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Honoring the Fallen

In Flanders fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below;

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow.
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae - 1915
Killed in battle in France - 1918

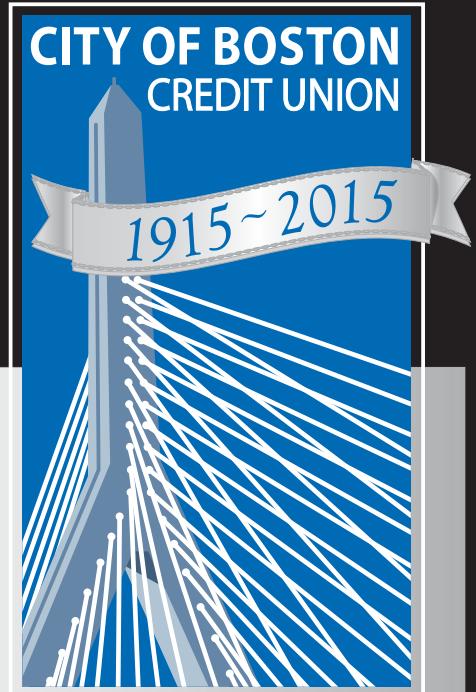


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This is likely the most difficult time in history to be a cop

You would have to be living under a rock not to realize that this is likely the most difficult time in history to be a cop. Every person with a camera or cell phone second guessing every action, morally corrupt activists and inept politicians throwing Police Officers under the bus every chance they can.

The mainstream media jumping on any and every opportunity to sell advertising space on the backs and lives of police officers, because as we all know they no longer report the news, they exist to simply sell advertising space! Whichever one can make the bigger splash, broadcast the ‘exclusive’ interview or show the better or bloodier picture gets the viewer and thus the advertising dollars.

It's all about the almighty buck, force the cops to wear body cameras so the public can see what they do? How about find out who owns the stock in those companies, find out which politicians the CEO's of body camera companies donated to and how much, follow the money. Certain neighborhood activists who revel in their self-appointed role as anti-police, become our ‘friends’ after they receive a healthy grant from the local Government, follow the money.

The so-called ‘thug’ culture that is absolutely destroying our society, has nothing to do with youth trying to find an identity, it has to do with selling clothes, jewelry, music, drugs, etc., etc., follow the money. Guns, bought and sold in our streets, shootings, violence and ultimately the deaths that follow, money plain and simple. Protect ‘turf’ with guns for what? To sell drugs, to commit other crime that brings in what? Money!

Neighborhood alliances that turn into modern day gangs named after streets etc. are what? A group brought together because there is strength in numbers, that strength is relied on to protect the group who is existing to make money. Again, how much does the gun lobby give to politicians annually? It all tracks back to money.

Now we have local politicians that are trying to sell the idea of ‘paying’ criminals not to commit crime. I’m sure that’ll work!! Yup, let’s throw money at it, after all that’s the answer for everything, isn’t it?

I don’t have the answers, I don’t claim to have the answers, but I do know that money simply thrown at people is not the answer. Plans to use money responsibly must be developed, along with legitimate strategies to combat the root problems.

We have to work on family values – reestablish the family unit. I know the family dynamic has evolved, we (the Police) and as a society have to evolve with it and be more accepting and understanding of this new family dynamic. We have to rebuild what once was and should be again. Use money to fund jobs, which will allow young men and woman to earn and become part of society. Allow them the opportunity to build not only their community but their own self esteem, a feeling of self worth. Use money to build neighborhood

youth centers and fund neighborhood sports teams to keep young kids involved, an old saying but it’s true: “kids in sports stay out of courts!”

We have to end this finger-pointing at the police as the cause of societal problems! I know we make a convenient scapegoat, but enough is enough. This ongoing rhetoric and scapegoating is getting officers killed!

The media, (no, I’m not talking about individual reporters), continues to create unrest with biased reporting, certain politicians do what they do best; simply put the blame on others without taking any responsibility for their own statement, actions or even worse – inaction! You can see it at every level of Government across this Nation.

However, we in Boston are blessed that we have a Mayor from the neighborhoods, supervising a Police Force comprised of mostly neighborhood people that continue to keep city ties and are involved. We must work together to stop the agitators

from importing the violence and problems we see around the country into Boston.

Demands for review boards, body cameras and onerous oversight and laws do more harm than good. They lend an air of mistrust and foster poor relations between the police and those we police. We do not face the problems that the rest of the country does because we are from the neighborhoods we police.

We have a Mayor who understands what it takes and is not afraid to speak up for us. We have a strong, vocal Commissioner who speaks up for us. We are proactive within the neighborhoods we police and I personally believe that the majority of City residents trust us and believe in us. We must guard against allowing onerous or crippling policy and procedure from being developed or implemented which will attack the core value of community policing. Just because a minority of misguided activists may yell the loudest doesn’t make it so. I’ll get off my ‘soap box’ now.

It’s been a quick six months, in the following pages you will read updates on quite a bit of what’s been happening. Allow me a few sentences to focus on a couple of items. Our team made promises to you when we ran for office. In the last issue of the PAX, I pointed out quite a few of our goals that were met in an extremely short time.

One of the items we had talked about was negotiating with the department, working with them to settle differences and at the minimum get something for the membership when forced into policies, practices or changes that would affect the body.

I would like to note that in keeping with that promise; we have just entered into a settlement agreement that has brought the single largest raise in pay in the history of the BPPA for the patrol force. The Department was poised and positioned to implement a change in what

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Honoring Top Cops and Remembering Fallen Police Officers

This April, for the first time in my 24 years of being a police officer, I was able to attend Police Week in Washington D.C.

It was an honor to represent the B.P.P.A. and to be there when three of our own, Sergeant **Joe Teahan**, Officer **Ryan Lenane**, and Officer **Billy Traft** received their Top Cop Awards. Hearing the events surrounding their incident at the award dinner, along with all the other recipient's stories, was inspirational. As usual, I felt privileged to be a Boston Officer. I was also proud to see so many of us down there supporting our heroes and representing the BPD so well. Seeing the Law Enforcement Memorial was sobering, and sadly one of our own, taken way too soon, was added to the wall this year. Rest in Peace Dennis, and I pray your family found a little peace knowing you will be forever memorialized and remembered for paying the ultimate sacrifice.

As many of you know, we have been getting our union food truck out to many events. It takes a team effort, and I'd like to recognize the hard work of those who have been going above and beyond in order to get the job done. Namely, **Chris Broderick**, **Bob Colburn**, **Matt Carey**, **Jim Carnell**, **Dan McCarthy**, **Jeff Tobin**, **Mike Murphy**, **Joe Nee**, **Manny Canuto**, **Danny Fullam**, **Kevin Griffiths**, **Luis Lopez**, **Jim Doiron**, **Jim LaCroix**, **Jackie Rogers**, **Larry Caldronne**, **Frank Ortiz**, **Dave Bianchetto**, and **Scott Lucas**. Thank you guys for making it happen. If anyone is looking to get involved and wants to help out at any upcoming events, call the hall and let us know. We have had nothing but positive feedback and would like to continue to do it, after all, we need to take care of our own. One more thank you is in order to **Jim Tzibis** of Jim's Deli, located at 371 Washington Street in Brighton Center. He was generous enough to donate bacon for the breakfast sandwiches served on Marathon Monday. He is the Harbor Unit Officer **Jeff Tobin's** brother-in-law, so if you are in that area stop by and show support to our friend. The B.P.P.A. Annual Golf Tournament is fast approaching. This year it will be held at President's Golf Course in Quincy on Thursday, August 27th. It is an 8:00 am

shotgun start. I hope to see as many of you there as possible, call the hall to reserve your spot.

I am sure by now most of our membership knows we are looking to purchase a building on Freeport Street in Dorchester to serve as our new union hall. The House Of Representatives has given us the green light to pursue the property and while the process has just begun, I have high hopes and see it as a great opportunity for the

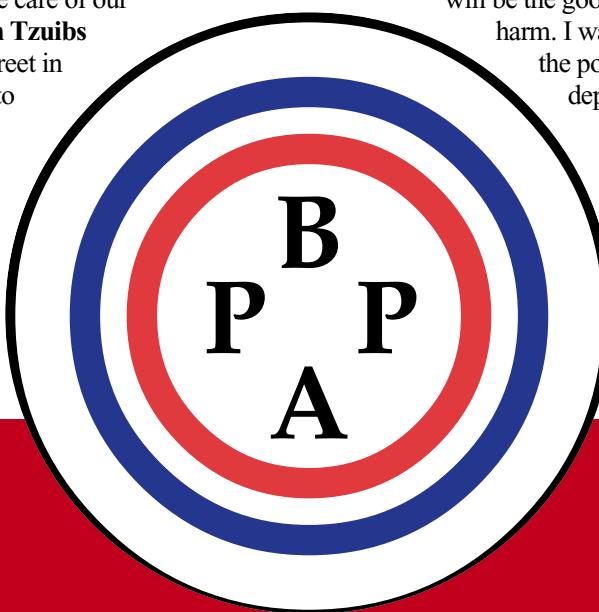
B.P.P.A. The building has so much potential. It has over twenty offices and room for meetings, conferences, and arbitrations, as well as a warehouse that could be converted into a function hall. "Times for Friends" could be held there, retirement parties, birthday parties, you name it. Having this place or one similar to it would enable all of us to use our **OWN** hall, not someone else's.

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No one reading this needs me to remind them that being a police officer today is as challenging and as dangerous as ever. That we are under the microscope more than ever. That recent events has proven that the "**boys in blue**" are under attack. But I am going to remind you to be as vigilant as ever and back each other up, we need to make sure everyone goes home at the end of their shift, safely. Whether you are performing a detail or effecting an arrest, whether you are off duty or on, stay alert and stay sharp. And while there seems to be no end to the public second guessing our every move, or the Monday morning quarterbacking, or the protests and sometimes pure hatred, as seen in Roslindale, I want to remind you that we still are and always

will be the good guys. We will always do more good than harm. I want to remind you to take a look around at all the positive things we do as individuals and as a department.

I want to wish everyone a happy and safe summer. Hopefully everyone will enjoy some vacation time with their families and loved ones. We will be continuing to work hard at making our union stronger. We are coming up on being in office for six months, and so far I am pleased with the progress we have made. I hope you all are too. Be careful out there!



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The state of policing in 2015

Lieutenant Colonel **Dave Grossman**, the author of and contributor to a great many books that discuss society, particularly the military and law enforcement roles within society, writes in his book "On Combat" about sheep, wolves and sheepdogs. Lieutenant Colonel Grossman relays the story he heard from another retired Colonel from the Vietnam Era. It is an analogy to where people fit in our society. The sheep are our everyday people; good, hardworking citizens who provide the backbone of what is truly still a great society. To call them sheep is not an insult. They are our husbands, wives, neighbors and children. They make up the bulk of the world we live in and are important. They are not violent and don't want to hurt anyone. They simply want to play their roles in life and be safe. Then there are the wolves. Though they seem to us

to be everywhere the sheep are. They are outnumbered by the sheep 300 to 1. Wolves are not wired right. They are malicious and violent, they have no regard for sheep and no regard for each other. They want to prey on the sheep. That is where we come in, the sheep dogs. We too are violent, or at least have a capacity for violence when necessary. The greatest difference between us and the wolf is our ability to empathize and sympathize. We have a deep love for society. We care. We want to protect. We want a peaceful society. We have taken a great responsibility upon ourselves, both individually and collectively, to serve, to protect, and to keep peace.

Nationally it is popular to criticize police. Every single interaction police have with citizens regardless of the role they fit into society can be scrutinized and dissected. The ability to second guess and Monday morning quarterback police actions seems to be the new national

pass time. Technology has given everyone a front seat to weigh in on how we do our job. Only we understand the pressure this puts on us. Our intent is not to hide anything. Our plan is not to run rampant. Those stories make good fiction novels and television but that is not who we are. We simply want to do the job we devoted ourselves to do and not feel like lepers or outcasts for doing it. Those that take joy in condemning us and those that may take a tragedy somewhere in the nation involving a police officer and choose to say we are all the

same (regardless of the facts) are out there, they are making our jobs harder and they will still demand our service when they are afraid or need assistance.

Let's not forget about an additional threat that we all face every day. There are those in society that may not "hunt" us but have no regard for

us. Life means very little to them, and ours in particular means nothing to them. Sadly, incidents like Humboldt Ave., and recently Geneva Ave. in 2013 and Radcliffe St. in 2003. These are just three examples that directly affected members of the BPPA. Attacks on police officers are becoming more and more frequent across the country.

It all seems simple. We all know that there are people who hate cops. Those that think we are servants who will enforce laws and interact with people as they see fit at that time and believe we should alter our responses to their mood, in accordance with their objective and goals. We knew they were going to be there when we took this job. We all understood that there is an inherent risk to this job. We knew on day one of our academy that we would expose ourselves to very bad people who would stop at nothing to get away, make good

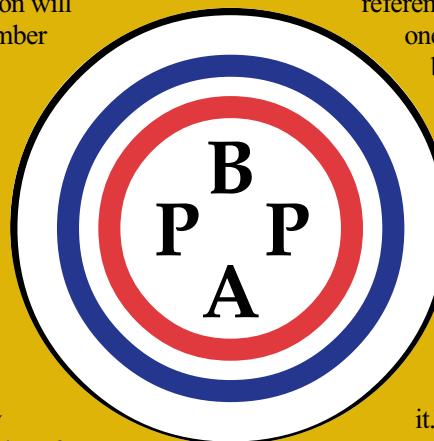
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BPPA to celebrate 50th anniversary on September 11th at Venezia's, Dorchester

By James W. Carnell, Pax Editor

The Boston Police Patrolmen's Association will celebrate our 50th anniversary on September 11th, 2015, at Venezia's in Port Norfolk, Dorchester. Numerous former and current BPPA Presidents and officers, along with our friends and allies in the labor movement, are expected to attend.

In 1965, after years of cruel and abusive treatment by the BPD administration, many officers decided that "enough was enough". Organizing politically against an administration determined to see them fail, they fought against all odds to mobilize the rank-and-file members to stand up for themselves. It certainly wasn't easy then, and it's not easy now. (As a point of



reference, during the American revolution in 1776, only one-third was in favor of the revolution, one third backed the King of Britain, and one-third, quite frankly, didn't care and wanted to stay on the sidelines. The same "one-third" rule holds true today.)

Many members do not know (and sadly, some simply do not care) about our BPD history. Read the book "City in Terror", by Francis D. Russell, for the definitive explanation of the Boston Police Strike of 1919 and its impact on the BPD to this very day. ("If we do not learn from history, we are doomed to repeat it." quote attributed to the poet G. Santayana).

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Greetings

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Active Duty Death

We lost a brother officer, **Joseph M. Zanoli** on May 7, 2015 at the young age of forty six. Joe was assigned to Area C-11 and was a lateral from the Lowell Police Department. In his short time with the Boston Police Department Joe earned the trust and respect of all whom he came into contact with. Joe’s walk-by was very well attended by all ranks of the department. If you took the time to attend the wake or funeral, I, on behalf of Joe’s family, friends and colleagues thank you. Joe leaves behind two sons. A fund has been established at the BPPA. Please count your blessings and contribute if you are able.

I would like to take a moment to thank a group of officers who donated their personal time to represent the BPPA in Long Island, New York at Officer **Brian Moore**’s funeral. These officers worked the grills to a line we never thought would end. To our fellow BPPA members who made the trip to pay respects to one of New York’s Finest cut down in the line of duty - **THANK YOU!!!**

Following the services in Long Island, the canteen trailer was packed up and en-route to Suffolk Downs for the Wounded Warrior motor cycle run/benefit the following morning. It is estimated between the two days over three thousand officers, veterans and supporters were served breakfast and lunch. If you are having a barbecue this summer I can honestly recommend the following officers as grille masters.

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Area B	Dave Bianchetto, Scott Lucas and Frank Ortiz
Area C	Louie Lopes and Jack Rogers
Area D	Dan Fullam and Dan McCarthy
Special Operations	Kevin Griffiths
Drug Depository	Joe Nee
YVFS	Manny Canuto

These officers stepped up to the plate and knocked it out of the park, a great job by all. Thank you. If anyone is interested in volunteering in the future please reach out to me and let me know.

Upcoming Events

Graduation Day – We welcome forty one new recruits to our ranks. Congratulations on your achievements!

BPPA Golf Tournament – Thursday, August 27th at Presidents Golf Course – 8AM

BPPA 50th Anniversary – On September 11th, the BPPA is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. It is also our annual Retirement Banquet. This event will be held at the Venezia Restaurant. This promises to be a great evening – get your tickets early.

Night at the Museum – Friday, October 9th. BPPA Company Night at the Museum of Science (*See notice on page 10*).

For Sale

Challenge Coins – We have a limited supply of BPPA 50th Anniversary commemorative challenge coins for sale at the BPPA. The coins are \$10.00 each. The coin is quite impressive. They are going quick and when they are going they are gone. If you ever had the pleasure of doing the detail at Harry the Greek’s you’ll certainly remember this line, “Line em up – get em while they’re hot!” These coins are hot, be sure to secure one for yourself.



Dental Plan Update

During the month of April (open enrollment) an audit of the BPPA dental plan was conducted. The reason for the audit was simply to explore different avenues in an attempt to save our association, as a whole, money. Several brokers were contacted to “shop” our dental plan around. As a result we have severed ties with our old broker who had been doing business with the BPPA for the past twenty years. We went in a new direction with Boston Commonwealth Advantage LLC (BCA). With BCA representing the BPPA we have realized a savings of \$51,000.00. **Nothing has changed to your dental plan.** The only change is to the broker of record.

Remain Vigilant

In light of what occurred in our City on Tuesday, June 2nd, let us first be forever grateful that our officers were not killed or injured. I implore all offices to remain vigilant. Not only during your tours of duty but also while performing paid details, travelling to and from court and to and from home. Wear a jacket over your uniform shirt while commuting. There is no need to “fly the colors.” I am not an alarmist but we unfortunately have experienced terrorism in the City. It is here, thankfully our officers survived the attack. Stay prepared and remain vigilant.

I spoke to an Academy instructor and was furnished with the following:

Tactical Refreshers and Reminders

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BOSTON POLICE PATROLMEN'S ASSOCIATION

COMPANY NIGHT at the MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

Friday, October 9, 2015



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How to shoot the weapon out of their hands: Demented notion that police can/should “shoot to wound” persists among low information crowd

By James W. Carnell, Pax Editor

AFTER THE MOST RECENT EXAMPLE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE AND BLATANT POLICE BRUTALITY, Imam Abdullah Faarooq and assorted family members of Usaamah Rahim began the usual (yawn) and expected (yawn) tirades through their willing accomplices in the major media about how the police should have “wounded” the poor, misunderstood Usaamah instead of shooting to kill him like a “wild animal”. (The Imam’s words, not mine- all quotes taken directly from the *Herald, Globe* or major media outlets, guaranteed 100%.) Imam Faarooq was the spiritual mentor for the 26 -year old Usaamah, who had merely expressed his desire to cut off the heads of “the boys in blue” (Ahhh... that would be you and me...) and armed himself with a 10-inch long military bar-knife which is capable of decapitating someone in one stroke. Imam Faarooq has previously been caught on tape during his inspiring sermons calling for young Muslims to “not be afraid to take up the sword and the gun” against the enemies of Islam. (Ahmm...ditto.. that would again be you and me...the infidels...) Imam Faarooq has also called for the destruction of Israel and the elimination of the Jews. (Whew! Thank God he didn’t say anything about lapsed Irish-Catholics or snake-worshippers! Then I’d really be worried! At long as it’s just the Jews he wants to eliminate!....) Therefore, in deference to the grieving family’s desires to have us just “wing’em” when they’re attacking us with a knife, the BPPA will soon be demanding extensive re-training of all of our officers in “How to shoot the gun/knife, etc. – (*fill in the blank here*) weapon out of the hands of marauding suspects and make sure we only wound them.”

