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Message from the President... **William A. Bourguignon**



colleagues. We will continue to support their families and to support one another. In times like these, we are reminded that this profession is more than a job, it is a brotherhood and sisterhood built on a connection of the dangers we all face every day on and off the job.

I want to congratulate all of our newly retired Detectives and associate members who were able to take advantage of the buyout incentive. We wish you Godspeed on all your future endeavors, many pension checks, and lots of quality time with friends and family.

I would also like to remind our retired members that our Retired Members Luncheon will be held on April 15th at Chris and Tony's. This event is a great opportunity to reconnect, share stories, and honor the decades of service that helped build the DAI into what it is today. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP as soon as possible so we can ensure we have an accurate headcount.

I want to take a moment to reflect on the profound loss our department has faced in 2026. Our hearts still hurt tremendously as we mourn the devastating loss of Police Officer Ledwith and Police Officer Espinosa. Their passing has left a huge void within our Department.

On behalf of the DAI, I extend our deepest condolences to their families, friends, and

Our home Golf Chairman, Trustee Tom Roche, has gotten things underway for our 48th Annual Home Golf Outing at Hempstead Country Club on April 17th. It is going to be another great outing and we look forward to seeing everyone. We are praying for great weather like we had last year.

Lastly, please do not listen to or entertain rumors. We are not at the contract table yet, our contract will be expiring in a few months and there will surely be misinformation and rumors out there. Once contract negotiations have commenced I will let the membership know. Please reach out to me or anyone on the board if you have any questions. My door is always open and my phone is always on for you.

Stay safe and look out for one another please.

OPEN MEETING SCHEDULE 2026

1700hrs – VFW – Levittown

55 Hickory Lane

***LOCATION AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

JANUARY 22, 2026

APRIL 27, 2025
(Home Golf Outing)

FEBRUARY 26, 2026

MAY 28, 2026

MARCH 26, 2026

JUNE 11, 2026
(DAI Picnic)

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1st Vice President...

Christopher G. Kelly



The start of this year has brought an interesting time for our department. We congratulate the many Detectives, Chiefs, Cops, and Supervisors on their well-earned retirements. With the same respect, we also recognize and congratulate all

members who have recently been promoted and are stepping into new roles. There are too many promotions and retirements to list individually, but do not think for a second that the Detectives' Union is not thinking of every one of you. Your work is appreciated.

We also pause to honor two recent losses our department has suffered: Police Officer Sean Ledwith and Police Officer Patricia Espinosa. Your service will never be forgotten. Please continue to keep their families and each other in your thoughts and prayers.

This session has been busy. We are tracking over 50 bills and working on writing up a few more. If you ever have a thought or concern about a law or something that would benefit the law enforcement community, please let us know. Please reach out to me personally. I met with

multiple Assembly and Senate offices, attended three fundraisers, and engaged in targeted relationship-building to move our priorities forward. Even the lighter moments mattered. I am organizing a small, controlled meeting for relationship-building designed to keep lines of communication open.

As we head into March, please keep the following in mind: May 5th is NYS police Memorial Day. The week of May 11 is National Police Memorial Week, and the candlelight vigil is on Wednesday, May 13.

Members, active or retired, you are welcome to stop by the office to say hello and discuss any concerns.

Family 1st, be safe and enjoy

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The start of this year has seen its ups and downs for sure. Reflecting on both the pride and weight of our profession. We celebrate the well-earned retirements of numerous Chiefs, Supervisors and Detectives who have accomplished many milestones throughout their respective careers of dedication and sacrifice along with the new promotions of members that will be taking their place which are too many to name. To all I say congratulations on a well-deserved retirement along with congratulating all the members who have been recently promoted as I look forward to working with everyone.

Yet we also pause to reflect on two recent losses this department has suffered in tragically losing Police Officer Sean Ledwith and Police Officer Patricia Espinosa. Their service and sacrifice will never be forgotten; we will never forget them! In times like these, it is great to see everyone come together to show support to their respective families and to support each other in these difficult times. May they rest in peace.

As we are about to start the month of March, with hopefully no more snow and warmer temperatures coming. I encourage all members new and old to come stop into the office and talk to us. For those who do not know, please make sure to take advantage of our legal plan, which includes Wills, Living Wills, and Power of Attorney. If going out on sick leave, remember to submit a doctor's note to MAO for the days missed to avoid being put on the sick leave abuser list. If you are notified as a subject or a witness for IAU, please notify a union rep immediately!

