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Don't let the job consume you this summertime

Summertime is upon us and with that we all know that sixteen hour days, along with six and seven-day work weeks will be the norm for every Patrolman in the City of Boston. It was refreshing to hear the Commissioner at the most recent Academy Graduation speak of the responsibility that each one of us, wearing the uniform, have towards being there for our Family. The Commissioner spoke of not allowing the job to consume us, that we should force ourselves to be there for the First Communions, the Graduations, the Birthdays and yes – the Anniversaries, etc. He spoke of how many hours this job consumes of your life and the sacrifices that come with it. He reiterated that Family **MUST** come first, beyond all else. I only hope that his Command Staff remembers those words when one of our members is forced to use a ‘benefit’ to be there for their family. I can only hope that his Commanders remember those words when a member of the BPPA asks for a swap or to utilize an earned day off. To be there for our families sometimes requires us to not be there for every parade, every public function, every public event and yes, every sports playoff game. As refreshing as it was to hear the content of his speech, I recognize that this job can get in the way of anything, I do however remain guardedly optimistic that the Commissioner’s words will resonate down through the ranks. Only time will tell!

How did we get here? Why is it that we are so shorthanded with fewer and fewer Police Officers available to take the calls; forcing our members into unwanted overtime shifts? It is no secret that certain politicians have made it their life’s work destroying community/police relationships. In the past eight years alone, we have been villainized and portrayed as the

enemy to the public by a pandering press and some morally deficient politicians. Any single event involving a Police Officer is blown out of proportion and portrayed by a willing media to be the norm instead of the aberration that it most likely is. The constant ‘beat down’ by our political figures, the media and left-wing zealots has decreased the amount of young men and woman willing to enter this profession exponentially. Coupled with the increased work load – whether it’s working the parades and demonstrations keeping order, Community outreach within policing, the war on terrorism, the increased need for security everywhere, the need for ‘specialized units’ that take away from the Patrol force, the fight against drugs, the multiple roles we now play in society or dealing with people within a social structure that seems to have shifted to an accepted practice of questioning authority at every turn; regardless of the outcome, has become very taxing on us. Officers are being physically and mentally worn down, thus becoming more susceptible to injury. Yes, it is a different job and those are just some of the reasons people no longer step up and come looking to join this profession. Couple all of that with the ignorance

or reluctance of those in authority to accurately predict the need for more Police Officers before they retire, before they quit, before they get injured and are forced off the job. Our ranks are stretched way too thin. The number of Patrolmen actually working the street patrolling is at an all-time low. It costs a lot of money to train and field a Police Officer and no one anywhere is throwing money at the City or the Department to hire additional help. The City of Boston, under new leadership, has finally recognized the fact that we need hundreds of more Patrolmen working the streets. The old way of doing business with the ‘bean counters’ attempting to balance everything through ordered overtime, etc. has come back to haunt them. We are working our Patrolmen to death, people are taking early retirement, no longer waiting to be forced out and they are now leaving in record numbers.

This Union has attempted to mitigate the current situation by getting legislation passed and a law enacted to allow a ‘Reserve Police Force’ within the City of Boston, staffed by retirees to help with Paid Details and increasing our uniformed presence on the streets of the City with absolutely no cost to the taxpaying citizens. The BPPA championed this fight and won by having the Law enacted. It is up to the City and this Department to organize and field that reserve force. We did **OUR** part! As a matter of fact, fielding this reserve force would generate millions of dollars of revenue for the city through the 10% surcharge to contractors for the reserve detail Officers. That money can be used for anything, including hiring additional Police Officers. Any story to the contrary is not true! This Union has been warning the City for years that they would be losing hundreds of Officers during these next couple of years, strictly based on their

hiring practices of the past, in addition we foretold of the number of Officers that would start to retire upon eligibility, instead of waiting for age 65 based on the increased work load and the hours they were being forced to work. Until the current Mayor accepted this fact our warnings had been ignored. Hopefully it is not a case of too little too late. The Mayor has already funded a class of an additional hundred recruits to start the Academy on August 7th of this year, however that number, along with the recent graduation of 56 men and woman, would only hold us status quo for another year. The reality is, the chance of actually putting 100 quality recruits into the Academy by August 7th is somewhat suspect, graduating that number is fiction.

Speaking of the Academy; it’s about time that this Department demand a new Police Academy facility. The building on Williams Ave. in Hyde Park has definitely outgrown its usefulness. Over the next decade, the City is going to have to have classes of up to 100 at a time just to keep up with the turnover. That facility, which was built as a grammar or middle school, will not handle it. We must

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It's nice to receive recognition for our good deeds

As police officers, we all know that the overwhelming majority of our good deeds go unnoticed. And that's ok, because I think that we'd all agree the overwhelming majority of us would prefer it that way. However, it is nice to receive recognition now and again.