Indeed, it is a lost art-form which the BPD’s range instructors have kept secret from us for years. As a young patrolman, I do recall being instructed in this method of stopping armed suspects, but I believe it was from watching re-runs of Mel Brooks’ “Blazing Saddles.” (You remember the scene where the Waco Kid shoots the guns from the hands of the rustlers? Yeah, that’s it, I knew I saw that training film somewhere!)

I demand that we all be retrained in this method of stopping armed scumbags and terrorist savages who desire nothing more than to display for us the military knife that they just got through mail order from the “Praise Allah and kill the infidels” newsletter/web-site. (Let me cover my butt here—“Allah Akbar”!) Why didn’t those evil police officers and FBI agents realize that Usaamah Rahim was just turning his life around and celebrating religious diversity? According to his family members, specifically Aunt “Karen” (she wouldn’t give her last name) Usaamah was “murdered”. According to the group “Black Lives Matter”, he was a victim of “the white supremacist state”. (Who knew? Massachusetts? A white supremacist state! And here I thought that liberal moonbats were in charge!)

Of course, I am using satire and ridicule to address these obviously

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Cell-phone circus

We're a video-cam away from another Baltimore or Ferguson

By James W. Carnell, Pax Editor

WE HAVE TO BE THE MOST SCRUTINIZED, SECOND-GUESSED PROFESSION ON EARTH. With the advent of the cell-phone camera, everything we say, everything we do, is now subject to instant review by armchair quarterbacks. The police are called because things are out of control, or there's a family disturbance, or there's a fight in the middle of the street after the bars have let out at 2 AM. And what do we arrive to???

Virtually, an army of cell-phone patriots holding up their recording devices as if we – the police – represent the night's entertainment. Twenty-something little girls and boys that Mommy and Daddy have sent to college and been indoctrinated by their liberal professors now confront every call which the police respond to; ironically and most often, called in by themselves, awaiting the arrival of the police! Then, they criticize every aspect of police involvement through social media and join some self-righteous movement demanding an end to "police brutality" "No Justice/ No peace"/ "Black Lives Matter," etc., etc., etc., *ad nauseum*.

The fact is, it's almost become impossible to be a police officer in this day and age without having every word you say and every act you perform reviewed by idiots and morons who wouldn't do what we do if their lives depended on it. We are , without any doubt, the most second-guessed and criticized profession in the country. No lawyer, no doctor, no politician is subject to such scrutiny as are the police. Do they really wonder why so few quality police recruits are available nowadays? Most young people are choosing far-more rewarding careers that do not require mandatory overtime, nights, weekends, and holidays, and constant review of everything they do or say, subject to withering criticism and potential criminal and civil liability.

When and where I was brought up (Mattapan, 1960's-70's) , you did not question a cop when he told you to move or do something. It was unheard of. If you even thought of complaining to your parents that Officer Whooley had kicked you in the ass, you got a second and third one from Mom and Dad (back then, we had Mothers and Fathers;- anachronistic , I know, but it was a different world...) because, obviously, if Officer Whooley (sorry Bob, had to use your name...) had to talk to you, you did something wrong. Today, these morally-equivalent cretins think that Judge Judy gets to review their grievance on YouTube. Did the policeman act "inappropriately"? Was his/her language "harsh". Did he/she act in a way that the video-world did not agree with after review by their cyber-friends?



Many, many officers – especially on the dreaded midnight shifts downtown- report that they are called to, for example, barroom fights or disturbances on State St., Lansdowne St., Hanover St. or a variety of other locations where drunken morons engage in altercations at 2AM. The officers inevitably arrive to a cadre of inebriated nitwits with their cell-phone cameras at the ready, waiting for their "Police/ YouTube moment." The police are at once confronted with a violent, dangerous situation, often involving drunken men and women, sometimes with weapons, and then with college-age critics holding cell-phone cameras waiting for their moment in the sun as a victim of police brutality or insensitivity.

The natural result is, of course, what we have been talking about for years: "de-policing". It was a topic covered by TIME magazine after the Cincinnati riots many years ago. The TIME reporters simply

could not seem to understand: Why did crime and disorder increase after the police were criticized by the local politicians and media? Hmmmm.... I wonder why??? What a mystery? Could it be that the police, being normal human beings subject to the same vagaries as everybody else, could respond by shrugging their shoulders and simply writing reports after-the-fact as opposed to performing pro-active, aggressive police work? NOOOO....

Of course, the Chiefs of Police Association and PERF (Police Executive Research Foundation, a Washington, D.C.- based "think-tank": HA – what an oxymoron!) will tell the gullible media "NO"! "Our

police officers are primarily concerned with community policing," will say the administrative politicians-in-uniform who have never made an arrest in their lives, wear stars, bars and feathers that they never earned, donated money to the right politician, and are paid ten times the pay of the average street cop for spouting crap to the media. And the executives from PERF will produce statistics and charts for the media to prove that "community-policing" is the single-minded concern of the average police officer, who does not question the wisdom of his perfumed managers because the average police officer is a tin soldier and a plaster saint. (Or at least, that's what the public thinks....)

But I will tell you this: any cop whose primary interest is not his/her family, spouse, children, home and assets, above all other things, is either a liar or an idiot. In this day and age, every interaction with the general public, no matter how seemingly innocent or innocuous, is an invitation to the end of your career and the destruction of your reputation. That's the cell-phone circus that we all have to be aware of....

How to shoot the weapon out of their hands...

From Shoot on page 11

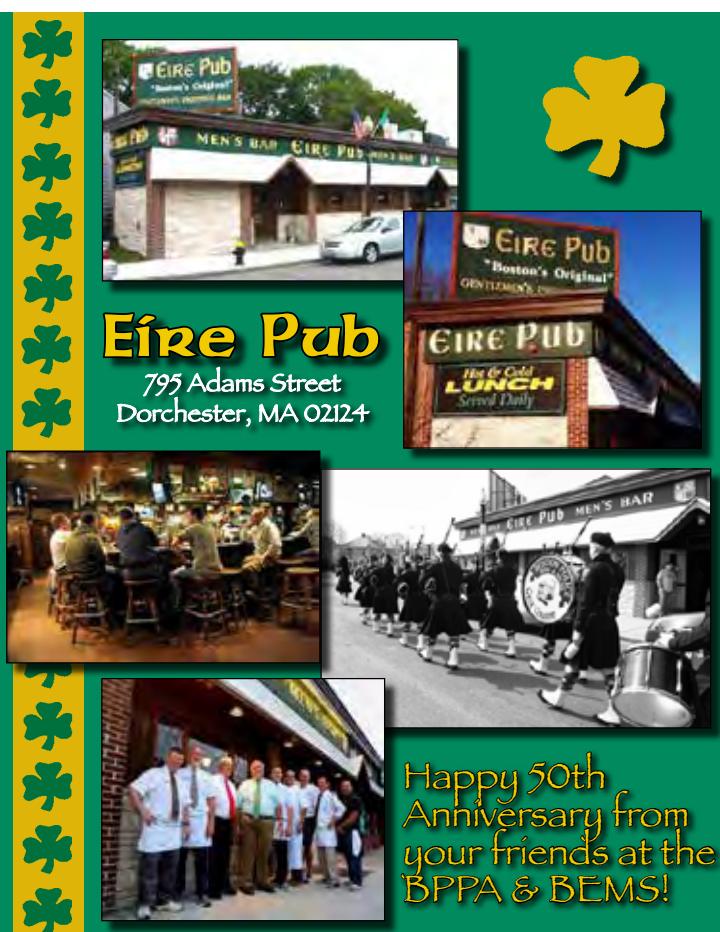
disturbed, illogical, irrational people. It is entirely possible to express grief for a relative or loved one, **no matter how obviously wrong they were**, without becoming a spectacle and making a fool of yourself. As the saying goes, “You’re entitled to your own opinion, but not to your own **facts**.” Right out of the box, family members, such as his brother, began using inflammatory, racially-charged, manufactured lies to describe the incident. “He was shot three times in the back while talking on his cellphone to his Father and said ‘I can’t breathe,’ said his brother. The majority of the media dutifully covered the family’s tirades and did not challenge them on the “I can’t breathe” quote. (Geez, where did I hear that one before?) The brother later had to retract this falsehood after the video proved him wrong and this version of events didn’t fit the desired narrative, but he explained it away as “well, those are the **FACTS** that I heard at first...”. **FACTS** are not something you heard from the first dope to show up with a candle and a stuffed animal for the impromptu “shrine” that will undoubtedly be established for this sterling young man at the Roslindale CVS. Aunt Karen inferred that Rahim was merely reacting to “the slaughter of black men across the country.” (And 98% of young black men are killed by...???) She also stated that “...if it wasn’t for him being a Muslim, then we would not be hearing terrorism or ISIS...”. Ahhm,... Auntie Karen, you are correct here: that is because Catholic nuns are not slamming planes into buildings, Buddhists are not chopping off the heads of Coptic Christians in Libya, Hindus are not attacking New York City police officers with knives and hammers, Protestants are not planting bombs in Times Square, and Jews are not arming themselves with AK-47’s and intending to kill people

because of satirical cartoons drawn in Texas or Paris. Did Catholics riot or attempt to kill people when the *New York Times* “celebrated” “artist” Andres Serrano’s “Piss Christ” photo exhibit - paid for, by the way- by taxpayers via the National Endowment for the Arts? Or the artistic “sculpture” of the Madonna covered in elephant dung? So Aunt Karen, you are indeed correct! We would not be hearing about Islamic terrorism.... unless it was for the **FACT** that Rahim was an Islamic terrorist. (Give this woman 10 points for truthfulness and accuracy. At least she said what the cowards in the media wouldn’t....)

Some of the most inflammatory statements were made by Usamah’s spiritual mentor, Imam Abdullah Faarooq of the Mosque for the Praising of Allah. Imam Faarooq stated *“I ask that God overlook the shortcomings in the people who continue to exist* (Ed.: strange and dangerous language from a “spiritual leader” don’t you think? A veiled threat...?) *that murdered the young man.*” He also said the officers were “reckless” (did they also act “stupidly”, like the Cambridge police, Imam ? I recall somebody else making that statement... who was it?) and that “[if you want to apprehend someone without killing them] you can capture lions and tigers and bears, oh my,” using the analogy of the “Wizard of Oz.” No, Imam, if the cowardly lion is armed with a 10” long military bar-knife, he becomes a deadly lion. And then, he becomes a “horse of a different color”, to throw your “Oz” analogy back at you. (I loved the movie too, Imam! Do you have ruby slippers like Dorothy?) The Imam attempted to backpedal the next day after the videotape had been viewed by the family, but he had already shot his big mouth off without knowing the facts, *a la* Al Sharpton. His half-hearted “apology” is not even minimally believable, except by the most gullible and stupid among us. Obviously, Faarooq is a koooq. (Let me hedge my bets again: “Allah Akbar!” The only one who is allowed to take my head off is my wife, and she does it without benefit of a knife and with regularity. *“A sharp tongue is far more deadly than a sharp knife.”* From the book of Husbands, verse 3, chapter 6.)

But perhaps the worst remarks I’ve seen, at least before *Pax* press time, is the *Boston Globe*’s reporting by Michael Levenson. On Saturday, June 6th, 2015, page B-11, Levenson quoted some idiot professor (I know, a redundant term) named Seth Stoughton from the University of South Carolina. Seth purports to be a “former police officer”. (Geez, I wonder why...) Seth says “he was not certain whether the police had to shoot Rahim. When police encounter a knife-wielding suspect, that’s potentially a good situation in which to use a Taser”, he said. One officer can use the Taser, he said, while another takes out a gun as a backup. But without seeing the video, I can’t say whether this is one of those of those options”. (Professor, always remember: It’s better to keep your mouth shut and have the world think you’re an idiot than to open it and remove all doubt. Now go back to the Palmetto State, bury yourself on Myrtle Beach and shutup, please...). Apparently, neither *Globe* reporter Levenson nor “Professor” Stoughton bothered to check the fact that Boston Police Officers **do not have and have never had Tasers**, never mind the stupidity of their illogical ruminations about what the officers “could have done”. When you’re up to your ass in alligators, it’s a little bit hard to remember that your job was to drain the swamp. They have just provided proof positive of why I hate reporters and academics...

But whoever thought that “Blazing Saddles” would become a police training film? I always knew Mel Brooks was a visionary....



From the Boston Globe, May 11, 2015:

“Brawl in Revere draws huge police turnout”

By Kiera Blessing, Boston Globe

About a dozen people were arrested on Revere Beach Sunday evening after a large disturbance broke out, snarling traffic and drawing a massive police response, officials said.

Dozens of police cruisers — including those of State Police, Transit police, and the communities of Revere, Boston, Lynn, and Winthrop — swarmed Revere Beach near the bandstand around 6:15 p.m.

State Police Lieutenant Dan Richard described the responding officers as being from “pretty much all of Eastern Massachusetts and some of Central Massachusetts.”



A fight broke out between several individuals near the bandstand on the beach for reasons that are unclear.

Between 100 and 200 people were present at the scene, having gone to the beach on an unusually warm day, prompting Revere police to call for backup, Richard said.

Those involved in the fight were “pushing and shoving and throwing bottles,” Richard said.

Though he was unsure what kind of bottles were thrown, he said they were probably plastic soda bottles.

No injuries were reported. Richard

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BPPA to celebrate 50th anniversary on September 11th at Venezia's, Dorchester...

From **50th Anniversary** on page 7

Virtually the entire department was fired after the strike, and bitterness remained for decades as the patrol force tried to improve their conditions of employment, without success, and oftentimes the worst enemies were within our own ranks. My own grandfather, **Martin J. “Babyface” Nevins**, (partner “Tin-Can” Kelly) District 6, W. Broadway walking beat, 1926-1965) considered the upstart BPPA “a bunch of communists who didn’t have enough appreciation for their bosses.” If there’s a *Pax Centurion* in heaven, I’m sure he’s turning over in his grave.

The reason the BPD has such frequent, regular needs for new officers is largely *because* of the strike of 1919. Huge numbers of officers were needed to replenish the ranks at the same regular intervals (1920’s-1950’s, 1950’s-1980’s, 1980’s-current...etc.) and then retired at the same time. That very condition presents itself today, when the officers who were hired after the 1980 layoffs under then-Mayor **Kevin White** are now getting ready to retire and not enough new officers are being hired to replace them. The more things change, the more they remain the same.

The BPPA was begun in 1965, under the leadership of a very few brave officers. Only a few are left today, and we will be indeed be honored to have them in our presence at the Sept. 11th banquet (an auspicious and somber date for all of us across this great country, we know, it just happens to coincide with our 50th anniversary.) Those officers were subjected to withering and humiliating treatment from the political powers who existed at the time. For example, some former BPPA Presidents and representatives were made to stand traffic posts in driving rain outside headquarters at 3:00 AM, for no purpose whatsoever; only to make the point from the administration that “we will break you.” The BPPA was finally incorporated in 1968, and began the long, torturous road to improving the wages, hours and conditions of employment of Boston Police Patrol Men and Women.

Many of our members have no recollection of what the job was like then, even when I began in 1982 (1979-cadet) as a young pup in District 2. (I used to look at the “old-timers” back then as “burn-outs” (as we were told in the Academy, stay away from them...); today...

I recall them now as soothsayers and prophets. Strangely, I recall nothing of what the “police experts” and academy instructors, who seldom if ever worked the streets, said back then (I wonder why...?). There was no such thing as seniority, there was no such thing as fixed shifts. There were no personal days. A request for a “day-off” was presented as an open drawer in the clerk’s office, without a word said, and if the proper envelope with green filling material did not quickly appear (“wink-wink, nod-nod”) then the drawer was quickly closed and the “day-off request” was denied. (Funny how clerks back then never used a sick day, but street cops did? Geez, I wonder why...) If you pissed off the Sergeant, Lieutenant or Captain (I digress,...you could not even begin to think of approaching a Lieutenant or Captain back then...today...one year patrolmen walk into the Captain’s office to discuss their personal problems... If I ever thought of doing that, **Bobby Hayden** would have put his foot up my ass, and rightfully so...) Your day-shift could be changed into a night-shift without a moment’s notice, because the boss didn’t like you, sending your family’s schedule into the dump. Most of today’s officers simply have no recognition of what the job was then, of the patrol officers who fought hard and lonely battles for the patrol force against all odds. Many a union official suffered from illness, stress, divorce and other ailments from merely being involved in union activities.

Today, because of the BPPA, despite all of the terrible things going on around us, the job has improved greatly from where we were not too many years ago. Complain all you want; we – the BPPA – are the envy of the nation’s police forces for our wages, hours and working conditions. Yes, there will continue to be political battles and internal strife, *ad nauseum* and par for the course. But as the front cover of the *Pax Centurion* says in the famous poem “In Flanders Fields” : *To you, the torch, we hold it high, if ye break faith with us, then we shall not rest, in Flanders Fields.*”

The torch is being passed to a new generation of officers over the next several years. Do not break faith with us. Join us on Sept. 11th at Venezia’s in Dorchester, and learn a little about your history. It’s your job now....

“When police are handcuffed, violence is unleashed”

Baltimore, Chicago, Cleveland crime rates skyrocket: Geez, I wonder why....???

By James W. Carnell, Pax Editor

MANY YEARS AGO, IF MEMORY SERVES ME CORRECT, I recall commenting in the *Pax* about an article (I believe it was written by the great columnist Mike Royko) from the *Chicago Tribune* regarding the murder of 9-year old Laketa Crosby (1985?) entitled “*When police are handcuffed, violence is unleashed.*” This poor young girl was caught in the middle of gangbanger-scumbag gunfire in the infamous Cabrini-Green housing projects on the South Side of Chicago. Shortly after this savage incident, then-Chicago Mayor Jane Byrne moved into the Cabrini-Green projects, refusing to be intimidated by the thugs and criminals.

For those who might take offense

at my use of the term “savage”, I refuse to use the term “tragedy”: a tragedy is, by definition, a confluence of situations and incidents which the victim(s) could not avoid and were not responsible for, such as a fire, tornado or flood. Savages cause mayhem and murder by their casual use of violence, uncivilized behavior and vile conduct. Laketa Crosby was the victim of murdering thugs, not a “tragedy.” Of course, with the Mayor came a legion of police officers and security. In short order, the scumbag-gang-bangers were gone, their hideouts were rousted, and relative peace was restored to a portion of the Cabrini-Green projects.

But then came the contingent of civil-rights attorneys and shakedown-artists such as Chicago’s Jesse Jackson. (I can’t blame Al Sharpton: he was just in his formative years back then, beginning with the Tawana Brawley false rape-scam and the arson-murder at Freddie’s Fashion Mart in Harlem which he instigated and fomented. I am, of course, dating myself, but some might remember Sharpton before he became the MSNBC fraud and frequent visitor to the White House masquerading as a “civil-rights activist” that he is today...) And soon, after numerous complaints about police brutality and excessive force, the Mayor left the projects and the police withdrew.

GUESS WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?? Well, the projects reverted to what they previously were; havens for gang-bangers, lawless conduct by thugs-on-welfare, and drug dealers. Ahmmm.. any surprise here...?

The reason I mention this is simple: the more things and times change, the more they remain the same. What is happening in major

cities such as Baltimore, Cleveland and Chicago is nothing more than an example of what happens when the police are handcuffed by mobs, politicians and the media. Pro-active policing becomes re-active policing, and understandably so. Police officers are human beings. When your work is unappreciated, criticized and second-guessed by management, political frauds and self-appointed community activists, police officers respond as any normal person would: we adopt horse blinders and respond to calls only when required to respond by radio. Why take the chance of being somebody’s “You-Tube” moment when you arrive at an incident and are met with a crowd armed with cell-phone cameras, bottles and bricks?

Aggressive, pro-active policing is discouraged by judicial and political fiat, and the consequence is....well...

Baltimore; where the merry, merry month of May, 2015, racked up 43 homicides and over 120 shooting incidents. (Thinking of taking the kids for a

trip to Camden Yards? Yeah, I didn’t think so...)

Maybe Gomer Pyle would have said it best: “Surprise, Surprise!” Now, the same residents who were complaining about the police using excessive force are complaining that the police aren’t arresting the bad guys, the gang-bangers and the drug dealers.