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Treasurer

Eric E. Sperling



Hello everyone. Who's ready for this winter to be over? I sure am. I'm definitely ready for the heat and summer. With that being said, this year is in full swing and we are taking care of business in the Union office, up in Albany and in Mineola working hard to make sure our DAI stays strong and only gets stronger. We were boosting our numbers to record levels and now with the buyout and promotions we have lost many seasoned Detectives. A lot of knowledge has now left the job and there will be many positions in all units that will need to be filled.

Although our Pct. Squads are now young, there are a lot hard chargers within them to make the moves to specialty squads and allow more Police Officers to come up and take on the challenge of becoming Detectives.

I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the families of Police Officers Sean Ledwith and Patty Espinosa. My prayers and thoughts are with them all, but when horrific tragedies occur within our job, we all come together and I was proud to stand with all our brothers and sisters at the services for their families. I knew Sean from the First Pct when I was a 1SQ Detective. He was such a great guy. I did not have the pleasure of knowing Patty, but hearing everything about her she seemed like such a wonderful woman, wife and mother, and I hope they both rest in Eternal Peace.

Attention retired members: Retired Guys Luncheon – Chris and Tony's Restaurant - April 15, 2026 1300hrs. – 1600hrs. If you didn't make the first annual dinner last year please try and make this. It was a great time had by all.
2026 DAI Home Golf Outing: Hempstead Golf & Country Club – April 27, 2026. Sign-ups will

be going out soon. Foursomes book extremely fast so please get yours in if you'd like to join us. It's always a great day!!!

I want to congratulate all our retirees. I have worked with all of you in some capacity and it was a great ride. May you all enjoy this next chapter in your lives and I hope to see you at our events. If I missed your walk out or last buy and haven't personally reached out to you already last week, I apologize. I was away on a family vacation. To our members who have been promoted: I wish you the best of luck.

Sadly, year to date, there have been 21 Line of Duty Deaths in our country. Please watch your backs and the backs of our brothers and sisters in blue.

Keep up the hard work!!! My door is always open and my phone is always on if anyone ever needs anything.

God Bless, Stay Safe

Recording Secretary

Vincent Chiarelli



We began this year with the heartbreaking loss of Officer Ledwith and Officer Espinosa. Both were outstanding police officers and even better people. They will forever be missed.

The support shown by our department during this difficult time was nothing short of extraordinary. When tragedy strikes, it doesn't matter whether we personally knew the officer or their family — we show up. We show up to honor our fallen. We show up to support their families.

I would also like to congratulate all of our members who retired and accepted the buyout. Thank you for your years of hard work and dedication. You have more than earned the opportunity to enjoy the next chapter — may it be filled with health, happiness, and well-deserved relaxation.

This will be a busy year, especially with ongoing contract negotiations. I strongly encourage

everyone to attend the open meetings and bring any questions or concerns forward. Your involvement and engagement are critical as we move ahead.

I am also looking forward to our home golf outing on April 27, 2026, at Hempstead Golf and Country Club. Trustee Tom Roche and the committee have done an outstanding job organizing what promises to be a great event.

Let's continue to support one another and stand united in the year ahead.

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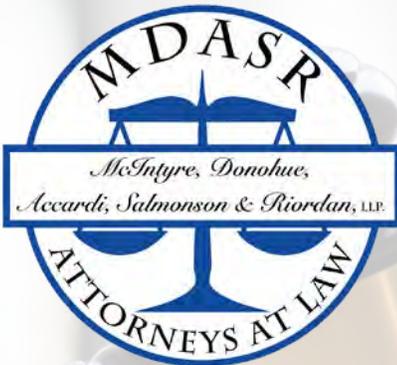


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Joseph A. Philbin



PO Ledwith and PO Espinosa. Both of whom were outstanding people I worked with Sean Ledwith in the 1st and he was such a great guy to be around and a great guy to have backing you up! I worked with Patti Espinosa in the 5th, and yet again, just an amazing person. Patti was such a great active cop, and when she would call up to the squad and ask, "Who's Esquealin?" you could count on getting a good case because she did a great job. I will miss them both dearly.

Looking forward, we are going to see a large number of retirements and some shaking up of the upper ranks of the department. As you know, we were in favor of the voluntary separation incentive payment (VSIP) program the county offered. I think it is truly a great opportunity for our members who have worked so hard for so many years, being dedicated law enforcement professionals. I admire our members who have continuously given their time to the people of Nassau County, working long nights, birthdays, and holidays while missing time with their own families. Now is their time to enjoy the fruits of their labor and enjoy their retirement.

