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Uniform Committee Update

The uniform committee was extremely pleased with the progress we made last year. With the invaluable help of Dr. Francia Henry we were able to secure funding for new uniforms which resulted in 7 uniform items per officer. Shipments to the range in Hastings and Bethpage has begun and we anticipate everyone having their uniforms by the end February.

2024 Scholarship Winners

The MTA PBA would like to Congratulate our members and their dependents who won the 2024 Scholarships. Each dependent will receive \$2,500.00.

The Dennis McCarney Memorial Scholarship - Lieutenant Patrick Carolyn

The Robert W. Novy Memorial Scholarship - Police Officer Emad Ismail

The John Mullen Memorial Scholarship - Detective Michael Alfalla

The Burt Silva Memorial Scholarship - Police Officer Danielle Hughes

The Glen K. Petit Memorial Scholarship - Sergeant Michael Kelly

The Kenneth Jenkins Memorial Scholarship - Detective Sergeant Henry Micyk

Thank you to Britney Jenkins and Robert Silva for helping honor their loved ones with the drawing of the scholarships.

Member Online Privacy

A growing concern from the Executive Board was a trend we have seen happening more and more these days throughout the Law Enforcement community. Media and bad actors continuously trying to ascertain personal information of Law Enforcement, Judges and other Public Servants. We are all aware that anyone willing to dig up someone's personal information on-line can accomplish it easily these days. Not only can this information be utilized for intimidation it can also be utilized for other criminal purposes.

Due to this growing threat, the PBA has negotiated with [Atlas Privacy](#) to help our members active and retired with limiting the access of our personal information online or on the dark web. Much of our information can be accessed and used for malicious purposes. This service will be available to all members active and retired as well as an additional 5 immediate family members in your residence at no individual cost. Members interested must register individually by [clicking here](#).

While we are all aware nothing is fool proof we do believe by registering with this service much of your individual on-line personal information will be erased. This does not include services like Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn etc. or any platforms you choose to utilize. This service is used to remove personal information like home addresses both past and present and phone numbers. Atlas will also provide every member that signs up one million dollars of identity theft insurance. This does not include family members just past or present members of the MTA

Please look at the [Atlas Privacy information](#) provided so you can better understand the services and how it will help to protect our personal information. Any questions can be answered at the FAQ portion of Atlas privacy website, there also is a helpline available and any other questions can be directed to the PBA office.

We firmly believe this service will help protect us.

New York Islander First Responder Night

Please join the MTA PBA and the New York Islanders at the UBS Arena on Saturday April 6, 2024 for New York Islanders First Responders Night. The Islanders will be taking on the Predators at 7:30pm.

The MTA PBA will be there with the Canteen from 4:00pm to 7:00pm and will be providing free food, snacks and beverages.

If you are attending, please RSVP so we know how much food to order. Details of the Canteen location soon to follow.

Tickets must be purchased separately by scanning the QR Code.



CANTEEN



TICKETS

Birth Announcements

T.J. Grieg
Steven Parker
Gabriella Peguido
John Grassi
Thomas Haber
Justin Li
Emily Brucato
Daniel Bradbury

Vincent Provenzano
Vinny Legrand
Danielle Cardoza
Kelvin Arias
Matthew Johnson
Joseph Amato
Steve Gourdine
Joseph Piazza

Kerry Nikonov
Jerald Ernst
Richard Johnson
George Prieto
Chris Biondo
Michael Graziose
Ken Murray
Tyler Honahan

Nate Guerra
Michael Ciszewski
Jonathan Frohnoefer
Thomas Mannion
Matthew Serviss
Brandon Parke
Kristin Tannian
Anthony and Danielle Bonadana

Retirements

PO Jose Soto
Sgt. James Bertram
Sgt. Dan Kearon
Sgt. Raymond Fuentes
Det. Patrick Inzinna
Sgt. Chris Nahman
Det. Sgt. Richard Congro
SGT Dan Thompson
PO Fred Weeks
Det. Anthony Pressley
LT. Jennifer Clark

PO Jeff Efron
PO Brian Dembiniski
PO Joe Brock
PO Ken Johnson
PO Joseph Prego
PO Tim Dalton
PO Donald Accardi
PO John Reynolds
PO Steve Curran
Po James Finn
Sgt. Ryan Doherty

PO Vinay Hathiramani
PO Jonathan Phelan
PO James Dinnigan
PO Jenny Cruz
PO Leyland Crocilla
PO Joseph Dauria
PO Steve Wells
Sgt. Chris Vargas
PO Allan Fong
PO John Casiano
PO Steve Soldano

PO Lance Leonhardt
PO Chandra Jones
PO Dave Steibel
PO Myrna Nahman
PO Sky Michaels
Lt. Travis Dietz
PO Miguel Genao
PO Anthony Catalano
PO Vincent Provenzano (PBA PRESIDENT)
PO Michael O` Meara (PBA PRESIDENT)

TOP COPS



(L-R) Treasurer Carlos Couto, Executive Vice President Joseph Pugliese, Top Cop Award Recipients PO Dean Patsos and PO Thomas Weber, President William Waring, Area Vice President Michael Loverdi and Recording Secretary Chris Jones. **AUGUST 2023—34THST & PARK**



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(L-R) Treasurer Carlos Couto, Executive Vice President Joseph Pugliese, Britney Jenkins and Robert Silva, President William Waring, Area Vice President Michael Loverdi, Recording Secretary Chris Jones and Corresponding Secretary Anthony Agro. Britney and Robert assisted in the scholarship drawings.



