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COP OF THE YEAR 2024

PO JOHN D'AMBROSIO

PO JONATHAN THANGAVELU

WHILE ON PATROL AT JAMAICA STATION OFFICERS WERE ALERTED BY A FEMALE COMMUTER THAT A MALE IN QUESTION HAD TOUCHED HER INAPPROPRIATELY. AFTER SEEING A PICTURE OF THE MALE ON THE FEMALE'S PHONE THEY CANVASSED THE AREA EVENTUALLY FINDING HIM A FEW BLOCKS AWAY. ONCE APPROACHED, A STRUGGLE ENSUED AND THE MALE PERPETRATOR FIRED A SHOT AT THE OFFICERS FROM AN UZZI. OFFICERS RETURNED FIRE UNTIL THE THREAT WAS NEUTRALIZED.

MTA CASE #23-23114

TOP COP AWARDS

**COP OF THE MONTH JULY 2024**

SGT ANTHONY CARNACCHIO

PO SEAN SEEMANGAL

PO RICHARD MULVANEY

PO RONARD PARABDIN

PO DEREK DILORENZO

WHILE ON BAG CHECKS AT JAMAICA CENTER, PARSONS AND ARCHER SUBWAY TURNSTILES OFFICERS RECOVERED A LOADED 9MM FIREARM FROM A MALES BAG.

MTA CASE #24-14082**COP OF THE MONTH AUGUST 2024**

PO NIGEL CHEN

PO CHARLES NWOKE

OFFICERS WORKING AT GCM OBSERVED A MALE LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS AND BEGAN ALTERNATING CPR COMPRESSIONS UNTIL HE REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS. IT WAS LATER DETERMINED AT THE HOSPITAL HE HAD SUFFERED A CARDIAC EPISODE.

MTA CASE #24-16344**COP OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER 2024**

SGT JOUAN OLIVARES

PO MARK LEHMAN

OFFICERS ARRIVING AT KEW GARDENS STATION BRANDISHED THEIR FIREARM'S AND TASER'S TO STOP AN INDIVIDUAL FROM BREAKING LIRR PROPERTY WITH A HAMMER. AFTER GAINING COMPLIANCE THE INDIVIDUAL WAS ARRESTED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

MTA CASE #24-17384

TOP COP AWARDS

COP OF THE MONTH OCTOBER 2024

PO MICHAEL DeBLASI

PO MICHAEL RIOLA

OFFICERS ARRIVED AT DEER PARK STATION TO FIND AN UNRESPONSIVE MALE WITH NO PULSE. BOTH OFFICERS UTILIZED AN AED AND CPR AND WERE FINALLY ABLE TO REGAIN A PULSE ON THE AIDED WHO WAS TRANSPORTED TO THE HOSPITAL FOR FURTHER MEDICAL TREATMENT.

MTA CASE #24-19042

COP OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER 2024

PO BRIAN CULVER

PO MICHAEL CASTEL

WHILE RIDING TRAIN #597 FROM HARLEM 125TH STREET STATION TO WHITE PLAINS STATION, OFFICERS IDENTIFIED AND APPREHENDED AN INDIVIDUAL FROM A WANTED FLYER FOR CRIMINAL MISCHIEF AT THE FORDHAM STATION.

MTA CASE #24-16196

COP OF THE MONTH DECEMBER 2024

SGT DANIEL BECKLEY

PO JOSEPH DiPAOLA

PO MICHAEL CIULLO

PO NICOLE CONNOLLY

WHILE WORKING AT HARLEM 125TH STREET STATION OFFICERS WERE FLAGGED DOWN BY A FEMALE WHO WAS JUST ROBBED AND BRUTALLY ASSAULTED WHILE COMING HOME FROM WORK. THE MALE IN QUESTION WAS APPREHENDED, ARRESTED, AND CHARGED WITH ASSAULT, ROBBERY, AND CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON.

MTA CASE #24-24212





ALBANY REPORT

All Members,

The 2025 Legislative session began on January 8, 2025. The Governor presented her budget proposals, and now the legislature will present their amendments. The budget is due April 1, 2025. The Police Conference of NY Legislative Committee, which I am a member of, is diligently reviewing the proposals. We are working with State legislators to advance proposals beneficial to the Police Community and try to block those detrimental. Some of the priority Legislation we are advocating on this session are;

- Raise the OT cap for Tier 5/6 members from 15% to 30%
- Legislation related to Tier 5/6 contribution rates
- Bills that prohibit the diminution of Health Insurance to retirees
- Allow for Military veterans to purchase up to 4 years of service, up from 3 years
- Making false accusations against police officers a crime
- "Clean Slate" for police officers. This would seal unproven claims against officers
- Peer support members confidentiality
- Congestion pricing exemptions for First responders

Some of the Bills we are opposing are;

- Prohibiting vehicle stops for issues that do not cause immediate harm, ie equipment violations
- Prohibits the use of unmarked vehicles
- Requiring officers to purchase personal liability insurance
- Requiring annual reports of legal settlement payments related to law enforcement Limits

As the session progresses, I will provide further updates. If you have any questions regarding legislation just call or email me.

