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The PBA Executive Board proudly honored Stephanie Oliver-Boyd and Clive Williams, our MTA PBA persons of the Year. It was great to join so many of our members as we celebrated our camaraderie and unity. 2026 will be even better than this past year and we can't wait to take our union to the next level! Stay tuned!

**DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF RETIRED DETECTIVE BENJAMIN ROSARIO**



**RETIRED MTA DETECTIVE  
BENJAMIN ROSARIO**

**REST IN PEACE 12/1/25**

Across 32 years of service, Detective Rosario dedicated his life to protecting New Yorkers with honor, professionalism, and an unwavering commitment to the people he served. His legacy reflects a career marked by courage, integrity, and steadfast devotion to public safety. He will be greatly missed. May he rest in peace.

## PBA PRESIDENT JOE PUGLIESE NAMED POLICE CONFERENCE OF NEW YORK SERGEANT-AT-ARMS



### BOARD OF OFFICERS

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### AFFILIATED WITH

National Assoc of Police Organizations

Police Conference of New York

Suffolk County Police Conference

NYS Public Employee Conference

Westchester County APA



Joe has been an invaluable asset to the Police Conference of New York Legislative Committee. Through their extensive network and influence in Albany, they have made significant strides in advocating for our members and the Police community.

## The PBA Congratulates Our Newest Members On Gun and Shield Day



Proud former PBA President Vincent Provenzano along with his sons Vincent (District 3 Trustee), Frank (Suffolk PBA 5th Precinct Trustee), Nicholas, and Stephen (PBA Recording Secretary), were joined by President Joseph Pugliese, Executive VP Michael Loverdi, and Area East Vice President Carlos Couto at Gun and Shield Day.



## PBA LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS



President Joseph Pugliese and members of the Police Conference of New York Legislative Committee joined Governor Kathy Hochul in Manhattan today where she signed the "Lieutenant Joseph Banish Mental Health Act" establishing confidentiality for communications made by law enforcement during peer-to-peer counseling sessions. This is to promote mental wellness by offering a safe place for our members to go for help.

**THE PBA EXECUTIVE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE BELOW LISTED MEMBERS FOR THESE SPECIAL MILESTONES**

## BIRTHS

PO Michael Carter	PO Richard Crowe	PO Tyler Mitts	SGT Joseph Amato
PO Anthony Camerada	PO Kyle Ambury	DET Patrick Hussey	PO Eric Wolfert
PO Taylor Fortunatio	Det Frank Musto	SGT Vincent LeGrand	PO Patrick McCormack
PO Eric LI	PO Brandon Schlosser	PO Ramon Cortoreal	PO Stephanie Fernandez
PO Anthony Treglia	PO Oscar Zuniga	PO Liridon Ademaj	PO Jessica Jaquez
PO Anthony Defillippo	DET SGT Jonathan Frohnhoefer	SGT Kevin Maher	PO Alex Schmidt
PO Sean Beuer	SGT Michael Lanzetta	PO Jvan Maharaj	PO Justin Perez
PO George Prieto	PO Alyssa Flemming	PO Isaiah Stewart	PO Richard Jeffares
PO Greg Zannetti (District 6 Trustee)	PO Edward Macaluso	PO Jonathan Thangavelu	PO Eric Schilling
PO Keith Yeung	DET Tom Kcira	PO Anthony Maggiotta	PO Gregory Nuzzi
PO Johnathan Tineo	PO Ihtshaam Shafqat	PO Allen West	PO Jason Nandoo
SGT Joel Salcedo Reyes			

## RETIREMENTS

SGT. Stephen Takacs	DET LT Robert Rau	DET. Michael Alfalla
PO Brian Frayler	PO Michael Defrancesco	PO Vanessa Parker
SGT. Nathaniel Guerra	LT. Joseph Cona	

## PROMOTIONS

### Detective

Thomas Longo  
Darwin Chacon  
Steven O'Connor  
Cindy Paulino  
Genesis Nova Diaz

### Sergeant

Kendell Cubicciotti  
Shanice Stephenson  
Kristian Hued-Castro  
Philip Lowery  
Brandon Blair  
Sean Seemangal  
Frank Buscaino  
Vincent LeGrand  
Joseph Carbone  
Conner Creagh  
Thomas Galligan  
Richard Mulvaney  
Ralph Larco  
Timothy Howell

