward the County and Police Department shall provide new, fitted bullet-proof vests for all recruits prior to their commencement of any patrol functions, including field training. The County will pay the full costs for the vests.

If you come into contact with someone who has a confirmed case of swine flu advise the desk officer and get an exposure number. Also, log the incident in your memo book.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jessie and Christine Cooper on the birth of their daughter Emily Michelle

Gary and Andrea DiPasquale on the birth of their daughter Sophia Rose

Mike and Deb Throo on the birth of their twins Thomas and Emma

Last month we could have read in Newsday about a horrible rape and murder that was committed in New Hyde Park. This however was not the case. The reason for this was the actions of two heroic police officers. Police Officers Thomas Willdigg's and Justin Schackne's keen powers of observation, fast actions, expert training and guts saved a young lady's life and saved countless other women from being terrorized and possibly killed. In 26

years of doing this job I can't think of two people I am more proud of than Thomas Willdigg and Justin Schackne.

To all my special friends:

Accept something that you cannot change, and you will feel better.

Fourth Precinct

newsletter@nassaupba.org(the4thpct.org)

by Frank DeResto

Well, it's that long-sleeve weather time of year already. Is it just me or did this summer seem to be extra short? I guess all that wet weather we had at the beginning of the summer really pushed everything along. 27 rainy days out of 30 in June, kinda put a 'damper' on the whole summer.

HELP WANTED - We need your help to keep things where they should be and to make sure we have what we need to do our jobs. If you see something that needs to be addressed, let one of your PBA reps know. Examples - Out of oxygen again, let us know. No flares, no paper towels, no paper, let us know. We try to keep an eye on things, but sometimes we miss the obvious. Vehicle maintenance. The mechanics are still stretched thin in all the commands, so try to stay on top of the routine stuff. Check the fluids on a regular basis. Kick the tires, if they need air, fill 'em. Keep an eye on the mileage and maintenance schedule. If it's getting close or it's over, let a mechanic know. We spend a lot of time in these mobile cubicles, so let's all try to keep them on the roads and running right.

NYSHIP- By now you should have received paperwork from NYS Health Insurance Program for the second part of their "Dependent Eligibility Confirmation" program. If you are married, have kids or are claiming someone as a dependent under our insurance program, you must provide the proper documentation to prove the eligibility of those dependents. The NYSHIP form and all copies (DO NOT SEND ORIGINALS) of required documentation must be faxed or received by them by November 25, 2009. If you are mailing them the info, remember to give 7-10 days for the mail to arrive.

**Next Open
P.B.A. meeting
Thursday
November 19
P.B.A. Office**

Fifth Precinct

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IN MEMORY OF WALDEMAR FREYRE

by Bill Kennedy



On September 7, 2009 Retired PO Waldemar Freyre passed away after a valiant battle with cancer. He spent well over 20 years of his career as a cop in the 5th precinct.

His name was Waldemar Freyre but just like "Prince" or "Madonna" he was only known by one name: "Waldy". It is unique when someone is only known by one name, and Waldy was unique to say the least. I can still picture him holding court in the 32 room moderating political and social policy debates. I remember some of the unusual advice he gave complainants who came into the station-house. The advice must have had an impact because those complainants never came back.

On patrol Waldy had his own unique style when handling assignments. We used to say there was a right way, a wrong way, and then there was Waldy's way of taking care of business. Like the time Waldy responded to a domestic in Franklin Square. At the scene, Waldy determined that the couple involved in the domestic were British Airways employees on a layover and staying at a friend's house in town. He also determined that both parties were in fact British citizens. After some discussion, Waldy advised the couple to respond to the British embassy in Manhattan to air out their differences. He explained that this course of action was more appropriate than getting Americans involved. Both parties seemed satisfied and Waldy resumed patrol. There were no further problems at this location.

Waldy was a friend of mine. When I look back on my days working with him I can't help but smile. He was an original. He was a good family man who deeply loved his wife and kids. I'm sorry that he had to leave us so soon. I'll miss ya buddy. God Bless.

RENEWED FAITH OR THE SAME OLD SONG?

By Joe Nocella

So here we are. November is here and the push for mall patrols during the holidays is once again upon us. Last

year, I wondered aloud how the department would respond to the union's concern about properly staffing the holiday detail at the Green Acres Mall. I think we all remember the episode that ensued, after all, it did make national headlines.

Well that was then, and this is now. Here we are, a full year later and we have a new administration who sits with a perfect opportunity laid square in their laps. They can continue the prior administrations policy of savings at any cost or blaze a new trail back to the department's rightful place. They have the opportunity to once again be proactive, and more importantly, show everyone that when tasked, they can, and will do the right thing. They have the opportunity to show the public that they do in fact care about the quality of life in Nassau County and perhaps most importantly, show their cops they actually care about officer safety. The prior administration made their position perfectly clear so if I may ... what say you good folks?

This is a big one. This one can be a huge step in the right direction. This one can have a lasting effect. Stay tuned!

A HELPING HAND

Last month while on a call, Eric Surface found himself thrust into a situation with a violent 10-62, during which, the subject charged Eric's RMP. While Eric was able to gain control over him, he was unable to do little else except call for a 10-78. Eric held the subject down on the hood of the RMP and waited for the troops to arrive. Suddenly, a helping hand from a stranger came to his aid.

Turns out, retired Lt. RJ Meyer was driving down the road as the incident unfolded and saw that Eric was in need of assistance. RJ, without hesitation, jumped in and helped Eric put the subject into custody so he could be transported to the hospital.

Eric says that without the LT's help, the situation could have turned out very differently. Trying to subdue a violent person is never an easy task. Compound that with the prospect of falling into traffic on Franklin Avenue and you've got yourself a situation where help of any kind is greatly appreciated! Not only was RJ "Johnny on the spot" but afterwards he told Eric he was happy to help and it felt good to be back in the saddle. Boy I'll tell you, once a fifth cop, always a fifth precinct cop!

Thanks boss, let us know if there's ever anything we can do for you!

VERIFICATION OF DEPENDENT ELIGIBILITY

Remember that big package you got in the mail from NYSHIP about two months ago? Well it's due back by November 25th so don't forget to fill it out and put it in the mail. Save yourself a potentially serious headache and get it done.

5th PRECINCT SPORTS

by John Schellderfer

September 15th marked the 5th annual PBA Ryder Cup Golf Championship and I'm sorry to say, the fifth precinct team captured only three wins. I hate to sound like a broken record but we'll get 'em next year!

Once again, thanks to team Captain Pete Hemsley. It was also good to see James McDermott as one of our newest team members. Jim now after hitting a golf ball 300 yards, you just have to learn what to do with it!

I'd also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the fifth precinct softball team on a successful season. Coach Kevin Glenn took the team into the first round of the play-offs, they may have lost two of three but they did win a game against a very strong IRS team. I should know first hand! Just remember Kev, Marine Bureau doesn't have a softball team!

I am getting positive feed back on going for a 3rd East vs. West flag football game. Our team is a bit weak at the quarterback and defensive back positions so I'm hoping some of our new people step up and offer their services. It's really a good time. Keith Jacklitsch over in the seventh is a great guy and we always have fun with it. Hey, this year we're keeping Kearney for ourselves!!! I'm thinking October 25th or November 1st for the game date. I'll keep you posted.

Also, Tom McMahan may set up another basketball game against the first precinct so tape up those ankles Babich!

Lastly, if you play golf or softball don't be afraid to introduce yourselves to Lt. Hemsley or Kevin Glenn. You can never have enough players!

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY ...

This month's meeting will be held on November 19 at 8pm at the union hall. See you there

Sixth Precinct

by Ed Conroy

Happy Thanksgiving everyone. I am recovering from training shock this month. Last month I was at the range for my annual recertification, Headquarters, C.B to be more specific for I-Mobile training and then the Police Academy for in-service training. That's more training than I have received in the last 15 years all in one month. By no means am I complaining, training is good but we're just not used to it. Generally the only training that the Department will send you to is one that will assist in generating revenue like Radar or Laser training and even then it can't incur overtime and the available slots are limited. It's nice to see something for a change. Let's just hope it's not six months before we see the new terminals in the rmp's and we don't forget the training by then.

REPRESENTATION

Every once in a while I have to remind members of their right to representation and the importance of the PBA being notified of certain events or issues and this is one of those times. Please, if you are involved in a shooting, an auto accident, if you are assaulted or are injured in any way call us immediately. If you are directed to write a letter, called to Internal Affairs either as a subject or a witness or are questioned by a Superior Officer in regards to a 360 notify a PBA rep immediately. Don't wait until it's over or halfway through, politely advise the Supervisor, "I would like to speak to my PBA rep first" and call one of us or if you're unable to, have someone do it for you. How situations are handled from the beginning will impact the results dramatically so it is very important that you are represented. It could mean your job or the difference between a three quarters and a fifty percent workers comp claim. Situations are what they are but errors or oversights could mean the difference.

EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION

I would like to congratulate the Executive board on their re-election. The nominations for the PBA Executive Board election were held in September and I am pleased to say that the majority of the Board were re-elected by default because there were no challengers for their positions. The only spot that is currently up for grabs is that of Recording Secretary due to the upcoming retirement of Joe Failla. There are three candidates for the position, Brian Engelhardt who is the Trustee of the 3rd Precinct, Ken Cortes who is the Trustee of the 2nd Precinct and Mark Milo from CTS. The ballots will be out to you the beginning of November and are due back in a timely fashion so don't hold on to them, fill them out and send them back. I'd like to thank all of the current board for all of their assistance and hard work over the years and wish them continued success in the years to come; I know that they will do the right thing by the members. I would like to thank Joe Failla for all his hard work and for the assistance he has given to me over the years. Joe I wish you a long and healthy retirement.

TOP COP MAY 2009

The Sixth Precinct Top Cop Committee has selected Police Officers John Cerulli and Roberto Germani as our Top Cops for May 2009. On May 24, 2009 while on routine patrol the Officers were flagged down by the attendant of a Sunoco station at 2 Manorhaven Blvd, Manorhaven. At that time they were made aware of a Burglary at that location in which entry was made by way of an attic vent. The telephone wires were cut and the surveillance cameras were also disabled. It was determined that the proceeds of this Burglary were merchandise as well as cash. While conducting a thorough canvass these Officer were able to locate a person of interest within minutes and in close proximity to the scene. The suspect pretended not to speak

English and began to act erratic. He attempted to walk away from the Officers at which time they noticed a bulge in his rear pocket and conducted a pat down finding what was then determined to be the bathroom key from the Sunoco station on a large metal tag. The suspect at that point admitted to the Burglary at the station and was placed under arrest. Some proceeds were found on the subjects person and additional proceed were later located in a nearby rear yard. It is because of their excellent Police work, their thorough investigation and knowledge of their post that these Officers were able to arrest a subject on Burglary charges and it is for that reason that they are our Top Cops for May 2009.

TOP COPS JUNE 2009

On June 15, 2009 Police Officers Terrance Mitchell and Joseph Guerra were dispatched to a shots fired call in the vicinity of Linden Ct and Donald St in Roslyn Heights. Upon arriving at scene the Officers began to conduct their investigation and discovered blood in the street. They were also able to ascertain information on a vehicle that was involved in the incident and broadcast an alarm. A short time later a male entered North Shore Hospital in Manhasset claiming to be a victim of a hit and run auto accident. Officers Mitchell and Guerra were able to gain valuable information that indicated that this male was actually involved in their shots fired call and was in fact struck by the vehicle from their notification as the operator and passenger were fleeing for their lives. Their investigation revealed that the subject from the Hospital had a brother and that these two subjects were involved in an ongoing dispute with a former girlfriend that lead to shots being fired at the occupied vehicle. As part of the subsequent investigation a surveillance video was recovered as well as the auto which had several bullet holes in it. Officers Mitchell and Guerra developed excellent information which enabled these Felony arrests to be made and it is for these reasons they were chosen as the Sixth Pct Top Cops for June 2009.

TOP COP JULY 2009

The Sixth Precinct Top Cop Committee has met and has selected Police Officers Daniel Fliedner and Michael Marotta as our Top Cops for July 2009. On July 5, 2009 Officer Fliedner while on routine patrol observed a vehicle westbound on the eastbound South Service Rd of the Long Island Expressway in North Hills against traffic. Officer Fliedner broadcast a notification and was then assisted by Officer Marotta who was in the vicinity. These two Officers were able to make an effective car stop bring this vehicle safely to a halt without incident. The vehicle was being operated recklessly the wrong way on a three lane service road putting the operator himself, his passenger who was a minor and other motorists in grave risk danger. Upon further investigation the Operator was placed under arrest for DWI, Endangering the welfare of a child, reckless driving and numerous VTL infractions. It is because of the

quick actions of these Officers that a tragedy was averted.

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. There is also a new TOP Cop folder at the Desk Officers spot in which anyone can submit something for review.

OPEN MEETING

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

Until next month, be safe and stay healthy.

Seventh Precinct

by Ton O'Reilly

Congratulations to our Top Cops for the month of June, during the October PBA open meeting, 7th Precinct Police officers, Ricky Buckshaw, Danny Russo, Tom Savino, Phil D'Andrea and Joe Kazlauskas, were honored as the PBA's Top Cops of the month. In the month of June these police officers apprehended 3 armed felons responsible for a crime spree occurring across long island, crimes that included armed robbery of several banks. On that night they were honored in front of their fellow officers as well as their proud families. This is just one of the examples of the great work the police officers of the 7th precinct do day in and day out, job well done!

In the coming month you will be receiving notification that the PBA has negotiated a new Life Insurance Plan with a new company, this switch from our current provider (Hartford Insurance) was done because of a substantial rate increase by the Hartford. This switch will permit an open enrollment to all active members whether you're in the plan or not, many active members currently in the plan will see a rate reduction. This new plan will also allow active members to up their coverage to \$300,000 of life insurance without answering any medical questions. The new company, The Standard Life Insurance Company of New York, deals with many Police and Fire Unions throughout the state and has a Best "A" rating. During the open enrollment representatives from the Standard will be available at the PBA to assist with your insurance needs.

Best wishes to Mike Ramaglia on his retirement, Mike

received a performance of duty disability pension stemming from a back injury he suffered on an aided case lifting a trundle. These types of injuries seem to be happening more and more, due to the increase call volume for aided cases, to reduce these types of injuries request more assistance. There is nothing wrong with requesting an extra car or two to help you put an aided into the bus. Mike we wish you a long and healthy retirement. Hope to see you at the retirement party.

On November 20th the 7th Precinct will host its annual Retirement/Reunion Party at the Galaxie Caterers, Rte 109 Lindenhurst starting 8pm to 12am. Honorees include Thomas Salzberg, Michele Guadagno, Anthony Russo, Michael Ramaglia and Bob Barry. Please make checks payable to the 7th Pct Dues Fund, \$60 in advance \$70 at the door.

IMPORTANT DATES

PBA Holiday Party December 3rd Marriott Hotel Uniondale 2000hrs

7th Pct Holiday Party December 16th Mulcahy's 2000 hrs cost \$ 35 pp

7th Pct Kids Christmas Party December 12th American Legion Hall 1pm to 5pm \$20 per family

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone, wow I can't believe I just wrote that.

Eighth Precinct

by Joe Salvatore

First off, let me say that it is an honor to be representing the eighth precinct in this, my inaugural campaign as senior writer for the newsletter. I can only hope that this is the first of many columns to be included in upcoming newsletters. The transition may not flow as smooth as some would like, however I hope you can all empathize with me that it is never easy to follow a great one. Just ask Drew Carrey who had to follow Bob Barker or even more recently, Chris Collinsworth who replaced the legendary John Madden. Yes, PO Caroselli has left the eighth after a 5-year stint, and with that, she handed me the keys to the golden typewriter. Marissa has found a new home, currently employed in the Office of Commissioner of Police at Headquarters. Also heading west was PO Brian Walker, who has found a new home in Mineola, trading patrol for the Support Division. And PO Chris Rocco has taken off his low-quarters for some shiny new boots at HPB. We wish them all the best and they will be missed.

HOLIDAYS

It is that time of the year once again, so mark your calendars. We will be having our Holiday party at the Nutty Irishman in the Village of Farmingdale on Wednesday December 9th. Festivities are to commence at approximately 1930 hours. The family/kids party will be hosted at the Stewart Thomas Manor on Saturday December 19th

from 1200-1500. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

GET WELL

The Eight precinct fitness center has not been the same without our fearless leader PO Muchow present. Get better fast, we miss you on the street and in the Average Pat's basement training facility.

HALLOWEEN SIGHTINGS

Who says that you have to be an adult to go out trick or treating. It was reported to me that there were numerous sightings on October 31st of some of our fellow officers dressed up. Here is just a few.

-PO Ferrara went as CNBC's Jim Kramer of Mad Money. I found out what the 'e' in spongebob stands for.....excruating! Boo Yah!!

-PO's Buback and Phaneuf went as Chips....without the bikes.

-PO Sager went as The Greatest American Hero.

-PO Lucchese went as the lead singer of Rush.

-PO Gallagher went as Eminem

-PO Zambik went as Maverick from Top Gun

TOP COPS

The honor of Top Cop(s) for August 2009 goes to both PO Jason Collins and PO Matthew Csajko.

On August 14, 2009, in the early morning hours (0445), PO Collins assigned to Post 813 and PO Csajko, assigned to Post 812, received a radio assignment for a violent domestic disturbance at 8 Hemlock Lane in Levittown.

Within minutes of the officers arriving at the location, they observed the complainant outside the house. The complainant advised the officers that she was involved in a physical altercation with her brother, who was inside the home. The officers observed the defendant through the kitchen window. The defendant was standing in the kitchen with a large meat cleaver in his hands. The officers entered the home fearing for the safety of the other occupants of the home. The defendant began walking towards the officers with the meat cleaver still in his hand. The officers (with firearms drawn) ordered the defendant to drop the meat cleaver. The defendant turned toward the officers, raising the meat cleaver over his head in a threatening manner. The officers, showing tremendous firearms discipline, again ordered the defendant to drop the meat cleaver. After several tense moments the defendant dropped the meat cleaver and was placed under arrest.