Pension Updates

At our January meeting, we conducted a Pension and Benefits Seminar. The pension department was on hand and gave us some positive news. For our Tier 5/6 members who were paying excess pension contributions, the program to stop those excess contributions is now in place. You will make pension contributions on your regular pay, as required by law, but once you go over your 15% OT cap, those pension contributions will no longer be deducted. Excess pension contributions are paid back with 5% compounded interest. The pension department hopes to refund those affected members by the end of 2025.

We were also informed that as of April 1, 2025, they will have recalculated everyone who retired up to December 31, 2021. Although we know this process is entirely too slow, it is a positive step in the right direction. Issues related to option factor tables are also being reviewed by the MTA. The pension department asked if retired members have pension questions that they contact the BSC and open a ticket.

Opposing Budget Cuts

This past week, President Waring, Area VP Tony Spano, Area VP Mike Loverdi, Recording Secretary Chris Jones and myself held meetings in Albany with key Legislators to discuss the recent budget cuts by the MTA to the Police Department. We expressed that is a major concern for the safety of our members and the public we protect. We have been asked to do more and we have all stepped up. We need the full support of the MTA. I will keep pressing in Albany for the MTA Police Department to be properly funded. In the meantime, always be safe and have each other's backs.

Fraternally,



Joseph Pugliese, Executive Vice President



Recording Secretary Chris Jones, NYS Senator Leroy Comrie, Chairman of the Corporation & Authorities Committee, Executive Vice President Joseph Pugliese and Area Vice President East Michael Loverdi in Albany after a morning meeting.



PCNY Legislative Director Bing Markee, NCPBA 1st VP Kevin Mullick, NYS Assemblyman Ed Ra, NYS Assemblyman William Barclay, PCNY 1st VP Jeffrey S. Gross, SCSOA 5th Precinct Trustee Kevin Maiale, MTA PBA Executive VP Joseph Pugliese & PAPBA Recording Secretary Shaun Kehoe in the State Capital.



GUN AND SHIELD DAY

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The PBA Executive Board would like to congratulate the below listed members for these special milestones

Birth Announcements

PO Suraj Manuel
 PO Xavier Sanchez
 Lt Robert Schnabel
 PO Desire Bokor
 PO Sem Moral
 SGT Katelyn Brighini

SGT Michael Behrendt
 PO Alfred Esposito
 PO Jansun Park
 PO Logan Santos
 PO Jesse Slavin
 SGT Marcelino Lindo

PO Joe Bracco
 PO Jhashua Garcia
 Det Sgt Christian Terrett
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 SGT Johnny Sibdhanny

Promotions

Keith Meyers Police Officer - Sergeant
 Matthew Keppel Police Officer - Sergeant
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 Jonathan Choi Police Officer - Sergeant

Sachin Scaria Police Officer - Sergeant
 Robert Casola Police Officer - Sergeant
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 Joseph Casale Police Officer - Sergeant
 Luis Teran Police Officer - Detective

Ana Martinez Police Officer - Sergeant
 Robert Reichel Police Officer - Sergeant
 Michael Fried Detective - Sergeant
 Gabriella Marino Police Officer - Sergeant
 Omar Johnson Detective - Sergeant

Retirements

PO Michael McCormack
 PO Jamie Palazzo
 PO Geraldo Rivera
 PO Christopher Matias

PO Errold Borges
 PO David Santiago
 PO Tommy Long



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS





PBA HOLIDAY PARTY





VETERANS DAY



PBA BOARD WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF OUR MEMBERS THAT HAVE SERVED OR ARE CURRENTLY SERVING IN OUR NATIONS ARMED SERVICES.





Congratulations to our Running Team for their participation in the New York City Marathon



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Members participating in the “5th Annual Mike Gerald & Ray Abear Memorial Shop With A Cop”



Congratulations to our members on their Installation
Dinner for the Asian Jade Society



Congratulations to Jonathan Thangavelu on his
Bravery Award presented by AMLEU