Geez, I wonder why?... “*When the police are handcuffed, violence is unleashed.*” Unfortunately, the civil-rights lawyers and the ACLU-types don’t live where poor Laketa Crosby died or thousands of others who have perished in urban violence since her demise thirty years ago. If they did, they’d be the first ones on the phone to their political friends demanding that “the police do something” to end the violence. If the garden party in Waban or the art exhibit in Cambridge was interrupted by gunfire, there’d be hell to pay. Around here, the elitist liberals live in Newton and Brookline and Wellesley and Cambridge. They write their articles from the ivory towers of the Boston Globe and then drive home to Lexington, Arlington, and Weston to second-guess and critique the actions of street-cops in Dorchester, Roxbury, Roslindale and Downtown Boston. It doesn’t take a degree from Harvard, Columbia or Princeton to understand what’s happening in Baltimore or many, many other major cities:

“*When the police are handcuffed, violence is unleashed.*” It’s that simple....





Legislators utilizing “old rules” to keep legislation rolling

The last six weeks have been very interesting times on Beacon Hill. Although the “Rules” for the current Legislative Session have not yet been agreed upon; Legislators are moving forward utilizing the old “Rules” because it’s in the best interest of the Public to get business moving.

On May 12, 2015, **House Bill 2339** (An Act Relative to Retired Boston Police Officers) was heard in The Public Service Committee Hearing.

As you know, this Bill was filed by Representative **Dan Hunt** from Dorchester. This new law would allow the Police Commissioner of the City of Boston to appoint retired Boston Police Officers as “Special Police Officers” in order to perform police details or any imperative duties during the course of police detail work. Testimony was given, the Bill was voted on favorably by The Committee, and has since been referred to **The Committee on House Steering, Policy, and Scheduling**. We hope to continue moving this Bill as swiftly as possible through the legislative process and will keep you informed on its’ progress.

The following is an update on the list of Bills we are following and the committee it’s been assigned:

House Bill 1199: An Act Relative to an Assault on a Police Officer Responding to Criminal Activity. This Bill was filed by Representative Michael Brady of Brockton. It intends to insert a new section into the Chapter 265 13D Law. It would make it a felony to Assault a police officer while responding to criminal activity in the performance of his/her duties, where the assault and battery results in injury to the officer. It shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than ten years or by fine of not more than \$1,000.00 and imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than 2 and ½ years. **This Bill is currently assigned to The Judiciary Committee.**

House Bill 1511: An Act Relative to Impeding the Flow of Traffic on a Public Way.” This Bill was filed by Representative David Nagle of Lowell. It calls for a fine ranging from \$500 to a maximum of \$5,000. In addition to the fine or without the fine, the offender may face imprisonment for up to one year for



“intentionally and without lawful authority” impeding or interfering with traffic on a public street or highway. If convicted, subsequent offenses would be met with fines of \$2,500 to \$10,000 and/or imprisonment of up to one year. **This Bill is also currently assigned to The Judiciary Committee.**

Judiciary Committee.

House Bill 2113: An Act Relative to Critical Incident Intervention by Emergency Service Providers. This Bill was filed by Representative Edward Coppinger of West Roxbury. It intends to amend the Mass General Laws by adding Chapter 148B, “Emergency Service Critical Incident Providers Confidentiality”. **This Bill is currently assigned to The Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.**

House Bill 2318: An Act Relative to Increasing Killed-in-the-Line-of-Duty Benefits for Public Employees. This Bill was filed by Representative Thomas Golden Jr. of Lowell. It intends to increase Killed-in-the-Line-of-Duty benefits from \$100,000.00 to \$250,000.00 for subsections C thru F (Police, Fire, EMS, Correction Officers, Higher Ed Officers, and more LE Personnel). **This Bill is currently assigned to The Committee on Public Service and has been concurred with by the Senate.**

House Bill 2964: An Act to establish a Commission on Concurrent Police Authority for Massachusetts Port Authority Properties. This Bill was filed by Representative Nick Collins of Dorchester. It intends to provide concurrent jurisdiction on all Port Authority properties with the Massachusetts State Police and the municipality where the property is located (other than aviation and port operation). **This Bill has been assigned to The Committee on Transportation.**

House Bill 3467 (formally HD3284): An act relative to public safety and public health worker protections” (infectious disease transmitted by bodily fluid). This legislation was filed by Representative Nick Collins of Dorchester on the behalf of the BPPA and Boston



EMS. The bill applies to any first responder, police officer, fire fighter, emergency medical technician, corrections officer, ambulance operator or attendant who, while acting in his/her professional capacity, attends, assists, or transports a person to a health care facility and has an “unprotected exposure capable of transmitting an infectious disease dangerous to the public health.” This would ultimately allow the court to issue an order compelling the testing of a patients’ blood or bodily fluid for infectious disease. This docket has not yet received a “Bill” number. **This Bill has been given an official**

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Brothers Helping Brothers!

The BPPA serving the attendees at the funeral of Brian Moore in Bethpage, Long Island, New York



Honoring and remembering

By Mark A. Bruno

Recently several of our members were honored during National Police Week in Washington, D.C. For those of you that have yet to visit the National Law Enforcement Memorial it is a must see. This beautiful park sits in the middle of Judiciary Square and is adorned by trees plants and flowers. The four entrances which lead to two "pathways of remembrance" are adorned by four bronze sculptured figures of adult lions surrounded by their cubs. This symbolizes the protective nature of our jobs. Under each figure are quotes which read;

"It is not how these officers died that made them heroes, it is how they lived."

— Vivian Eney Cross, Survivor

"In valor there is hope."

— Tacitus

"The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are as bold as a lion."

— Proverbs 28:1

"Carved on these walls is the story of America, of a continuing quest to preserve both democracy and decency, and to protect a national treasure that we call the American dream."

— President George H.W. Bush

This is the place where our Fallen Brother Officer, **Dennis Simmonds**, will have his name etched in stone next to 130 other fallen heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice in 2014. Dennis was recognized as fallen in the line of duty as a result of injuries sustained during the Watertown shootout after the Boston Marathon Bombings.

Three of our officers were picked for 2015 Top Cop Awards and they are Police Officers **Ryan J. Lenane** and **William F. Traft**, and Sergeant **Thomas J. Teahan**. These officers were involved in a shooting back in December of 2013 in Dorchester. A brazen suspect after

being questioned shoved the officers and took off on foot. While running away the suspect pulled out a gun and fired on the officers. Officer Lenane was struck in the arm. Officers returned fire after it became obvious their lives, and the lives of other innocent bystanders were in imminent danger. The suspect was shot by officers and succumbed to his injuries. Commissioner Evans left little room for the media to play this up the wrong way in the public's eye. He immediately pointed out that lethal force was in order given the circumstances. With that being said the BPPA and all our members recognize these Officers as Heroes and congratulate them on being honored as Top Cops.

I would also like to acknowledge our own Gaelic Column who attended and played at the event. For the members of this group it is a labor of love and all are honored to be a part of it. We are very proud of our Gaelic Column who competed in Ireland and took First Place! With all the protesting going on in Baltimore, particularly in the Westerly Division, our Gaelic Column and other local officers from Massachusetts decided to pay these spent officers a visit. I heard they marched right in the area playing their music, much to the chagrin of protestors! The group set up a barbecue for these worn out officers

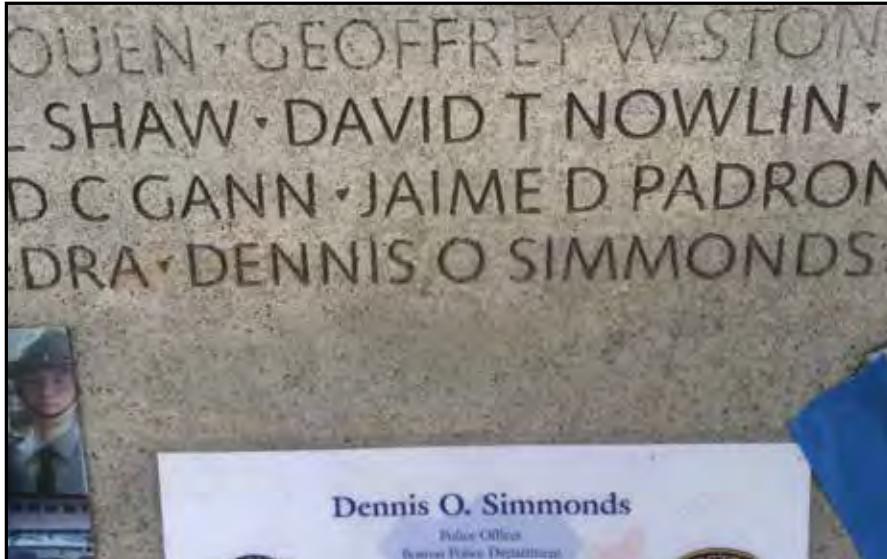
to let them know they are appreciated. Blue lives matter! Thank you gentlemen for a job well down.

Finally, to our understaffed and overworked military, thank you so much for your service to this country. These men and women have

constantly placed themselves in harms way so that we may enjoy our freedom. There are those who have made the ultimate sacrifice fighting for these freedoms and we need to support their families, to thank them. There is no price we can place on losing our troops, but on Memorial Day we can all bow our heads and thank them in prayer for the sacrifices they made.



**Officer Dennis Oliver "DJ" Simmonds
1986-2014**



Boston Police Relief Association Ecumenical Memorial Day Service

Sunday, June 7, 2015 at Mount Hope Cemetery, Mattapan







A PART OF AMERICA DIED

*Somebody killed a policeman today
and part of America died.*

*A piece of our country he swore to protect
will be buried with him at his side.*

*The suspect who shot him will stand up in court,
with counsel demanding his rights,*

*While a young widowed mother must work for her kids
and spend many long, lonely nights.*

*The beat that he walked was a battlefield, too,
just as if he'd gone off to war.*

*Though the flag of our nation won't fly at half-mast,
to his name they will add a gold star.*

*Yes, somebody killed a policeman today,
it happened in your town and mine.*

*While we slept in comfort behind our locked doors,
a cop put his life on the line.*

*Now his ghost walks a beat on a dark city street,
and he stands at each rookie's side.*

He answered the call, and gave us his all.

And part of America died.

Final Inspection

The Police Officer stood and faced God,
Which must always come to pass.
He hoped his shoes were shining,
Just as brightly as his brass.

"Step forward now, you policeman,
How shall I deal with you?
Have you always turned the other cheek?
To My Church have you been true?"

The policeman squared his shoulders and said,
"No, Lord, I guess I ain't.
Because those of us who carry guns,
Can't always be a saint."

I've had to work most Sundays,
And at times my talk was tough.
And sometimes I've been violent,
Because the world is awfully rough.

But, I never took a penny,
That wasn't mine to keep...
Though I worked a lot of overtime,
When the bills got just too steep.

And I never passed a cry for help,
Though at times I shook with fear.
And sometimes, God, forgive me,
I've wept unmanly tears.

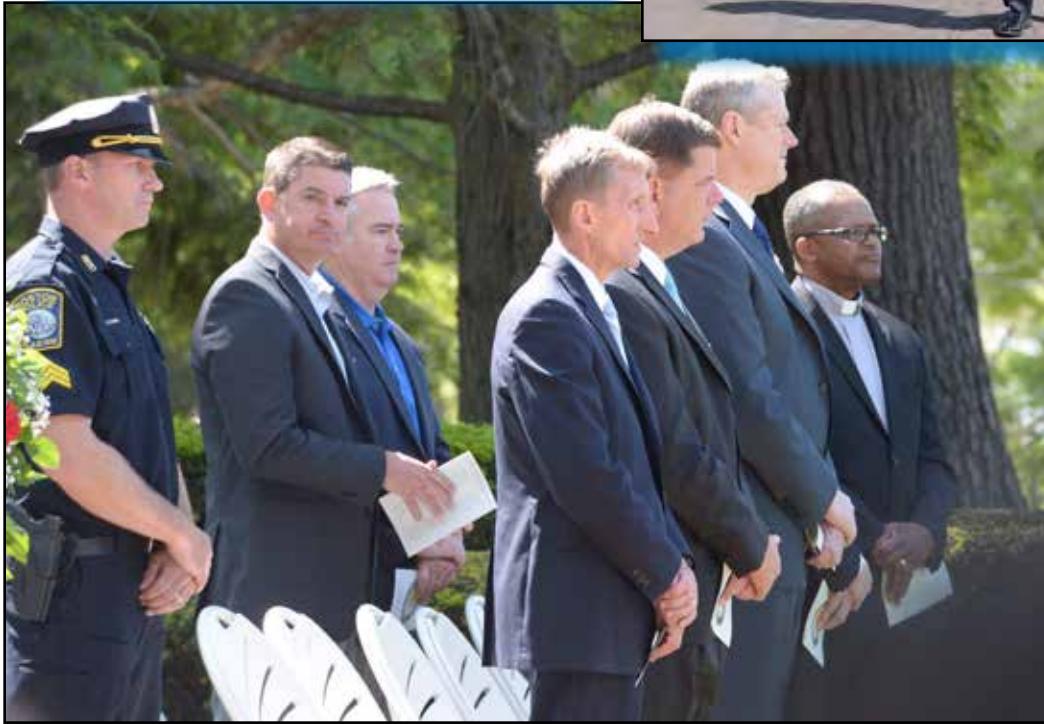
I know I don't deserve a place,
Among the people here.
They never wanted me around,
Except to calm their fears.

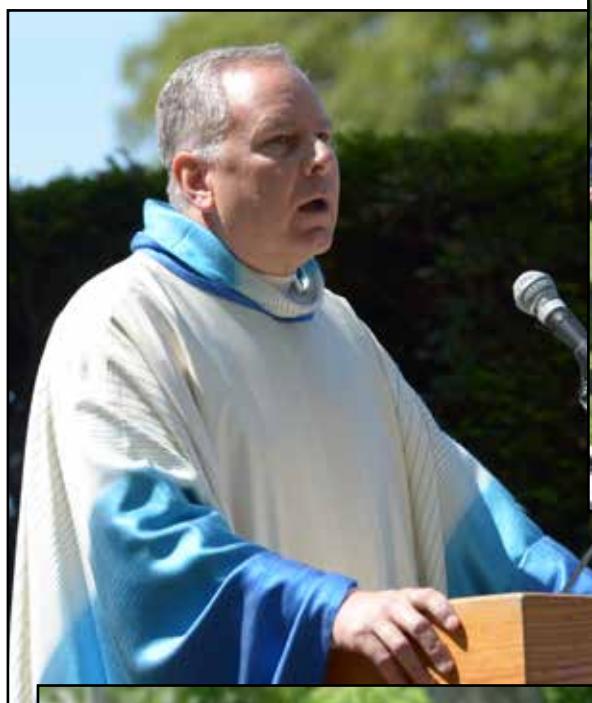
If you've a place for me here, Lord,
It needn't be so grand.
I never expected or had too much,
But if you don't, I'll understand."

There was a silence all around the throne,
Where the saints had often trod.
As the police officer waited quietly,
For the judgment of his God.

Step forward now, you policeman,
You've borne your burdens well.
Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets,
You've done your time in Hell."

— Author Unknown









An honest politician (*no, this is not an oxymoron*)

Submitted by **Patrick M. Rose**

I had already written an article to address you, our members of the BPPA. However, in the meantime, Senator Patrick Toomey of Pennsylvania addressed the U.S. Senate and I felt so strongly about his speech that I have to share it with you. It is so refreshing to see there still are politicians with morals and not afraid to speak the truth. "Diogenes," I think I've found that honest man, please read the following and I believe you will agree.

An outstanding speech by U.S. Senator Patrick Toomey of Pennsylvania! If only all elected officials had this much common sense and the courage to speak up.

PS, please note this speech was delivered days before the attack on the Dallas Police Department!



Last month, I was here on the Senate floor to address the topic of the riots in Baltimore and the unfortunate and completely misguided scapegoating of police officers that has been going on far too often in parts of our country today. So I rise again today on the same topic because in just the last month or so there have been some more very harmful developments in this area.

One of those developments is the dramatic decline in police arrests and a massive increase in violent crime and murders in the City of Baltimore. Now, some of my friends would say: Why is the Senator from Pennsylvania speaking out so often about these tragic circumstances that are happening in Baltimore? Well, first of all, as a U.S. Senator, I am concerned with what goes on in our entire country, not just my State. Baltimore is a great American city that is going through a very difficult period, and we should all be concerned about it. Second of all, Baltimore is, of course, less than 100 miles away from Pennsylvania. Most importantly, what is happening in Baltimore is not happening only in Baltimore. The scapegoating of police and the rise of violent crime is happening in New York City and in other places as well. And, frankly, it is a threat to public safety and security in every city.

Some, including the police chief of St. Louis, MO, have described what has come to be known as the Ferguson effect. This can be traced back to the riots and lawlessness that followed the unfortunate death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, MO, last August. As you will remember, in the Ferguson case, Officer Darren Wilson acted in self-defense and shot and killed Brown when Brown attacked him while he was resisting arrest. In the weeks and months that followed the incident, and after Officer Wilson was cleared of wrongdoing, violent protests erupted. Protesters, police, and bystanders were injured. Buildings were burned to the ground. Property was destroyed. But instead of placing the onus on those who were actually causing the havoc, it was portrayed by many as if law enforcement was somehow responsible for the violence and unrest. Anti-law enforcement sentiments were even expressed by some of the local officials in Ferguson. This endorsement of violent protesters empowered those who wished to turn peaceful protests into violent riots, and it also left the police feeling powerless.

What has happened in Ferguson since is as tragic as it was predictable. The homicide rate in Ferguson increased 47 percent in the latter portion of 2014, and robberies in St. Louis County jumped by 82 percent. This really should be no surprise. This is what happens when a city puts these views of "police as the problem" into practice, such as when a city determines that police are the cause of the violence as opposed to the brave defense against it, when a city justifies law-



Senator Patrick Toomey (R-PA)

lessness, stops law enforcement from doing its job, and allows law breakers to go unpunished. The results of those practices are that the innocent members of those very communities pay a horrible price.

These tragic circumstances are now playing out in the city of Baltimore. On April 18 of this year, many Baltimore residents began peaceful protests over the injury and eventual death of Mr. Freddie Gray while he was in police custody. As I mentioned in my speech about this last month, in my view, Freddie Gray's death absolutely calls out for justice and calls out for a thorough investigation, and the judicial process is now proceeding and playing out exactly as it should. But what has happened in Baltimore since then is not about Freddie Gray.

A week after the Baltimore protests began, on April 25, they turned violent. Over the next 5 days rioters damaged 200 businesses. They set fire to a newly constructed senior center, burned down a CVS drugstore and cut the fire hose of the firemen who were trying to put out the flames, and set fire to 144 cars. And 130 law enforcement officers were injured, many seriously. The chaos was so extreme that the city had to impose a curfew for 5 days and had to call in 3,000 National Guard troops.

Now with all that mayhem, how did the public officials of Baltimore respond? On the first day of the violence, the mayor held a press conference in which she legitimized the violence. She said: "We also gave those who wish to destroy space to do that as well."

Seriously, space to destroy? Destroying other people's property, setting buildings and cars ablaze, attacking police officers? These are not legitimate acts, and no mayor should be accommodating those kinds of acts with "space." In fact, they are criminal. They are harmful. These are exactly the kinds of activities that a mayor should be all about stopping and preventing. But that is not all.

Next the Baltimore police were given a stand-down order, and they were forbidden from arresting the looters and the rioters. Then officials announced that half of all those arrested for the destruction and violence would be released without charges. Mobs would gather around police when they tried to enforce the law. All this is a clear illustration of the impact that the Ferguson effect is having on Baltimore.

Lawbreakers are in control, and the city's residents are at the mercy of the lawbreakers. Law enforcement has been limited because

of a lack of support from the community and the civic and the political leaders.

