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## From the President

John Davidson

As you can see, the December edition is coming out much closer to the end of the month, as an end of year edition. It was a goal of mine to bring the Blue Line back to being a regular publication and I committed to producing a monthly edition for the entire year of 2025. For this I must thank my Co-Editors Robert Grande and Andrew Moffett. As mentioned previously, the Blue Line will be printed quarterly next year. Thank you for all of the contributions from both current members and retirees, the submissions have been invaluable to us. Please continue to send in submissions!

At the time of writing this we have the same Mayor and Command staff that we have been accustomed to this year. I have a feeling that may be changing. It is currently an unknown. However we do have our knowns. Our Executive Board will be swapping Captain Joyce for Lieutenant Maritato. However, this is an amicable switch with the incoming and outgoing 1st Vice Presidents working together to ensure a smooth transition.



The PBA has always been a rock in the storm. Both in hurricane level storms and when the storm turns out to be just a bit of wind. We do not foresee our role changing regardless of Department Administration or City leadership. However, we are always open to working with City stakeholders to include the Mayor and the Commissioner. It only makes sense for everyone to work together for the good of the membership, the administration, the City's citizens and visitors. What is best for the membership is certainly what is also best for the City. When it comes to the Buffalo PBA and its members you know what you are getting and that is hard working, trustworthy, honorable men and women, who selflessly serve their community. The Executive Board, and our lawyers, will be here to make sure that people remember these facts and do not take advantage of your good nature.

You certainly do not hear this enough, but thank you for all that you do: day in and day out-night in and night out-on straight time and on overtime. Thank you for coming in when your family is sleeping. Thank you for taking that call when your kid has a game. Thank you for celebrating your wedding anniversary or a birthday the following day. Thank you for giving up family dinners and holidays. Thank you for reading your children their bedtime story at breakfast. Thank you for coming back to work so quickly after giving birth or adopting. Thank you for being the punching bag at work and, at times, at home because of work. Thank you for everything. See you in 2026.

*- Stay safe, God Bless!*

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## HURT ON THE JOB? GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §205-E TO THE RESCUE!

*By ... Tom Burton, Esq. and Clint Hassett, Esq.*

### BACKGROUND

Consider ending up IOD, an all-too-common circumstance for police officers, and then looking to recover for your injury and economic loss.

For many years cops in this state had limited rights of recovery against a party responsible for causing an on-duty injury. The court decisions which limited police officer (and firefighter) recovery for on-duty injuries and economic loss were known as the 'Firefighter Cases'. Among other things the rationale for this doctrine was that no one is forced to be an officer or firefighter. As a result, injuries on the job were viewed in the context of 'assumption of risk' which went hand in hand with the police profession. Despite several attempts by the Legislature to change the case law, a series of court decisions continued to limit recovery for these IOD claims. Ultimately, the Legislature came right out and stated that a new statute was specifically intended to overturn the long line of decisions that limited recovery for first responder on-duty injuries and the courts fell in line.

### STATUTORY HISTORY

General Municipal Law (GML) §205-e was enacted in 1989. This statute, and its parallel provision at GML §205-a for firefighters, created a separate right of recovery for officers when they are injured on duty and a violation of a statute, regulation, rule, etc. is involved. This law is remedial in nature. It created rights which go beyond traditional common law grounds for personal injury damages based on negligence. Over the years this statute has been interpreted to apply expansively to the benefit of police officers who are injured on duty. Unfortunately, officers are sometimes unaware of the special benefits §205-e provides when they are injured on the job.

In a nutshell, violation of any statute, regulation, code, etc. which directly, or even indirectly, causes an injury to an officer on duty creates a separate "right of recovery" -- and even extends damages for the officer's family if the injury results in death.

There is a broad array of statutes, rules and laws which can trigger §205-e recovery rights. Many exist when an officer enters poorly maintained properties, is involved in a personal injury MVA or other common circumstance where there is some applicable code or law that was violated when the officer's injury occurred. GML §205-e even brings into play state and federal building maintenance code violations in these IOD circumstances.

There are a number of other favorable components of this law. They include exclusion of the common law rule that a property owner generally must have prior actual or constructive notice of a dangerous condition before an injured person recovers in a premises-liability personal injury claim -- and elimination of comparative negligence which otherwise can reduce damages for the injured officer.