### Detective Sergeant

Vladimir Dieudonne  
Michael Fried  
Kenneth Shields

### Lieutenants

Anthony Gentile  
Jesus Cortes  
Christopher Matzinger  
Joseph Cusimano  
John Nelson  
Timothy Skelly  
Nicholas Moran  
Henry Valerio  
Jerald Ernst  
Anthony Tortora  
Nicholas Notarfrancesco  
Victor Cipriano  
Pamela Waluk  
Jimmy Foss  
Charles Danile  
Alison Gentile

### Detective Lieutenant

Christopher Guastamacchia  
Kevin Blondel  
Michael Crana



## New Benefit To Members

Dear Fellow Members,

In response to recent tragic events within our department, the PBA Board has taken proactive steps to enhance the life insurance coverage available to our members. I am pleased to announce that we have partnered with Acrisure to provide a guaranteed issue basic life plan. The plan will be underwritten by Amalgamated Life, and the PBA will assume all costs. The highlights of the plan are as follows:

\$50,000 of Basic Life guaranteed issue – no underwriting or medical screenings for active members.

\$15,000 Basic Life for retirees who retired on or after June 1, 2025.

Critical Illness coverage for active members – the member can receive up to 50% (\$25,000) of the face value of the plan. Critical illnesses include cancer, heart attack, stroke, end-stage renal disease, major organ transplant, or paralysis.

The PBA Board felt it was essential to provide an even greater benefit for you, our members. This plan will help both the beneficiaries in the event of a member's death, or a member who is diagnosed with one of the qualifying critical illnesses. The Board recognizes our duty not only to support our members, but also to support their families in their most trying times. We feel this benefit helps provide that. Unfortunately, no insurance company would insure members who retired before June 1, 2025.

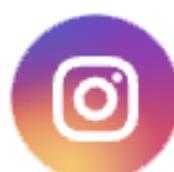
We will be sending out more information in the future. Please update your beneficiary information on our website. Any questions, please contact us at [support@mtapba.org](mailto:support@mtapba.org).

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## NCPD CREDIT UNION FOR PBA MEMBERS



The PBA Board is excited to announce that the NCPD (Nassau County Police Department) Federal Credit Union has expanded its services to all members of the PBA. This credit union offers support to law enforcement officers and provides a range of services and benefits, including receiving \$50.00 when opening an account, auto loans, and mortgage rates as low as 5.25%. Visit [www.ncpdfcu.org](http://www.ncpdfcu.org) to join or for more information.



# PBA BOARD WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Members of the PBA Board had the opportunity to meet with our newest PBA members during Recruit Training at the Police Academy.



Members of the Board were proud to meet with officers currently attending Sergeant School. We remain committed to supporting our members at every stage of their careers, from entry level to supervisory roles.

## PBA MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



# MTA PBA SALUTES MEMBERS AFTER SUCCESSFUL GREENPORT OPERATION

Following a successful operation in Greenport, the MTA Police Benevolent Association proudly salutes the MTA police members involved for their professionalism, dedication, and commitment to public safety. Their actions reflect the high standards of service our members bring to the job every day, both on and off the transit system. We are proud to represent them.

## JUSTICE SERVED

"On behalf of the men and women, who put their lives at risk every day serving on the MTA's police force, I want to thank the Westchester District Attorney for securing a Felony conviction against the assailant who attacked one of our officers last year. This attack was a stark example of the dangers our members face every day and it's critical that there is zero tolerance for any attacks on them and that their assailants are held fully accountable for their crimes. Justice has been served!"



On Wednesday, December 17, 2025, John Sicotakis was found guilty by a Westchester County jury of second-degree assault and obstructing governmental administration in connection with the incident at the Croton-Harmon Metro-North station in 2024.

The attack unfolded around 2:30 a.m. on Sept. 28, 2024, when an PBA Member found Sicotakis asleep alone on the station platform and attempted to conduct a welfare check. While interviewing Sicotakis, he became agitated, throwing items from his backpack onto the platform. While attempting to issue a littering summons, Sicotakis grabbed the officer's wrist. As the officer attempted to arrest him, Sicotakis kicked and punched the officer, tried to bite him, and made repeated threats to kill him. Officers from the Croton-on-Hudson Police Department also responded to help in the arrest.

The MTA officer suffered tears to his right wrist and both knees, injuries that required surgery and long-term physical therapy. While the assault case was pending, Sicotakis was re-arrested in an unrelated domestic incident and charged with misdemeanor criminal mischief.

The investigation was conducted by the MTA Police Department with assistance from the Croton-on-Hudson Police Department. The case was prosecuted by the Westchester County District Attorney's Felony General Crimes Bureau.