Both Collins and Csajko displayed tremendous firearms discipline during the altercation. This situation could have easily resulted in the defendant being hurt, if not for the officers' composure. Well deserved Top Cop honors and kudos for you both on a job well done.

DEAR JOE SAL

This new portion of my newsletter opens up the forum to you, the readers. Please feel free to email me at joeyosal77@yahoo.com on any questions you may have

regarding topics such as work, relationships, life, etc. I will keep all questions anonymous and try to answer as best I can.

Dear Joe,

I like to dance at the local disco clubs. When I see a girl at the disco club, I'm not sure how to approach her and what to say. Any pointers? -Anon

Dear Anon,

Disco clubs can create a barrier to effective communication and conversation with the loud music and all. If you are a decent dancer, I would suggest dancing close (but not too close) to her and smiling. Let her know that you are having a great time. If she starts to move closer to you, then maybe you have something there. If it looks like she wants to talk more, suggest going outside to get some fresh air where the music is a mere whisper so you don't have to scream into each others ears. Good luck and keep the questions coming.

-God Bless and be safe



HQ's III Highway Patrol

By P.O. Paolicelli

NOVEMBER 2009

Break out the long sleeve shirts cause it's getting chilly. I think everyone or almost everyone is happy that we now wear the black turtle necks in place of the classic light blue ties. Although you always knew a Nassau Cop from any other Cop, officer safety and comfort wise we're better off. In late September our motorcycle platoon was involved with the NYCPD who held a motorcycle rodeo at Floyd Bennett Field. Several members attended and I believe Mike Donnelly and Jimmy McPartland (AKA, McPartypants / AKA McFarland) scored very well in the competition. Also present were Scott Zelazny, Rob Bacich, and Mike Vannes. There were motorcycle officers from all over the country but mainly the east coast and you guys represented the Department in the highest regard. I put a couple of pics below and to see more photos of the event you can go to this website <http://www.nycmetromotorskills.com/>.



PO Mike Donnelly



PO James McPartland

The Town of Hempstead held their annual Police Service Awards program on September 24th, K-9 Officer Kyle Poppe and recently transferred from the 7th Pct/HPB Officer James Byrnes were honored for their excellent service to the TOH residents in 2009. Again, congratulations and keep up the good work guys. Unfortunately, receiving an award doesn't make you immune from being hit on the road. Officer Byrnes was struck from behind while on a VTL stop on the 135 on Saturday night, Oct 11th while working 2258. Ironically, I had just past him while off duty and said to myself "Man that car looks good!" Shortly after that I believe is when the accident occurred. Fortunately Jimmy was treated and released the same night from the hospital. Hopefully by the time this article is published Jimmy will be back to work. Although the car wasn't so lucky, that's why I'm writing this article from Florida. A day after hearing the news, I couldn't take it and had to go on vacation/sick leave. When you look at how many of us have been hit in the last year or so and the amount of personal/physical injuries we incur, we should be added to the AA pay list. Each month I try to add Officer Safety Tips to the articles and one of the biggest tips is getting your VTL stops far off the road (on the shoulder) or in a safer spot especially on the west end, ASAP. Even when we do everything by the book some things are out our hands. Be Careful, Be Smart! Also injured in late September/early October was MCSU officer Dave Chiaro, although Dave wasn't on a VTL stop he was struck from behind by an elderly driver while standing at attention on a funeral detail. I was hoping to have a picture on his flattened foot after having it run over but you'll have to just use your imagination. Dave, the command and especially Officer McDonnell hopes your injuries heal quickly and you had better have done a DMV drivers review form on the operator. It was brought to my attention that there was an oversight from last month's article where I failed to mention the retirement of Freddy Evarone from the MCSU. This was pointed out to me by his loving partner Joe Belmonte while he was working with his new partner Brian Owen (Spike). Joe is still having a hard time coming to terms with the reality of not having Freddy around so Spike has been wearing Freddy's uniform to help ease the process along. Joe be

careful Spike likes to smile and laugh a lot, and Spike even though you'll still be bounced to the road occasionally we'll miss you out there handling things. Moving right along, all the vacation picks should've been handed given to the Time Office by September 30th. Hopefully everyone got something close to what they picked but here in HPB we have a lot of senior guys so things don't always happen the way you plan them. Fortunately for us we have an excellent Time Office staff (Nappy and Legs) in control or somewhat control of things. I know I can speak for the entire command/building when issuing a special thanks to the both of you for working with us knuckleheads all year long! Feel free to knock with your elbows whenever you go to see them or call ahead for a coffee order. The following email was sent to me in regards to a teenager that received a speeding ticket (Radar) and was fighting it based on the fact that his GPS system shows that he wasn't speeding. Almost everybody in HPB is using Lidar (laser) except for the motorcycles and some Pct enforcement units, the only car that currently has or should I say HAD radar in it was 2258 so it really isn't too much of an issue. The jury is still out on the case as far as I know but here's the link if you're interested [REPORT: Parents of teen with speeding ticket fighting citation with personal GPS data.](#) We're currently up to 6 new post cars on the road, I'm sure you guys are happy about that, 57 and 58 are the only cars left. Once again, thanks to our friends at FSB for the fine work. It is much appreciated even though it doesn't always seem like it.

Notes from the ESU corner, brought to you by Officer Clarence Hudson:

Congratulations to our five new guys who are now done training: Vincent Papa, William Stio and Vasili Michaelides on the day tours. Dennis Sheehan and Chris Bringmann went to the dark side. Say hello when you see them. I would also like to wish a fond farewell to those who have left: Jimmy Brown to BSO and Sandra Richard to the Third Precinct. Good luck with your new assignments. I missed last month's deadline and I would like to add something. As a lot of you know our neighbors to the west have the West Indian Day parade every Labor Day and it can get pretty hectic. This was relayed to me: that there seemed to be many more cases of resisting arrest this year than in years past. This was just someone's interpretation. Also, out of the numerous gun arrests there were seven gun arrests where the alleged perpetrators were from Franklin Square, Freeport and Baldwin. This includes one alleged perpetrator from Baldwin that was apprehended with a Tec-9 submachine gun. Now we all know he brought it from home so my point is to say please be careful out there and back each other up no matter what the call is, until whatever situation you have is under control.

Thanks again for the 411 Clarenc.



Marine Bureau

by John Connor

As I write this article for the November newsletter: Tonight, four members of the Marine Bureau are being honored by PBA as our Top Cops for the months of March and July of this year. Sgt. Magnifico and PO Boyce for their recovery of a fatal aided in the ocean off the west end of Jones Beach. Both officers, members of our Search and Recovery Scuba Team, entered the frigid and high surf to recover the aided. PO Larmony and PO Spagnuolo, while off duty, fishing aboard PO Spagnuolo's vessel "Gina Ann", rescued four shark fishermen when their vessel sank 44 miles south of Jones Inlet. "Atta Boy" Boys! Your actions are being honored by your peers. Jobs well done!

Speaking of jobs well done, PO Tirman, PO Drum and PO Shannon received the call we all dread, especially out on the water. Boat accident with multiple aided. This accident involved a 40' racing boat with seven P.O.B.s on Sunday, October 4th at 1915 hours. The vessel, operating at a high rate of speed, misjudged the channel off of Seaford by Four Corners and ended up on the marsh 150 feet from the channel. The accident resulted in 3 dead and 4 serious aided. My fellow writer at Aviation Ted Plezia gives a detailed description of the scene in his article. The actions taken that night by both Marine Bureau and Aviation members deserve recognition by the department. Also, to our counterparts on the water... USCG Jones Beach, TOB and TOH Bay Constables, NYC Aviation, Seatow, Boat US, EAB and Fire Departments. Thank you for your assistance.

SCA (Small Craft Advisory) Magazine, published by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, in their July-August magazine did an article on the Marine Vessel Operator's Course (SMPVOC) run by our training officers (POs Fuoco and Larmony) and their counterparts in Suffolk, detailing the training in the classroom and practical operations during this important course. As our department is starting to bring in-service training back, we at the Marine Bureau need to continue our training both for the new operator and the seasoned veteran.

GET WELL

PO Paul Vatter continues to recover at home and is now undergoing chemo/radiation treatments. Phone calls are welcomed.

NEW ADDITIONS CONGRATULATIONS!!

Sgt. Tim McCaffery and wife Susan added Gavin Patrick to the family clan on July 28, 2009 weighing in at 9lbs 8oz.

PO Tony Simonetti and wife Allison welcomed a daugh-

ter, Katherine Elyse on Sept. 18, 2009 weighing in at 6lb, 15oz. Could Benny be far behind?

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest condolences go out to Sgt. Andy Sawula and wife Lisa on the loss of her father and to PO Bob Hayes and his wife Lori on the loss of her father.

HUNTERS

Good luck on your hunt and to the sons going out with dad...Don't make dad look bad with a 10 pointer first time out!!

Happy Thanksgiving and until next month....Be Safe!
Thank you!!