I hope you are staying warm as we go through this brutal winter. It has been quite a winter to say the least; however, we are almost through it. We have also had a rough winter from a department standpoint as we lost 2 great people,

In talking about retirement, I must continue to beat the drum of deferred comp. Everyone should be saving in their 457 plans as much as feasible. Benefits promised by municipalities are great, but as we have seen in the past, they can also be used as the cookie jar to take from to pay for the promises made on campaign trails. The most recent example of this is our neighbor, Mayor Zorhan Mamdani, who in an attempt to make good on his promises, proposed taking \$229 million from his retiree health benefits trust. Now, regardless of where you fall on the political spectrum, you have to recognize the dangerous practice this is, and unfortunately, this isn't the first time something like this has happened. Even though I don't believe any elected official would try this in Nassau County, because of the scrutiny they receive from us when they get interviewed. It serves as a great example of why you must plan and save for your retirement instead of banking on the promises of politicians.

Stay warm, Stay SAFE and have fun. My phone is always on.

Trustee's Corner...

Thomas A Roche



April 27, 2026, at the Hempstead Golf Club. The flyer for this event will be emailed out soon. Hope to see you all there. The buyout has begun, and we will need to wait to see how many members take advantage of this opportunity and its impact on the Detective Division's staffing levels. Congratulations to all members taking advantage of the buyout, and I wish them well as they begin a new chapter in their lives. For the members who will be here after the buyout, it may be a great time to move to a different command or a special squad. If you want to move to a different command or special squad, you have to write a letter to your direct supervisor. Please partner with your union representative when submitting these requests, so they can be involved in the process. After the buyout is completed, the job will then begin promoting new Sergeants to replace members who took advantage of the buyout, resulting in more detectives leaving the division. The next step will be to try to recruit

Spring is almost here, and it's definitely cold out there. The snow cannot melt fast enough. Please mark your calendars for the DAI home golf outing, which has been scheduled for Monday,

new members for the division. This is where all members will have to work together to recruit the best and brightest to replace the members that left. All squads in the division will be affected by this buyout, but we can overcome the loss of these members by working together to solve this issue. I have visited a lot of squads, and the members have great ideas for the next contract. I have forwarded your ideas to the board to better understand the members' needs. Keep brainstorming on ideas so that we can make the division a career path and help us retain members, because that is our true problem. The reason that a lot of members leave for promotion is that they are Tier 6 and their base salary is tied to their pension. If we can change the current contract model and make the division a career path, we will retain the best that this job has to offer. Always remember to be safe and remember to laugh every day. My phone is always on for you.

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Trustee's Corner...

Nikolas Budimlic



Law Enforcement Night will be held on October 29, 2026, at Leonard's of Great Neck, beginning at 6:00 PM. We will be meeting soon to finalize our award nominees. If you would like to nominate someone for an award, please reach out to a member of the committee or the board.

Congratulations to all those who have taken the buyout. We sincerely thank you for the dedication and commitment you have shown throughout

your careers. Your contributions have helped make this job and our organization the success it is today.

Thank you, and best wishes in this next chapter.

Trustee's Corner...

Sean M. Keeffe



I would like to congratulate all the members of the Department who are taking the buyout and moving on to the next chapter of their lives. It is definitely a well-deserved retirement for everyone. That being said, there is definitely some uncertainty for the department. Many supervisors and senior detectives are leaving. All of those rolls will need to be filled. The job is going to look a lot different at the end of this year.

Hopefully, these changes will provide the opportunity to improve the job and the DD. I encourage the new chiefs and COs to come down to commands and speak with the rank and file. It

would be great to see an open dialogue between senior leadership and the detectives themselves to improve the DD. Often when I stop in at commands, I hear great ideas from detectives that could improve the services we offer county residents.

This will be a big year politically. There are going to be a lot of elections. Chris, Joe and myself have been having a lot of conversations, watching, and taking notes on what politicians are saying in the news and on social media.

The picnic will be on June 11th. I am sure everything is looking forward to some nice weather!

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Biography

Ms. Zuvich graduated summa cum laude from Hofstra University. She received her law degree from St. John's University School of Law where she attended on a scholarship from the Thomas Shortmann Academic Scholarship Fund, 32BJ Employee's Union.