An example of the broad reach of this law we recently litigated for a BPD officer involved an obscure provision of New York Property Maintenance Code. This code requires sidewalks, walkways, stairs and driveways to be maintained in a proper and non-hazardous fashion -- so even an injury producing fall due to poor maintenance can create a claim against the property owner. Our officer was able to recover when he hurt his back due to mere loose concrete in a driveway which illustrates the broad potential reach of the statute.

### HOW DOES AN OFFICER RECOVER UNDER GML §205-E?

Application of GML §205-e is straightforward. Courts have defined three elements which are necessary to establish recovery under §205-e. They include:

1. Identification of the statute, ordinance, code etc. with which the party being sued failed to comply;
2. Description of the manner in which the police officer was injured; and
3. Stating the facts from which it may be inferred that the defendant's negligence directly or indirectly caused the harm (meaning injury, monetary loss, death, etc.)

The Court of Appeals, New York's highest court, has ruled GML §205-e should be applied

"... expansively so as to favor recovery by police officers whenever possible." This clear language confirms courts must recognize the Legislature intended the law to be favorable for an injured officer or firefighter where a violation of law, regulations, codes, etc. is present.

The legal takeaway is that GML §205-e is specifically designed to assist police officers and firefighters when they are injured on the job, without regard to assumption of risk or even comparative negligence by the claimant. It was finally enacted by the Legislature only after intense lobbying efforts by police and fire unions. The statute is now interpreted to remedy many years of judicial holdings that limited officer recovery from third parties. This troubling page of New York case law which was unfavorable to police officers for decades turned when §205-e was enacted.

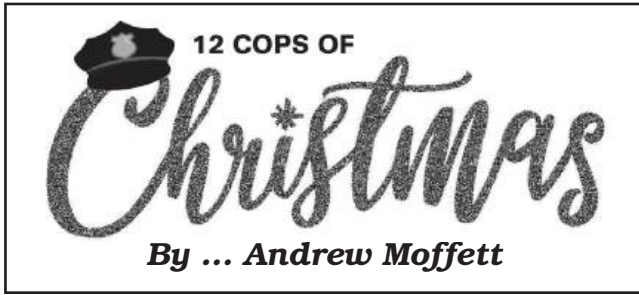
Even though GML §205-e does not provide recovery for every line of duty injury, it significantly expanded the potential for monetary recovery for cops who are hurt on duty and meet the minimal requirements of this statute.

Ideally, police officers should not get hurt on the job. History teaches otherwise. When an IOD occurs it is important to promptly determine whether §205-e provides an opportunity to recover damages.

Given our experience with these claims for our officer and firefighter clients we thought it would be helpful to outline the expanded rights for damages this law provides -- so at a minimum the opportunity to recover when they are hurt on duty is not lost.

*Be safe . . .*





\*Disclaimer: The following is entirely satirical and not meant to offend in any way\*

**THE FULFILLER** - This cop believed his main purpose in life was to become a cop and therefore dedicated his entire life and personality to it. This cop bought a lifted pickup truck with a sweet blueline skull on the back window fresh out of the academy. No amount of blueline profile pictures can change the fact that they will be divorced within the year.

**RAMBO** - This cop went to Basic Training and they're going to make sure you know it. They will have all the top of the line gear and accessories that will surely never be used in any real-life scenario. This cop watches tactical videos every night before bed and gears up for every shift like they're about to enter Baghdad circa 2003.

**THE COMPLAINER** - This cop thinks and believes he's the smartest guy in the room at all times by always complaining about the job when in reality has never worked a day in his life. You can find this person indoors at all time, either at

headquarters or any local precinct. They will be calling out "no car" whenever possible and talking incessantly about how everyone else is doing everything wrong.

**THE LEGACY** - This cop's entire family has taken civil service exams, so low and behold they are also taking civil service exams. This cop has never been anywhere outside of his own town, so thanks to their family this cop involuntarily signed up for generational anguish.

**THE FAMILY MAN** - This cop took the job because he has no other skill sets and knew this was the only chance they could afford healthcare for all seven kids. They spend as much time with their kids as they will reciting unnecessary information on the air. You'll get to know the whole family fairly quickly as they will all be in the court reception area with you.

**THE CAT/BLANKET** - This cop will never be first car to a shots fired call but will always be the first to brag off-duty about being a cop. This cop will do anything to avoid making an arrest and god forbid they have to put hands on someone. You may hear these phrases often: "I'll cover on that." "Radio, I need more time." "Can you put me out for lunch?"