Aviation

by Ted Plezia

WORDS FROM ABOVE

Putting together this month's contribution is just days after the tragic accident on the waters south of Seaford. What is always amazing is the misinformation and inaccuracies that start after an incident.

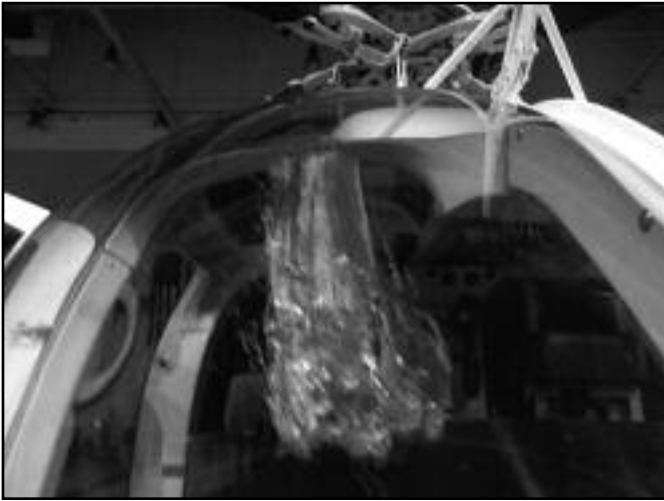
A great job was done by our first crew Sean Fagan, Jim Sarnataro, and Matt Perlungher who responded immediately in Helicopter # 6. They located the exact location of the accident and relayed the information to the Marine Bureau, USCG, and the TOB Bay Constables. Marine Bureau secured a great landing zone on the marsh island that was sturdy enough to land the helicopter. Within a short time the first aided was on his way to NUMC in Helicopter # 6, while Jim Sarnataro remained at the scene as the incident commander. Back at the base Darin Costello, realizing that multiple aided needed to be medivaced off the marsh island called in Pilot Ralph Spinola, and requested NYC Aviation to help with the rescue. We are very fortunate to have such a good relationship with our brothers in NYC Aviation. We are always available for them as they are for us at a moments notice. NYC Aviation was able to airlift 3 of the aided and brought them to Seaman's Neck Park and Wantagh Park for transport to the hospital by P.D. and F.D. ambulances. Ralph Spinola and Darin Costello also transported one of the aided to NUMC in Helicopter # 4. In total 3 dead and 4 aided.

Again, a great job and our thanks to Marine Bureau, USCG, TOB Bay Constables, NYC Aviation, Seatow, Tow Boat US, EAB, and F.D. for all their help. A Multi Casualty Incident is difficult enough, but add a remote location with very limited access, no light, and in 6 to 12 inches of water and you have a recipe for a complete disaster. The reason why we train for the worst is because sometimes it really happens.

ON A LIGHTER NOTE

I was flying with our 'brand new' pilot Dennis Angermaier when he was put to the "Sully Test", when on a calm, still, clear night, a large bird broke the silence and collided with our windshield with a loud boom. Dennis was ready immediately to take emergency action until he quickly determined there was no immediate danger. After the pucker factor subsided it was clear that we needed to return to base to clean the windshield and get new underwear for Dennis. When you see Dennis offer to buy him the new 'Sully' drink, 2 shots of Gray Goose and a splash of water.

Well folks, until next month, 'we'll see you from a distance'.



Bird strike!



**John Gray
1977**



**John Gray
2009**

RETIREMENT

June 26th, 2009, was the last day in the Police Department for Police Officer John Gray. John was appointed on February 23rd, 1977. Prior to coming on the job, John served our country in the United States Army and was a Police Officer with the Port Authority and the New York City Transit Police Department. After graduating from our Police Academy, John was assigned to the Fourth Precinct and received several Meritorious Awards and a Life Saver Award. John had an interest in medical services and became a paramedic with our Emergency Ambulance Bureau. He enjoyed his time there and in 1997 he was transferred to Bureau of Special Operations. In B.S.O., John helped keeping the administrative portion of the office running. He wore many different hats here and kept the supervisors jobs a little easier. His wife, Carol, retired from our job several years ago. We wish you a very long and healthy retirement.

ARMORED VEHICLE



A few people on our job have asked me about Bureau of Special Operations' armored vehicle. Maybe, you have seen it parked in the rear bay of the Newbridge Road building or saw it at one of our tactical scenes. Our vehicle was manufactured by Lenco Industries in Massachusetts. Lenco is the leader in armored security vehicles. They have built vehicles for the Special Forces for the United States Marines, Army, Navy, Air Force and Homeland Security.



Bureau of Special Operation

by Nick Squicciarini
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We have had some movement here at Bureau of Special Operations. Over the summer, Lieutenant Scotty Anderson was promoted to Captain, Police Officers Joe Hughes and Tim Marinace was promoted to Sergeant and recently Police Officers Sally Grathwohl and Rich Lee were promoted to Detective. Congratulations to each of you.

Bureau of Special operations welcomes back Sergeant John Vaughn to the command. We also have new members that were transferred here- Lieutenant John Kelley; Fourth Precinct and Police Officers Jimmy Brown; E.S.U., Don Coupe; Third Precinct, Frank D'Andrea; Fourth Precinct, Rob Gibbons; First Precinct and Doug Hardiman; First Precinct. Welcome to each of you. This is a great place to work.

The vehicle is very heavy, because it is made of Mil-Spec steel armor plate, heavy duty chassis and ballistic glass windows. The floors and ceiling protect us from blast and fragmentation. Policing in the United States has changed drastically since September 11th and Bureau of Special Operations needed to get on board. This vehicle has specially designed gun ports, roof hatch and a rotating turret. As you see, this is a serious piece of equipment. We use this vehicle at barricade and police officer rescue scenes when the subject is armed with a firearm. Also, the perimeter team, arrest team and snipers can be deployed safely to their assignment locations with this vehicle. At times, members from our Electronics Squad can be transported within the inner perimeter to set up their equipment. This vehicle can handle many situations that may present themselves in the world of extreme police work. We are very fortunate to have one.

IN OUR THOUGHTS

Please keep Police Officer Police Officer Ken Baribault in your thoughts and prayers. He is still working so hard at his rehabilitation program and is making some improvements in the quality of his life.



Nassau Police Post 1050 American Legion

by Dan Scheidel

Quite often we overlook the contributions made by members of our various organizations until they have passed on. Even then, a short bereavement service and then the memory of the departed are soon forgotten. But I feel that it is important to bring to the attention of our members and those of ARPO a man who did so much for our organizations and did it without fanfare. Richie Thompson was one of a kind. In all the years I had known him since joining ARPO or the American Legion I had never heard him utter one word in disrespect for a fellow retiree or Legionnaire. He was surely a true gentleman.

And along with his wife Ann they were a great couple that helped make our social events and travels a success. No one that had ever attended one ARPO picnic could ever forget the Piñatas Richie and Ann put together. Over the years it would seem that they would outdo themselves in seeing that the children that attended had a great time trying to get to the candy inside each piece of art.

Richie and Ann were also a terrific couple to watch on the dance floor. When we supported other organizations at their functions just watching them do the "Lindy" would bring back memories of the fifties and sixties. They were a perfect pair.

Richie also had a military history that most were unaware of. Back in 1952 he was part of a unit that witnessed the tests of atomic bombs at Yucca Flats, Nevada.

He would often say they were "guinea pigs", laying in bunkers just outside the boundaries set up by the agencies running the tests. In January of 1954, while on active duty out west, rather than have one of his men check a leaking heater gas tank, he did it himself and when someone accidentally tossed a lit cigarette away, causing a flash fire, he was severally burnt on his hands and face. He was later discharged but never claimed any type disability. Like I said, he did things without fanfare.

In the Legion and in ARPO he served as Sergeant at Arms on many occasions as well as taking on other duties. I guess what I'm trying to say is that we will all miss him. He was a loyal and honest friend. He fought a tough and long battle with diabetes and heart failure and God finally said, "Enough is enough young man, I have just the spot for you up here, "Sergeant at Arms" at the Pearly Gates." Rest in peace Richie

ARPO

by Bob Livoti

At the end of September, ARPO lost one of our long time members and Sgt-At-Arms, Richie Thompson. Richie had been suffering some health problems this past year and he was in and out of the hospital most of the year. I had spoken to him in August to see how he was doing and if he needed anything. Richie said he was managing with things and his family was taking good care of him. Richie and his wife Ann had nine children, so there was always someone there to help out. One of his sons brought Richie to our September open meeting. There was a round of applause when Richie came into the meeting.

Within two short weeks, Richie passed away. His passing was a loss for his large family and also for ARPO. Richie and his wife Ann were always there to help out when ARPO had its picnics. They always made a great big piñata for the kids and every kid at the picnic had a great time trying to break it. He will be remembered by all.

Jim Baralo our 2nd VP reports that our ARPO Bereavement Team is looking for some support. Many years ago we organized a volunteer group of members to attend the funeral of police officers who pass away and were members of ARPO. Originally we had over 30 members, but have lost quite a few in the last couple of years.

We are now down to about 22 members who wear the beautiful badges that we have at our service. I would like to order more of these badges, but would like a commitment from some more of our members before I order them.