Ms. Zuvich also holds the following distinctions:

- 2008 Suffolk County Woman's Bar Association's President's Award
- 2010 Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition "Celebrating America: An Inter-Generational Heroes' Celebration"
- 2011 Doris S. Hoffman Outstanding New Lawyer Award
- 2011 Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition "A Hero in Service, A Hero at Home"
- 2012-13 Suffolk County Woman's Bar Association President
- 2016 New York Times Magazine Top Attorneys in Metro New York Rising Stars
- 2018 Lawyers of Distinction Excellence in Estate Planning Law
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2nd Squad

It's hard to believe we will be golfing in two months after getting another two feet of snow, but the DAI golf outing can't come soon enough in April. Big Congratulations to Dennis O'Leary and Lt. Pontillo both having their first child this past month. Last week 2sq Det Rhambrose was promoted to the rank of Captain in the US Army reserves. Myself and a few other members of the squad were fortunate to attend the ceremony which was held at Fort Totten in Queens. Congratulations Nate, job well done. Be safe and hope to see everyone at the DAI golf outing in April.

Christopher Murtha

3rd Squad

Congratulations are in order to Det. Thomas Dluginski, Det. Carl Strange, and D/Sgt. John Lezamiz who will be leaving us for the sweet retirement life. Tommy started his career in 1987 as an AMT with our Department and was fortunate enough to be hired as a Police Officer in 1995, where he worked for 10 years in the Third Precinct, partnered with Carl in 315 car, who was also hired in the same class. In 2005 they made the jump upstairs to the 3rd Squad and have worked together ever since. Both of them have handled thousands of cases throughout their time here, from the most miniscule of matters to multiple stints in Homicide and have numerous awards to show for their dedication. Tommy and Carl have guided numerous Detectives, Cops, and Supervisors with their wisdom throughout the years that will leave a huge void to fill. Carl's impressions, witty humor, and sweet heart of a personality will also be sorely missed in this office as he always made everyone laugh every tour. We wish you both a long, healthy, and well-deserved retirement!

D/Sgt. John Lezamiz came to us in 2016 and has been the Deputy Commanding Officer since 2021. John was hired in 1994, and assigned to the Fourth Precinct until he was promoted to Sgt. in 2003 and sent to the First Precinct. I have had the pleasure of working with John in the First Precinct for a few years before re uniting with him here in the Third Squad. The number of laughs, stories shared at the dinner table, the extraditions, and chaotic nights we had will always be a fond memory of mine with John. John, we all wish you well in your retirement, and we are sure your son will continue on your legacy in this department right where you left off!

The Third Squad would like to wish all former members, as well as members from the Division a Happy and Healthy Retirement. The vacuum of experience loss to the Division is tremendous, but

we hope everyone gets every single year out of that pension that they deserve!

Mike Echavarria
Third Squad Delegate

4th Squad

Congratulations to Chris Smith and Michelle Thomas on their retirements, best of luck. We recently picked up new detectives Mike Pagonis and Kate Bazarewski, both with prior law enforcement experience. 4SQ also signed Anthony Albanese back onto its roster, glad to have you back pal.

We're the busiest we've ever been, but the beat goes on with good detectives and knowledgeable bosses.

Lastly, I want to thank Debra Olson in our time office, because she keeps the ship running behind the scenes.

Sean Burns

5th Squad

Welcome to our newly promoted members Nick D'Alessandro, Mark Murray, and Pat Fitzmaurice. They have already shown the work ethic necessary to work in the Fifth Squad and are fitting in nicely. A huge congratulations is in order for Detective Chris Cillis and former 5th Squad member Detective Chris DiGregorio for making an arrest in the high profile 2021 acid case that drew national attention. Your work has brought it one step closer to its conclusion and towards delivering justice for the victim that was left seriously injured. A thank you is also well-deserved to the members of ELS for the amount of investigatory support they provided as well as everyone in the 5th that helped along the way.

A special shout out is deserved for Detective Chris Macaluso on the arrest of a 61-year-old for stalking a juvenile on multiple occasions while she was walking home from school, Detective Jack Bonner for an arrest made for a robbery 1st of a 7-11, and Detectives Carolyn Wilson and Chris Cillis for an arresting a suspect and linking them to four commercial burglaries. Your hard work on these cases does not go unnoticed.