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OCTOBER 2023—BRIDGEPORT STATION

TOP COPS

COP OF THE YEAR 2023

POLICE OFFICER **FRANK MENDYK**

POLICE OFFICER **SAMUEL JU**

INDIVIDUAL ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION OF LOADED .22 CALIBER FIREARM AT BRIDGEPORT STATION

MTA CASE #23-19302

COP OF THE MONTH JULY 2023

POLICE OFFICER **CAITLIN GROGAN**

POLICE OFFICER **JOSHUA LORCY**

POLICE OFFICER **ALEXANDER HOLT**

POLICE OFFICER **ROBERT COOPER**

POLICE RESPONSE TO SHOOTING AT NEW HAVEN STATION

MTA CASE #23-12285

COP OF THE MONTH AUGUST 2023

POLICE OFFICER **DEAN PATSOS**

POLICE OFFICER **THOMAS WEBER**

INDIVIDUAL ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT ON VICTIM AT 34TH ST AND PARK AVE

MTA CASE #23-15620

TOP COPS

COP OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER 2023

POLICE OFFICER **MOHAMAD SALIM**

INDIVIDUAL ARRESTED FOR DRIVING MOTORCYCLE WITH STOLEN PLATE IN YONKERS

MTA CASE #23-16811

COP OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER 2023

POLICE OFFICER **RAHEEM UDDIN**

POLICE OFFICER **BLAKE IGOE**

INDIVIDUAL ARRESTED WHO STOLE ITEMS FROM RITE AID LOCATED IN GRAND CENTRAL STATION

MTA CASE #23-20173

COP OF THE MONTH DECEMBER 2023

POLICE OFFICER **MAIN KONG KOO**

POLICE OFFICER **RALPH ANGIERI**

POLICE OFFICER **MICHAEL CASTRO GALEAS**

INDIVIDUAL ARRESTED WHO STABBED TWO JUVENILE FEMALES AT THE LOWER LEVEL CONCOURSE AT GRAND CENTRAL STATION

MTA CASE #23-22857



UPCOMING EVENTS

MTA v. WHITE PLAINS HOCKEY GAME

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024

EJ MURRAY MEMORIAL SKATING CENTER
384 TUCKAHOE ROAD
YONKERS, NY
2:30PM

MTA PBA MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024

CASTLE ROYALE
92 WAVERLY STREET
YONKERS, NY
5:00PM

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FEBRUARY 2024



(L-R) Nassau County SOA 2nd VP Kieth Jaklitsch, Executive Vice President Joe Pugliese, Nassau County DAI 1st VP Chris Kelly, NYS Senator Robert Jackson, Police Conference of New York President Michael O'Meara and Nassau County PBA 1st Vice President Kevin Mullick.

ALBANY REPORT

JOSEPH PUGLIESE
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

The New York State Legislative Session began on January 3. As a member of the Police Conference of New York (PCNY) Legislative Committee, I have been up in Albany each day of the Session. With this being an election year, we are hopeful to have some meaningful legislation passed that will benefit the Police community. Some of the bills/topics we have been working on are:

Tier Reform:

Our priority Tier 5 & 6 changes are in line with the Legislative Agendas of the state's three biggest unions, the AFL-CIO (American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations), UFT (United Federation of Teachers) and the CSEA (Civil Service Employees Association). They are as follows:

1. Raise/Eliminate Overtime Cap: The AFL-CIO and CSEA declared this legislation a top priority. (The UFT has stated this legislation will not affect their membership)
2. Adjust the "Kingston Cap" from a 10% year over year Final Average Salary (FAS) increased to 20% year over year and a reduction of the FAS look back from 5 years down to 3 years. (This has the best chance of passing this session because it touches all New York Employees.)
3. Lower the Article 15 retirement age of 63, to 55 without a benefit reduction. (This benefit affects most New York State employees BUT not members of the Police and Fire Retirement System)
4. Lower Tier 6 contributions from 6% at \$100,000 to 3% (it affects members of the NYS P & F but not members of the NYC Pension systems. It is also opposed by New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli)

Congestion Pricing:

There is a bill in now to waive the Central Business District toll for First Responders. Although we have a tremendous amount of bipartisan support, this legislation will have great deal of fiscal implications.

Military Buyback:

We are continuing to fight for a fourth year of military buyback

Peer Team Support:

We are working on legislation that would provide Peer Team members with testimonial privilege concerning communications made during critical incidents/stress management.

Other bills we are working on are;

- Protecting Retiree Health Insurance
- Making False Accusations against Police Officers a crime
- Notification to Law Enforcement Officers when their personal information is released due to a F.O.I.L request.
- NYC DEP pension credit in the Police and Fire Retirement System

The above bills are just some of the legislation we are trying to promote. There are countless "Anti-Police" bills we are tracking and focused on defeating again as well.

We will keep you posted on our priority bills as well as other important areas of our legislative agenda as the session continues.

Any questions related to this or any other legislative questions please don't hesitate to reach out to me.



THE MTA PBA CANTEEN

**SERVING THE
MEMBERSHIP
WHEREVER
WE GO**



THE NEW YORK METS—**CITI FIELD, QUEENS, NY**



THE NEW YORK YANKEES—**YANKEE STADIUM, THE BRONX, NY**



THE NEW YORK JETS—MET LIFE STADIUM, NJ



NYPD SMOKER—ANTUN'S, QUEENS VILLAGE, NY