Therefore, I would like to thank Boston Firefighters Local 718 for giving the BPPA an award at their annual dinner a few weeks back. Local 718 took notice of us along with the Superior Detectives' and Detectives' Union for taking care of our members, the greater police community, and the community at large with the food truck.

Despite what some may think, there is a lot of work involved in getting the truck out there. There is maintenance, cleaning, travel, cooking, shopping, scheduling, weather conditions, early starts and late finishes. I have sensed some resistance toward the truck recently, and I sincerely hope my senses are wrong. The truck goes a long way for morale; ask any officer assigned to a post at a major event. And as evidenced by the award we just received, people outside of our Department are taking notice and saying "job well done."

A day spent running the truck is not the same as having a leisurely backyard barbecue. In fact, as I sit here typing this, I am thinking about countless text messages I have been receiving over the past couple of days regarding the next time it is going out; at a fallen officer's funeral in New York. Rest in Peace Officer **Miosotis Familia**. Our hearts are broken.

Officer **Rich Cintolo**, Officer **Matt Morris**, Officer **Eric Schmidt**, Officer **Joe Greco**, Officer **Joe McSorley**, Officer **Cliff Singletary**, Officer **Lenin Ortiz**, and Sergeant **Norberto Perez**. These eight officers were recognized for their great work by being awarded the nation's highest police award, the TOP COPS Award. This Award, given by the National Organization of Police Organizations since 1994, pays tribute to law enforcement officers across the country for actions that go beyond the call of duty. I traveled to Washington, D.C. to see these officers be honored – they exemplified Boston's Finest and Boston Strong. I also want to thank and honor the men and women in blue that put on their uniform every day to protect strangers and loved ones. Seeing these officers be honored gave me pause – it put in sharp focus that every one of us can be put in situations where we don't know whether we'll be coming home safely to our families. Thank you for your service, and thank you for allowing me the privilege of representing you.

In my message in the last *PAX*, I said we were currently working to fix the matter of the Department requiring healthy officers to be seen by department doctors before being allowed to return to duty following FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act) leave. For example, officers would take FMLA leave to care for a spouse that just had a baby. That officer, whose health was not in question, would be required to see a department doctor before being cleared to return to work. Depending on when a department doctor would have an appointment available and make a determination for MIS clearance, that officer was burning accrued leave and not allowed to return to work to earn wages and opportunities for details and overtime. The BPPA sent a letter to the Department that there was no legal basis for such a requirement (a copy was passed out at the House of Reps

meeting and can be seen in the next column) and requested that the practice cease immediately. I am happy to report that we have been given an oral response that this practice has ceased.

I also wanted to touch on language regarding court vacation time. Under the MOA, to receive a court vacation day during your vacation period when that court date falls on what would have been your regularly scheduled day off, the following rules must be followed: (1) officer must receive prior written approval from his/her superior officer, (2) officer must submit a copy of his/her court summons, and (3), officer must contact the DA who is handling the case (in writing) and attempt to reschedule the case. These three documents must be emailed to the officer's commander of his/her designee. A lot of you have been doing this already, but it's part of the MOA now, so they must be followed if you want to be granted a court vacation day. Also, you don't get an additional court vacation day for any court day that occurs on a single vacation day. And you are limited to three of these (court vacation days during your vacation period). However, there is still **NO LIMIT** to getting a court vacation day for an officer who attends court on a vacation day during his/her vacation period that falls on his/her squads regularly scheduled tour of duty as long as you do your due diligence.

Remember to do your buy backs! Especially all of you who are planning to retire or out injured. The "P" day buy back is over, but the vacation and sick time buy backs are coming up. Get them in! For the officers who are going to be or have been out for an extended period of time, our contract states an officer will lose their vacation time back from the first year that they were out injured. **BUT**, if you buy it back, nothing is lost because you will have been paid for it. Also, don't forget, we can buy back up to four weeks now.

Have a great summer, and like the Commissioner always says, "family comes first." Make sure you spend time with them.

As always, thank you, and stay safe.



Thank you BPPA for providing your food truck at the C-11 Bike Rodeo. As always, the truck/food was enjoyed by the kids and parents.

– Timothy Connolly, Captain, District C-11



Staffing high profile details

We are all aware of how ridiculously low staffing levels are in the Districts. We all know how incredibly insane the issue of ordered overtime has become. There may not be a hundred gold slips going across the desk everyday but we know that is because girls and guys are forced to play defense and “choose” (quotes highlighted) a shift that is more desirable than the one they may get ordered for. We have heard all the rationalizing by the Department and City... Union time is killing them, Honor Guard time is killing them, Gaelic Column time is killing them... etc. etc. etc. The unions have been the same size with the same contractually bargained benefits for as long as I remember. The Honor Guard has always represented this Department during ceremonies and funerals. The Gaelic Column has always been an institutional part of the Boston Police Department. As far as the “etc.” Go, they haven’t changed either. As I have said in other articles we know that we are stretched too thin and the Academy classes are just not enough to make a dent in the attrition of this Department.