**THE GREEN GOBLIN** - This cop's only goal is to watch the numbers in their bank account go up. There's not an hour in the day that this person is not at work. Any conversation with this person will likely involve overtime they are taking, potential overtime that may be coming, what their numbers are looking like, and how their "retirement" plan looks. All a facade until this person does retire and realizes they have no idea what to do with their time now and wasted all their youthful years wearing BDU's. The

**EXCUSE GIVER** - This cop will give you every excuse in the book as to why they do not work anymore, including but not limited to some instance in which they were "screwed over" by the department but in reality they want to watch Netflix, sports, or to just swipe right.

**THE FLEXER** - This cop tells the same war stories on a daily basis to whoever will listen. If he's not wearing a white shirt yet, they'll let you know how much better the department would be if they were wearing one. They need constant validation and they're going to make sure you give it. Rookies beware, this cop loves punching down to make themselves feel better.

**THE MEATHEAD** - This cop was never the brightest of the bunch but they'll crash every vehicle in the department to get to you if you call for help. They were most likely lapping up the leftover beverages from the floor of Molly's when they were 12 and fighting on every playground since they were 6. This cop does struggle to spell their own name and are IAD's consistent prey but they may be the most necessary cop on the force if someone is able to keep a leash on them.

**THE BROWN NOSER** - This cop will suck up to anyone and everyone that will give them an easier career. They were pushed through the academy while constantly skipping PT, now they magically have an administrative appointed position while their peers continue to pound pavement.

**MR/MRS IOD** - This cop somehow has spent more time on disability than they have on the job. This cop quickly realized that this job is not for them and tragically keeps falling in all the dangerous parking lots in the city and/or assaulted by parked cars.

Happy Holidays!

*In Memoriam*

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE 1st VP ELECT

By ... Michael Maritato



Everyone has a story. Some background or basis as to how they ended up where they are or the direction they're headed. Beginning on January 1, 2026, I will be starting a 2-year term as Vice President. Seeing as there are so many of us, I think it would be appropriate to let the people who don't know me too well, learn a bit about my background. First off, I will say I am honored to take on the roll and extremely excited for the challenge. I'll be starting year 13 in my policing career in January as well, which includes 8 years on patrol, a brief stint as Detective, and 4 years as a Lieutenant.

I started off working for almost 2 1/2 years in Delta District, on an MP5 platoon that was the perfect fit for a 25-year-old version of myself at the time. I was clueless and immature (so not much has since changed) but loved the job and everything that I felt as a part of that platoon, which was most importantly, a very strong sense of family. This came as a result of the mix of people who comprised the group, but started at the top and was enhanced by Lt. Rickey Lark. A favorite of everyone who worked with him and/or for him over the years, and was the perfect boss for a young guy such as myself just starting the job. He was, by every definition of the word, a true leader. He would praise you in public and speak to you privately and respectfully if you made a mistake. He would (and did!) fall on his sword for you if you were one of his, even if he wasn't truly at fault, but out of loyalty and a sense of obligation. I can't recall a time he was ever harsh with anyone but he certainly was not a push over in any sense. He never had to flex his authority even a single time that I can remember, yet every single person would do whatever he said because he earned that respect. I would say he achieved this primarily on simply knowing how to treat people. I can honestly say, he is someone you would willingly go into a losing battle with because of the respect he earned through his leadership. Although I am the one writing this, I know for a fact, every single person who was on that Delta midnight platoon feels the same way.

I transferred to Bravo district working midnights for another year or so before going to afternoons. This is where I became active in the PBA and became a delegate. I loved my time in B District just as much as Delta. I feel as though I "made my bones" here, learning a lot and "came into my own" as patrolman. The MP4 platoon I worked on became like family just as the Delta platoon. I also loved that I got to work with one of the coolest guys I knew growing up (with a FANTASTIC head of hair!), cousin Frankie Gizzo! Legend has it that he is the first guy to ever wear a backwards hat, and upon his retirement there will be a ceremony at the Italian Festival to rename Hertel Avenue as "Frank Gizzo Way". While he still only knows me as "Ant'ny's Kid" (Anthony- my father's first name), me and my large group of cousins always loved to say hello to him working Chippewa Detail when we were going out. He might've helped us out once or twice, so him not knowing my name wasn't the biggest deal. I came to find out years later while working with him on the same platoon, that he had to check in with our honorary cousin, Dave Acosta about his coworker's names. Frank once asked Dave why Jimmy Burns (Jordan Burke) was carrying around such a large water jug all the time. Another time, he asked Dave, "I think Felicity (Carissa Ferucci) is mad at me because I stole her seat." Dave needed no translation, he knew exactly what Frank meant and who he was talking about.