Baltimore has seen the disastrous effects of this policy. The riots began to subside on April 30 when six police officers were arrested in the death of Mr. Gray, but the violence has continued. The month of May that just passed was Baltimore's deadliest month in over 40 years. There were 43 homicides in the month of May alone. Shootings have more than doubled compared to May of the previous year. These murders have nothing to do with anger over the death of Freddie Gray; they have everything to do with public policy that disparages police and turns a blind eye on criminal activity. You see, in Baltimore in the month of May, arrests were nearly 70 percent lower than the same month last year.

Some attempt to portray this whole crisis in racial terms, but tragically all too often the victims of this surge in violent crime are innocent African Americans who live in cities in which the police are no longer permitted to do their jobs.

Consider the case of an 8-year-old boy police found shot in the head on Thursday, May 28 at 8:20 a.m. He was lying dead beside his mother, who had also been fatally shot in the head.

Take the case of 23-year-old Charles Dobbins, who was killed on Monday, May 25. Charles' cousin reports that Charles was killed in a robbery. Charles worked at BWI. He worked transporting handicapped people to and from the terminals. He loved kids. When he graduated from high school, he worked for Baltimore city schools as a bus aid assisting disabled children.

Consider the case of 4-year-old Jacele Johnson. She was in a car with her teenage cousin when someone opened fire on the car, seriously wounding them both.

These are not just statistics; these are real people who are now lost to us. Their lives matter. That 8-year-old boy and his mother, 23-year-old Charles Dobbins, a little 4-year-old girl, Jacele Johnson, and her cousin—their lives matter.

The Ferguson effect, unfortunately, is not the only phenomenon that is at work here. Unfortunately, our President seems to have bought into the notion that the police are the problem and the solution is to deny them valuable tools.

This last month, the President announced extensive restrictions on

when local police may access lifesaving Federal surplus equipment. The gear we are talking about is almost all purely defensive. It is riot helmets, riot shields, armored personnel transport vehicles. This is surplus gear. The Federal Government has already paid for it but has decided it has no use for it. It has long been the practice that this surplus protective gear has been made available to local police forces.

Why is this administration making it harder to send this purely defensive gear—gear that would otherwise go unused—to insufficiently protected police officers across the country? Why would the administration do that? Well, they released a report telling us why. Here is what they said in their own report. According to this report by the administration, the Federal equipment “could significantly undermine community trust” and that this concern outweighs the interest in “addressing law enforcement needs (that could not otherwise be fulfilled).” President Obama likewise opined that Federal equipment “can sometimes give people a feeling like there’s an occupying force” and “can send the wrong message.”

So this is the concern that justified keeping lifesaving gear from police officers. So, according to the administration, the need to save police officers’ lives in the line of duty is something that should be weighed against and, in fact, sacrificed to the desire to prevent distrust or discomfort on the part of others. How many police officers’ lives are we going to sacrifice? One? Twenty? One-hundred? This is outrageous.

Each day across America, there are 780,000 law enforcement officers who put on a badge and uniform, and they answer the call of those in need no matter the danger. When others run away, they run to the problem. The rest of us in America rely on these law enforcement officers doing their job. The people who live in high-crime areas, often ethnic minorities living in high-poverty areas of our inner cities—these are the folks who most depend on those officers. When those officers are held back, we all pay a steep price, but the residents of those communities pay the steepest price.

I just hope we in the Federal Government will stop putting obstacles in the way of law enforcement and start supporting them. I hope we as a nation will stop scapegoating law enforcement and start thanking them. If we fail to reverse the Ferguson effect, what we will see is more violent crime and more suffering of our people.

This is likely the most difficult time in history to be a cop...

From President on page 3

was known as the 16-hour rule. We believe that their initial proposals would have severely limited your ability to earn a decent supplemental income and left you at the department's mercy insofar as getting time off with your family. Through dogged determination and many a session right up to the Mayor's office and I might add with his input, we finally worked out a settlement agreement that gave the City some of what they wanted and the best possible deal that we could muster for the working men and women of this department.

Some may see the new 18-hour rule as a problem, but believe me when I tell you, if their original plan was allowed you would have no time off, ordered with no recourse and only be allowed to voluntarily work 16 hours in a 24 hour period as the original rule intended.

We are not thrilled with the new rule but is certainly better than what would have happened had we ended up in a bargaining session over it. In addition we were able to keep to our word about a ‘quid

pro quo’ for change. You, the members, are the beneficiary of a 40% increase in your supplemental pay, the largest increase in history!

Furthermore, we promised that we would secure a new property for a new Union Hall within a year of taking office. I am thrilled to report to you that we bid on a property at 295 Freeport Street in Dorchester. That property is everything we were looking for to offer you the Union Hall and facility that you deserve. That bid has been accepted by the current owners of the property: Local 103. We will now start the legal process to actually purchase this property and develop it to suit your needs. We will finally have a real Union Hall that you can use and call your own! We promised and we delivered and it only took six months!

As always please be safe out there, back each other up. Remember, your number one priority is to get home to your family safe and sound every day! God Bless.



Boston Police Gaelic Column performs in Baltimore for Police Memorial Week

The Boston Police Gaelic Column performed at the Baltimore Police Western District Station House.

The BPGC performed "Amazing Grace" and other music for the Officers and staff of the Western District to bring Police Memorial Week to these hard-working men and women.

The Column brought along a full buffet BBQ lunch for the Baltimore Police Officers and enjoyed showing their support of their brother and sister officers.



Things we have to deal with

By Daniel O'Donnell, D-4

In the March/April edition of the Pax Centurion there was an editing mistake. Officer Dan O'Donnell from District 4 wrote an article that was great. When we went to print only one page of Dan's article made it. We have reprinted Dan's article in its entirety. My apologies to Dan and I hope you enjoy his article as much as I did.

— Chris Broderick

While driving on Route 138 on the way home from my son Brendan's baseball practice, our conversation centered around why we have failed to go skiing at the Blue Hills, when we live just about three miles away. I was about to tell him that I would get back to him after I figured out why growing up in South Boston, I had never set foot in the J.F.K Library when I probably looked at that distinct black and white building almost everyday.

What saved my futile explanation, was a phone call from my brother, Tommy. "Are you working? Have your radio on?" were the first words out of his mouth. "No," I said. "What's going on?" "Shooting in Roxbury. One of our guys shot," he answered. "Wait? What? How bad?" I asked. Brendan, who is becoming a professional eavesdropper in his early days, heard my brother's words and saw the immediate change in my expression. "I'll call you when I get home. I'm with Brendan."

"What happened?" "Oh, nothing pal. Everything is fine." "I heard something about a shooting. Is he ok? It was a police officer?" Turning towards Brendan I saw the Blue Hills Ski Resort behind him, and immediately wished we were still talking about skiing, or our lack thereof.

John Moynihan's name didn't ring a bell. I didn't know him. What does that matter anyway? He's one of us. It's a sick feeling you have whenever something like this happens. I texted a few guys I know in the YVSF about his condition. Words like "great dude, and 'tough kid'" came back. Not surprising words, but in the days that followed, I learned that truer words were never spoken.

The comments section of every online news outlet have kept me away from reading police stories recently (for obvious reasons), so I grabbed a paper edition of the *Herald* a couple of days after the shooting. An article about John caught my attention. His high school hockey coach had recalled a story of when John was a senior at Norwood High School. His hockey coach offered this fringe player the following: "Play on the varsity team, but you will not get much playing time." His former coach gushed when recalling the next day John returned to him and said "Coach, I will do what ever it takes to help the team." By the end of the year, John was a vital player on the team. This story brought to mind the saying, "Measure someone's talent, yes, but you can't measure heart." "John is what a lot of us should aspire to be"; words spoken by John's former hockey coach.

I relayed the hockey story to my son Brendan the next morning on the way to school. I reminded him that he was the Officer that was hurt a few days before. "That," I said to him, "is the type of person

you should want to be." If he listens to 5% of what I say to him sometimes, I hope that stays in the 5%.

Before joining the BPD, John served two tours in Iraq with the Army Rangers. That should make all of us that stomped over the detail board to "check hours" after getting whacked for a four hour gang car in Brighton feel just grand.

Almost immediately, word started coming out that there was a "very good" video of the shooting. Commissioner Evans wanted to get ahead of any type of backlash that could possibly gain steam. A forced move he had to do because, as recent history shows, rowdy crowds and slogans can play the media like a marionette. The Commissioner emphatically put the facts out to the media before the wolves could attack, and attack they did as a couple of YouTube videos showed up on the internet shortly after John was rushed to

the hospital. It was hard to watch the videos and not be infuriated. Our guy was shot in the face and we have to deal with this?? The crowd with cell-phones in hand threw the verbal kitchen sink at the guys on scene who were trying to establish a crime scene. It didn't work. What the wolves wanted was one of us to lash out, go hands on.. Then they would pounce... And so would the media.

The wolves, for a matter of this record, are the liberal mainstream media, and protest groups who have one and only one goal; Pushing their agenda to further whatever cause they choose that week, with or without the truth or facts. From burning down Ferguson to shutting down Rte. 93. When they smell blood, there is no stopping them.

Even Chief Gross, who is highly respected by the patrol force and equally respected in the community, unwittingly let his guard down and held a mini-press conference with the crowd. Of course they would have a different view when the facts were played out. Right?? Wrong. He was met with an unbelievable response when he told them a cop was shot in the face before fire was returned. He held cool as the wolves turned on him, spewing racial epithets and insults. It's funny, no mainstream media outlet picked up the videos. Why? Simple. It doesn't play to the masses. No catchy slogans here. "Why was the body left in the street??" they screamed. Because it was pretty clear he was deceased and so he became part of the crime scene. No disrespect going on there. I would like to remind said masses that a couple of years ago Officers and EMT's were forced to leave an innocent eight year old boy and a young college student on Boylston St. after they became part of the biggest crime scene Boston has ever seen. They were also deceased and could not be moved.

The video of the shooting, for people who have seen it, (maybe by the time you are reading this it would have been viewed a million times) described it as pretty horrific. Clear cut. After the YVSF approached the car in a "respectful?" way... I still don't understand that term, John was shot point blank in the face without warning. Fire was returned and the suspect was killed. A woman driving near the scene,

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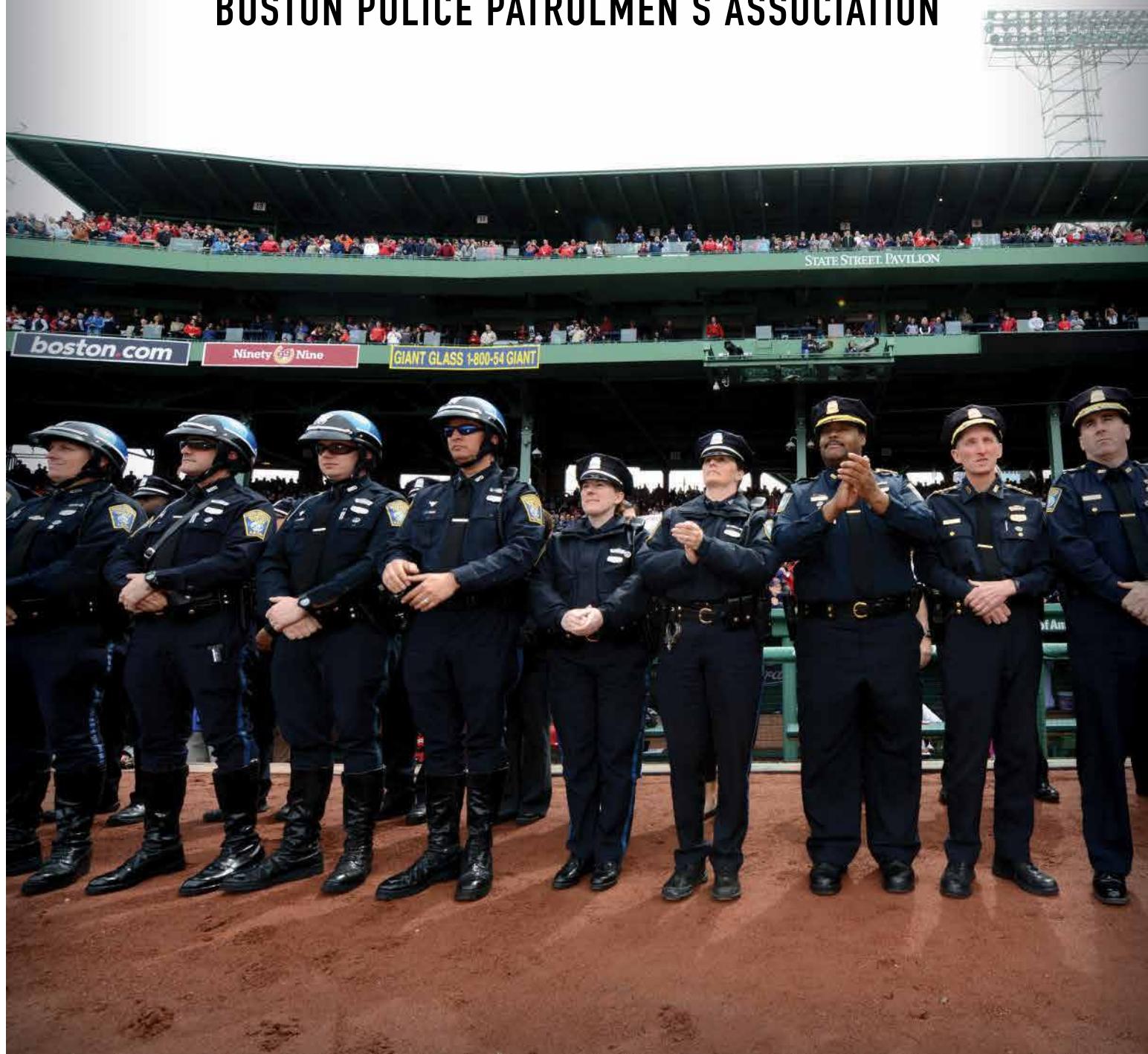
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Targeting cops

By Mark A. Bruno

No sooner did we get back from New York for the second funeral of a fellow officer gunned down in cold blood while on duty, and we found ourselves going back for one more. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of New York Detective Brian Moore and the entire NYPD with whom we have become close with over the past few years. Brian Moore was the son of a retired NYPD, Sgt. Raymond Moore. Raymond Moore received the information that every family of a police officer fears. Brian was set to be the best man in his father's wedding. Brian was his only son and he decided at a young age he would follow in his father's footsteps. The passing of the torch to the next generation. A terrible loss to the NYPD who had just buried two of their fellow brethren. A loss to New York City, and a lifetime of heartache for Raymond Moore.

The BPPA and members of the Boston Police Superior Officers and the Detective's Benevolent Association once again boarded busses and planes to make a third somber trip to pay their respects for a fallen brother. Our mourning bands have yet to be taken off. In recent months, it has become a game of "For Whom the Bell Tolls" every time an officer puts their uniform on. Suddenly every bad guy wants to step up and make a statement by killing a cop. Beginning with the decision in Ferguson, protestors of every group you can think of have been coming out of the woodwork to rally against our profession. We are under siege for doing our job. We bite our tongues as these protestors call out chants for wanting dead cops. It doesn't matter that we protect their rights and supply a blanket of safety for them and their loved ones. It is comparable to when our Vietnam veterans were being bashed when they returned from serving their country. It is disgraceful! A total breakdown in society and lack of family values. Protestors who have no respect what-so-ever for the laws and what they stand for. We have become the thin blue line that is keeping chaos from reigning on our society. Thankfully, there are still people out there who believe in family values.

What bothers me again is the lack of support from our elected

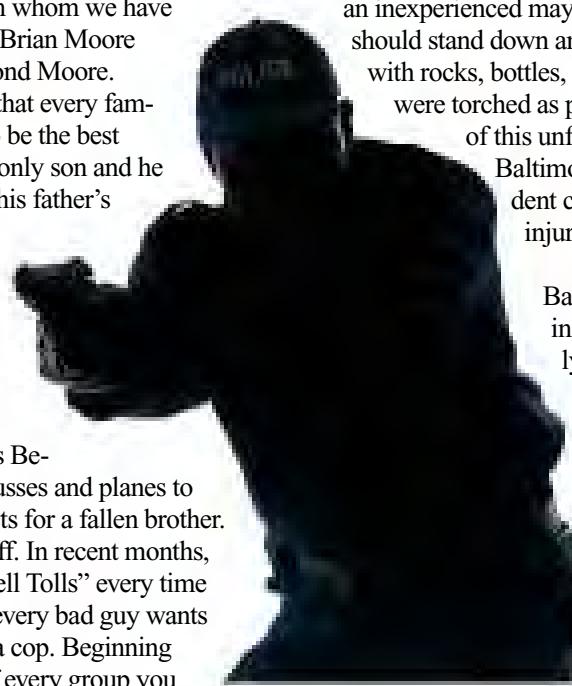
officials. The ones that have supported us are few in numbers. We have a President that has given no support at all to police. At times his comments have been inflammatory and have lit the fuse for several of these riots. Baltimore was nearly burned to the ground as a result of an inexperienced mayor making ill-advised comments on how police should stand down and let protestors vent. Cops were being pelted with rocks, bottles, and Molotov cocktails. Stores and vehicles were torched as protestors began looting what they could. All of this unfolding on our television sets in front of us.

Baltimore Police were being targeted and the President chose to remain silent! Many officers went out injured as a result of this free-for-all.

To add insult to injury, six officers from the Baltimore Police were charged with offenses ranging from accessory to murder, to murder one--a lynch mob mentality not seen since the old west!

A rush to judgement for sure by an inexperienced District Attorney, who at best needed to recuse herself from the case, and to ask for an independent DA to handle it. The ink was hardly dry on the internal investigation when this DA rendered her hasty decision in a move to kowtow the public. Her tone alone was theatrical and reminded me of the Rev. Al Sharpton. She needed to be more professional in front of the cameras, and her trumped up charges look like they have

a snowball's chance in hell. This is reminiscent of our Salem Witch Trials in which innocent people were tortured and put to death on mere say-so. All this to appease the angry mob! What I would like to see are politicians sticking by their convictions instead of playing the fence and trying to do what is politically correct. You make the laws and we enforce them. Having the general public target cops should not be an option. Politicians who remain silent while cops are being injured and killed are just as much to blame. Painting us all with a broad brush is wrong. It is disheartening and demoralizing to officers when your own leadership throws you to the wolves. We should not be crucified in the court of public opinion because of the unruly mob!



"The mint makes it first, it is up to you to make it last"...

From Treasury on page 9

Deal with subjects 2 on 1 whenever possible

Keep subject at apex of triangle

No over commitment by officers

Be cognizant of crossfire

Being well rested is key to your well being

Deal with subjects on your feet whenever possible, if you are in your cruiser and someone approaches for whatever reason, give them a verbal command to "stop" or "step back", while you exit your cruiser. You are now at an advantage to better defend yourself. That simple verbal command may be just enough to prevent an attack on you or at the least allow you to better defend yourself.

Safety in numbers, back each other up.

Recently, I completed a course in Union Financing and reporting held at the Labor Guild School of Labor Management Relations. I will continue to seek out other courses and seminars that I feel will benefit the Treasurer's Office at the BPPA.

As I had stated in the beginning of the article summer is here. Our calls for service tend to increase in volume. Go home to your loved ones, stay safe. To our older members, In the words of legendary Phil Esterhaus, "Be Careful Out There!!"

Brawl in Revere draws a huge police turnout...

From **Brawl** on page 15

said he did not hear of any weapons being involved.

Waltham resident Tushar Batra said he was taking a stroll in Revere when he noticed a crowd and several police officers with dogs, apparently trying to herd people to a certain area.

He did not see any brawls, but "there was a lot of confusion there," he said. "There were more cops coming from all directions."

Despite the huge police response, the area was calm by 7:30 p.m., with beachgoers playing volleyball and eating ice cream both on the sand and along the sidewalk.

Police officers stood by while cruisers cast blue and red lights down a mile of the coast.

Between 10 and 12 people were arrested during the fray for disorderly conduct, Richard said.

They will probably be arraigned Monday at Chelsea District Court.

It is not clear how the disturbance began; the cause is under investigation, Richard said.

Several roads along the coast, including Revere Beach Boulevard and Ocean Avenue, were closed for over an hour Sunday from the Eliot Circle Rotary to the Revere State Police barracks a mile away.