What has become an issue is the staffing of “high profile” details. Those details are normally voluntary jobs. Sometimes it is determined that a public safety emergency could result. One in particular is the BU Bridge Project about to kick off in Area D. There has been a lot of conversation about this particular job. Many months ago, the BPPA Hall was notified by a member of the House that the Department was going to make this reimbursable overtime. We are all familiar with how this works but in summary this is how I understand it... A private entity and the Department agree to provide officers on a particular job that there is a concern that there could be a public safety emergency. The BPPA, recognizing the impact this could have on members assigned to Area D, along with the Detectives and Superiors, met with the Department to explore ways to “lighten the load” on Area D members. The Unions raised multiple suggestions about how we could do that. The Department suggested a couple of things. At the conclusion of the second meeting, and ultimately the final one, the three Unions and the Department agreed that they would consider our ideas and we would continue to work towards a final resolution that both sides could agree on. The hope was that we could test an agreement on this project and use the successes to address other “high profile” details that it was determined could create a public safety emergency.

As I was preparing to write this Pax article the BPPA received notification from the BPD Labor Division that the Department has decided to make this project reimbursable overtime. The ultimate reason given was that “*after a number of internal discussions about the proposal, numerous issues came to light, and the likelihood of overcoming these issues was not something that could be accomplished for this project...*”. The proposal they are referring to (I believe) was one that discussed prioritization for this particular project (and this project only) that would have paid the Captain’s detail rate to anyone that worked this job. It was not a perfect proposal but we offered the most we could have and did that in the interest of a timely resolution for this project. We believed that we could use this project and system as a framework for other jobs the Department had concerns for. Unfortunately we will not be able to capitalize on the positives and adjust the negatives to have a viable system in place while we deal with the staffing issues we have in a time when public

safety emergencies are becoming all too frequent.

I will say this in closing out this topic... A Retired Officers Detail Program, which the Department has complete control of administrating, would resolve a lot of these issues. The BPPA worked hard to push the legislation through and address the concerns that the Department and/or City had about the program (post passage). We did our part to see this become a successful program.



The Business of Politics

Since the first day I started paying attention to “Union stuff” I have heard literally hundreds of members saying something to the effect of “We should be more like Fire”. Now so many years later, in a position that may allow the BPPA to affect some things to achieve that goal, I (along with many other members) are trying to work towards that.

One of the things we have seen Fire do, particularly IAFF Local 718, is support the right candidates. We have all driven by Florian Hall and seen different candidates campaign material pasted across buses. We may have seen these buses parked near a standout for that candidate. Along with the bus is large groups of fire fighters standing in solidarity holding that candidate’s sign. They are waving to those passing by. As cars drive by the horns honk in support. I would find it almost impossible that every fire fighter standing out there is one hundred percent behind the candidate. Some of those fire fighters may not like the candidate that 718 has chosen to support. But they are out there. They are out there because they trust that those they have elected have taken into consideration what is best for the overall body of their membership. That they know that should this candidate prevail they will be in a better position to advocate for that membership to improve the very core of what the Union is tasked with, which is working as hard as possible to improve hours, wages and conditions of employment.

There are many other things Fire does that we have “peaked” at their play book on. When you hear about these things and requests for support for these things please consider helping out. You may hold your nose at times. Yours will not be the only nose being held. Please trust that those of us that have the honor of representing this membership do not blindly throw support behind whoever comes calling. We discuss, strategize and discuss again if this would be in the best interest of the Boston Police Patrolmen’s Association. Please consider yourself; support your Union and your hours, wages and conditions of employment.

It takes a strong, mobilized membership to affect change. Those that are striving towards that goal will continue to work towards it.

NYPD Officer Miosotis Familia Funeral

On Tuesday, July 11th many members of the BPPA, along with Detectives and Superior Officers, travelled by plane, train and automobile (including a bus from the BPPA) to the Bronx to pay their respects to our sister from New York who was tragically murdered. The BPPA, with support from BFS, was able to send a group down to offer respite and refreshments to the BPD officers as well as the thousands of other Peace Officers that made the

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Hate crimes against police are largely ignored by the media