While working as the Bravo District At Large Delegate, I was asked by our recently retired/former PBA President John "Dooley" Evans to join the PBA Board of Directors in the Public Relations position. The position afforded me opportunities to attend our BOD meetings monthly, attend statewide conferences alongside other police unions from all over the place, and even nationwide meetings. For a brief moment, I even assisted with some social media postings that gained media traction before the accounts were hacked during the 2020 riots or "peaceful" protests, as the media and politicians knowingly lied about in their gaslighting phraseology. This is a larger topic of conversation I plan to revisit and write about at a later date to share my experience at the time because it also played a part to my growing interest in becoming more active with the PBA. I was fortunate enough to serve on this position for the last 6 years, and I can't thank Dooley enough for the opportunity. I really hope to help reignite social media for the PBA in a big way as soon as possible, because I believe it can be a very effective asset for us. Our current President has done a fantastic job in television interviews, and I know he will be terrific with even more reps, views, and attention with us controlling the message and/or topic. I'd be remiss if I didn't mention how impossibly strong his hair line looks on camera. God bless you, John!

After patrol in Bravo, I became a Detective on the same platoon I worked on as a PO for a brief period which was short lived but also was a great learning experience. Not long after, I was promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to the MP4A platoon in Edward District where I have remained up until the last few months as I have now transferred to days for the first time in my career. I think I have learned the most in this time frame for a multitude of factors. First, in my own personal life, I became a father during this time period to two boys that are two years apart in age, and it's a crazy experience especially because you no longer think of yourself first anymore. The needs of your kids come before anything else. You are responsible for every little action or choice made for them and it is entirely up to you as the parent how their lives take shape for at least the first few years of their lives. To quote Tony Soprano, "every decision you make, affects every facet, of every other thing. And in the end, you're completely alone with it all." Being a parent in a way draws some parallels to being a Lieutenant in my opinion. It's my belief that if you are being true to your job duties as a supervisor of any rank, that is exactly how you should view and feel about your role. Although your own flesh and blood should be and is the most important responsibility in your life, you should often times be thinking of the Officers on your platoon before yourself much like you would your children. While they are obviously very capable adults, you play a tremendous role in their physical safety, their growth, their morale and even their life outside of work.

While often times the lines can become blurred between the terms "power" and "authority," there is a major difference between the two. In my own personal experience, some people seemed to have forgotten that there is such a difference, and is a big reason why I felt

compelled to take a run at the 1st VP position. Authority is the formal or legal right to command others to perform a particular task, and in our line of work it is obviously a necessity. However, I have seen people forget that just because they hold a position of authority, it does not give them actual authority to impose their will upon someone of a lower or "lesser" position when they are not indeed correct about a situation. I have personally been on the wrong side of people abusing their authority because of their position too many times, until one day during a late-night patrolling E District I talked to my car partner and I had enough. With an exhausted gasp I felt as though I had finally snapped in quiet and subtle way, and drove the patrol car looking straight ahead while saying to Mark "Speedo" Goodspeed, "No more, Butchie. No more of this.". One of the most pivotal quotes said by the character, Phil Leotardo, in the entire series of The Sopranos in Season 6 during the episode titled, "Stage 5". While the moment felt just as pivotal for me as it did for Phil Leotardo, Speedo simply just mumbled, "whatever, loser" and might've called me a couple other derogatory names. Hopefully, my story ends a little bit better than Phil's did.

Power is more of a trait and acquired ability which comes from knowledge and expertise. It does not come from a position of authority. In many ways, it is earned and not confined to boundaries. In my experiences, the people who abused their authority, falsely believed they wielded some sort of power in the negative situations I had faced, and often times power is earned alongside of respect. I've witnessed people demand respect in situations or positions, but the truth is that respect cannot be demanded, it had to be earned. They believe they are judge, jury, and executioner simply because they hold a higher position. They talk down to you and disrespect you just because in their minds, they can. As Tony Soprano once said, "Those who want respect, give respect". It seems like a pretty common-sense idea, but people often times lose sight of this very basic idea that we are all hopefully taught at a very young age. I mention Lt. Rickey Lark above for the main reason of who I consistently look to for exemplary leadership traits, and as a person who commanded respect because as I said, he knew how to treat people.