At 10:30 p.m., state troopers were still present at the scene, monitoring for further disturbances, Richard said.

...and responses...

Dear Kiera,

My name is Jim Carnell, editor of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association "Pax Centurion" newsletter. I am contacting you regarding your article buried on page B-2 of the *Boston Globe* dated 5-11-15 "Brawl in Revere draws huge police turnout." The tone of the article is extremely insulting towards police officers and seems to infer that the evil police officers were somehow responsible for the riotous conduct of the crowd. ("[They] were just throwing plastic bottles at the police" and "by 7:30 p.m.... beachgoers were playing volleyball and eating ice cream" (how nice of them!) "it was not clear how the disturbance began..."). Are you kidding me? I suppose these Mother's day rioters were "just turning their lives around"? Or perhaps the police instigated the whole incident? I would like to use your article as a case study in liberal journalism and discuss the effects that it has upon (de)-policing in America.

— Jim Carnell,
Pax Centurion



Hi Jim,

I'm sorry you feel that way, but I disagree, and here is why: The first quote, "**they were just throwing plastic bottles at police**" – **I do not know where you got this**. This is not in my article. [Ed. Note - *It is in your article.*] If it was something you heard in the video, that is not me – it is someone who was in Revere at the time. As for the description of the scene at 7:30, that is what was happening, and it was important to let readers know that life was returning to normalcy by then and was not a riotous scene or in any sort of lockdown. Also, I described those there as "beachgoers." They were not those arrested or involved, so how that could be read an individual "turning their life around" I do not know. And "it's not clear how the disturbance

began" – a police lieutenant from the State Police told me that. I stand by it. Again, I am sorry you feel this way, but I do not feel that this article was in any way insulting toward police and in no way insinuated that the police were involved in instigating anything.

— Kiera



Dear Kiera,

Thank you for responding. I actually have the column in front of me – a quote attributed to Lieutenant Dan Richard of the State Police (Page B-2, 5-11-15, column 2, paragraph 3): "he was unsure what kind of bottles were being thrown, he said they were probably plastic soda bottles." How a spokesman sitting in an office on Mother's Day knows what was being thrown is unclear, but I assure you, from reports from our own officers, called from across to the City to respond to a riot, that all sorts of objects were being thrown at the cops. That phrase is obviously included to diminish the actions of the uncivilized crowd. (reading your counterpart's article in the *Herald* gives a far better idea of the true conduct of the crowd.) I assure you, they were not tossing feathers and lighter-than-air plastic bottles at the police.) And assaulting police officers and interfering with arrests is a little more than "pushing and shoving," don't you think? You also list a source named "Tushar Batra" from Waltham who was "taking a stroll in Revere." (As we all know, many Waltham residents prefer Revere Beach for their "strolling," because of the oppressive nature of the Waltham community... Yeah, right...) "Tushar" did not see any brawls, but there was a lot of confusion".... There were cops coming from all directions." Yes, Tushar, cops from West Roxbury and Brighton often respond to Revere Beach on Mother's Day because of "confused" people. Must have had nothing better to do than harass the happy and contented "beachgoers who were playing volleyball and eating ice cream." You know how those cops are... "Tushar" also noticed "cops with dogs who were trying to "herd" people to a certain area". Yes, cops with dogs are known for "herding" confused people. (I noticed the use of the term "herding" – some of us can read critically, Kiera.) A phrase such as "the police attempted to move the violent crowd off the beach so that decent people seeking to enjoy Mother's Day could also access the area," but that may have not been simple enough for the *Globe*'s liking. "Herding confused people" with police dogs conjures up a different image, more suitable to *Globe* ideology. The article goes no: "It is not clear how the disturbance began, the cause is under investigation". Ahmm, let me go out on a limb: when 200 drunken, idiot young people smoking pot decide to take over Revere Beach and begin fighting among themselves and then turn on the police who are responding to calls from people within the crowd itself, I think I know what the cause might have been. Really, no need for a federal investigation, but the DOJ will probably call for one anyway. But thank you for responding, Kiera. Most *Globe* writers were probably spending Mother's Day with their Mothers, as strange as that sounds. (The police would have liked the same opportunity, after their regular shift ended.) Apparently, at least 200 volleyball players are Motherless, or so it would appear. Poor orphans reduced to playing volleyball and eating ice cream on Mother's day. How sad....

— Jim Carnell,
Pax Centurion



The world we live in and other random thoughts

“We’re living in a powder keg and giving off sparks.” For those older people reading this, you may recall those are words from Bonnie Tyler’s 1983 song *Total Eclipse of the Heart*. Although those words were written for what was called a vampire love song (whatever that is), from a different perspective those words could certainly apply to the Baltimore police department in late April and early May of this year. They could also apply to Ferguson, Missouri. They could also apply to Cleveland. By the time this article is published there could be a new city on the verge of chaos. Could those words apply to Boston? I do not think so, but I cannot be fully certain. I certainly hope not.

I do not have any knowledge of what went wrong during Freddie Gray’s arrest on April 12, 2015 at the hands of the Baltimore police. I do not know if he suffered a spinal cord injury during the arrest itself, or of that injury occurred while being transported to the station in the back of the wagon. From the snippet of cell phone video I have seen, he certainly appears to be injured as he was dragged like a store mannequin toward the transport wagon. On the other hand, he could have been completely healthy at that point, but doing his best to be non-compliant. I simply do not know. A high school classmate of mine suffered a freak spinal cord injury while diving into a swimming pool where he made contact with another person. He has been in a wheelchair since tenth grade. Could Freddie Gray have suffered a freak spinal cord injury during an arrest where police officers did nothing wrong or out of the ordinary? That is certainly possible. Could he have suffered a spinal cord injury when police deliberately used excessive force while arresting him? That also could be the case. I simply do not know. Could he have been injured in a freak accident while being transported? I am skeptical of that, but again, I simply do not know. What I do know is that for the week following Freddie Gray’s April 27, 2015 funeral, I sat glued to the nightly news, horrified by what I was seeing, repeatedly asking myself “could this happen in Boston?”

As a lawyer who represents police officers, I concluded that week that police officers get blamed for everything. Do a quick Google search on “poverty in the inner-city” and you will find a long list of causes: the breakdown of the family, drugs and alcohol, lack of educational opportunities, lack of employment opportunities, a dysfunctional welfare system that often results in generations of families dependent on welfare, racism, teenage pregnancy, children with incarcerated parents, a culture that glorifies violence, songs with violent lyrics... the list could go on and on. Collectively as police officers, you have very little to do with the vast majority of the factors that cause there to be such rage and hatred. Unfortunately, when a spark hits the powder keg as it did in Baltimore, deep-seated anger over all of what causes inner-city poverty gets projected onto you. We live in a complicated world, and being a police officer is a complicated job. You face the wrath of an ignorant public as the result of things you are not responsible for and that you have no control over.



So what are the lessons from Baltimore?

As I just said, it’s a complicated world, and I do not profess to have many answers. One image that has stuck with me from the first night of the riots was the image of the teenage kids throwing softball sized boulders at police officers equipped with clear plastic riot shields. If you have seen this particular clip that is stuck in my mind, there is a red car on the left and what looks like a white landscaping truck with a trailer on the right ([youtube.com/watch?v=8oERciGvVbe](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8oERciGvVbe)). As the teenagers continued to press quickly toward the officers, one defiant officer got dangerously out in front of the line and was deflecting the boulders with his shield. Another officer without a shield ran up to that officer, grabbed him by the back of his collar, and pulled him back as the officers retreated from the young vandals. My advice to you is to do what that officer without the shield did: watch out for your brother and sister officers. Keep each other safe. Think before you act. Don’t act impulsively.

Take time to collect your thoughts before you begin to write police reports. And reach out to your union representatives if you need anything. Remember, it is not your fault, but you will get blamed for it anyway.

Is Your Auto Insurance Protecting You

No one can dispute that you have a dangerous job. Part of your job involves driving a police vehicle, something which in and of itself can be dangerous. Rule 302, Section 2 of the BPD Rules and Procedures relating to Emergency Driving specifically acknowledges the “hazards it entails,” although we all know that even driving your own personal vehicle can be hazardous in this city. The question for you now is this: Is your auto insurance policy keeping you protected?

This office recently assisted an officer who was injured when his cruiser was t-boned while on the way to an emergency call. The officer had significant medical bills and significant lost wages as the result of being out of work. Unfortunately, the person who struck him only had \$25,000 worth of insurance. As many of you know, there are people that drive around this city with no insurance at all. Go sit in any district court and watch the arraignments of people charged with “unregistered and uninsured.” Go ask your station’s Tango officer how often they stop uninsured drivers. For a very nominal amount, you can purchase “underinsurance/uninsurance” coverage to protect yourself in the event someone with no or low insurance coverage hits you. If the officer who had been t-boned had “underinsurance” under his own personal auto insurance policy, he would have been able to recover substantially more than he did in his claim. When you recover against someone else’s insurance policy, the City will put a lien on what is paid out as the City wants to get reimbursed for medical expenses and wages they have paid you as the result of your injury. Under your “underinsurance” policy, there is no lien and the City

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their escape, not be arrested or questioned. We knew we would see people at their worst and have to deal with what came with that. We all knew our roles... except now we have a different kind of wolf to deal with. This wolf has a plan. His plan is to attack the sheepdog. If the sheepdogs are injured or afraid what would the sheep do? There could only be two choices....Be slaughtered by the wolf or conform to the wolf's way of life.

Sadly it seems now that the figurative target on our back is not our biggest problem anymore. We learned on June 2nd, a Tuesday morning that we have a real target on our back. We may have thought it or felt it but we now know it. If not for the actions of that group of police officers and agents we would have had to live with a tragedy. They were forced to make a decision that they will live with forever but I believe they acted righteously and saved lives.

We saw it again on Saturday, June 13th, another attack on police officers. Dallas Police officers were attacked. As the facts come out it seems like "a lone gunman" with a grudge against the "system" (as well as his mother) "acted out" against the DPD. The idea of someone buying an armored van, building multiple pipe bombs, strategically placing said bombs and attacking police officers is "acting out" or any other politically correct term media may want to attach to the act is disingenuous to say the least. It was a plot, a planned attack on Law Enforcement. The man attacked police to spread terror. By definition he is a terrorist.

No problems here right? Other than those that hate us, those that don't care and are willing to attack us and those that plan and hunt us not too much to worry about. Let's keep in mind those, particularly in the media, that not only condone and excuse these acts of violence against police, but in some cases promote it.

This is pretty ominous stuff. But let me try to end this on a potentially more positive note. We have each other. There is no one we can trust more than the girl or guy next to us. Look out for one another. It really is that easy. If we show up at each other's calls, if we pay attention to our surroundings and if we simply communicate with each other we will be safer. I also believe there is a "silent majority" out there among society that appreciate what we do and who we are. I believe they know we all live our lives trying to be not only good cops but good parents to our children, good husbands and wives. We volunteer our free time to work in communities, coach youth sports teams, maybe lead a Brownie Troop or Scout Pack while we take care of our families. All the while we have to live with these threats that no one else lives with like we do. This group will cease being silent and advocate for us someday (I truly believe it). They are watching and they know without the sheepdogs they will be thrown to the wolves. No one wants to be thrown to the wolves... not them and certainly not us.

BPPA Health & Safety Issues

In our Collective Bargaining Agreement with the City of Boston we have a Health & Safety clause, Article XVI, Sec. 6, appropriately titled "Health and Safety." That clause allows the BPPA to file a Grievance, under the normal procedure, when there is a complaint with respect to unsafe and/or unhealthy working conditions.

These issues are normally easily resolved. It often only takes a discussion with a shift supervisor or commanding officer to fix a problem. When that does not work, whatever the reason may be, you can address

it at the next step of the Grievance Process. One way of doing that is simply email your Rep, one of the Union officers or one of the members of the Joint Health & Safety/Labor Management Committee.

Another mechanism that has been established is as simple as sending a generic email to healthandsafety@bppa.org. We check that email frequently for issues raised and then that information can be passed on to the Committee. The more information you can provide the better with regard to the nature, location, how long it has been an issue etc. If you can snap a photo or two of the problem that is always helpful. Once you have made someone aware of the problem don't quit on it. As members with issues you have the right, and quite frankly the responsibility, to make sure someone is doing something about it.

Not every issue raised will be corrected immediately but you should know where it slowed down or that the Department and/or City are not going to address it. Though it would be unreasonable to file for Arbitration for lack of hand towels or over flowing trash in the guardroom every once in a while it certainly warrants being addressed and sometimes, when they are all added up, they are bigger problems than they seem and should be taken as far as Arbitration. Things like mold or poor air quality are serious issues that should be addressed. Safety equipment that is sorely lacking in some workplaces needs to be brought to both the Department and the BPPA's attention. Vehicles we operate should be in top condition and we should accept nothing less. I could go on with big and small examples but I think the point is made.

As I said before, most of the issues can be settled with a member and/or Rep speaking to the Captain and I believe that is the best method to start with. Please know the BPPA will certainly advocate for and demand safe workplaces for the members.

Detail Rate increase and the 18 Hour Rule

The increase in the Paid Detail rate took effect at 0001 on June 6th. Any detail that began on June 6th should reflect the new rate when you are paid for the work. Details that began on June 5th, regardless of what date they ended, will reflect the old rate as the system is date based, not hourly. Please monitor your pay stubs and ensure you are being paid correctly.

When you fill the "old cards" out all you need to do is mark whether it is construction or non-construction. Redline/Non-Redline does not apply and should be disregarded. I am sure any slips marked incorrectly will be delayed. The BPPA raised this issue prior to the June 6th date and the Department had faith it would work out fine until the new slips were distributed. If that is not the case please let your Rep or someone at the BPPA know. As far as the 18 hour rule goes, I understand there is a smaller percentage of the membership that is upset by the change. The flexibility the old system allowed for worked for some members. What the old system also did, to a greater majority of members, was exposed some members to work extended hours and therefore exhaustion. In most cases brought to the BPPA's attention these shifts and assignments were burdensome, not desired and put members in jeopardy due to lack of rest. Though we are limited to 18 hours in how many hours we can work in any consecutive 24 period the 90 hour rule has not changed. If you chose to work 90 hours from Saturday to Saturday you still can. In fact if my math is right you could have 18 hours worked in each of 5 days (90 hours)

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NAPO fights CNN Headline News misinformation

Please read the attached letters from Bill Johnson, the Executive Director of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) and Mike Glasser, the President of the Police Association of New Orleans (PANO). I have also attached the list of advertisers for CNN Headline News. Please consider sending some type of communication to one, a few or all of the companies listed to express the outrage at what CNN employees said and your concern with their relationship with CNN. Thank You.

Dear members,

As you have no doubt heard, CNN has extended its ongoing streak of anti-police rhetoric and misinformation by calling the violent attacker at the Dallas Police Department "courageous and brave." This is from the same network that promulgated the whole "hands up, don't shoot" myth after the Ferguson, Missouri shooting. Below please find the text of a letter from NAPO Executive Board member and PANO president Mike Glasser instituting a call for a boycott of CNN and its advertisers. NAPO has already been working over the weekend with staff members of Congress to put pressure on the president to rescind his order banning or restricting defensive equipment for police. This weekend's attack in Dallas demonstrates the very real need for armor and high-caliber weapons for police to defend themselves and the public they protect. If all of our member groups can help get this word out and ask their officers, family members and friends to write even one letter or email to a CNN advertiser, it will make a difference!

NAPO can take the lead from this end by writing directly to the headquarters of the major sponsors.

Here is Mike's letter:

To whom it may concern,

Being a citizen with an avid interest in news, current events, and social trends, like many folks I rely on mainstream media for accurate and contemporary reporting. It is no secret that some media sources will interview pundits and collaborators with views more aligned with the station's own views thus casting the light of events in the desired shade. This is generally recognized and an accepted practice. Experience will teach the viewer what to expect and one can generally compensate by watching a variety of news sources to acquire a balanced perspective.

As the president of the police labor organization representing New Orleans police officers, I am frequently interviewed locally and occasionally nationally. I have often seen my own interviews edited and presented entirely differently depending upon the station doing the reporting. I mention this to give perspective to my comments which follow. I have had a lot of experience with how various news outlets distort news and commentary depending on their agendas.

I saw the piece with CNN anchor Fredricka Whitfield regarding the attack on the Dallas (TX) Police headquarters early Saturday morning. I was appalled when I heard Whitfield describe the attacker, armed with automatic weapons and incendiary devices and using an armored vehicle as, "courageous" and "brave."

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and also enjoy your days off.

The idea of fighting because the City wants to "limit" us to 18 hours in a day or 90 hours worked a week leaves me wondering how we could defend it. I think it would be difficult.

I recognize that there will be issues with this, especially in the beginning (which coincides with the busiest time of the year for our members). We will address each issue and try to ensure the Department is respectful of the agreement we have entered into.

As I have said before the BPPA is a Labor Union. A Labor Union that advocated for their members to work more for less pay would not be a very good Labor Union in my opinion.

BPPA Canteen Trailer Events

The BPPA Canteen Trailer is being put to good use. Savin Hill Baseball Opening, the Sgt. Robert Guiney Motorcycle Run and The Wounded Vets Run in East Boston are just a couple of the events where members went out with the trailer, broke out the grills and helped the event coordinators feed the masses. The truck was also brought down to NY for the funeral of NYPD Officer Brian Moore's funeral. The BPPA received a great many calls from New York officers, as well as our own members that were able to attend, grateful for the gesture.

Our Academy class borrowed the trailer (under the watchful eyes of a few Reps) for their community service day. On Dorchester Day the trailer was out at C11 to make sure the members doing the parade did so on a full stomach and hydrated.

There have been a number of members that have stepped up to help. By all reports they actually enjoyed the experience. If it is something you are willing to get involved in please send me an email at cbroderick@bppa.org and let me know. We will keep a running list and if you available your help will be more than welcome.

Keep in mind that in addition to making sure our members are taken care of for foreseeable extended events the BPPA canteen trailer can provide the BPPA, and the Department, with a lot of goodwill. Some of these events are simply a partnership with organizers where we show up, volunteer some time grilling the food they provide, and just being all around good girls and guys. Other than a little bit of time from our members it's an inexpensive way to show the community we are not the bad guy or bogey man some would have them believe.

If our image, which in my opinion has always been good, is better publicized I think it will make all our members jobs a lot easier. If there is an event that you are involved with, or are looking to be involved with, and would like the BPPA to be a part of it, please let us know. We will not be able to be everywhere but with the membership involved we can do a lot.



HIPAA: What it protects and what it doesn't

On August 21, 1996, then-President Clinton signed the newly passed Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. In April of 2003, the so-called "Privacy Rule" promulgated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services went into effect. Since then, the rule has bred confusion, giving rise to many common myths about what does and does not constitute a HIPAA violation.

In theory, HIPAA's Privacy Rule regulates the disclosure of individually identifiable "personal health information" from disclosure from entities covered by the Rule. "Personal health information" is any information that is created or received by a covered entity that relates to 1) past, present, or future physical or mental health conditions of an individual, 2) the past, present, or future provision of healthcare to an individual, or 3) the past, present, or future payment for the provision of healthcare to an individual. Covered entities are healthcare providers, healthcare clearing houses, and health plans; it is important to note that employers are not covered entities.

Given how broad, unwieldy, and convoluted HIPAA is, misconceptions have understandably arisen as to what constitutes a disclosure under HIPAA's Privacy Rule. A common myth is that any health information is covered by the Privacy Rule; in fact only individually identifiable personal health information is protected. Individually identifiable personal health information is any personal health information that either identifies the individual or provides enough information such that there is a reasonable basis that the information can



be used to identify the individual. Information that cannot be used to identify you is not protected under HIPAA.

Among the most common HIPAA myths is the belief that HIPAA prohibits an employer from *asking* about the details of an employee's illness when s/he takes a sick day. HIPAA does not prohibit an employer from asking that question; it does however, prohibit an employer from obtaining personal health information maintained by a

covered entity *without authorization*. This means that

if you disclose health information to your employer, your employer has not violated HIPAA by asking for it or receiving it, since the disclosure was authorized. On the other hand, if your employer asks your doctor for health information and your doctor provides it, both have committed HIPAA violations because the disclosure was not authorized.