I write to tell you about a hate crime that has sadly swept through our nation, but is largely ignored by the media; a hate crime against police officers. A hate crime is defined as a “prejudice-motivated crime, usually violent, which occurs when a perpetrator targets a victim because of his or her membership (or perceived membership) in a certain group.” I write this on July 5, 2017, the day New York City Police Officer Miosotis Familia was murdered (shot in the head in a cold blooded assassination) while sitting in her cruiser with her partner, because of the mere fact she was a police officer. Sadly, this is not the first time a NYPD police officer was shot in the head at point-blank range while sitting in their cruisers – in 2014, two New York police officers (Wenjian Lieu and Rafael Ramos) were also murdered because of the mere fact they were police officers. I don’t have to tell you that these assassinations against police officers are alarmingly on the rise. On July 7, 2016, the deadliest attack on police officers to date – five police officers in Dallas (Brent Thompson, Patrick Zamarripa, Michael Krol, Michael Smith, and Lorne Ahrens) were targeted and killed (and nine others wounded). Ten days later, two police officers (Montrell Jackson and Matthew Gerald) and a sheriff’s deputy (Brad Garafola) were murdered in Baton Rouge by a sniper that researched the officers before seeking them out to kill them. Then, in November 2016, two Iowa police officers (Anthony Beminio and Justin Martin), also sitting in their cruisers, were killed in ambush attacks. This list of atrocities does not include the officers that are killed in the line of duty, like Auburn Police Officer Ron Tarentino, who was shot and killed by a career criminal during a roadside stop – that list runs much longer. How many police officers have to be targeted and murdered before our lawmakers show our brothers and sisters the respect they deserve; how many officers have to die in cold blood because they put on the uniform to protect and serve their communities; I hope not one more.

If it is a hate crime to kill someone because they belong to a certain group, I don’t see how it can be a clearer case of one if the murder was based solely on the fact that the individual is a police officer. I hope you will join me in my demand that our legislators add “police officers” to the list of groups that have hate-crime protection. There is a bill pending before the legislature to do just that, and I hope they make the right decision.

On another note, as a K-9 officer, I need to comment on the recent Massachusetts Appeals Court’s decision in *Dudley v. Mass. State Police*, which ruled that a case brought by a bystander injured by a police dog chasing a suspect is not barred by sovereign immunity. The case reiterates the need for K-9 officers to carefully consider when they let their partners off leash to apprehend a suspect.

The case involved the high speed chase of a suspect from Boston to West Bridgewater. When the suspect lost control of his vehicle and crashed, he raced away on foot. A K-9 Trooper was in close pursuit. After the suspect refused repeated commands to stop, K-9 Jager was released to apprehend him. Unfortunately, the suspect jumped a fence and ran into a crowded parking lot. Jager pursued, but lost sight of the suspect. Once in the parking lot, Jager keyed in on Mr. Dudley, who was motioning where the suspect had fled. Jager then attacked Mr. Dudley, biting him in his stomach and then leg.

Mr. Dudley sued the State Police, arguing that Jager should not have been allowed off leash in a crowded parking lot to pursue a suspect. The Superior Court dismissed the case, holding that the State Police enjoyed sovereign immunity from suit. But the Appeals Court reversed and sent the case back for trial. Specifically, the Appeals Court ruled that sovereign immunity doesn’t apply in this case because the Trooper used his discretion to order Jager to apprehend and attack a suspect, in a moderate to heavily occupied parking lot, thus, creating the harmful condition that resulted in Mr. Dudley’s injury. This doesn’t mean that Mr. Dudley wins his case – just that he gets to move forward in his negligence action against the Commonwealth; but it’s still a pretty big upset.

The lesson here my friend is to be careful. Our K-9 partners are highly trained and vital to our job. But every action we take in controlling them is subject to scrutiny. So be aware. And be safe.

A Message from the President...

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invest money into the Academy infrastructure, the Staff and into a full-time Recruit Investigations Unit assigned to the academy if we are to recruit, hire and train quality Police Officers for the future of this City. There are plenty of locations within this City to house a new Police Academy. The job has changed, it is more difficult and complex. It requires a financial commitment to develop a state of the art training facility and fund instructors who can lay the basis for a quality Police force that not only protects, but is responsive to the society’s needs.

As you all know by now, this Union has endorsed Mayor **Martin J. Walsh** for his second term as Mayor of the City of Boston. This is a historic vote; It has been over thirty years since we have endorsed a candidate for Mayor of this great City. Your elected representatives believe that Mayor Walsh is the person for the job to lead this great City forward and voted to endorse him without opposition. The Mayor has stated and proved time and time again that he “has our backs.” We may not always agree on issues, but he is always professional and a gentleman, He is always willing to sit down and discuss any issue. The Mayor has proven himself with his show of respect for all the Police Officers within the City of Boston. He understands the difficulties that our members face every day in protecting and serving the people of our great City. We hope that our endorsement sends a clear message that the re-election of Mayor Marty Walsh will be good for not only the BPPA and its’ members, but for all of the people of Boston.