# SHOP WITH A COP



## MTA PBA BRINGS HOLIDAY CHEER – SHOP WITH A COP EVENT

The MTA PBA was proud to bring holiday cheer to children in Rockville Centre, continuing a tradition of service, generosity, and community connection through the Annual Shop With a Cop Event.

Special thanks to Andy Fox, Project Thank A Cop founder.

## HISPANIC SOCIETY HOLIDAY PARTY



PBA leadership attended The Hispanic Society Holiday Party to show support and to stand alongside our brothers and sisters during this special evening of tradition.



The MTAPD Hispanic Society hosted their annual Holiday Party, bringing members together to celebrate the season, culture, and community.

# ETERNAL SERVICE AWARD



The Westchester County Detective's Association recently held their annual Holiday Party, where the family of MTA Detective Sergeant, Frank Lore, was honored with the "Eternal Service Award."



Victor Cipriano Northern Region Supervisor Trustee, Chris Jones PBA Treasurer, Retired Sergeant Ryan Doherty, Retired Detective Luis Eleutice, Tony Spano PBA Vice President Northern Region, Frank Lore Sr, Michelle Lore, and Eileen Lore.

# MTAPD GUARDIANS 10th ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DINNER



PBA Board Members joined with NYS Assemblyman Charles D. Fall.

On November 16, 2025 The PBA was honored to join the Metropolitan Transit Police Guardians for their 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Dinner.

## MILITARY APPRECIATION EVENT AT GRAND CENTRAL



The PBA was proud to be at Grand Central Terminal earlier this week for a special Military Appreciation event honoring the men and women who have worn our nation's uniform. PBA President Joseph Pugliese, Area Vice President (North) Anthony Spano, and Treasurer Chris Jones joined our active-duty service members at this important event.



## YONKERS TIER RALLY AND ROUND TABLE



Executive Vice President Michael LoVerdi, Corresponding Secretary Kelly Jabouin, Trustee Adrew Pasquarella District 4, Trustee Vincent M. Provenzano District 3, Recording Secretary Stephen Provenzano, Trustee Doug Michels District 2, Trustee Xavier Sanchez District 8, President Joseph Pugliese, Trustee Matt Johnson Eastern Regional Supervisors, Treasurer Chris Jones and Area Vice President East Carlos Couto right before setting up the canteen.

## YONKERS TIER RALLY AND ROUND TABLE



PBA President Joseph Pugliese joined Police Conference of New York President Michel O'Meara, New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Police Conference of New York 1st VP Jeffrey S. Gross for a picture before the Yonkers Tier Round Table



PBA President Joseph Pugliese joined representatives from The Port Authority PBA, Nassau PBA, Suffolk PBA and The Police Conference of New York in Yonkers at the Tier Rally and Round Table.

# FIRST RESPONDER NIGHT



The NY Islanders hosted their annual First Responders Night on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 as they took on the New Jersey Devils. Many of our members attended the event and a good time was had by all. Lloyd Harbor PBA President Kevin Church, PBA Area Vice President - North Anthony Spano and Yonkers PBA President Frank McDonald met up for a quick picture during game time.

# PEER RESOURCES

## Cop Line

1-800-267-5463 - Hotline

[www.copline.org](http://www.copline.org)

## Cathy Menzies- LCSW

Consultation Treatment

631 466 -7053

## Lauren Olsen - LMHC

Mettle Works Behavioral Services

845 481-0481

[mtapdpeer@mtapd.org](mailto:mtapdpeer@mtapd.org)

MTA EAP: 212-883-8084

After hours emergency:

917 287-9016

MTA Chaplains: 347-643-7381

## ForgeHealth - Various locations

Jason Palamara

Director of Veteran and First Responder Engagement

516-314-1873 - Cell Phone

[info@forgehealth.com](mailto:info@forgehealth.com)

[JPalamara@forgehealth.com](mailto:JPalamara@forgehealth.com)

[Forgehealth.com/vfr](http://Forgehealth.com/vfr)

## NYLEAP - Various locations

Jim Banish- Founder

518 625 -1899 Office Phone

[info@nyleap.org](mailto:info@nyleap.org)

[Nyleap.org](http://Nyleap.org)

## Guardian Revival - Beacon, NY

845-617-6421- Office Phone

24/7 PEER 845 745-0088

[hello@guardianrevival.org](mailto:hello@guardianrevival.org)

[Guardianrevival.org](http://Guardianrevival.org)

## Calm Seas - Mount Sinai, NY

Sharon Prager- Director

888 975-2256 - Office Phone

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