Frequently, when employees believe that their HIPAA rights have been violated, they believe that a lawsuit is the proper means of redress. Unfortunately, this too is inaccurate. HIPAA does not afford individuals a private right of action for unauthorized disclosures of personal health information. Fortunately, there is an avenue for redress if your health information is compromised, as HIPAA permits enforcement by state attorneys general. As a result, State AGs can bring suit against the individual responsible for the disclosure on behalf of the victim of the disclosure and get damages for that person in the amount of \$100 per violation. Unfortunately, the Privacy Rule provides employees with far less protection than they may think, but being informed as to your rights under the Rule is crucial.

Ask the Union Lawyer!

By Jennifer Rubin, Esq., Sandulli Grace, P.C.

This is the first edition of "Ask the Union Lawyer!" We are hoping to make this a regular column where I can respond to your questions and give my perspectives on various issues that may affect you – the BPPA member. The Union Lawyer is Jennifer Rubin, a partner at Sandulli Grace, P.C., your union law firm. Please send questions and requests to jrubin@sandulligrace.com.

Starting next month, after I get questions and requests from members, I will pick two or three that may be interesting and/or relevant to you and print them with answers. Please let me know in your email to me whether it is fine to print your name or would like to be kept anonymous.

Rubin Reflection of the Day:

An officer recently asked me if I thought it was okay for him to post a selfie of himself in uniform at a car show on his Facebook account. I did not ask whether anyone else was in this selfie photo, what kind of car show he was at, or to look at the photo myself. The answer is **ALWAYS NO**. If you have to ask – just don't do it. But what if it's just an innocent picture you ask and you just want to make sure you don't get into trouble since you're in uniform? I don't know how to make myself more clear. If you have to ask me (or anyone) whether I/he/she thinks it would be okay to post a picture, the answer is always going to be **NO**. In fact – here's some advice. If you're in uniform – **DON'T POST IT**.

Talk to your union reps – they are there to help you. Email me your thoughts and questions. And no – I won't be answering every single email. If I like what you have to say or think your question will help others – I'll print them.

That is all for now.

The founding of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association

By P.O. Robert E. Anthony, BPPA Historian

Information researched and gathered from various sources.

1 965 – Patrolman **Richard MacEachern** and 15 other patrolmen armed with a 1965 collective bargaining law compelling municipalities to negotiate wages and working condition. They met for the first time in his kitchen, each of the Officers kicked in \$5.00 and formed a Patrolmen's Association that became one of the most militant in the country. MacEachern, once a station house character, whose irrepressible, outspoken way got him transferred eight times in seven years. His office was on a fourth floor in Downtown Boston with a \$2,000.00 a week budget. They say this is the house that Dick built. MacEachern was a 33-year old crewcut kid. He was elected in February, the chairman of a national organization

that represents the rank and file in six of the country's largest cities. MacEachern's background almost propelled him into uniform.

He grew up in a tough neighborhood in East Boston where as he said “cops were respected.” He and his neighborhood friends served hitches in the Marines, and Seabees, and he worked as a taxi driver but always yearned to become a cop, even as a kid. After getting out of the service, he went to school for automobile mechanics and drove a cab for a year before joining the force in 1960. He worked in Stations 9 and 10. MacEachern worked as a motorcycle officer and was an active member of the department's drill team. The times were changing for police unions. The Boston Police Patrolmen's Association demonstrated and lobbied against certain provision of the civilian review board.

Charter members and founders of the BPPA

Richard MacEachern, 1st President

Warren Bradley, 1st Vice President

Paul J. Whelan, 1st Secretary

Joseph C. Belek

Raymond A. Winson

Roy D. Lamb

Vincent J. Mercadante

Harris W. Crouse, Jr.

William W. Morrison

Ronald Stapleton

Robert T. Reynolds

List of First House of Representatives and their Districts

Paul Nelson, 1st Treasurer

Bernard Doyle (1)

Robert Stone (2)

Robert Ridings (3)

Robert Whooley (3)

John Sacco (4)

Edward Flynn (5)

John Hurley (5)

Joseph Caggiano (6)

John Dorr (11)

Charles Smith (11)

John Dacey (13)

George Nelson (13)

Walter Schroeder (14)*

Arthur Lihzis (15)

Peter McGuire (15)

Louis Ballanti (HQ)

Leo McDougall (HQ)

John Floyd (7)

Robert Malloy (9)

Earnest D'Amato (10)

Charles Sullivan (10)

Charles Dunford (TPF)

Clifford Stronick (TPF)

Paul Johnson (TPF)

Robert Reynolds (Traffic)

*Patrolman Walter Schroeder was killed in the line of duty September 24, 1970

These officers risked all to start the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association. The very first thing the Founders did after donating the start up money, was to use it to hire their first labor lawyer, **Henry Wise, Esq.**

The Police Officers that banded together and formed the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association for the benefit of all, they had, and will always have, nothing but the greatest amount of pride and respect for the City of Boston and its great Police Department.

One of the first and certainly the most important thing the BPPA ever accomplished was its extensive lobbying campaign at the State Legislature during the 1964-65 session and aggressive letter writing campaign to Governor **John Volpe**'s office. The meeting of the House of Representatives on October 18, 1965 proposed bringing about Collective Bargaining for all of the Police in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as part of a joint effort with the Cambridge Police on a bill that was sponsored by Rep. Lombardi of Cambridge which excluded police from bargaining. The BPPA was able through a lot of hard work to have it amended to include Police. During the signing ceremony, Governor John Volpe, left there knowing that because of the BPPA's work and accomplishments, the organizers of all Police Unions formed thereafter in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, would owe a debt of gratitude to the Founders of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association for bringing about their right to form a Union. The City of Boston was now required, by law, to bargain with the BPPA in good faith.

There was no connection between the Police Strike of 1919 because it taught the BPPA to make sure they had a collective bargaining law on their side before they made the move. Without it, they could have been fired. Without the collective bargaining law, Police officers didn't stand a chance and they all lost their jobs.

Political Friends of the BPPA

Our first “Greatest Champion of the Cause” was **Albert “Dapper” O’Neil**, followed by his colleagues in the Boston City Council, **Fred Langone**, **Pat McDonough**, **Gabe Piemonte**, **Chris Iannello**, and **Thomas Atkins**. And at the State Level was the great legislative body of the 1964-65 sessions that heard the BPPA plea for Collective Bargaining and ignored the anti-Police liberals that were talking about another Police Strike, like 1919. And the Governor **John Volpe** who signed the Collective Bargaining for Police Bill.

The die was cast and the ground work was completed with the City agreeing to the first contract issues, such as a pay scale comparable to other large city's overtime with minimum call back pay, night differentials, longevity, acceptable court compensation, more holidays, better vacations, uniform allowances, grievance procedures, and the establishment of a labor management committee.

Once the BPPA got that first contract it meant that the future had

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COMMISSIONER'S COMMENDATIONS

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In the last issue of the *Pax Centurion* we inadvertently put in the incorrect photo for this Commissioner's Commendation. We apologize to the recipients for this error and reprint the Commendation with the correct photo.

Congratulations to Commissioner Commendation Recipients Officers Steven Horne & Robert Lucas:

On Tuesday, September 9, 2014, the Andrew Square Convenience Store was robbed by a male suspect who, during the course of the robbery, threatened the store employee with a hypodermic needle. The suspect escaped with over seven hundred dollars. The next day, September 10, 2014,

while en route to a community meeting, Captain Greland and Officer Horne were discussing the robbery when they observed an individual matching the description of the suspect standing outside the Stop and Shop. Upon seeing the suspect, with assistance from a nearby detail officer, Officer

Robert Lucas, they approached the suspect and took him into custody. A search of the suspect enabled officers to locate and seize two hypodermic needles. The suspect later admitted to the robberies and stated he would have continued had he not been apprehended. For their keen observations and effective apprehension of a dangerous felon, Captain Greland, Officer Steven Horne & Officer Bobby Lucas are hereby awarded a Commissioner's Commendation.



Below please find the most recent commendations received by my office for members of the Boston Police Department by telephone, U.S. Mail and Email as well as those recognized at COMPSTAT meetings. Thank you for your efforts and all of the hard work throughout the Department. Each commendation has been added to the personnel files of those commended.

Letters and emails received in the Commissioner's Office commending the following members:

Officer Philip Barden for his assistance to spectators during the Patriots Rally, as well as other officers who were kind and professional toward parade goers throughout the rally.



Several letters were received thanking officers for their assistance during the snow storms; several included thanking officers for assisting elderly and others with snow removal and rides, including Sergeant Sam Sulta, Officers Walter Suprey, Stephen Law, Gerald Ajemian and Daniel McMorrow and Sergeant Gino Provenzano who was thanked by the Visiting Nurses Association. Officer Lenin Ortiz & Vladimir Xavier were thanked for the way they defused a neighborhood dispute during a snow storm.



Sergeant Detective Rick Johnson, in partnership with the U.S. Marshal's Service, for apprehending a level 3 sex offender. This letter was from a victim of crime who noted, "Words will never express how grateful I am for an exceptional job in capturing the suspect."



Officer William Henry for his assistance to a motorist following an accident. The resident also noted how helpful all of the A-15 staff was following this incident.



Officer Robert Boyle for keeping an eye on a resident's property while the individual was having surgery.



Officer Jamila Gales for assisting a resident who was being harassed by a neighbor. The victim's mother wrote to say thank you to Officer Gales and to extend thanks to all of Boston's many other peace officers.



Officer Elizabeth Philbin and John Kacvinsky for the kindness and compassion shown to a resident who needed guidance to file a restraining order. The resident was very grateful for the kind assistance and for going the extra effort in her case.



Superintendent In Chief William Gross, Superintendent Lisa Holmes, Captain Patrick Crossen, Lieutenant

Detective Brian Larkin, Lieutenant Kevin McGoldrick, Sergeant Detective Joseph Gallarelli, Sergeants Ian Mahoney, Scott O'Brien, Christopher Connolly, Gary Eblan and Police Officers Yong Lee, Charles Moore, Otis Harewood, James Parker, Linda Stanford, Darren Bradshaw, Evan Burroughs, Raymond Ramirez, Eddy Chrispin, Todd Brown and K-9 Kodi for meeting the MetroLacrosse players and sharing their knowledge, experience and overall presentation of the Boston Police Department during their visit.



Officer Joseph Holmes for providing dignitary protection for an international public official.



Officer Charles Vest for the assistance he provided during a snow storm in which illegal dumping was taking place in a residential neighborhood.



Officers Jeremiah Goodwin and Meghan Walsh were commended by the Transit Police for assistance they provided following a shooting incident at the Forest Hills Station. Based on the descriptions provided the Officers located the suspects and took them into custody. The commander notes, "We at the Transit Police Department are grateful for the work done by Officers Goodwin and Walsh and appreciate their courage, partnership and commitment to service."



Captain Haseeb Hosein and Officer Cynthia Brewington for assistance provided at a Night Out Youth Event.



Sergeant Detective Eric Bulman and Officer Matthew Hogardt for their assistance in the U.S. Marshal's protective intelligence investigation. Due to this joint investigation, the subject plead guilty to charges of impersonation of a Deputy U.S. Marshal.



Officers Antonette Ramsay and Rafael Rodriguez were thanked by a parent for including her daughter in a trip to attend a Boston Celtics basketball game, noting that the officers helped make her dream come true.



Lieutenant Detective Michael Conley, Lt. James Fitzgerald and Ms. Jennifer Gillis for the assistance they provided to the UMass Dartmouth Department of Public Safety. The Chief noted that, "their efforts helped to avoid a potentially violent confrontation at the campus and that this incident truly reflects the best of policing when agencies share valuable information that insures the safety of all our communities; truly shows the value of the Boston Regional Intelligence Center."



Detective Mary McInness, Officers William Carroll, Steven Ashman, William Cloran and Ethan Cole for the assistance and resources they provided at the wake and funeral of a retired Boston Police Officer. The family noted that, "It's honorable and so respectful that the Boston Police Department continues the tradition."



Officer Mario Lozano for his assistance and support after a 3 story high icicle crashed on the owner's car.



Officer Richard Litto for the assistance he provided to the residents of Waltham Street on a neighborhood walk and for the services he found for a homeless man in need.



Officers Christopher Goodman, Michael Kelley, Stephen Doran, John Connolly, Matthew Hogardt and Jahad Hasan for their participation at the naturalization ceremony at the JFK Library.



Officer Vaden Scantlebury was observed by a passer-by on Clarendon Street assisting a man who had just completed the Boston Marathon and collapsed. After a time, no medical assistance was needed, but the visitor was impressed that the officer picked up this gentleman and carried him to a waiting taxi.



Officers Dawn Gillis and Michael Saltalamacchia for the assistance they provided to the Milton Police Department with K-9 sweeps of Milton High School on a call for mutual aid. After an extensive search a loaded firearm was recovered.



Officer Kevin Watson for the assistance he provided to a civilian changing a flat tire and transportation to Logan Airport. The visitor noted, "It was a bad day for me, but in a way he made it a good day."



Detective Michael Aziz for the assistance he provided for escorting a woman in labor to the hospital.



Officer Troy Caisey for the assistance he provided to the Newburyport Police Department with establishing a K-9 Unit.



Detective Stephen McManus for the assistance he provided to residents after a fire on Manthorne Road.



Officers Jack McCarthy and Julie Colburn for their efforts and support of a visiting law enforcement family while their daughter was hospitalized in Boston.



COMPSTAT Commendations:

Police Officers William Louberry, Ydritzabel Oller, Sean Cullen, Elias Cruz, Tony Szeto and Angel Figueroa, E-13

A shots fired call at 891 Centre Street in Jamaica Plain was on sighted by Officer Louberry. Officer Louberry transmitted over the Boston Police radio that a person was shooting and running down Centre Street. A short time later Officer Louberry reported over the radio that the suspect fired shots at the Officer. Officer Louberry continued to pursue the suspect and observed him go into a backyard on Aldworth Street. Officers were able to apprehend two suspects and also located two witnesses on another street. During this violent incident, the victim was shot and killed. The suspects fled, firing shots at Officer Louberry. The Officers were able to apprehend those responsible.



Police Dispatcher Nicole Janey, Operations Division

The Youth Violence Strike Force radioed that they had shots fired at Humboldt Avenue and Ruthven Street and that an officer had been hit. A motor vehicle stop had been initiated by the YVSF. As Officer John Moynihan approached the driver, he opened the door and fired a shot from a .357 magnum firearm at close range, striking Officer Moynihan in the face. Throughout the duration of the evening, Dispatcher Janey maintained a calm and reassuring demeanor and performed her duties with an extraordinary level of skill. She coordinated the ensuing response of command staff, EDT's, specialized units and the minimum staffing units to this critical scene, as well as to other calls for service within Area B. Critically important was her ability to coordinate street closings along various routes for the arrival of the ambulance to the scene, as well as its departure transporting Officer Moynihan to the hospital. Those were important minutes saved, which aided in immediate medical attention being rendered to the Officer.



Police Officers Colleen Fancelli and Sherry Dellascio, District C-6

Officers Fancelli and Dellascio received information that an individual had climbed through the window of a Bowen Street address. While in the area they stopped a person fitting the suspect's description. The suspect gave evasive and implausible answers to their inquiries. Through further investigation it was found that the suspect was not authorized to be within 25 yards of this address and had multiple warrants for Assault and Battery and Violations of a Restraining Order. They further investigated the location and found a ripped screen with large footprints leading away. They were able to contact the victim, who was not at home at the time of this incident to obtain further information. The suspect was arrested for Breaking and Entering and Violating the Restraining Order, along with the active warrants for his arrest. It is believed that this suspect was planning on returning to this location, and his arrest prevented a potential physical attack on the victim.



Police Officers Marc Delvalle and Craig Wozniak and Detective Vincent Difazio, A-1

Officers Delvalle and Wozniak responded to a radio call for a bank robbery at 621 Washington Street. Operations gave out a description of a suspect and detectives quickly obtained video from the bank which was emailed out to Area A officers. Detective Difazio and the officers responded immediately to the bank robbery and quickly started to gather video evidence. That

evidence and their knowledge of the area and on-going activity, proved critical to locating the suspects.



Police Officers Michael Calabro, Eduardo Espino and Don Keaton, A-7

Officers Calabro & Espino responded to a call at 63 Gove Street, in which the caller stated that there were people inside the house trying to assault him and they had knives. The Officers pursued the suspects up to the 3rd floor, through an apartment, onto the back porch, down the back stairs and into the back yard, where they were apprehended. The two suspects were arrested for assault by means of a dangerous weapon, destruction of personal property and trespassing.



Police Officers Fabian Belgrave and Charles Vest, E-5

Officers Belgrave and Vest observed a vehicle that caught their attention, facing the wrong way on the street. The vehicle registration revealed a stolen plate. Officers requested registration and identification from both individuals and observed several bags on the floor of the front passenger side of the vehicle. They then returned to the cruiser to check the information provided by the suspects and noticed the suspects were now shifting around inside of the vehicle and reaching forward and down toward the floorboard. Officers found that one occupant had two prior convictions for unlawfully carrying firearms and that his license to operate a motor vehicle was suspended. They apprehended two criminals and removed a firearm from the streets.



Police Officers Arthur Lonergan and David Macioce, D-14

Officers Lonergan and Macioce responded to a call on Commonwealth Avenue. A woman reported that her boyfriend had barricaded himself in the apartment, due to an eviction issue and that he was emotionally disturbed. The door had to be forcefully removed and officers had to navigate a number of obstacles of a refrigerator and overturned furniture to reach the back bedroom. When they reached the victim, he concealed his hands from the officers which caused concern about a possible concealed weapon. At that time the victim attempted to exit the apartment by jumping toward a 3rd floor window. A struggle ensued. The victim was finally prevented from going through the 3rd floor window, restrained and eventually transported to St Elizabeth's Hospital for evaluation and treatment.



Unit Citation for the members of the Fugitive Unit including: the Commander, Sergeant Detective Brian Albert, Detectives Sean Joyce, Joseph Marrero and Michelle Williams and Police Officers Gregory Dankers, Winston DeLeon, Michael Doyle, Michael McManus, Patrick Murphy, Gregory McCormick and Michael Brown



The Boston Police Fugitive Unit is tasked with conducting investigations to locate and apprehend suspects wanted for murder and other violent offenses in the City of Boston and the State of Massachusetts. In doing so, they also travel throughout the country and even internationally with members of the US Marshals Service in order to locate individuals wanted by the Boston Police Homicide Unit and other units within the Boston Police Department who request their assistance. **During the first two weeks of March 2015** the Fugitive Unit was assigned to locate numerous wanted individuals to include suspects wanted for homicide. They executed numerous search warrants and arrested **TEN**

separate suspects for Murder. The Unit also assisted the Department of Homeland Security in locating a suspect. The suspect was arrested and the address frozen. In addition, they participated in a joint operation with the Human Trafficking Unit and SWAT team and arrested three individuals. They located and arrested a suspect on a rape of a child with force charge and another who had been profiled on BRIC's most wanted report, for a shooting in Lynn where the victim was shot multiple times. The members of the Fugitive Unit are relied upon to track the most violent and elusive offenders in the City. Arrests for homicide and rape have brought closure to family and friends of over a dozen victims in just a short two week period.



Detectives Daniel MacDonald and Timothy Sullivan and Police Officers Jeffrey Cahill and Christopher Holt, D-4

There were 3 Craigslist scams involving the thefts of several laptops in the West Fens Area. A photo array was conducted and a positive identification was made of a suspect, who was known to the detectives to be a substance abuser. The Fenway Market and Cappy's Pizza were then robbed. The detectives identified the same suspect through store video surveillance cameras and arrested him. He was able to post bail and was released on GPS, which he cut off. During this period the officers and detectives of D-4 were concerned that this individual was becoming increasingly more dangerous putting the public at risk due to his menacing behavior. They were able to ascertain that the suspect would occasionally eat dinner at the Pine Street Inn. This information was relayed to Officers Jeff Cahill and Chris Holt who conducted surveillance in the area surrounding the Pine Street Inn. The surveillance and their observations paid off as they found the suspect at this location and were able to arrest him without incident.