I sincerely hope that each of you can enjoy at least few days off this summer and spend some quality time with your loved ones. I totally agree with the Commissioner’s statement that “Family **MUST** come first, beyond all else.” Please be careful this summer. This job has changed in many ways and becomes more dangerous and difficult every day. Please look out for each other, back each other up. Your main priority must be to go home safe and sound each and every day to your family. God Bless & Stay Safe.



BPPA members honored for heroism

On April 29, 2017, I was proud to represent the BPPA at the Bay State Chapter of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge 38th Annual Luncheon. Boston Police Officer **Cliff Singletary** and Boston Police Sergeant **Norberto Perez** were chosen by the Foundation as the 2017 George Washington Medal of Honor recipients for their bravery and heroic actions during the ambush of Boston Police Officers **Matt Morris** and **Richard Cintolo** in East Boston in 2016.

Officers Singletary and Perez were accompanied by their families, fellow officers and friends from District Seven in East Boston, Commissioner **Bill Evans**, Captain

Kelly McCormick, Commanding Officer of District Seven, and Judge **Joseph V. Ferrino**, Founder of the Bay State Chapter to the event. Cliff and Norberto were honored to have been chosen by the Foundation Board of Directors as the 2017 recipients, but had many reservations about accepting the award. According to Cliff and Norberto, there were so many of their fellow officers involved in the gun battle and rescue that night that they felt uncomfortable being recognized without their peers on stage next to them. They repeatedly met with committee members and expressed this concern.



on them and their families. They commended their fellow officers' actions that evening and gave thanks for everyone's professionalism and survival. I was honored to be in their presence and a part of their ceremony representing the entire BPPA Membership.

On Beacon Hill, we are watching all aspects of the proposed 2018 Massachusetts Budget as it's being negotiated between the Governor's Office, House of Representatives and the Senate. Standard & Poor's recent downgrade of Massachusetts' credit rating was due to inadequate progress toward rebuilding the state's rainy day fund reserves. But, all parties are very optimistic that the new budget will be approved by the new fiscal year of July 1, 2017. If not, have no fear, government and municipal operations will continue to run as

normal under a temporary budget until the new one has been agreed upon. Thus far in the process all looks positive for the law enforcement community. I'll keep you posted if things change or when it's finalized.



Another topic being discussed and negotiated by a House and Senate Conference Committee is the new Marijuana Bill. Last November, voters approved to legalize marijuana sales and use in Massachusetts. However, our lawmakers are trying to make sure that all aspects of the new law work best for

the citizens in the Commonwealth. They're reviewing everything from enforcement and security to sales, storage facilities, taxes, and violations of the law. Lawmakers are hopeful to have this completed before the summer recess in August.

I'm very excited to report that the legislative coalition of police organizations that I put together at the BPPA last year has been making great strides. Over the past few months, we've been able to meet and review each organization's priorities on Beacon Hill and develop a team approach on how to handle pushing our interests forward in a unified manner. We have been successful in our meetings thus far with members of the Joint Judiciary Committee, Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee, and Public Service Committee. So successful, that Representative **Hank Naughton**, Chairman of the Joint Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee, attended our most recent meeting in June and discussed many of our concerns. We are appreciative and honored by his willingness to attend our meeting and listen to our concerns. Chairman Naughton is and has been an outspoken supporter of the BPPA and law enforcement in general and we are proud to call him a friend.



Summer will soon be in full swing! Manpower is short and vacations have begun. The City of Boston is booming with events and the department will be ordering to fill all those vacant shifts. **Please do the best you can to spend time with your families and enjoy what precious little time off you can spend with them. They are the most important part of your life and always come first!!**

Stay safe and see you soon.



Secretary's thoughts...

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trip. The job they did was simply put: incredible. We (the BPPA) are in receipt of many texts, emails and calls from those who utilized our Canteen Truck. The NYPBA was overwhelmed with the support that Boston has once again shown them during a tragic time. For those of you, particularly young officers, that have never had the occasion to attend a line of duty police funeral let me say two things... 1) I hope with all my heart and all that is good in the world you never will have to make that trip and 2) (sadly recognizing the unlikelihood of that) please go. It is the ultimate conundrum of this profession. It is a horrific event that caused the gathering. When you do gather you get a sense of pride and respect for your profession. You realize that although the soul wrapped in the flag that is guided by is tragically gone forever, as a police officer you will never be alone and you will always be remembered for what you did. That may sound foolishly sentimental, maybe even sappy, but I believe it to be true.