While I am the furthest thing from perfect, I can honestly say that I perform my duties constantly acting in good nature, while never ever abusing whatever little power or authority I might have. I also know I have not forgotten where I came from. If you are in any position on this job, whether it be an investigative position or up the chain of command, and you are not viewing every scenario through the scope of a patrolman, then you are doing the job incorrect most likely.

With that being said, my role as 1st VP will include handling grievances, "Step 3's" (ex. Person got skipped for OT, therefore settle how much that person is owed as a result), IOD situations, spearheading the Political Action Committee, assist daily needs of the PBA and president (John's Chauffeur and errand boy), and most importantly the 2nd VP/Speedo's boss. Don't worry, I'll have him doing proper meeting minute notes in every meeting going forward.

I strongly encourage everybody to get to know me, share ideas, and get involved. If you couldn't tell already, I think every life lesson can be taught from a combination of The Soprano's, The Godfather Trilogy, A Bronx Tale, Martin Scorsese movies, or from the TV show, The Office. I am very informal and can find humor in anything and everything to a fault.

We are approaching changing times in the department, in the union, and in the city as a whole. The unknown can feel scary and concerning, rightfully so. However, everyone should feel extremely confident under the leadership of President John Davidson, and with the support of the remaining elected members. I've just recently gotten to know Rob Danner over the last year or so a bit better and I can't say enough good about him as a worker and person from everything I have seen. Meg Sullivan has become one of mine and my wife's closest friends who I have had the pleasure of annoying and working with for a large part of the last 12 years. Beneath the stoic facial expressions, lies one of the most thoughtful, driven and warm-hearted people you will ever meet. Hugs are not only welcomed, but encouraged by Meg upon every social engagement you share with her. Then there is Mark Goodspeed. I can honestly say that I have never been called more names or insulted by one single person in my life more than I have from Speedo. In spite of riding alongside of him and Garrett O'Neill for nearly 4 years, me and Garrett still have never been invited over to Speedo's garage to hang out and watch football. The other Lieutenant we have worked alongside, our friend Chris Fields, has been invited at least once, so we have to live vicariously through Chris's experience. I forgive you Speedo. Jokes aside, Speedo is a wealth of knowledge and experience in spite of mumbling curse words at me and truly one of the best supervisors in the entire department. He's a bit different from Meg though, he doesn't like to be hugged very much. No, he much prefers kisses instead.

In closing I would like to thank Captain Bobby Joyce for the nomination, the help with me personally the last few months, and for his service to the PBA. Also, big thanks to Brianna Gilhooly aka the girl at the desk of the PBA office we all love to bother. She has been an extraordinary help and she does more than anyone can even imagine for our PBA.

I'd also like to offer a few bits of advice for the PBA as a whole and all of the members reading this. First, delegates MUST be informative and active in their duties. Keep your platoons up to speed, bring questions and concerns to the meetings, and relay information in a timely and effective manner. Second, check your rank at that door for anything concerning the PBA. There is no rank at meetings or in PBA settings. "Union Strong" is the motto we have lived by and when in a PBA setting that can only be achieved if we are united. God forbid anyone believes in the unintelligible and baseless belief that we may be better off in separate groups or unions because of something like what color shirt we are wearing. Lastly, be "in the know". Know who your delegates are, your Board of Directors, your Executive Board, and know your rights especially.

*God Bless us all, be safe, and back each other up!*

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# POLICE MENTAL HEALTH and PRODUCTIVITY