There is no pressure to attend a funeral. If instead, you would like to be on the call list to be notified of a death, we only ask that you notify the next member on the list.

We have dress code - grey pants, blue jacket, white shirt and our Chaplin Ray Leonard will supply you with a maroon tie. The prayer service that we have is about 10 or 15 minutes long, and is really appreciated by the family and

friends in attendance at the funeral home.

Believe me - it's a wonderful feeling when you are thanked by the wife, children or family member of one of our brother officers, for coming to honor them.

If you feel that you can help us to beef up our Team, just tell one of the ARPO officers and we'll be happy to put you on our list. Thank you very much, Jim Baralo, 1st Vice President.

If you can help us out, please let us know. All of the services that we do are done in the afternoon so you don't have to do any night driving. We try to get our members living out in Suffolk County to take care of services out there and the guys in Nassau take care of things in Nassau County. The families of the members really do appreciate the service we perform. In addition to ARPO, the Legion Post 1050 always tries to provide the service for Legion members. We are the only two organizations that perform any type service for our members. As we approach the holiday season, many of our members are getting ready to head south for the winter. If you are a snow bird, please remember to **notify us by the 15th of the month before you head south with your address change.** This way your newsletter will follow you down south. On behalf of the Board of Officers of ARPO, I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

At our November 9th meeting, we will be hosting guest speaker Dr. Salvatore J. LaGumina from the center for Italian American Studies at Nassau Community College. Sal will be speaking on a variety of topics including Italian Americans in World War II. Please let us know as soon as possible if you plan on attending this meeting for a dinner count.

Our Annual Christmas party will be held on Monday, December 14 at 7:00pm in lieu of our monthly meeting. The cost will be \$30.00 per person. Please contact Lou Monteleone in the Eighth Squad as soon as possible if you plan on attending. Our next meeting is Monday, November 9th at Verona Restaurant in Farmingdale. Please join us for another evening of great food and company. I wish everyone a safe and healthy Thanksgiving season.



Columbia Police Association

by Carmine E. Soldano, President

The Columbia Police Association participated in the Town of Huntington Columbus Day Parade on Sunday, October 11, 2009. The weather was perfect and all our participants had a great time. I would like to thank all of those members and their families that joined us. I would also like to thank the Color Guard for a job well done. Special thanks to Detective Frank Ruvolo for organizing the parade.

Tony & Lucy Graziano hosted a post-parade barbecue at their house in Northport. The two of them went all out and provided not only great food and drinks, but also great company. Everyone that attended is appreciative of the work they did and can not wait for their next barbecue.

Joy Watson formerly of the District Attorneys office was our guest speaker at the October 12th meeting. We also finally presented Tony Rocco with his retirement plaque. Our guest that night included Commissioner Mulvey, Chief Jay Caputo, retired Inspector Vincent Muscarnera, retired Inspector Richard Meyer, retired Detective Billy Burns, and our own past president, Joseph Bosco. The food and service at Verona restaurant was second to none.

Emerald Society

www.ncpdemerald.org

by Tom DeSane

Greetings to all our members and friends. The holidays are fast approaching signaling the impending end to what I hope was a healthy and prosperous 2009 for our friends and members. Our Society has a few great events planned between now and the end of the year. Recent times have been financially tough for everyone. We are not immune to these tough times. Therefore, we ask that you support our organization by attending as many of our meetings and events as possible. Your participation allows us to keep our dues low and still be the kind of premier organization our membership deserves.

Our annual 200 Club Raffle Party will be held on Saturday, November 21st from 3pm to 7pm at Mulcahy's in Wantagh (new venue). \$100 per raffle ticket gets you admission for two, a hot buffet, refreshments, music and a chance to win. Our grand prize is \$7,500 and there will be many other prizes. This is one of our most popular events and is well worth the price of admission, even if you don't win. Non-members are welcome to attend. Event Chairman Mike Pitcher and all Board Members have raffle tickets. Only 200 tickets will be sold, don't be left out. For any questions or ticket info, contact us by e-mail at ncpdemerald@yahoo.com.

Our Society will be sending representatives to the National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies Fall Conference in Baltimore from November 6th through 8th. We are privileged to have two of our members, Lou Walker and Jamie Wilson, currently serving on the Executive Board of NCLEES. This is unprecedented in the history of the National organization. This is an example of the preeminence of our Society on not only a local and regional level, but on a national level. This is due to the hard work of our current Board members, all those who preceded us and the great support and participation of our members and friends over the past 47 years.

Our Pipe Band will be holding their Piper's Ball on Friday, November 6, 2009 at "The Cradle of Aviation Museum", Charles Lindbergh Blvd., Garden City, New York. Our Board will have representatives in attendance. Please join us in supporting our Pipe Band. For more information, check the Piper's Page on our website.

Finally this year, our annual Christmas Party will be held in December. The time and place of the party will be announced at our November meeting and posted on our website. Please continue to support all of our events during the year.

Up to date information on all events and additional information, including important notifications, membership applications, flyers and photos of all events can be found on our regularly updated website: www.ncpdemerald.org. BE SAFE.

Police Holy Name Society

by Neil J. Delargy, President

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." With these words Christ entrusted his Church on earth to Peter, the first pope, and to his successors, and for as long as there have been the Police Holy Name Society of Nassau County, it has been our tradition to "Stand with Peter," and thus, to stand with the Church.

I borrowed this statement from the Report of the Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus because it speaks to the position of the Holy Name Society and our responsibility to stand by the Church and its' representatives in Nassau County. The HNS is directed by and answerable to the Bishop of The Diocese of Rockville Centre, the Most Reverend Bishop William Murphy. The HNS is guided in our spiritual development by our Spiritual Director. The Spiritual Director is selected by the members of the Holy Name Society (and approved by the Bishop); this position has traditionally been chosen from the ranks of the Department's Catholic chaplains. The chaplains are Catholic priests: assigned to the Diocese of Rockville Centre; who are approved by the Bishop; appointed by the Police Commissioner and paid by the Department; and serve the spiritual needs of members of the police department.

The HNS is an association that benefits members of all the law enforcement agencies of Nassau County. We serve to include members from every police department in Nassau County. The HNS also strives to serve our Chaplains and in doing so we support the Diocese of RVC and the entire Catholic Church. The NCPD currently has two Catholic Department chaplains; Monsignor Thomas Hartman and Father Joseph D'Angelo. These two ordained Catholic priests help to guide the Holy Name Society's actions and they set an example for us to follow by their personal strength and holy ministry. Both priests maintain full time positions in their diocesan assignments while devoting many hours to the spiritual counseling and guidance of Department members. Msgr. Hartman has the burden of battling his private and public war against Parkinson's disease, which sometimes leaves him too tired to participate in all the functions he wants to undertake. Father D'Angelo embraces his duties as a chaplain and faithfully performs whatever task he is called upon to carry out. The Holy Name Society acts in solidarity with our chaplains which is an integral part of professing our loyalty to the Bishop and the Catholic Church.

I've taken this opportunity to explain a small part of the relationship between the Department Chaplains and the HNS in order to embrace the Pope's declaration of the "Year for Priests". The Board and entire membership of the HNS values the friendship and devotion of our Chaplains and we join in praying that their example of holiness and good works inspires police officers to find comfort and assistance.

Please continue to support the Police Holy Name Society and enable us to serve you.

Employee Assistance

by Harry Reddon

IN HONOR OF OUR VETERANS

The Employee Assistance Office is hosting an Open House for Police Department Members who have served in the Military.

This Open house is to be held:
Thursday – November 12, 2009
1900 to 2100 hours
1425 Old Country Road
Plainview, N.Y.

This is a great opportunity to meet other department members who have served our country and to obtain some valuable information.

Representatives from The United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the Vet Center and North Shore /LIJ Family Wellness Center will provide material on services and benefits (including education) for veterans.

Anyone in the police department, who has ever been enlisted in any branch of the service, is welcome to attend. Their Families are also welcome.

Coffee and cake will be served
For further information, please Contact:
Cynthia Daily, Employee Assistance Office, 573-5050.

Nassau Police Running Club

by Rocco Sinisi

Rituals. Most of us have some kind of preparation for something that we do quite often in our lives. Whether it be for work or for play we get accustomed to that ritual and when a chance arises to deviate from it, a small sense of fear can come over us even though the situation is not at all life threatening or life changing.

In preparation for a race I have my little rituals that I do. Depending on the race distance it can begin days before race day and continue leading up to about 30 minutes before the gun goes off.

Back in September while up in Rochester NY visiting friends, I had only intended to put in some long mileage in preparation for an upcoming marathon. Then a friend told me about a 5K race, The Run for the Grapes, being held the following day. I wasn't sure I wanted to race the next day and only decided that morning when I woke up to give it a go. But that meant I would forgo my rituals such as a pasta dinner the night before or a pancake breakfast the morning of the race. No racing flats. No stretching cord. No supplements. No confidence. I just figured if I ran lousy I had any number of things to blame on my poor performance. So I did it. I ran a 19:50 which for a hilly course with 2 cul de sac turnarounds was a time I was happy with. I finished 5th overall but placed 3rd in my age group. So even upstate my age group is tough. I will still go back to

my race rituals though because of the sense of comfort it gives me but I now know no harm in just jumping into a race without a security blanket or two.