BPPA Member Dave Williams Arbitration Upheld

Every once in a while, something comes through the BPPA that makes it all seem worthwhile. Today was one of those days. Early this morning the BPPA received notification that SJC-12077 "City of Boston vs Boston Police Patrolmen's Association" had been decided. This case is commonly referred to as "the Dave Williams" case. The Supreme Judicial Court affirmed the Superior Court Justice's decision, which confirmed an independent Arbitrator's earlier decision that BPPA member Williams should not have been fired and must be returned to work. This is tremendous news for Dave. He has been put through a ringer for 5 years now for simply doing his job. Though educated, impartial people have said it was wrong to terminate him, his case continued to be challenged. Finally, the SJC, the highest Court in the land for state law, has ruled what Dave, the BPPA membership and others have known all along. He should not have been fired.

The City made the argument that any Commissioner has the nondelegable power to discipline officers. Essentially whatever the sitting Commissioner decided based on the investigation for discipline was his right. Though I am sure thorough investigations are done revealing the facts of any case are conducted there are other considerations any Commissioner is faced with. Public opinion is a real thing. Personal perception is a real thing. Liability for the Department is a real thing. No Commissioner should be burdened with a nondelegable right to take someone's livelihood away from them. A Commissioner must do what he believes is best for his department as a whole. He still has to answer an appointing authority that does have an nondelegable right to remove them from office.

This decision from the SJC says that any commissioner does not have that nondelegable right. If there is no cause for termination then the officer should not be terminated. That is the law of the land now. Terminations allow the parties to have the decision reviewed by an impartial, independent person and the order of that person must be respected and adhered to. As much as this decision is a win for Dave, it is a win for every member of the BPPA that is unjustly terminated for any reason.

Someone once compared the occurrence of police officers being fired to the Boardroom on the "Apprentice". A decision to simply say you're fired may make sense on a reality show but we all know that is not real. What is real is that members must be fairly disciplined when discipline is warranted and no more. It appears the Supreme Judicial Court agrees.