By ... Matthew Cross, Wellness Coordinator

Police work has always been demanding, but in recent years the mental health pressures facing law enforcement officers have intensified. Rising public expectations, rapid social change, staffing shortages, and the routine exposure to trauma create an environment where stress is not an occasional challenge but a defining feature of the job. As agencies like ours struggle with recruitment and retention crises, the link between police mental health and productivity has become more than a wellness concern—it is a core operational issue that directly affects public safety. Law enforcement officers encounter critical incidents at a frequency far beyond that of most professions. Shootings, violent crime scenes, fatalities, domestic disputes, and child abuse cases accumulate over a career, often without adequate time or resources for recovery. Chronic stressors—such as shift work, forced overtime, administrative pressure, and public scrutiny—compound the problem. Common mental-health challenges reported in policing include: post-traumatic stress symptoms, depression and anxiety, burnout and emotional exhaustion, sleep disruption, fatigue and increased irritability. Officer wellness directly influences the effectiveness of daily operations. When mental health suffers, productivity does not just decline—it changes the quality, speed, and safety of police work. This can lead to diminished situational awareness, slower reaction times and increased mistakes in paperwork and in field decisions. On a personal level, you may see a rise in conflict amongst co-workers, lower levels of patience, and difficulty in remaining professional while answering calls. The overall game plan here is to be proactive when taking care of you. Maintaining a good routine when it comes to sleep, nutrition, and physical fitness will absolutely help you combat the things we face in this career. Please make yourself your top priority. Thank you, and I hope you all have a great Holiday Season.



## Snow Covered Tracs

By ... Bobby Grande

The roads in Buffalo were not the best to begin with, between potholes, construction, speed humps, but now we are going to have to contend with them in winter conditions. Winter is rapidly approaching (if it isn't already here at time of print). Some crime tend to slow down with winter weather, but there is definitely an uptick when it comes to accidents, because people tend to forget how to drive in the icy/snowy conditions, no matter how long they have lived in Buffalo. I have talked about our car situation in the past, and what's left of the cars that we have barley run on four wheels. This leads me to the technology we have in our vehicles that let us do our job to the best of our ability; MCT's, printers etc. We're lucky if they're running at all, let alone up to date. Accident reports are the number one call we answer on a day-to-day basis in patrol.

To switch over to Tracs and completely get away from paper copies of MV104's at this time is asinine. Everyone was trained for approximately 15 minutes on how to complete the accident reports in Tracs, and that was roughly 2-3 years ago. I'm not blaming the Academy, their technology wasn't working that day either. Go figure. Needless to say it seems like we have run into some issues with the rollout. Whether it be the Report Technicians not being able to print them at the desk when complainants come in for a copy or Lieutenants not being able to sign off on them, it has been a nightmare for the past few weeks for anyone working in a district.

We probably could've seen this coming since it seems everything the city does when it comes to the police department involves throwing us to the wolves. As they say, "It rolls downhill." Leave it to the patrol officers who are out there answering the accident calls to figure out how to complete the MV104's. Paperwork is a very important part of our job and if we as police officers and lieutenants, along with the report technicians, do not have the proper training on how to complete these reports, imagine how it is going to look from the public point of view? In my opinion, which I know does not matter at all, we should have implemented it one district at a time or at least fixed the quirks in the system and had a general understanding along with a lengthier training from top to bottom on how to complete these reports. That way we wouldn't look like we have zero clue when it comes time to interact with complainants receiving their reports.

You may say, "Let's go back to paper MV104's until we can figure out how the new system works." That makes perfect sense, also then we will have a proven fall back plan if the technology goes down or fails. Nice try! It is my understanding we have stopped ordering paper copies of accident books which is truly mind-blowing.

As technology is rapidly evolving it seems par for the course that The Buffalo Police Department is light-years behind every municipality in the Country, because we can't get little things like accident reports done correctly. With a new administration and a new Mayor coming in, I'm certain that they will figure this out in the first week of the New Year because this will be first thing on their agenda, never mind the \$50,000,000 financial crisis. Wishing everyone good luck this winter on figuring out this "minor" issue!

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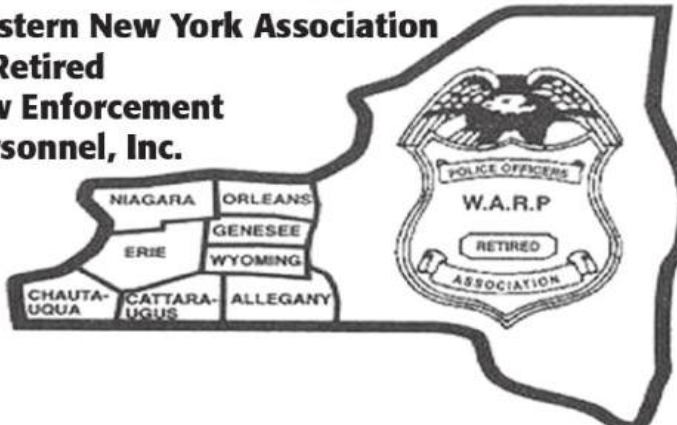
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