Lastly, we would like to invite everyone to the Fifth Precinct retirement party on March 25, 2026 at Plattduetsche Park to honor the careers of eleven Fifth Precinct Police Officers as well as our very own Detective 1st Grade Charles Pentola. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Stay safe and be well

Dan Nordland

6th Squad

The New Year 2026 has brought many positive changes to the 6th Squad. First, I would like to congratulate our CO, D/LT Gibbs on his well-deserved promotion. He is a true gentleman and a great leader of the 6SQ. Also, congratulations to Det Billy McEvoy on his transfer to FMP. Bill was a great rep and will be missed. Also, congratulations to Sgt Gina Lesnick on her promotion, Det Angelika Horowitz on her transfer to Rogues and Det Greg Raddock on his transfer to HQ. We wish all the best of luck! Last but not least we welcome Det Mike Shimer, Det Nick Villanueva, and Det Kyle Watson to the 6SQ as valuable new detectives. I want to personally commend all the Detectives in the 6SQ for all of their hard work on cases and collars! It does not go unnoticed. The 6sq may not be the typical "busy house" but we are a class act and an "A house". The DD is a great place to work. There is always something new and interesting to learn and work on. There is no such thing as a perfect job, but this is pretty darn close! Help each other out, back each other up, stay safe, and watch your 6.

Andrew Colonna 6SQ

7th Squad

I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays.

We lost two great guys to retirement and we are so happy for them, congratulations Hans Richter and Sean Considine. You guys will be missed.

I know that stupid little groundhog predicted 6 more weeks of winter and he seems to be spot on, please stop snowing! Everyone be safe out there and before you know it we'll be back enjoying our outdoor events like the golf outing and picnic.

Taylor stone

8th Squad

Greetings from Bethpage, I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday season and is making the best of dealing with our seemingly endless winter that we're all going through.

Congratulations to Frank Quincy who will be retiring after twenty years on our job. Frank has been with us just over a year but it's been a pleasure

having you. Congratulations to all the members of our department that are taking advantage of the buyout. Enjoy your retirements.

Congratulations to Bobby Haubold and his wife on welcoming twins!

Stay safe,
Thomas Leavey

HQ 2

It's been a brutal winter and everyone is tired of all the snow. It's been a long time since we have seen storms like this. I am looking forward to the spring and warm weather. The Homicide Squad along with VCARS has been very busy with active cases, cold cases, and trials. Everyone is staying busy and the time is flying by. Congratulations to D/Capt Stephen Fitzpatrick on your retirement 40 years of service. Steve worked in this office as a sergeant, lieutenant, and captain. Congratulations on the upcoming retirements of Detective Lyndon John and Detective Jason Gaertner. They both have over 32 years of service and will be missed. With over 100 years of combined service, the Homicide Squad is losing three members with extensive knowledge and experience. D/Lt George Darienzo is officially the new commanding officer and we look forward to working with him. George has wanted this spot for over a decade and has earned his new title. Welcome D/Lt Daniel Steller and D/Sgt Christian Schuh. This is a great office and is different than any other place in the Detective Division. All of the cases are serious regardless of the investigation. We are held to a very high standard and are subjected to countless demands. Everyone in the office steps up and we bring the cases in together as a team. We look forward to working with you.

Everyone already knows this, but do not go out on any assignments, investigations or interviews alone. No investigation is more important than your safety and well-being. Always feel free to reach out with any questions or complaints.

Stay safe and always do the right thing!

Jim Malone

HQ 3

The Major Case and Gang Investigation Squads are entering a new chapter following the retirements of Detective Sergeant Bob Conklin, Ronnie Moore, First Grade Detectives Charlie Decaro, Brian Parpan, and Stew Cabanillas, and Detective Second Grade John Herman. These five investigators represent decades of elite experience and an unwavering commitment to seeking justice for victims of the county's most serious crimes. We are profoundly grateful for their 30-plus years of service and the invaluable mentorship they provided to the next generation

of detectives. Gentlemen, we wish you health and happiness in this next chapter. Enjoy your families, stay safe, and enjoy every cent of that pension—you certainly earned it. A big welcome to Detective Lt. Lenny Mathewson as he joins GIS. Having worked with him previously, I can say he is a complete professional and a pleasure to investigate cases with. Lenny is the kind of leader who always has his unit's back, offering the steady support and guidance necessary for the work we do. Our units are here to help! Please reach out to us if you have questions about working a case, prepping for the DA's Office, or if there is anything else we can do to support you.

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Eddie Hoctor

HQ 4

2Welcome to the New Look NCPD

As March begins NVS as well as the whole department will have a completely new look. For NVS we are losing a great amount of experience with buy out and recent young additions have gone the supervisor's route. Congratulations to Mark Maniet, Sam Rozzi, Rob Candela, Kevin Kenney, Gene Piccirillo and Kevin O'brien. The number of years of experience between these men is countless and will be hard to replace. I enjoyed working with all of you, sad to see you go, but happy you are getting to enjoy your retirements. Congratulations also to Mike Cerilli and Tom Daly for their recent promotions to Sargent. Hopefully you find your way back to NVS at some point.