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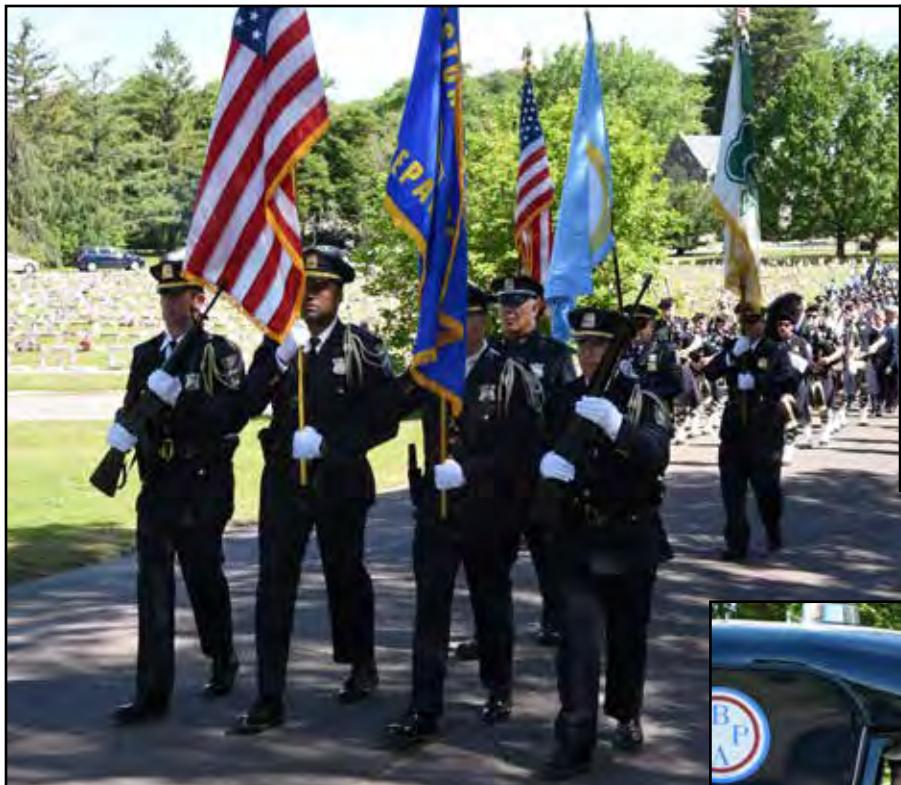
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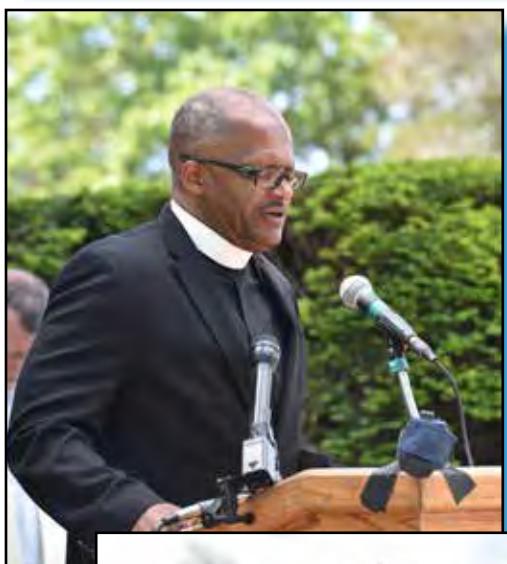
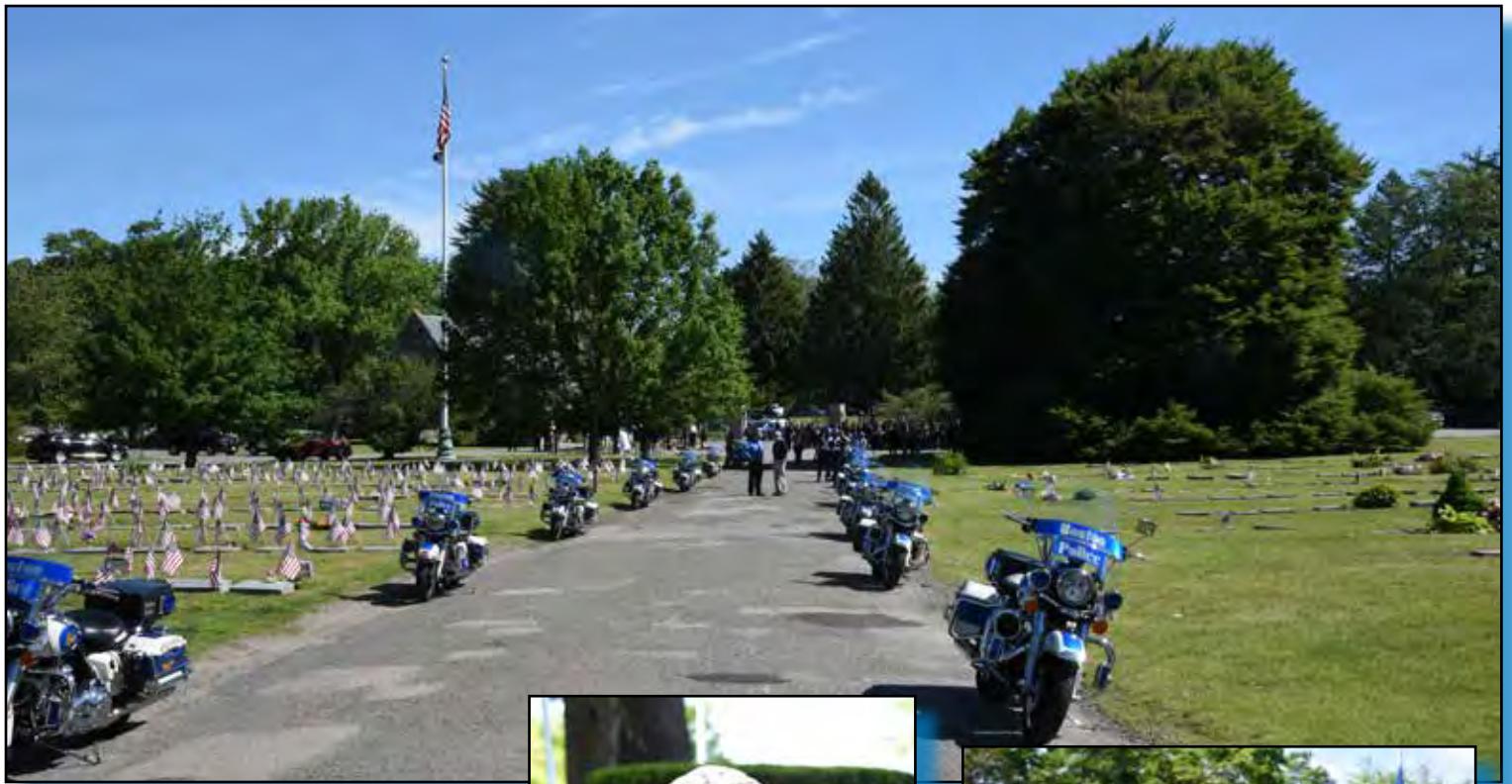
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While a young widowed mother must work for her kids
and spend many long, lonely nights.

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

Author Unknown

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,
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Pass in Review

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.

