

POINT BLANK

MTA PBA
NEW YORK STATE

THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, INC.



Jonathan Thangavelu and John D'Ambrosio were awarded the Medal of Valor from the Police Conference of New York





2nd ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

BOARD OF OFFICERS

William Waring
President

Joseph Pugliese
Executive Vice President

Anthony Spano
Area Vice President North

Michael Loverdi
Area Vice President East

Carlos Couto
Treasurer

Anthony Agro
Corresponding Secretary

Chris Jones
Recording Secretary

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Robert Rau
Supervisors Trustee East

Victor Cipriano
Supervisors Trustee North

Brian Frayler
District 1 Trustee

Matthew Smith
District 2 Trustee

Vincent Provenzano
District 3 Trustee

Stephen Provenzano
District 4 Trustee

Frank Meyreles
District 5 Trustee

Gregory Zannetti
District 6 Trustee

Travis Zehr
District 7 Trustee

Nicholas Paschitti
District 8 Trustee

Jeff Grizlo
District 9 Trustee

TBA
District 10 Trustee

Sean Baum
District 11 Trustee

Davis & Ferber
General Counsel

AFFILIATED WITH
National Assoc of Police Organizations
Police Conference of New York
Suffolk County Police Conference
NYS Public Employee Conference
Westchester County APA



Retired Sgt Jack Compitello and PBA Trustee Stephen Provenzano presented Chief Mueller with a plaque to be posted in Headquarters honoring members who passed while active, during the 2nd Annual Remembrance Ceremony in Grand Central Terminal.



Active member PO Robert Silva and family attended the Remembrance Ceremony in honor of Burt Silva.



PBA Board Members and MTA PD Ceremonial Unit on their way to the New York State Memorial Ceremony in Albany

Birth Announcements

Det Patrick Hussey
 PO Miguel Celis
 PO Brian Morales
 PO Alex Howell
 Sgt Anthony Tortora
 PO Joe Aliberti
 Lt Patrick Passarelli
 PO Kelly O'Brien

PO Ryan Panarotto
 Det Lt Michael Burns
 PO Stephen Provenzano
 PO Bryan Gomez
 PO Daniel Snyder
 PO Christopher Capozzoli
 PO Matthew Plumacher
 PO Sean Seemangal
 PO Andrew Pasquarella

Sgt Vladimir Dieudonne
 Lt. Brian Loeffler
 PO Angelo Hristopoulos
 PO Kayla Hernandez
 PO Michael Deblasi
 PO Rober Cooper
 Lt Michael Nasti
 PO Jason Nandoo
 PO Matthew Smith

Lt Edwin Martinez
 PO Kyle Schneyer
 PO James Pastor
 Sgt Matthew Flannery
 Det Daniel McAuliffe
 PO Yajaira Epps
 Sgt Daniel Novello
 PO Joanna Jamiolkowski
 Sgt Tomasz Jamiolkowski

Retirements

Det Sgt Wilfredo Barreto
 Det Sgt Henry Micyk
 PO Patrick Riedel
 PO Roy Murray
 PO James Mattimore
 Lt Antonio Esposito
 PO Christopher Drake
 PO John Cappiello

PO Raymond Tirado
 PO Anthony Antezana
 PO Joseph Szczpanski
 Sgt Vasilios Vallas
 PO David Zimmerman
 PO Antoinette Smikle
 Sgt Hughes Dubuisson
 Det Sgt Brian Sullivan

PO Frederick Morello
 Sgt Christopher Serio
 Det Edward Meggett
 PO Ronnell Watson
 Lt. George Thomson
 Lt. Charles Walls
 PO Jon Gigantiello
 PO Anthony Pesante

PO Emad Ismail
 PO Brian Walsh
 Det Sgt Dirk Jordan
 PO Robert Geiser
 Sgt David Moy
 PO Gregory Rozsay
 PO Michael Graziose
 PO Edwin Aviles
 PO Luis Alvarez



UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW YORK GIANTS MINNESOTA VIKINGS FOOTBALL GAME

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

MET LIFE STADIUM
1 MetLife Stadium Drive
East Rutherford, NJ

PBA CARDS COMING SOON

All members will automatically be issued 10 PBA CARDS with their shield number on them.

Any member who wishes to purchase up to 10 additional Member Cards or a Spouse Card please click here. Additional cards are \$2.00 each.