Now for those living under a rock, if you have not heard NVS members with assistance of CRRT made one of the largest cocaine arrests in NYS history; 312 kil of cocaine. Great work by all members involved, the case hopefully will lead to future arrests and larger seizures down the road. Great way to start the year.

Hopefully the snow, melts and we can start to have some nice weather around here. As always, remember, let's be careful out here.

Hillman

HQ 6

Sending out a big congratulations to Detective Daniela Farrell of SVS as well as Bill Danton and Ray Thomas of ABS on their retirements! Wishing you all a prosperous and healthy retirement. May you enjoy many fruitful years after your many years of service to the department.

Stephanie Mosquera

HQ 7

I'd like to offer condolences to the family of PO Espinosa from the 5th Pct. That kind of loss is unimaginable for a family to suffer. Please keep them in your prayers.

A lot of retirements. A lot of movement. All good things. We just lost a lot of great experience all at once. While the dust settles, and new people fill now vacant spots, there will undoubtedly be growing pains while adjusting. Be patient and helpful as people learn new roles.

Good luck to all the retirees in your new chapters! Worst case scenario, I hear the job is looking to add 400 new Clerk Typist positions in the next six months.

Here in Intel, we say farewell to Jim Murphy! Jim was one of the original Intel detectives when the unit started. His quick and dry humor will be missed around the office. The first time I ever asked him for help with something, he offered assistance without hesitation. The second time I ever asked him for help with something (about an hour later), he told me he was sick of carrying me. Farewell Jim! Good luck in retirement, and thank you for your years of dedicated service.

An honorable mention farewell to Body Worn Camera D/Sgt. Danny Haggerty, (a former Intel detective). Danny often walks by a desk on his way to the kitchen, engages you in a quick conversation, and all of a sudden, an hour has passed like time travel. Dan, your departure will mean a lot of unexplored rabbit holes of conversation and contemplation of all things in the universe. Good luck and farewell!

Don't put the snowblowers away yet...
Stay safe!

Dan Kennedy

HQ 8

Crime Scene has said goodbye to Jon Paloscio and has welcomed 1st squad Detective Steve McCarthy. The incentive retirements are moving along at a fast pace, seeing so much experience leave is a bit shocking. It is obviously time for the next generation to be that experienced Detective or Cop. Crime Scene Issues: A continuous reminder that all impounded cars need to be called into Crime Scene for processing. Also, once you arrive at a scene and you determine Crime Scene is needed, take some time to gather as much information as possible that pertains to what you need us to do, before you make the call. Be prepared to answer questions so we can prepare for what we need to do at the scene. If you cannot remain at scene, a Detective should be there. Good luck to all those who are leaving with the incentive your knowledge and experience will be missed.

Tony Rempel

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“Like it is...”

Retired Delegate Raymond Gene



I am back to write a few paragraphs in the Squeal Desk to tell it “Like it is.”

I cannot believe it's 2026. Welcome to a brand-new year. As we get older our health concerns increase. We ask ourselves, what's coming next? We see that a lot of our colleagues are experiencing age related health issues. Now is the time that, as a group, we have to come together and assist one another, whether it be a phone call or a visit. It only takes a few minutes to let someone know that you're thinking of them in their time of need. A phone call to the DAI office, 516-681-8442, Nicole can assist you in obtaining that retiree's phone number. Please keep in touch with those in need and lend a helping hand if you can. If not, reach out to me and I will do my best to help out. For those who know former Det. Bill Bishop, be aware that he is homebound and would appreciate a phone call.

Upcoming events for those who cannot attend our meetings;

AFD Home Golf Outing 6/8/2026 Middle Island CC

AFD 2nd Annual Away Golf Outing 9/20-21-22 Resorts World Casino, Monticello, NY.

Exciting News: Baseline Health is returning this March to provide Preventative Wellness Physicals for all Nassau County Police officers. This benefit is open to all Nassau Police unions: PBA, DAI, and SOA.