By the time this article comes out I would have run in my 2nd New York City marathon. I started training back in the summer and with vacation and personal time in September I had nearly five weeks of uninterrupted training. Training that took me to Costa Rica (okay so other things took me there too) and as mentioned before Rochester. Training that included a heavy emphasis on hills. Something I have long ignored but now embrace as hill workouts do make you a stronger runner. I have been out to Northport for both the Cow Harbor training runs as well as doing one mile loops that incorporate the notorious James St Hill. The proof that all that hill training works came at the Cow Harbor 10K this year. I ran the course in 38:47. A personal record for me for that particular course by one second. But the fastest I have run it in three years.

Lesli Hiller placed 5th in her age group at Cow Harbor running a 45:15. Also running were TR Hughes, Shaun Wilbert (who unfortunately ran into leg cramp problems along the way), Frank Dandrea, Mike Maloney, Frank Decicio and Chris Faltings (cheered on by brother Erik at the finish). Also providing support were Kevin Mcpadden, Doug Escher and George Gudmensen.

Also in September, John Conley held the 11th Annual Project Children 5k Race where the top two overall winners were females. And Lesi Hiller was the 3rd female finisher and 11th overall finisher. Mike Maloney, Kevin Kane and Bob Newbert (who medaled in his age group) also ran.

Ric Holman completed the Hamptons Marathon and placed third in his age group. Nice job.

Our annual club run, The Gary Farley 5k was held on Sunday October 4th. A shift in dates from the usual Saturday to a Sunday due to other race and religious holiday conflicts. We had about 380 finishers as new race directors Shaun Wilbert and Mark Spottiswood undertook the daunting task of making sure everything went smoothly for the race. And it would appear by race time that things came together and the race and after party went off without any real problems. Hopefully next year we can go back to a Saturday date as the only complainant I heard at the after party was that we didn't have the usual post race breakfast fare of eggs, bacon and sausages. It was missed. We run long and hard so we can eat and drink all the bad things afterwards.

As always we had a good representation of departmental members showing their continuing support for this event.

Winning awards in the Law Enforcement category were myself (1st Overall LE) and Lesli Hiller (1st Female Overall LE). Also picking up plaques in the LE category were Matthew Dunseith, Peter Lang, Christine Fugarazzo, TR Hughes and Linda Brymer (hope someone is picking up your recent awards for you).

Other members running or helping out at the race include John Johnson, John Conley, Ed Kelly, Jim Rogan,

Jim Cereghino, Neil Delargy, Jim Skopek, Commissioner Mulvey, John Miller, Ray Cote, Mike Maloney, Jim and Liz Tilton, Frank Decicio, Lorraine Hannon, Gary Farley Jr, Sam Rozzi, Paul Rauseo, Izzy Santiago, Tom Richardson, Bob Newbert, Tony Dicaprio, Robin Beckerman, Tom Conroy Brian Poalilo, Al Miller, Al Jaskot, John Fennessy, Joann Distler, Gary Thynee, Christine McDonald, Jennifer Walsh, Kim Kramer, Lettice Vega, Joanne Delorenzo, Frank Borgi, George Gudmensen, Ric Holman, John Sharp, Brian Dunker, Alan Hirsch (and his 2 daughters), Tom Biggers, Terry Bisogno (our announcer), Fred Haslett, Kevin Kane (our photographer), and special thanks to the staff at Mulcahy's who do an outstanding job each year in helping us with the after party. Apologies for those names I have failed to mention.

Upcoming races includes the usual plethora of races Thanksgiving weekend as it has been a ritual for people to run on Thanksgiving Day.

One of those races is Rob's Run on Sunday November 29th. It is a cross country 5K that has a team competition. It is a busy weekend but perhaps four members can get together and we would have a team to enter in to the race. I do plan on running in it. A group email will be sent out if anyone else is interested in running it.

Other races:

- Nov. 7th Rockville Centre 10K/5K
- Northport X Country 4K
- Nov. 15th Mineola Mustang 5K
- Nov. 22nd Syosset 5K
- Nov. 26th Garden City Thanksgiving 5 Miles
- Port Washington 5 Miles
- Smithtown 5K
- Huntington 4 Miles
- Montauk 6 Miles
- Nov. 28th Heckscher St Park 5K
- Dec 5th Seaford 5K
- Dec. 6th Lynbrook 4 miles



Neil Delargy and Chistine Fugarazzo teaming up



Ray Cote with Farley LE Overall winner.



Neil Delargy and Chistine Fugarazzo teaming up

Retired Members

by John Nosovotich

MORT RICHMAN...helcat@bellsouth.net...I got your email address from a list of retired NCPD guys that was sent from police HQ. I am retired here in Florida and live in Stuart, FL. I have ran into Freddy Dubois, Jimmy Demaio and John Anderson, all guys we worked within the 6th pct. Do you know of any other 6th pct guys who live here in Florida? If you have a listing, I would appreciate it or if any of you guys from the 6th would like to drop a line my address is above. I will be going to the Nassau Blue in January in Orlando, Fl. Maybe I'll see you there. I hope you are well. {We'll see you there}

JOE GRELLA... jgrella@tampabay.rr.com ...Hey, how are you two doing??? Life down here is good. The hurricane season will soon be over and so far so good. For the most part it has been a good summer, lots of parties and guests.

We were on the Island in the beginning of the month {September} for almost a week. The grand twins turned 8. Arlene and I went upstate with my son, Joe and daughter in-law Kristin to their place in Masonville. We put up some more tree stands for the November hunt. With some luck the woods will be short a couple of bucks come the end of Nov. Arlene and I are leaving for Branson MO this weekend for a Submarine reunion. The last one was two years ago in Myrtle Beach SC. The boys sure looked like THEY put on some years from two years ago. Hey come to think about it, the guys at our Nassau Blue reunions seem to do the same thing. WOW, I wonder if that will happen to me? {Yes} We hope to see you in Jan. This reunion is at a new location which should meet everybody's expectations. As always a great deal of behind the scenes work goes into these reunions to make them a fond memory and this one not being an exception. We are looking forwards to seeing you and many others.

JACK WICHMANN...cop2919@comcast.net...I'll start off with my wife, stepdaughter and grandson. She took them to Italy. It was a birthday gift to her grandson. I stayed home and hit South Beach. When she returned, we drove to New York to attend a surprise party for my cousin's 90th Birthday, which was held at the Milleridge Inn, Jericho. The party was great. While I was there, I met a retired detective from N.Y. P.D. We spoke for awhile and he asked me if I knew Frank Cardone. Of course I do - this Ret. Detective's name is Bill Carbone. I also met relatives I never knew I had. While I was in New York I called my old next door neighbor of 18 years, Don Kane and Audrey. We spent a few hours there and had a nice time. That was Monday, June 22nd. On June 24th, Clara and I left Long Island and drove into Manhattan for a one night stay in New York City before we drove back to Florida. Needless to say on the way there, my daughter called me on my cell phone to let me know that Don had passed away. Needless to say that was a sad day. On the 25th. We drove back to Syosset and spent a few hours with Audrey Kane and her wonderful daughter. Unfortunately, we were unable to be present for the funeral and had to return to Florida. I am pleased that I did see Don and Audrey on that Monday. He was a real family man, a good friend, a good boss in their Homicide Sqd. and a cop's cop....Then On Sept. 7th, Clara and I took a 5-day cruise to the Caribbean and that was wonderful - and yes, I met a Suffolk County Cop on the Cruise..... It's a small world...The next trip is to The Nassau Blue Reunion...Just thought I'd let you know what I did this summer.

MARIO FURNO...BigM121@alo.com...Just received the September PBA Newsletter. Saw two and a half pages of retirees and only remembered a few of them. If I am not mistaken most of them were hired from 1977 on. Gosh I retired in 1987. Where in the hell did the time go. I read some of the precinct columns and they still talk about the same things we did, but I do not recognize any of them except those who write in the retired column. Even there, one retiree wrote he can remember the Blue and Orange patrol cars. Heck that is all we had, except for Highway patrol who had white. Am I

remembering right or is my memory failing me? In the list of police officers retiring there were a few ladies. I knew none of them. Barbara, I do have to say none were as pretty as you. I started thinking and found my retirement album. Remember them? It had my picture of when I came on the job. Then my picture when I became a detective. Was I ever that young? Then, of course, being a friend of Sam Livingston, for those who do not know him, he is a freelance photographer. He showed up at a lot of crime scenes and if I was there he made sure there was a picture of me which he forwarded to me. None of those pictures showed me with shiny shoes! Uniforms were clean, nice crease, but dirty shoes. I must have been a good laugh to some people. There were a few pictures at PBA and DAI dinner dances with several politicians and Police Commissioners. Also pictures when I was on the PBA negotiation team with Richie Hartman, Danny Greenwald, Dick Siniski and others. Pictures then had a lot of familiar faces of fellow Police Officers who I have not seen in years. Some of old friends who have since past away (TOO MANY OF THEM). Also several pictures of Nassau Blue reunions. Remember when we used to go out for one night at the Marriott hotel. It really brought back a lot of memories. It also brought back to mind a lot of old stories. The more I thought about it the more I realized I had some great times during my tenure as a Nassau County Police Officer and Detective. I still carry my old Detective shield, Proudly. Not just to show other Police Officers when I get stopped for a traffic infraction, but because I was Proud of the job and the men and ladies I worked with. I do not mind saying the more I thought about those times it brought a few tears to my eyes. Tears of joy and sorrow for times gone by. At our age we all know we have more years behind us than we have in front of us. The one really good thing about getting older, you remember far more of the good things than the bad.