Lieutenant Daniel Tracey, Sergeant Richard Fitzpatrick, Detective Paul Schroeder and Police Officers Berlino Felix and Martin Hedderman, C-11

Officers were dispatched to a domestic violence situation and on arrival were confronted by an individual who was intoxicated and extremely violent towards his mother. Further information indicated the suspect's rage was fueled by his refusing to take his medication for numerous psychological issues. Officers attempted to calm suspect using reason and non-confrontational techniques. The suspect threatened Officers with a 13 inch long kitchen knife. The non-lethal "bean-bag" was deployed as a last resort. This effectively subdued and stopped the aggression of the suspect who was placed in custody.



Police Officers Jennifer Grogan and Patrick McCarthy, C-6

Officers McCarthy and Grogan responded to a radio call for a domestic violence incident in progress. The officers were met by a male victim who was standing by his vehicle. His car keys were taken by the suspect. The suspect armed herself with a large kitchen knife and threatened to kill the victim and herself. The suspect ignored the officer's commands to drop the knife as she threatened the officers waving the knife at them from approximately 10 feet away as they attempted to communicate with her, with firearms drawn. Eventually, the officers were able to convince the suspect to drop the knife and kick it towards them. They then took her into custody without further incident.

— William B. Evans
Police Commissioner

Things we have to deal with...

From **Things** on page 29

unfortunately, was caught up in the line of fire, but luckily was only grazed.

We later found out the scumbag who pulled the trigger was a career P.O.S. that had a habit of shooting at cops, and not just shooting... **shooting to kill**. This was a man, (and I use that term loosely) that **BEFORE** he shot John Moynihan had no morals or integrity. To put this quite simply, he is not someone we should aspire to be. He lived his life one way. To take. To take for himself and from others without remorse.

I have had varying opinions on the local clergy who our Dept. work so closely with. But I believe that if the work they do with the community saves one kid from turning to gang life, then it is worth having them help these kids. But this guy? Hell no... He turned his back on the church quite some time ago. There was no clergy outreach program for him. He didn't want their help. There was nothing of value for him to take. He sealed his fate years ago. He chose "the game" over a life of decency and honor. If he were gunned down in a gang related shooting, he would be a yearly homicide stat; a couple of paragraphs in the *Herald* or *Globe*. But he didn't die that way. He made his choice about how he was to punch out and pick up his pitchfork quite clear.

At the time of this writing, it's been a week since John was shot and I have heard a hundred times that the video of the shooting probably stopped a lot of protests and second guessing. As true as that is, it's also total horse shit. It seems to me that the main reason why the angry mobs died down was not so much about having a "good video," as it is that a cop was shot. Not in the leg or the arm, but in the face! There's your pound of flesh, Ladies and Gentleman. Now I'm going to throw a "what if" at you. I'm sorry. I know we all hate what if's. But, let's change two things from the shooting scene, while everything else stays the same.

#1. John saw the gun being raised toward his head and knocked his arm away sending the slug into the stratosphere and not into his eye socket.

#2. No Video. John's Dept. picture would be on the news just the same, just not in the way we saw it this past week; as a hero.

Make no mistake, his friends and family and fellow Officers would stand with him. But everybody else? I'm not so sure. How John has lived his life up to that point compared to how West had lived his life would not have mattered in the eyes of the media or the protesters. Yes, the facts would come out. The truth would come out as well. But would the damage be done?

Last summer's events in Missouri were manipulated by half truths and outright lies. When the truth was finally revealed, it was too late. The damage was most definitely done. Looters filled the streets, burned buildings and caused havoc. Many hard-working people had to watch their life's work literally go up in smoke. A movement based on a lie was born. T-shirts were printed up and no one cared when the

Attention

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William F. Carroll, Clerk,
Boston Police Relief Association

same Attorney General, who helped fan the flames, said there was nothing to charge Darren Wilson with. Where was Darren Wilson's video? There was none. There were only facts. But that's not enough to feed the wolves.

As of this writing, John is recovering from surgery that removed the bullet that almost ended his life. He will most likely be replaying that car stop in his head for the rest of his life. He will have support from his friends and family as well as his fellow Officers. But I believe his core values and his character will play the most vital part in his recovery.

The world we live in and other random thoughts...

From **Anderson** on page 35

will not take a portion of a recovery. Your job is dangerous. Protect yourself. If you would like to discuss your insurance coverage, please feel free to contact us at your convenience.

Guns And Alcohol Are Not A Good Combination

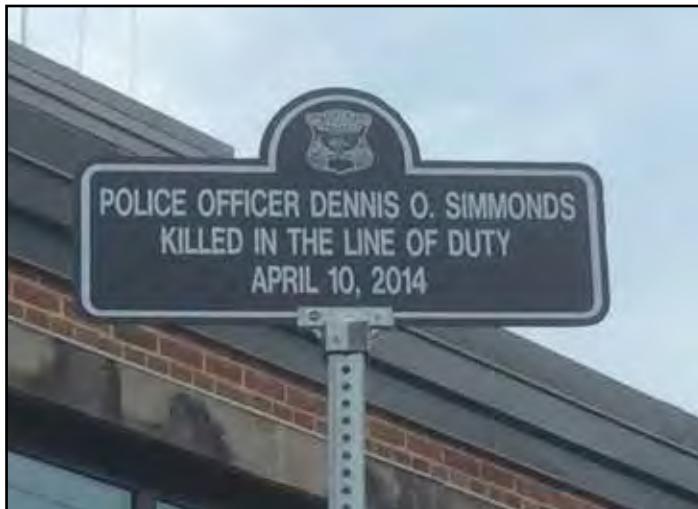
There is not much more to be said than what the caption states.

Guns and alcohol are a bad combination. Guns and bars are a bad combination. It is against the law to possess a firearm while you are under the influence of alcohol. If you plan on drinking or going to a bar, please leave your gun in your locker at work, or leave it secured someplace other than on your person. Buy a trigger lock to render your gun inoperable. This is just a friendly reminder as I have recently had to deal with this bad combination with several officers from several departments. I have nothing more to add than what was just said. Please think before you drink.

Best of Luck Andrew Miller and Welcome Aboard Peter Pasciucco

For those of you who have come across Attorney Andrew Miller over the last year, I am sure you realized what a great guy and what a fantastic lawyer he is. Unfortunately for us, Andrew is leaving this firm and moving to Washington D.C. to get married and to start a new career. Replacing Andrew will be Peter Pasciucco, who many of you know from his four and a half years in the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. Peter is the pride of Roxbury Latin High School, a former baseball player at College of the Holy Cross, and a graduate of Emory Law School in Atlanta, Georgia. He was a superior court prosecutor from the major felony bureau who also worked in the Chelsea, Dorchester, and Charlestown District Courts before running the gun court of the Suffolk DA's office. Welcome aboard, Peter.

Although I do not believe what happened in Baltimore and other cities could happen here, we all need to remain vigilant. To a certain extent, we are living in a powder keg and we are giving off sparks. We live in a crazy world and your job is not easy. You get blamed for everything under the sun and there is nothing you can do about it. Keep your head up, watch each other's backs, and do your best to stay safe.



P.O. Dennis Simmonds honored with a Hero Sign located outside of the Boston Police Academy on June 11, 2015



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We can't repay police bravery with bias

By Joe Fitzgerald, *Boston Herald*

Boston cops don't have to perform breathtaking acts of derring-do to be seen as heroic figures.

All they have to do to establish their valor is don their uniforms, pin on their badges, then step into the belly of the beast we call society, not only aware that unprovoked savages are anxiously lurking to take them down, but also that every move they make will be picked apart, second-guessed and analyzed by whores with law degrees who've made a lucrative cottage industry out of bashing law enforcement.

To expose yourself to such a menacing climate is, by definition, bravery.

And to do it on behalf of people like you and me, whom most of them will never meet, is the stuff of gallantry.

This is what cops do.

Yet we've watched them become punching bags for every tinhorn community leader who feels empowered by stirring up marauding

mobs, persuading them it's the cops who are the bad guys.

What is the matter with us? We're watching this as if it's just another reality show, bending over backwards to take buffoons seriously, lest

we find ourselves accused of insensitivity or, worse, virulent prejudice.

It's emotional extortion, and shame on us for submitting to it.

The battle is not between black and white; it's between wrong and right. What's so complicated about that? Evil has no color; inhumanity comes in every hue. So does ignorance, lawlessness, thoughtlessness and foolishness.

And there's the cop in the middle of it all, trying to make sense of it, trying to protect us while he or she may be in the biggest danger of all.

It's bad enough having to deal with homegrown crackpots, but now comes word that terrorists may also be setting their sights on Boston's Finest.

If so, in protecting themselves they'll be protecting us, too.

The night Ferguson, Mo., went up in flames, CNN interviewed a furious business owner who demanded to know, "Where are the police?"

The answer, of course, was that they were a block away, ducking rocks and bottles while being spit upon, perhaps by his customers.

With the predictable exception of a few yahoos, at least we have leaders who understand that cops are the good guys. Yes, there are exceptions there, too, as there are if you're talking about coaches, nannies, teachers or clergymen.

But as a force for good in a town where things occasionally go bad, a Boston cop ought to be appreciated because anyone aiming at him or her is aiming at us as well.

It's that simple.

The Founding of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association...

From **BPPA Founders** on page 41

finally been open to improvement for all ranks in the Boston Police Department. So today all our Police Officers can thank the founding officers that made our union the one that every department copied.

When Cleveland was looking to establish a Police Union they reached out to the leaders that brought about change. Today you can thank these men, most who are no longer with us, with the gratitude and thanks for making The Boston Police Patrolmen's Association the leader in Police Unions. Gone are the days of working 12 hour shifts, getting called back into work without pay, and the benefits each of us received today. "*Unity and Strength*," is the motto that the BPPA stands for. Stay safe!



Darnell Williams, head of the urban League of Eastern Massachusetts, speaks about the shooting of Usaamah Rahim.

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An open letter from NAPO to all Law Enforcement Officers

On behalf of the more than 240,000 officers from every walk of life represented by the National Association of Police Organizations, and the millions of citizens whom we serve, we seek peace on our streets, we strive for justice, and we remember the individual men and women called to serve and protect. To the alarming number of elected officials who sometimes seem unable or unwilling to publicly support their police, we say: The time for standing by and offering weak platitudes about peaceful protest has passed.

In cities across our country, in Baltimore, in Washington, in New York, in Philadelphia, in Chicago, in Los Angeles, in Boston, and everywhere in between, American police officers are, quite literally, bleeding to death. In the entirely foreseeable fulfillment of well-publicized threats, killers are stalking and attacking our officers. They are cloaking themselves in the rhetoric of protest and "justice." But their very public actions are those of violence and bloodshed. American officers are not just "putting their lives on the line," they are dying. These are no peaceful protests and they never were. Both "Burn this bitch down!" and "What do we want? Dead cops!" have proved to be open notices of exactly what these sociopaths were going to do.

These lawless mobs are reading the inaction of clueless mayors



and pandering politicians as a tacit concession that their goals have merit. They hear civil rights "leaders" words of sympathy for violent protestors as conferring legitimacy upon their cause. This has allowed an atmosphere of hatred against police officers to grow, to fester and to finally burst forth in murderous gunfire, ambush attacks and vehicular run-downs of officers across our nation.

To the men and women out on the front lines, our brother and sister officers, please know that we unfailingly support you, we care about what you are facing, we are outraged at the attacks and wounds you suffer, and the lack of backup from those officials who owe you so much. Know that we will never back down. We have your back in this fight. We will insist on the great truths of this noble profession, on the integrity, sacrifice, and raw courage it takes to do this job. And most of all, we will continue to stand up to anyone who seeks to tear down the legitimate lights of officers, whether in our nation's capital or anywhere else. The men and women who are quite literally bleeding for their communities don't just deserve the same constitutional and legal rights as every other American, they have **EARNED** them!

— The men and women of the
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NAPO fights CNN Headline News misinformation...

From CNN Misinformation on page 36

On July 12, 2012, when CNN reported on the mass shooting at the Century movie theatre in Aurora, CO, the shooter was never described as courageous and brave. Nor was the shooter at Ft. Hood, TX in July, 2009, nor the next gunman at Ft. Hood in 2014.

It appears that when the attack is on a police station, CNN decides to glorify the attacker. Now perhaps it is only Ms. Whitfield's opinion and not that of CNN. The people at CNN should understand that Ms. Whitfield's remarks have incensed and insulted the entire law enforcement community along with each and every officer, deputy, and agent who has sworn to protect the public and risks their lives daily.

I'm certain that if CNN's studios were attacked in a similar way and a police spokesperson described that attacker as brave, that sound bite would be replayed for days on end with a demand for the termination of that spokesperson and an apology from that Department.

At a time when politics is rendering American law enforcement impotent and it seems like we are being vilified by everyone with access to a microphone or a WiFi connection, CNN chooses to offer a cheap and offensive remark on international television. Unless there is a significant public apology by CNN and Ms. Whitfield to the Dallas Police Department and the entire law enforcement community, I will encourage my counterparts nationwide to endorse a boycott of CNN and all its supporting advertisers by all police officers, sheriff's deputies, state and federal agents, all unsworn law enforcement personnel and their families, friends, and supporters.

— Michael Glasser, President
Police Association of New Orleans (PANO)

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Suicide prevention

By Jim Carnell, Pax Editor

ALMOST EVERY FAMILY has experienced the pain and tragedy of suicide by a family member or friend. All of us, at some point in time, feels down, depressed, lonely and has feelings that amount to "maybe the world would be better off without me."

Remember this: suicide is a permanent solution to temporary problems. No matter how bad things seem, all problems are temporary. And the guilt that family and friends are left with is often crippling. Many a family member is left with languishing thoughts about whether they could have or should have done something differently to prevent the loved one's suicide.

No matter how bad things seem at any point in time: 1.) **DON'T** and 2.) **CALL A FRIEND OR A FAMILY MEMBER.** The BPD Stress Unit is available 24/7/365. Suicide is preventable. It is **NOT** embarrassing or humiliating to have feelings of depression; it happens to the best of us. On the wall in my office, I have several photos of recent BPD suicide victims who were friends or I knew from around the department. If I had only known then... I should have said something... Those are the feelings of guilt we are left with.

It's been said that if Pat was able to see all the people who cared about him at this event, he'd have never been the guest of honor, and there would have been no reason to have a time. Problems are temporary. Suicide is permanent.

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2 TOMBSTONE COURAGE

No one doubts that you are brave, but in any situation where time allows - wait for backup. You should NOT try to make a dangerous apprehension alone and unaided.

3 NOT ENOUGH REST

To do your job you must be alert. Being sleepy or asleep on the job is not only against regulations, but you endanger yourself, the community and all of your fellow officers.

4 TAKING A BAD POSITION

Never let anyone you are questioning or about to stop get in a better position than you and your vehicle. There is no such thing as a routine call or stop.

5 DANGER SIGNS

You will come to recognize "danger signs" - movements, strange cars, warnings that should alert you to watch your step and approach with caution. Know your beat, your community and watch for anything that is out of place.

6 FAILURE TO WATCH HANDS OF A SUSPECT

Is he or she reaching for a weapon or getting ready to strike you? How else can a potential killer strike but with his or her hands.

7 RELAXING TOO SOON

The "rut" of false alarms. Observe the activity, never take any call as routine or just another false alarm. It's your life on the line.

8 IMPROPER USE OR NO HANDCUFFS

Once you have made and arrest, handcuff the prisoner properly.

9 NO SEARCH OR POOR SEARCH

There are so many places a suspect can hide weapons that your failure to search is a crime against fellow officers. Many criminals carry several weapons and are able and prepared to use them against you.

10 DIRTY OR INOPERATIVE WEAPON

Is your firearm clean? Will it fire? How about ammunition? When did you fire your weapon last so that you know if you can hit a target in combat conditions? What's the sense of carrying any firearm that may not work?

Based upon the investigations of hundreds of law enforcement officers line of duty deaths, these **TEN DEADLY SINS** were found to be the major cause of useless, unnecessary deaths. Will you make one of these errors today or have you done so already?



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Attention to details

By P.O. Jay Moccia

Not those details. Every day we patrol, and while we observe people, and are aware of our surroundings, we tend to file away certain background items. I'm including a picture of something, and offer a prize to the first Officer who knows its whereabouts. Make sure you send it to ME, any emails forwarded from my sons will be disqualified. A \$10 gift card to Dunkin's, Starbuck's, or Honey Dew, will be awarded to the winner. Of course, there IS a catch. The entries **MUST** be sent to me via the BPPA internal email system. So if you think you've got a keen eye, sign up and get me the answer. Entry must include your name, shift, District, and choice of card. I'll accept the street address, or intersection that this item can be found at. Next issue, I'll reveal the answer, and hopefully the winner. Good Luck!



SPORTS TRIVIA

By Bill Carroll

1. Who holds the Red Sox record for most hits in a season by a rookie?
2. Who was the last rookie in the major leagues to hit 30 homers and knock in 100 runs in a season?
3. Who was the first rookie to lead the major leagues in slugging percentage?
4. Who led the major leagues in saves in the 2014 season?
5. How many World Series rings did Derek Jeter win with the Yankees?
6. Who was the first Venezuelan born player to hit 400 home runs in his career?
7. Can you name the first manager in the major leagues to be fired this season?
8. LeBron James played for the Miami Heat for four seasons, how many NBA Titles did he win while there?
9. Which Canadian-born player hit the most home runs as a major leaguer?
10. Mike Babcock recently left the Detroit Red Wings to coach another NHL team, can you name that team?

See **Sports Trivia** on page 55



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Traffic regulations began with the Boston Police Traffic Division

By P.O. Robert E. Anthony, BPPA Historian

It all began when in the old days when horseless carriages, as they were called, came into Boston and caused big traffic problems in Downtown Boston and within all City limits. Boston Police Commissioner **Stephen O'Meara** looked for someone to handle the problem that was coming into Boston.

He found a big, strong Patrolman with a German accent who at the time was assigned to keep things moving in Park Square. **Bernard Hoppe** was born in Westphalia, Germany in 1867. He immigrated to the United States and settled in Boston with his family as a young man, and he was educated in the Boston Public Schools.

He was appointed a reserve officer in 1900 and a year later was appointed a patrolman and assigned to LaGrange Street Station. After a few years at the LaGrange Station, Captain **James Canney**, Commander of Station 4, was looking for someone to become a Traffic Officer in Park Square. Hoppe volunteered to man this assignment, and set off with a plan.

The "Horseless Carriages" now called motor vehicles soon became a heavy traffic concern in this area. Hoppe was soon working on designing traffic plans with charts and graphs of the streets of Boston.

He learned this trade for his education in the Boston Schools as a draftsman and went to work looking to find traffic patterns to handle the heavy flow of traffic. Hoppe brought his ideas to Capt. Canney and Superintendent **Michael Crowley**. Motor traffic control was something new and with the patterns of Boston streets, no other major city had a layout like Boston. Hoppe also came up with his own set of traffic control signals.

He showed them some of the ideas like putting his upright arm with the palm toward the drivers should be a signal to stop. He said it was patterned on the old saying about "a punch in the face." He showed them other hand movements.

His traffic signals soon became the talk of the state, the Boston Automobile Dealers Association wrote to the Police Commissioner approving it. They suggested that other City and traffic officers learn Hoppe's signals.

Not long Hoppe was called before Deputy Supt. **Thomas F. Goode** who was put in charge of general traffic problems. Hoppe was showing his traffic designs at Police Headquarters and it was well received that training was given to other traffic officers. Hoppe is the first to use a whistle for traffic control he borrowed a letter carrier's whistle and used it in connection with calling horse-drawn carriages or motor vehicles.

Hoppe soon moved up the Ladder in the Department, promoted

to Sergeant in 1916, and then promoted to Lieutenant within a few months when he was put in charge of a traffic division, later when the first organized traffic division was organized in Boston. It was stationed over Quincy Market. He was promoted to Captain a year later.