Retirees and family members are welcome. The Baseline Medical RV will be stationed at the

Nassau County PBA office in Plainview on:

- March 24
- March 27

what's included in Your Baseline Physical? Your comprehensive physical (45–60-minute) includes: Physician assessment with EKG, pulmonary function testing, and blood pressure checks Blood work panels covering cholesterol (LIPID), kidney and liver functions (CMP), thyroid (TSH), prostate (PSA), testosterone (free & total), Lyme Titer, and more

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Everyone should take advantage of the above. For those who know me know that, I get a great deal of health-related questions, especially about the heart. Yes, I have one, but its a little f—ked up. It's what's called an “Orange Heart.” If you have a heart related issue, I would be glad to give you my opinion, my experiences and some advice, which will always be confidential unless I see that there is a way of making some money. Only joking folks

Let's get back to basics. This winter has been a horror. I use to make fun of all you snow blower enthusiasts for using your machines to rack leaves. But thank God, you had them available. What a winter we've had. Thank the dear lord that I live in a community where the snow removal is taken care of by my HOA. Remember guys and girls, be very careful when shoveling or using those heavy snow blowers because it puts a great deal of stress on the heart.

A notification has been put out by the DAI Exec Board regarding an upcoming Retired Members luncheon on Wednesday April 15, 2026 at Chris & Tony's Restaurant, 352 Jericho Tpke, Syosset between the hours of 1 PM – 4 PM. It is important that you RSVP to the DAI office prior to April 1st so they can get a head count (516) 681-8442. The last event at Patricia's was a huge success but there was no head count and it doubled what was expected. As you should be aware April 15th is Tax Day so if you are paying Uncle Sam, make sure you get to the luncheon

for a free meal. All kidding aside, the board is making a concerted effort to bond with the retired members. And this would be a good time to bring up questions, bitches or make suggestions to them.

I attended the Honorary 2026 Irishman of the year event in Queens honoring our Commissioner Patrick Ryder. Great event! Well-deserved award for a man that always has our (Retirees) backs. I don't call him often, but when I do, he always does the right thing.

A new year is upon us and we can expect more bad news as we get older. A quick story! The other day my wife walked in on me while I was showering. I had my boxer shorts on. She yelled at me for forgetting, concerned that I might have early-stage Alzheimer's. I explained to her that, lately, since I last passed a mirror, I've been wearing them so that, if I drop dead, I won't be embarrassed being naked.

And on a serious note, a very special friend of mine who will remain anonymous shared with me a poem that his Dad wrote after the passing of my friend's daughter. I asked him if I could share this poem with you so that you may relate it to a loved one of yours.

Danielle

*Danielle will be forever twelve,
And that's the tragic truth.
Yet, in my heart she'll always have
An everlasting youth.
The years go by, and still I cry,
No matter what will be,
I find that when I weep for her,
I really weep for me.
And then, one day, I realized
This mourning, Oh so sad
Made me forget, the joyous times
And all the fun we had.
Right then and there, I swore an oath
I'd reminisce a while,
Remembering the happy days
And how she made me smile
Somehow the sadness lingers on
But not quite like before.
For now each tear is gentled by
The happiness of yore.*

-J.W.

And that my friend's is telling it, “Like it is.”

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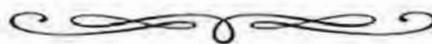
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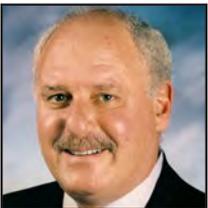
The Association notes the passing of the following retired member(s):



Retired Detective Albert S. Carey Jr.
Central Detectives Squad
Appointed 06/11/1970, Retired 01/09/2003



Retired Detective John J. Comiskey
Robbery Squad
Appointed 01/14/1972, Retired 10/26/2006



Retired Detective Robert C. DeRosa
Narcotics/Vice Bureau
Appointed 04/14/1967, Retired 11/07/2000



Retired Deputy Chief of Patrol Otto Geiger
Patrol Division
Appointed 02/15/1956, Retired 02/05/1992



Retired Detective Richard F. Gentile
Major Case Squad
Appointed 04/14/1967, Retired 05/22/1987



Retired Detective Roy W. Mathison
Central Detectives Squad
Appointed 01/13/1984, Retired 03/22/2012



Retired Detective Robert T. Rafferty
Sixth Squad
Appointed 04/16/1965, Retired 05/04/1989



Retired Detective Peter E. Schaaf Sr.
Special Investigations Services
Appointed 09/24/1971, Retired 01/31/1994

May they rest in peace

Retired Members

The Association wishes to extend best wishes to the following members for a happy and healthy retirement