PBA MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024

AMERICAN LEGION POST 303
197 MAPLE AVENUE
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY
5:00PM

MTA PBA OFFICE
165 N. Village Avenue STE 206
Rockville Centre, NY 11570
(516) 823-8930
info@mtapba.com

©2024 MTA PBA
AUGUST 2024



(L-R) MTA PBA Executive Vice President Joe Pugliese, Suffolk PBA Legislative Director Chris Wolf, Police Conference of New York President Michael O'Meara, Suffolk SOA 5th Precinct Trustee Kevin Maiale, Port Authority PBA Recording Secretary Shaun Kehoe and Nassau County SOA 2nd VP Kieth Jakitsch

ALBANY REPORT

JOSEPH PUGLIESE
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

As this year's legislative session has come to a close, I wanted to give you all an update of what has been accomplished by our PCNY Legislative Committee over the past 6 months in Albany. This session has been marked by significant achievements that continue to reinforce our commitment to protecting, enhancing, and advocating for your hard-earned rights and benefits. This list will show the bills we advocated for. What it doesn't list is the countless number of bills that we opposed and fought hard to keep from becoming law that would forever damage the Police profession, our rights, and our benefits.

2024 Major Legislative Achievements

Bills Signed into Law:

Tier 6 Pension Benefits

- Tier 6 five-year Kingston cap reduced from five to three years of final average salary: We achieved a substantial victory with the passage of legislation reducing the final average salary calculation period from five years to three years for Tier 6. This change brings their benefits closer in line with those of Tier 2 members.
- Exclusion of Overtime from Pension Contribution Calculations: Another critical win was the extension of a law that excludes overtime from pension contribution calculations for Tier 6 members. This extension ensures that members' contributions are based on regular wages, not inflated by overtime, thus reducing their financial burden and increasing take-home pay.

Passed both houses of the NYS Legislature and awaiting Governor's signature:

- Pension Increase for Line of Duty Widows and Orphans: This bill provides a cost-of-living adjustment to the pensions of families of officers who died in the line of duty, honoring their sacrifice and ensuring financial support.
- Binding Arbitration Extender: Extends the right to binding arbitration in collective bargaining disputes for police officers, a vital tool for protecting members' rights.
- 20-Year Full Retirement Plan: Provides a full retirement benefit after 20 years for regional state park police, environmental conservation officers, forest rangers, and university police officers, aligning their benefits with other police officers in the state.
- Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) Petitioner Change: Ensures that police agencies, not individual officers, are listed as petitioners in Emergency Protection Orders (ERPO), protecting officers' personal information.
- Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) Request Notifications: Requires municipalities to adopt policies to notify law enforcement officers when their personal information is released, enhancing privacy protections.
- Port Authority Military Benefits: Guarantees benefits for Port Authority officers activated as military reservists, aligning their entitlements with other state public unions.
- Accidental Death Benefits: Secures benefits for the family of Port Authority Officer Anthony Varvaro, recognizing his ultimate sacrifice en route to official duties.
- Timely Filing for 9/11-Related Death Benefits: Ensures the widow of New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Lt. Paul Adam can file for benefits, recognizing his service and illness resulting from the 9/11 attacks.
- Stolen Wireless Devices: Mandates wireless providers to disable stolen devices, deterring theft and protecting officers from harm.

Bills that Passed one House:

- SUNY Police/State Parks Police and Detectives assigned to the Attorney General's office ability to buy prior time in P&F: This legislation would allow Officers who previously worked for these departments the ability to purchase up to 5 years of their prior service credit to count towards their 20-year plan.
- Testimonial privilege to critical incident peer team counselors: Police officers face various traumatic situations, including violent domestic incidents, fatal accidents, and shootings, which take a toll on their well-being. It is crucial to have a peer support team available to assist when needed. This bill would ensure privileged communication between officers and trained peer support members, making it easier for officers to discuss tragic events and personal issues.

Memorials and Honors:

Another important role for us in Albany is to introduce and support legislation to honor and remember our fallen heroes who gave their lives in the line of duty. While some think a simple sign or symbol is not enough, people do read and observe these messages and it serves as a reminder to all that these officers are true heroes and their lives not only mattered but they gave the ultimate sacrifice to our state and country. Please take the time to read and honor the legislation that has been introduced and has been passed by both houses to honor their sacrifices:

- Detective Simonsen Memorial Bridge: Honors NYPD Detective Brian Simonsen, who died in the line of duty, by dedicating a bridge in his memory.
- Captain Garrow Memorial Bridge: Honors NYS Police Captain Christopher J. Garrow, who passed away from cancer due to his efforts at the World Trade Center.
- Investigator O'Neil Memorial Bridge: Recognizes NYS Police Sr. Investigator Thomas M. O'Neil for his heroic service and contributions.
- Detective Sergeant Gualdino Memorial Bridge: Memorializes Yonkers Detective Sergeant Frank Gualdino, who died in a tragic collision, for his dedicated service.

This session we've achieved significant accomplishments and will continue to build on these successes. We remain dedicated to advocating for fairness, protection, and the rights of all our members. It is my honor to go up to Albany each Legislative session day and represent the MTA PBA on the PCNY Legislative Committee. Thank you for your continuous support. Together, we will keep pushing for even greater achievements in the future and continue to ensure that your voices are heard. Any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me.