JOHN ROWE...robo607@optonline.net...On January 27 and 28, 2010, NYPD SKI CLUB is having the annual ski races at Hunter Mountain N.Y. It is open to active and retired law enforcement officers. In the past Nassau County was well represented and over the last couple of years, we were represented by 3 or 4 members. Applications can be downloaded at www.nypdski.com A good time was always had by all. In the past Officers from Europe and Canada competed. Thank You

GUY HAMMERSMITH...sent by wife PAT...pghammersmith@yahoo.com If you have been watching the news of flooding here in the Atlanta vicinity and wondered how we made out, we and other members of the family are all okay. Although they showed pictures of Powder Springs under water, we do not live in that part of Powder Springs. We live in the unincorporated Village of Powder Springs which is about a half hour from the town. Our house is only minutes from Marietta, Acworth and Kennesaw. Our pharmacy is in Marietta and I do grocery shop, in Acworth and Department store shopping in Kennesaw, all within 4 to 20 minutes away. Our creek in the back of the house was just about dry. When the rains came it overflowed through the

entire wooded area out back and into a small area of the yard. Most of it receded when the sun came out. Our daughter had water pouring into one part of the basement which is located at the bottom of a good sized hill. The water came through the cement, but with two wet vac's and dozens of towels she and the children managed to sop it up. The kids had no school today and school is still closed tomorrow. We don't know how long they'll stay closed. Many of the roads and parts of the interstate are still flooded and closed, all the creeks and rivers overflowed and a few dams collapsed. Some areas got up to 20 inches of rain. It was horrendous. So far there are only 9 dead and some missing. They are still retrieving people from flooded areas today by boats. Some areas had gas leaks, some have no drinking water, some without electric and many others with out homes and cars. Some of the areas even had sewage backing up. One man summed it up by saying everything he worked for all his life is gone. So very sad. We got out today and saw some of the damage in our area, mostly flooded roads, mud slides and some trees down. Amazing what a heavy rain can do. It stormed with lightening and thunder constantly for over 9 hours and the heavy rain just kept coming down all day and night. Anyway, we are all fine here. Thank you to those of you who called to see how we made out. Thank God the rain stopped and now it's time to clean up the mess and try to help those less fortunate.

GREG VASQUEZ...210 Spindle Road, Hichsville, NY. 11801-6243...Read the September Newsletter Retired Column and you wanted to know how the summer went. Janet and I along with George and Margaret Reiber took a bus tour to Colorado. We were gone from August 14th to August 24th. We went along with the NYPD Holy Name Society. We had a wonderful time. Last year we did the same thing to Mount Rushmore, Badlands, Custer Park, Deadwood and even Notre Dame. This year we did almost 4,000 miles to Colorado. We visited Pikes Peak, U.S. Airforce Academy, U.S. Olympic Training Center and the Arch in St. Louis to name some of the places. Next August we are supposed to go to San Antonio (the Alamo) etc. The NYPD Holy Name Society and it's leader, Brian Reilly were among great bunch of people to be on a trip with. On August 1st, my wife and I traveled to Avon, Connecticut for the marriage of our Great Niece. It was great to see and talk to our relatives and friends. With the younger kids of today moving out of state (because N.Y is too expensive) it sometimes means we have to travel out of state. Janet and I had a busy summer, it was good to be able to get away. Maybe we will see you in January for Nassau Blue. Janet and I are holding up, next June I'll be retired 28 years. Who said I wouldn't last !!!

NASSAU BLUE REUNION.
JANUARY 21-24, 2010
RADISSON WORLD GATE RESORT
3011 MAINGATE LANE
KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA

All retired and active members from every Department that served in Nassau County are welcome. Bring your family and friends and have an extended vacation. You must make your own reservations by calling the Hotel at 1-866-705-7676 between 9 AM and 5:00 PM

Monday thru Friday and tell them you are attending the Nassau Blue Reunion. Hotel room rate is \$82, plus tax per night and includes a breakfast buffet each morning at the Savannah Grill. Rates are for two and good for 3 days before and after reunion dates. Cut off date for a guaranteed Nassau Blue room is December 22, 2009. No shows or cancellations for rooms are based on Hotel policy. Check in time is 4 PM. If you arrive early please come to the Hospitality Room until your room is ready.

Our Saturday evening Dinner will feature a presentation of fine foods to be followed by a delicious dessert. The festivities and a Cash Bar will start at 6:30 PM, dinner slightly later. Get together with your friends, make sure they all wish to sit at the same table. Indicate names on form below or see Kathy or Maureen at the Nassau Blue Check In table upon arrival. Our entertainment this year will be provided by Debi G with music for all ages. Cost per person will be \$46. 50/50 winners will be announced during the evening.

Hospitality Room Hours: Thursday 11AM till 1AM; Friday 7 AM till 1 AM; Saturday 7 AM till ? ? ? (CLOSED DURING DINNER SHOW 5 PM until 10:30 PM) and Sunday 7 AM till 10 AM. A Hospitality Fee of \$20 per person is required from ALL Nassau Blue.

Registered guests. Attendees with RESERVATIONS OFF property or with discounted room rates, fee will be \$45** per person. **Local Florida residents not included in upscaled fee. Checks for Dinner and Hospitality should be made payable to: "Nassau Blue Reunion Fund" and mailed to: Nassau Blue c/o Rich Buchan, 1309 Altoona Ave., Spring Hill, FL 34609

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ODDS AND ENDS..... Don Kain is off to Seattle, Washington to drop his daughter and grandsons off then will take the southern route back home... **Anne Wiley** is off to New York for her annual Thanksgiving visit with family.....**Joan Manney** wife of **Fred** had surgery in September, keep her in your prayers...**Joe Weissenberg** sends his regards to everyone from Commack -said he sees Andy Masino quite often..... My wife **Betty** and I, **John Nosovitch** will be celebrating our **50th Anniversary** on the 10th of December, don't know where those years have gone...**Jack Wichman**, when we were in San Antonio in September an old High School friend of ours and yours who now resides in Surprise, AZ was there for a reunion with his Shipmates who he served on the USS Massey, a destroyer during and after the Korean War. He said to say hello to you. Tim and Ann Ivers had an unexpected guest show up in their driveway and their red neck neighbor shot it! Only a 6 foot Rattlesnake. So big that is made the Chipley, FL newspaper. {good country living}

HEALTH AND WELFAREDeaths....

Our deepest sympathys to the families of **Richard W. Block, Richard J Tompson, Eric V Williams, Louis Ramu, Ed Carey, Anthony (Tony) Miranda, and Mel Placilla** our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Get Well Wishes to **Joan Manney**....

WRITER'S THOUGHTS..... Keep writing - it is your column. Send us your latest news or your happenings

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1st Precinct Retirees

by Neil Marconi

We meet on the first Thursday of every month at 0900 hours (summers included) at the Mediterranean Grill, 195 Bedford Avenue, Bellmore (2 blocks north of Sunrise Highway on the right hand side). Our next 3 breakfasts are November 5th, December 3rd and January 7th. Great company, good food, and a fun time had by all.

Our attendance at the breakfasts continues at very high numbers. We average between 30 - 40 retirees at the breakfasts each month and the breakfast just keeps on growing. All retirees (police and civilian) are welcome to join us.

We had 2 new retirees join us for the 1st time at our October breakfast. They are Detective Sergeant Charles Whidden who retired from the Chief of Detectives Office in 2000. Charles worked in the 1st Precinct from 1968 - 1976.

The second retiree was Bob Livotti. All of the retirees know Bob as he is President of ARPO and he also writes the ARPO newsletter. It was good to see both of these gentlemen and we know we will see them at all of our future breakfasts.

On a sad note Rickie Thompson was called to his heavenly reward. Richie was retired over 26 years and always maintained his great personality from the 1st day I met him. Please keep his wife Ann and their children in your thoughts and prayers.

We are planning a big 1st Precinct reunion in the fall of 2010. Plans are still being formulated. As soon as I have the details I will publish them here.

Please keep Bill Stegmuller in your prayers and thoughts with his recent hip surgery. This hip surgery is all due to Bill's disco dancing. I told him in the past he is getting a little old for that kind of dancing.

Any 1st Precinct retiree can give me information that they want published at our monthly breakfast or contact me at 516-433-1465 (3 J's Limousine number where I am most likely to be reached). We look forward to seeing everyone at the next month's breakfast.

Dino's Doin's

by Bob Baumann

27 tired old veterans of the 7th. Pct's anti-crime battles met in the Nautilus Diner, Massapequa at 1000 (or thereabouts!) for another round of good natured (and an occasional bit of not-so-good natured) jousting here and there and the usual telling and retelling of well worn job jokes and details of recent trips and those to come.