Detective Michael J. Bitsko
Public Information Office
9/30/2005 – 2/18/2026

Detective Charles A. DeCaro
Major Case Squad/Robbery
3/1/2005 – 2/19/2026

Detective Stewart Cabanillas
Gang Investigation Squad
9/30/2005 – 2/19/2026

Detective Thomas J. Dluginski
Third Squad
9/30/2005 – 2/19/2026

Detective Robert J. Candela
Narcotics Vice Squad
12/20/2006 – 2/19/2026

Detective Anthony F. Draghi
Fugitive/Missing Persons
9/25/2006 – 2/19/2026

Detective Elizabeth Campos
Fugitive/Missing Persons
12/20/2008 – 2/25/2026

Detective Captain Stephen E. Fitzpatrick
Homicide Squad
11/25/2002 – 2/19/2026

Detective Sergeant Robert Conklin
Major Case Squad/Robbery
12/21/2004 – 2/19/2026

Detective Jason J. Gaertner
Homicide Squad – VCARS
3/1/2005 – 3/5/2026

Detective Sean Considine
Seventh Squad
6/12/2017 – 2/12/2026

Detective John C. Herman
Major Case Squad/Robbery
12/15/2017 – 2/19/2026

Retired Members

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Detective Lieutenant John J. Holmes
Strategic Response Team
7/27/2020 – 2/19/2026

Detective John M. Lyndon
Homicide Squad
4/24/2009 – 3/5/2026

Detective Kerri Ann Hoover
Fugitive/Missing Persons
8/11/2015 – 2/19/2026

Detective Mark E. Maniet
Narcotics Vice Squad
12/20/2006 – 2/19/2026

Detective Captain Thomas Iervese
Internal Affairs Unit/
Superior Officer Association
7/8/2002 – 2/19/2026

Detective Gina A. Mercogliano
Fugitive/Missing Persons
5/11/2018 – 2/19/2026

Detective Martin A. Johnstone
Electronics Squad
2/22/2013 – 2/18/2026

Detective James J. Murphy
Asset/Forfeiture Intel
11/30/2003 – 2/19/2026

Assistant Chief William M. Leahy
Chief of Supports Office
12/11/2000 – 2/19/2026

Inspector Thomas J. Murphy
Seventh Precinct
10/15/2007 – 3/5/2026

Detective Sergeant John C. Lezamiz
Third Squad
3/30/2021 – 2/19/2026

Detective Jon R. Paloscio
Crime Scene Section
6/12/2017 – 1/8/2026

Retired Members

The Association wishes to extend best wishes to the following members for a happy and healthy retirement

Detective Brian D. Parpan
Major Case Squad/Robbery
1/22/2004 – 2/19/2026

First Deputy Commissioner Kevin P. Smith
Commissioners Office
11/18/2014 – 3/5/2026

Detective Gene J. Piccirillo
Narcotics Vice Squad
5/22/2015 – 2/19/2026

Detective Carl M. Strange
Third Squad
9/25/2006 – 2/19/2026

Detective Hans E. Richter
Seventh Squad
9/25/2006 – 2/12/2026

Detective Sergeant Robert J. Sullivan
Chief of Detectives Office
6/12/2017 – 2/23/2026

Detective Robert J. Rizzi
Fugitive/Missing Persons
2/19/2008 – 2/19/2026

Detective Michelle N. Thomas
Fourth Squad
5/23/2016 – 2/18/2026

Detective Christopher J. Smith
Fourth Squad
6/12/2017 – 2/19/2026

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Electronics Squad
12/21/2006 – 2/19/2026



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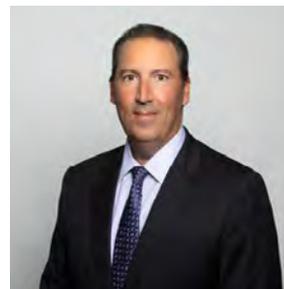
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It's been a busy start to the year! The new incentive has pushed a lot of people to retire, and we're sad to see you all go. Thank you for all the hard work that you've done to keep us and the community safe. You've more than earned your pension, and the peace of mind that comes from retired life. And it's important to know -- you never really leave the NCPD family, and we hope to see you around at events and gatherings in the years to come.

In the News:

Social Security payments and qualification brackets have been edged up slightly for 2026 in keeping with cost-of-living adjustments.

Trump Accounts, which were a little hazy last year, have come into focus: a new tax-advantaged account, a hybrid of a 529 and an IRA, with all sorts of restrictions. The big thing here is the \$1k given to newborns born between 2025 and 2028.

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