Fraternally,



Joseph Pugliese
Executive Vice President



K9 GRADUATION



On June 18, 2024, 25 members of the PBA and their K9 partners participated in a graduation ceremony at the MTA PD K9 facility in Stormville New York.





ANNUAL MEDAL DAY



On Tuesday June 4, 2024 members of the PBA were honored for the terrific work they do day in and day out at the Departments Annual Medal Day at Grand Central Terminal.







MTAPD PEER RESOURCES

ForgeHealth - Various locations
Jason Palamara
Director of Veteran and First
Responder Engagement
888-224-7312 - Office Phone
516-314-1873 - Cell Phone
info@forgehealth.com
JPalamara@forgehealth.com
Forgehealth.com/vfr

Calm Seas - Mount Sinai, NY
Sharon Prager- Director
888 975-2256 - Office Phone
info@calmseapsyc.com
Calmseapsyc.com

NYLEAP - Various locations
Jim Banish- Founder
518 625 -1899 Office Phone
info@nyleap.org
Nyleap.org

Guardian Revival - Beacon, NY
845-617-6421- Office Phone
24/7 PEER 845 745-0088
hello@guardianrevival.org
Guardianrevival.org

Cop Line
1-800-267-5463 - Hotline
www.copline.org

Cathy Menzies- LCSW
Consultation Treatment
Services
631 466 -7053

Lauren Olsen - LMHC
Mettle Works Behavioral
Services
845 481-0481

mtapdpeer@mtapd.org
MTA EAP: 212-883-8084
After hours emergency:
917 287-9016

MTA Chaplains: 347-643-7381

©2024 MTA PBA
AUGUST 2024

THE PBA CANTEEN



On April 6, 2024, the PBA set up a tailgate for the New York Islander Game at USB Arena for Law Enforcement Appreciation Night.



On June 19, 2024 the PBA along side the Yonkers PBA threw a tailgate for Law Enforcement Day at Yankee Stadium. Special thank you to the Yonkers PBA for a great event!



On May 3, 2024 Executive Vice President Joseph Pugliese and Area Vice President East Michael Loverdi attended Gun & Shield Day held at the NYPD Police Academy to congratulate members and present awards.



GUN AND SHIELD DAY

PROMOTIONS

NAME

Alejandro Lopez
 Peter Cuan
 William Leon Cano
 Gina Villar
 Joseph Abbondola
 Benard Rupnarine
 Ryan McHale
 Claudia Pardo
 Christian Terrett
 Chelsea Christonikos
 Marc Sekzer
 Paul Burwell
 Charles Ciccione
 Brian Loeffler
 Richard Hui
 Danielle Bonadonna
 Casey Savino
 Richard Dwyer
 Dwayne Cruz-Guzman
 Matthew Flannery
 Nicholas Guma
 Timothy McVeety

FROM

Police Officer
 Detective
 Police Officer
 Police Officer
 Police Officer
 Police Officer
 Sergeant
 Sergeant
 Sergeant
 Sergeant
 Detective Sergeant
 Sergeant
 Sergeant
 Sergeant
 Detective Sergeant
 Sergeant
 Police Officer
 Police Officer
 Police Officer
 Police Officer
 Police Officer
 Police Officer

TO

Sergeant
 Sergeant
 Sergeant
 Sergeant
 Sergeant
 Sergeant
 Detective Sergeant
 Detective Sergeant
 Detective Sergeant
 Detective Sergeant
 Detective Lieutenant
 Lieutenant
 Lieutenant
 Lieutenant
 Lieutenant
 Lieutenant
 Sergeant
 Sergeant
 Sergeant
 Sergeant
 Sergeant
 Sergeant



PBA MEMBERS REPRESENTING



Congratulations to the PBA members of the New York Express Softball team who took home first place in the gold bracket at the 2nd annual Empire State Softball Classic at Eisenhower Park in East Meadow.



PBA members on the MTAPD Lacrosse Team participated in the Tunnel to Towers Block Party Fundraiser at Venetian Shores Park in Lindenhurst, New York.



On Friday June 7, 2024, members of the PBA cheered on District 4 PBA Member Marvin Wilson as he was victorious in his boxing match at the First Responders Fighting For Our Future Event .



We would like to congratulate PO Mike Damiani as he was victorious boxing for the NYPD boxing team while representing the PBA. Thank you to everyone coming out and showing huge support, especially his home District of Penn Station.



MTA Police Department new design at the New York Car Show

NEW YORK GIANTS PBA NIGHT AT MET LIFE STADIUM

The New York Giants will begin their Landmark 100th season at home against the Minnesota Vikings, Sunday, September 8, 2024 at 1:00pm. Join the PBA at MET Life Stadium at the Canteen from 10:00am to Game Time for 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.



PBA CARDS

All members will automatically be issued 10 PBA CARDS with their shield number on them.

Any member who wishes to purchase up to 10 additional Member Cards or a Spouse Card

Additional cards are \$2.00 each. Please check you email for more information.