Captain Hoppe is the developer of the methods of traffic direction that officers use to this day, later these were used to help plan the traffic lights. He developed a system of having a fixed time for the traffic to move in each direction and for a pedestrian crossing. He developed ideas to keep a steady flow of traffic by having officers that could see or hear each other for synchronization, the same method that is used today, with the traffic lights to keep them in synchronization.

Hoppe retired in 1932 and passed away in 1939. Captain Bernard J. Hoppe said "My work would mean nothing if it were not supported wholeheartedly by all the men in the traffic department." One of the biggest events to show how the Traffic was moving was during the Christmas season of 1930. Captain Hoppe and his downtown Traffic Division received praise from the business people for handling the shopping crowds. On the streets of Washington to Summer Street, the traffic officers gave the pedestrians chance to cross the streets and move over 50 cars a minute through the intersections.

During this time, Police Departments from across the nation sent officers to watch at the corners and see how traffic is handled. Boston traffic layout is like no other City in the Nation there are no big, wide streets for moving the business sections of traffic. Hoppe also designed a plan to

keep cabs out of the street until they were needed.

Patrolman Hoppe had agents of the different companies stationed at the theatre. The cabs would be parked on Hollis Street which at the time was a two-way street. The agent would wave and Hoppe would send a cab to pick up the patron. The whistles were never used for the traffic control unit until Hoppe put it into use and Hoppe is also credited with developing the signal for cabs that is used today.

Patrolman Bernard Hoppe a member of the Boston Police Department was asked to appear before the Police Chief's Association of Massachusetts in 1921 who had unanimously adopted his entire plan of operation and its traffic signals, which was then put into operation throughout the entire State. Training of these officers was observed at various locations while our officers directed traffic.

In closing, the Boston Police Department has another "First" to its credit. We thank Patrolman **Bernard J. Hoppe** and will never forget our heroes. Stay Safe on your Tour of Duty.





Infamous Chairs Throughout History

- By Ed McCarthy



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Chair
1220 AD



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Confession Chair
1487 AD



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Electric Chair
1930AD



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*Legislators utilizing
“old rules” to keep
legislation rolling...*

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number and was assigned to the Committee on Public Health.

We are also happy to report success made in Washington by **The National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO): Senate Passes Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu National Blue Alert Act.**

On April 30, 2015, The US Senate passed Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu National Blue Alert Act. The new law will establish a nationwide Blue Alert system to apprehend violent criminals who have injured or killed police officers or who have made an imminent or credible threat to cause serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer. This Bill is named in honor of two New York City Police Detectives, and NAPO members, who were assassinated while sitting in their police patrol car in December 2014. Their killer posted threats to law enforcement on social media before the attack. Implementing a nationwide Blue Alert system will help to ensure that information on credible threats, like those posted by the individual who killed Detectives Ramos and Liu, is widely disseminated so that officers have advanced warning, and can apprehend the criminal before he or she can do more harm. **This Bill was signed into Law on May 19, 2015 by President Obama.**

In closing, I would like to congratulate Boston Police Officers **Ryan Lenane, William Traft, and Sergeant Thomas Teahan.** On May 12, 2015, these Officers were honored in Washington D.C. by The National Association of Police Officers as recipients of the 2015 NAPO Top Cops Awards for their heroic actions in the of duty as Boston Police Officers. **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!!**



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See that mountain? I made it from a mole hill all by myself...

By P.O. Jay Moccia

Why is it that you settle down with a mate, but settle up with a bartender?



I've been a cop for so long I had cases in front of the judges who are now portraits in the courthouse.



When choosing a restaurant remember, "rustic" means the tables are this closet together, and "intimate" means the lighting is poor.



Men only think of three things:

Food

Sex

How do I get the other two between games.



Every generation of cops marches off to retirement with the refrain "the job's gone, kid."



When I wear my issued winter hat, I hope I look like DeNiro in The Deer Hunter. Unfortunately, the fit is so poor I look more like Waldo.



Before politicians force body cameras on cops, they better think about scenarios like this:

"Councilor, I pulled you over because you're weaving all over the road. I think you may have had too much to drink.-maybe Mrs Councilor should drive...OH, that isn't Mrs Councilor? Why yes, sir, this IS a body cam". File under: "Smile! You're on Candid (body) Camera!"



Thug thug thug, thug thug. Thug thug thug thugthug, THUG. Nope, still not seeing that as a problem...this word, as I use it and understand it, is not some racist dog whistle. It refers to a person who does not comport to the rules of society, and uses violence, brutality and intimidation to wreak havoc on his community or fellow citizens. As anyone who reads my drivel notes, I divide the use of this word equally between gangsters (of any color) and Islamo-Fascist terrorists. I will continue to use it in that manner, and no thug will dissuade me.



"Uber" is Danish for \$%^# up traffic.



A comedian rattles off jokes, a humorist just writes his down.



How is it that if a cop is shot, or injured, inevitably some idiot talking head or clueless politician babbles on about the risks involved in Law Enforcement, etc, etc. Stipulated. So, why is that standard not applied to gang bangers and terrorists? Surely they know the possible dangers.



When has the simple act of turning a car around become such a task for many drivers, especially the ones that come by MY details???



New note on all day off requests: I.D.C.I.I.O.T: I don't care if it incurs overtime.



Sometimes my hair gets so long it looks like a toupee.



On my way to court one morning recently, I passed a group of guys drinking on a street corner. I thought to myself, they must be going to a golf tournament or are on vacation.



President Obama took up the mantle from disgraced FORMER Attorney General Holder when he too referred to Police as an "occupying force". And to that end, he's shutting down a program that offers Law Enforcement surplus military equipment. Now I don't see the need for a tank (YET), but some of the stuff comes in handy when dealing with the criminal element or disruptive protesters. What galls me is the fact that the most mentioned piece of used gear that had Barry and his cronies in a tizzy was: camouflage uniforms.



Local activist Jamarhl Crawford is urging the Feds to investigate the Boston Police Department. He claims that the last few Officer involved shootings (OIS) were racist. In a case of never let the facts get in the way, he sent his missive off despite the FACT that the last nine OIS in Boston all involved violent armed criminals or mentally deranged armed individuals, all of whom attacked, shot or shot at BPD Officers.



On a related note: after a seven year old boy was hit with a round, during a brazen daylight shooting on Bowdoin St, I congratulate Chief Gross and Mayor Marty Walsh for calling out "activists" and expressing outrage that there is no outrage. A child was shot (not the first in these parts either) and yet, no protest, no march, no vigil, no information forthcoming from the Occupy frauds and their stooges at #blacklivesmatter. It seems these folks only give a crap when it fits their agenda.



During a rainstorm, my phone blew up with warnings of flash floods. I thought, how the hell do they know where I am? I guess the Government IS spying on me. Hey NSA, good luck sifting through all this crap.



Sometimes I feel like a banana republic dictator. I pick up a rake or shovel and my family disappears.



Well, one of America's greatest athletes, Olympic Gold Medalist Bruce Jenner, wants to become a woman. I guess being on the Wheaties box wasn't enough, now he wants to be on the cover of Tampax.



Terrorist THUG (there it is!) Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was sentenced to DEATH ,by a Massachusetts jury no less (maybe there is some hope for Liberals) for his role in the Marathon Bombing that left 4 (now 5) dead and hundreds injured. During the penalty phase, relatives of Tsarnaev (excluding his felon/wanted Mother) travelled to Boston on the tax-payer's dime to defend the tousle haired youth against the Great Satan. They recalled a smiling boy, in awe of his older brother, who cried at the "Lion King" (I'm sure when Scar got it). It took less than 10 years for Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh to ride the needle, I sincerely hope the Joker doesn't reach 30.



How is it that every firehouse is always built with adequate parking including a few extra spots for visitors, but Police stations, not so much?

Neponset Preschool



I loved my grandmother; yet I hate my nanny state.



Gloucester Police have announced that they will not pursue criminal charges against addicts who turn in their drugs and seek treatment. A novel and noble approach, as long as the town of Gloucester uses/establishes a methadone clinic in their area rather than ship the junkies down to Boston. We have an over abundance of these individuals straining our services and patience, including a good percentage who are not from this state let alone the city. If this is just another feel good NIMBY project, you can keep them.



Secretary of State John Kerry broke his leg in a bicycle accident while in France. He immediately returned to the US. Just a few questions: Was he riding that spiffy pink bike he's been pictured on? Did the accident occur as he swayed to the iPod tunes of James Taylor, and Sheryl Crow? And; if European health care is so good, that we wrecked ours under Obamacare to mirror theirs, why didn't he just stay there. File under: Do as I say, not as I do.



Six Baltimore cops have been indicted on a plethora of charges including murder for the custody death of Freddie Gray, who died after his spine was severed while being transported in a Baltimore Police van. Another prisoner in the same van claims he heard the deceased thrashing around in his compartment, and did not hear any indication the police were involved. His testimony has been scrutinized, because it cannot be corroborated. Now I ask you gentle reader, if he said "I heard the cops beating that poor man", would he have been so quickly dismissed, or star witness for the prosecution??The death sparked days of rioting, burning and looting. Since the indictments, a demoralized Baltimore PD has been, shall we say, lax in pro-active policing, resulting in a 25% rise in crime. Unrest which led to a statement from Baltimore's Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake that she would allow rioters "room to destroy". Huh?!?!? Madam Mayor, even if you feel that way, that's a thought you keep to yourself, or among your advisors, or nearest and dearest NOT out loud during a press conference. Encouraging rioters is leadership the good people of Baltimore should not have to endure. Here's hoping to a swift resolution, after a thorough investigation.



Finally, the Police Department has instructed that "Caution Wet Floor" signs be placed near every Detail/OT board in all stations in order to minimize the possibility of Officers slipping on tears after the new 18 hour rule is implemented. Since this article is being submitted prior to the rule's projected start date, the author will defer to a future issue to weigh its impact.

The BPPA House of Reps has authorized the building committee to investigate/negotiate the possibility of purchasing a building in Dorchester. Hopefully it's not haunted and we can move into a more spacious and welcoming place with room to grow. On that note, members are encouraged to swing by the current offices in order to check beneficiaries, insurance, etc and be sure they are up to date. You can't take it with you, but you don't want Uncle Sam to get it either.

As always, enjoy your time off, we'll see if this new rule hurts or helps to that end. Hope you had a laugh or two. Stay safe.

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PERAC responds to the elimination of the remarriage penalty

This memorandum supersedes the portion of PERAC Memorandum #34/2000 pertaining to the Elimination of the Remarriage Penalty. Specifically, this memorandum supersedes the sentence: "This does not apply to any benefits which were terminated or reduced prior to July 1, 2000."

Under certain circumstances, G.L. c. 32, §§ 9, 12(2)(d), 100 and 101 provide death benefits for the spouse of a deceased member. Prior to July 1, 2000, those sections of Chapter 32 contained provisions wherein the benefits terminated upon the remarriage of the spouse. These provisions were known collectively as the "remarriage penalty." Effective July 1, 2000, the Legislature repealed the remarriage penalty (Chapter 159 of the Acts of 2000). Thereafter, on August 15, 2000, PERAC issued Memorandum #34/2000 which stated that the elimination of the remarriage penalty did not apply to any benefits that were terminated prior to July 1, 2000.

A 2014 Superior Court decision, however, has changed that interpretation. See *Boston Retirement Board v. CRAB and Edith Carell*, Superior Court, C.A. No. 2013-02476 (attached). Factually, the matter concerned Edith Carell ("Ms. Carell"), the widow of a Boston Police Officer who died in 1968 from heart disease. Following his death, Ms. Carell received death benefits pursuant to G.L. c. 32, § 9. In 1978, Ms. Carell remarried and her death benefit was terminated in accordance with the remarriage penalty in force at that time. Although the Legislature repealed the remarriage penalty effective July 1, 2000, the repeal did not appear to apply to beneficiaries such as Ms. Carell, because her benefit had terminated prior to that date. Ms. Carell claimed that the repeal of the remarriage penalty should include beneficiaries like herself, who remarried prior to July 1, 2000, and reapplied for those benefits in 2012.

Sports trivia...

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1. As a rookie in 1997 shortstop Nomar Garciaparra set the Red Sox record for base hits in a season by a rookie with 209.
2. The last rookie in the major leagues to hit at least 30 homers and 107 RBIs in 2014.
3. The first rookie in the history of Major League Baseball to lead both leagues in slugging percentage was Sox rookie Fred Lynn in 1975.
4. Fernando Rodney of the Seattle Mariners led the majors in saves in 2014 with 48.
5. Derek Jeter won five World Series rings with the Yankees, 1997-1998-1999-2000-2009.
6. The first Venezuelan born player to hit 400 career homers in the majors is Tigers first baseman Miguel Cabrera who hit his 400th this season.
7. The first major league manager to be fired in 2015 was the Brewers Ron Roenicke.
8. While playing for the Miami Heat LeBron James won two NBA Titles in 2012 and 2013.
9. The most home runs hit by a Canadian-born player in major league history is 383 by Larry Walker.
10. Mike Babcock recently left the Red Wings to coach the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Following a Boston Retirement Board decision denying Ms. Carell's reapplication for benefits, Ms. Carell filed an appeal with the Contributory Retirement Appeal Board ("CRAB"), who assigned the matter to the Division of Administrative Law Appeals ("DALA"). After a hearing, DALA affirmed the Board's denial, and Ms. Carell filed an appeal of that decision with CRAB. On April 3, 2013, CRAB issued its decision, reversing the decisions of the Board and DALA, and finding that the repeal of the remarriage penalty extended to beneficiaries who remarried prior to July 1, 2000. Following that decision, the Board filed an appeal with the Superior Court, essentially arguing that CRAB gave retroactive operation to the repeal of the remarriage penalty when the Legislature had intended it to apply only prospectively to those who had not remarried prior to July 1, 2000.

On February 7, 2014, the Superior Court issued its decision, affirming CRAB's decision. The Court disagreed with the Board's contention that CRAB's award of death benefits to surviving spouses who remarried prior to July 1, 2000 constituted retroactive application of death benefits. The Court held that the CRAB decision did not mandate retroactive application, because Ms. Carell was not entitled to benefits from the date of her remarriage in 1978 to the present but, rather, was entitled to benefits going forward from the date of her reapplication for benefits. The Court agreed with CRAB's interpretation, which it referred to this as "prospective application."

Pursuant to the *Carell* decision, upon proper reapplication, all boards must grant a death benefit to any deceased member's surviving spouse who remarried prior to July 1, 2000 and had his or her death benefit terminated due to the remarriage penalty. Such death benefit shall be awarded prospectively only, from the date of reapplication.

Any applicable surviving spouse who claims to have reapplied for those death benefits after July 1, 2000, shall be required to prove the date and validity of such reapplication. Upon such proof, and once the amount of the death benefit owed the surviving spouse has been determined, interest on that amount should be calculated and paid as part of the death benefit from the date of reapplication. The rate adopted by a board must be applied consistently. Please refer to PERAC Memorandum #32/2013 for additional information regarding applicable interest rates.¹

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact this office.

¹ Neither chapter 32 nor the decision in *Herrick v. Essex Regional Retirement Board* specifies the interest rate to be applied in these adjustments. However, when an active member's funds are held by a retirement board, the member's contributions earn regular interest as determined by the provisions of G.L. c. 32, § 22(6)(b). Therefore, the board could properly apply the interest rate as annually determined by PERAC pursuant to this section for the period of underpayment. PERAC believes the boards have discretion in this area to adopt an appropriate interest rate. In 2011, the Legislature adopted a 3% rate of return on refunds to members who leave the system after less than 10 years' service, indicating legislative intent relative to an appropriate interest rate.

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CADILLAC TAX FACT SHEET

Overview

The Cadillac Tax is an excise tax scheduled to take effect in 2018 to reduce health care usage and costs by encouraging employers to offer plans that are cost-effective and engage employees in sharing in the cost of care. It is a 40% tax on employers that provide high-cost health benefits to their employees.

This fact sheet is based on Cigna's current understanding of the Cadillac Tax. Final regulations have not been issued, and we expect further guidance before the tax is assessed.

What it is/fee duration

Permanent annual tax beginning in 2018 on employers that provide high-cost benefits through an employer-sponsored group health plan.

Purpose

- To generate \$80 billion over the next 10 years to help finance the expansion of health coverage.

Amount

- The tax is 40% of the cost of plans that exceed predetermined threshold amounts.
- Cost includes the total premiums paid by both employers and employees, but not cost-sharing amounts such as deductibles and copays when care is received.
- For planning purposes, the thresholds for high-cost plans are \$10,200 for individual coverage, and \$27,500 for family coverage.
- These thresholds will be updated for 2018 when final regulations are issued and indexed for inflation in future years.



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- The thresholds will also be adjusted for:
 - High-risk professions such as law enforcement and construction.
 - Group demographics including age and gender.
- For pre-65 retirees and individuals in high-risk professions, the threshold amounts are \$11,850 for individual coverage and \$30,950 for family coverage.

Who calculates and pays

Insured: Employers calculate and insurers pay.

Self-funded: Employers calculate and pay.

How a plan's cost is determined

The tax is based on the total cost of each employee's coverage above the threshold amount.

- Employer and employee contributions to Health Care Flexible Spending Accounts, Health Reimbursement Accounts and Health Savings Accounts.
- The cost of Employee Assistance Plans with counseling benefits, onsite medical clinics and wellness programs.

How the tax will be paid

Forms and instructions for paying the tax are not yet available.

Tax Implications

Not tax deductible.

Businesses affected

Insured and self-funded group health plans.

Businesses Excluded

- U.S.-issued expatriate plans for most categories of expatriates
- Stand-alone dental
- Stand-alone vision
- Accidents coverage
- Disability benefits
- Long-term care insurance

How it works: Examples based on current threshold amounts

Self-only coverage

A \$12,000 individual plan would pay an excise tax of \$720 per covered employee: $\$12,000 - \$10,200 = \$1,800$ above the **\$10,200 threshold**
 $\$1,800 \times 40\% = \720

Family coverage

A \$32,000 family plan would pay an excise tax of \$1,800 per covered employee: $\$32,000 - \$27,500 = \$4,500$ above the **\$27,500 threshold**
 $\$4,500 \times 40\% = \$1,800$

These charts show how the tax increases as the plan's cost increases.

Self-only coverage

Plan Cost	\$11,000	\$12,000	\$13,000	\$14,000	\$15,000
Tax	\$320	\$720	\$1,120	\$1,520	\$1,920

Family coverage

Plan Cost	\$28,000	\$30,000	\$32,000	\$34,000	\$36,000
Tax	\$200	\$1,000	\$1,800	\$2,600	\$3,400

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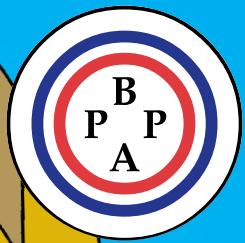
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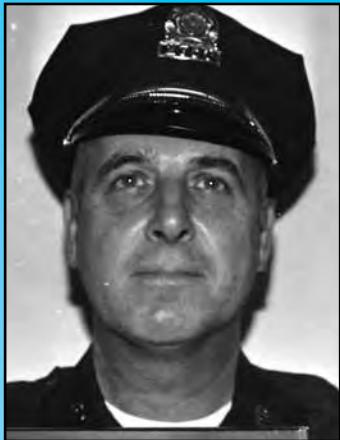
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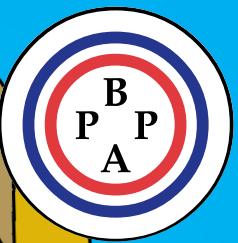


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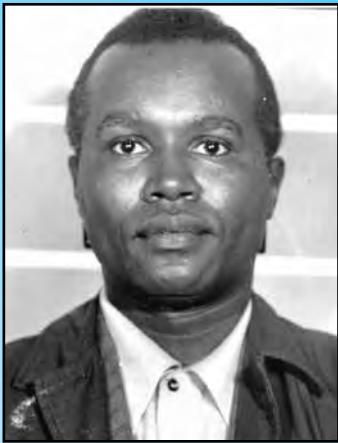
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