Bob Livotti reported Kevin Pleasants is in Mercy Hospital (1000 N. Village Ave, Rockville Centre, 2 minutes S. of Southern St. Pkwy.. on the E. side) undergoing daily rehab sessions, at 1600, to speed recovery from his recent cardiac valve replacement. He's lost 30 lbs. but his doctors want him to lose another 70.

Visiting hours are usually 0800 - 1600 but Kevin's might vary since his rehab sessions may be rescheduled on short notice. It's best therefore, ahead to check things out, with the Patient Info operator. at 516-705-1411, between 0900 and 2030 before making a trip which may prove frustrating and unnecessary.

Kevin has no phone, so you may hafta dance around his daily 1600 rehab sessions and random MD's visits; so please, no calls at or after 1600. Bob says the best way to go is to ask the operator for Kevin's info and be guided accordingly. (Don't be surprised if you find that some (most? all?) of this info has changed by the time you read this. Hopefully, and with God's blessings, Kevin should be recovering in his newly acquired digs, out east by then.)

Mike Weinum winner of this month's \$1.00 @ man drawing, is now responsible for the care and feeding of our' mascot, Dino, until our next bash, on Nov.2nd,

1st Timers and Late Comers: Tony Chiofalo, (Lt. Ret. from the 7th, in 1977) finally decided that making us wait 32 years to enjoy his company again, was punishment enough, so he wandered in, late. looking for familiar faces and (apparently) hoping someone would remember him! (No surprise there; he was rarely seen in a hurry.

The truth of the proverb, "Every sword cuts both ways" caused him to spend most of his time embarrassedly and sheepishly asking multiple, vaguely familiar faces for their names, assignments and service dates, etc. And, of course, the many regulars who asked him for the same info only added to his discomfort. Don't despair; as time passed, he gradually adjusted, relaxed, enjoyed himself and indicated he'll be back. (*) So now that we've acquainted him with our rather aberrant ways. we're looking forward to harassing him again, soon! (*) He thoughtfully spared us his version of the Governor's memorable quote, "I'll be back!!"

Late Arrival: Joe Juchter: Well not 100% late. He came somewhat early according to the clock, but was so many years late that no one present could recall just when he last dropped in. (Ever notice that those who live closest seem to be the ones who attend the least or arrive the latest? Hm. Wonder why that is

Next Breakfast Bash: Same place, same time, (same guys?) Nov. 2. C U there! Hope so.

An unusually small number of retired HPB Road Warriors (13 a record low!) met, for the usual, good natured shenanigans in the Paradise Diner, Hauppauge at 1000, Monday, Oct. 12. (It was surmised, by many present that the absentees were a bit confused by the intrusion of the Columbus Day Holiday on our years long custom of regarding the 2nd Monday of each month, as OURS! So much for tradition!)

John Burns en route, from FL to up-state NY and New England to visit family and friends and to enjoy the beautiful autumn foliage, dropped by to the consternation of the majority present who found it difficult to put his face and name in proper perspective but who welcomed him enthusiastically, nonetheless.

Pres. Jack Jupre, seen, for the first time in months (all the golf courses must've been closed for the holiday!) thoughtfully included Dick Block's sudden, recent passage, in our customary moments of reflection, at the conclusion of our recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Urz Trooly reveled in winning the monthly \$1.00 @ man drawing, until he realized that due to the weak attendance the numbers involved resulted in the best possible outcome: a flat-out break even! Oh, well. There's always next month.

Vic Dolgos, deprived of the light usually provided by a full moon" found he couldn't remember exactly where in his back yard, he'd buried the stash of goodies he usually taps. For a second monthly drawing. So he took a pass on it for our Oct. festivities. (Your penalty. for this unforgivable failure, Vic, is to dig deeper [moon or no moon; no excuses!] and bring twice as many additional goodies for the Nov. bash! And don't sign off sick to dodge it, either, or else!)

Bob Livoti reported Kevin Pleasant's location and condition, etc.) remains basically the same as reported in this column's 2nd para. Your prayers, calls and visits will be greatly appreciated

Next brawl: Nov. . Same time, same place. C U There? Hope so.

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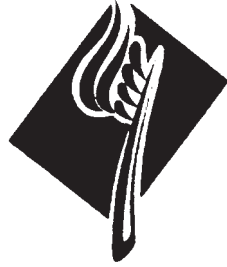
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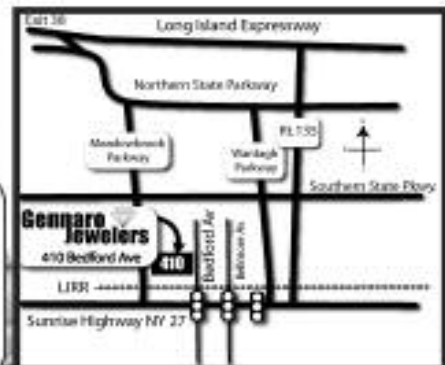
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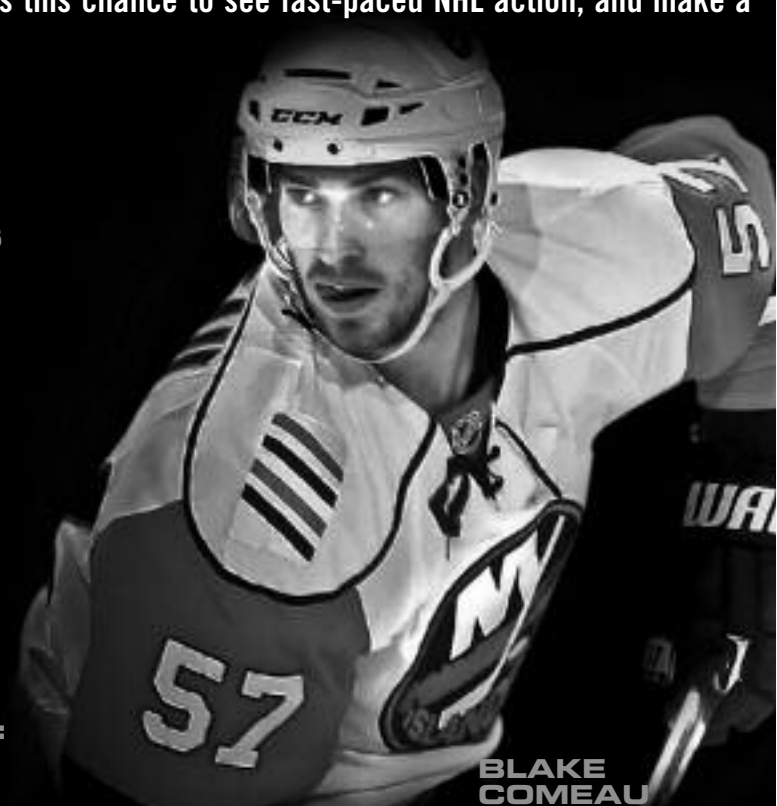
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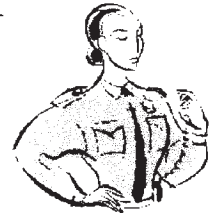
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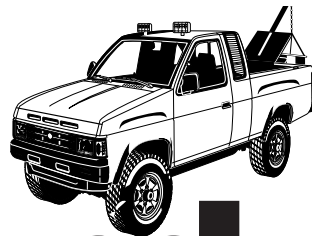
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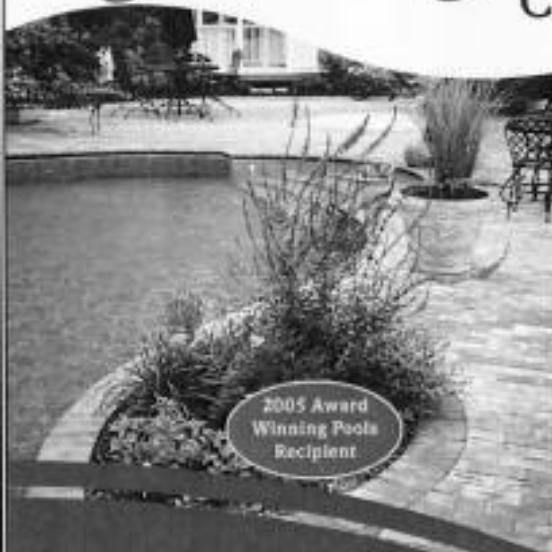
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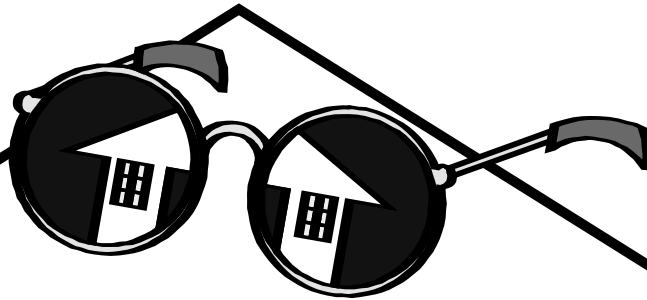
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