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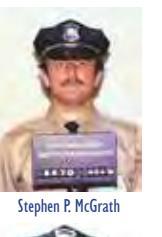
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SJC upholds Arbitrator's decision regarding Boston Police Officer Dave Williams

By **Patrick M. Rose, BPPA President**

While preparing this edition of the *PAX* for print today, we were greeted with some wonderful news that reaffirmed my belief in the Court System. I'm very happy to report that the Supreme Judicial Court today upheld the arbitrator's decision reinstating Officer **Dave Williams**. If you've ever worked with Dave, you know that he's a good cop, a good guy and just the Officer you want backing you up on a call. Dave was fired in 2012 based on a claim that he used excessive force in 2009 when he arrested a drunk, hostile individual who had just assaulted Officer **Diep Nguyen**. The BPPA challenged the termination in arbitration, and in 2013 the Arbitrator ruled that Dave had used reasonable force and ordered he be reinstated.

Rather than comply with the arbitrator's decision, (*the City often ignores its agreement in our CBA that arbitration is "final and binding"*), the City appealed, first to Superior Court (*where we won*) and then to the SJC. The most troubling argument that the City raised was that the Commissioner's Statute prohibited an arbitrator from reviewing the Commissioner's decision to discipline for excessive force, even where that decision was not supported. As you know if you've been around, the Commissioner and his legal staff are constantly claiming that he has "nondelегable authority" to take whatever action suits him. The Superior Court rejected this absurd assertion of power, and today the SJC rejected it too (*bolstering the Union's arguments in these unjust cases going forward*).

Here's the actual language of the SJC decision, which makes clear that the Union has a right to challenge unjust discipline:

"The city asserts that the so-called 'police commissioner's

statute' leaves discipline and discharge of officers for excessive force or untruthfulness to the commissioner's exclusive managerial control... This argument fails for three related reasons. First, the terms of a CBA trump any authority enumerated under the State's collective bargaining law... Accordingly, the CBA's just cause provision permits the arbitrator to interpret regulations promulgated pursuant to the commissioner's statute, and usurps no authority in so doing... Second, this conclusion is consistent with courts' reluctance to allow broad discretionary powers to subsume bargained-for provisions. Finally, although we have recognized the breadth of the commissioner's authority in a long line of cases, those cases have largely confined nondelегable matters to the administrative realm and have never reached the core matters of discipline and discharge..."

Indeed, where the parties bargained to arbitrate "any dispute concerning the interpretation or application" of the CBA, such a broad arbitration clause leaves discipline well within the arbitrator's ambit."

The City also argued that the arbitrator's decision somehow violated public policy. The SJC rejected this claim as well; as the arbitrator found that Officer Williams's use of force was reasonable:

"We are aware of no prior application of the public policy exception to vacate an award ordering reinstatement where the arbitrator found no underlying misconduct... Because the arbitrator found that Williams used reasonable force and was not untruthful in subsequent investigations, the award reinstating him must be upheld."

Finally, the SJC admonished the Department for taking over two years to investigate the allegations against Officer Williams. We all know that delay in the IA process is unfair to officers and denies us the right to a speedy investigation. It is gratifying to see the SJC recognize this:

"[T]he city must investigate allegations of excessive force with substantially more alacrity than was evidenced here. Pursuant to its own existing rules, the department owes a duty, both to the public and to its own officers, to investigate allegations of excessive force thoroughly and promptly... There was a two-year delay on meaningful internal investigation; the department concedes, as it must, that it mishandled an inquiry that took entirely too long. Officers deserve notice of allegations against them, and citizens deserve investigations not contingent on the filing of Federal lawsuits."

I look forward to seeing Dave Williams back in uniform, and I sincerely hope that the Department will begin to focus on conducting prompt investigations and making fair decisions regarding discipline, rather than focusing on defending bad discipline and trying to undermine the BPPA's right to defend its members. The City and the Department must recognize that the old adage of 'OPM': (Other People's Money), can no longer drive their sorted ambition to unjustly discipline innocent Officers. Taxpayers have got to demand that this Department stop wasting millions and millions of dollars of TAXPAYER money with these frivolous appeals of mutually selected neutral arbitrators decisions. When managers and staffers are not held personally financially responsible, they are more apt to 'Blow Money' because it's 'OPM'!

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BPPA demands more complex, time-consuming, frustrating, non-user-friendly computer system

(Actually, NOT, but since we usually get the opposite of whatever we complain about, let's hope for the best....)

By James W. Carnell, Pax Editor

BECAUSE IT WAS PUBLISHED ON MARATHON MONDAY (in addition to the fact that it was *actually published* in the *Boston Globe*, of all sources...) most of us probably missed the attached, page one article "**Boston police officers say new record management system is a “nightmare”**" (4/17/17, P.1).

And therefore, many of us also probably missed the following statements attributed to former Commissioner Ed Davis: "... But despite pushback from then-Police Commissioner Ed Davis, the Menino administration had chosen Intergraph, an Alabama-based software provider (Ed.: hmmh, none of those danged "software pro-vidas" up here in Mass., now is there?), to create the

system. "*I didn't want it [the new and improved computer system]*," Davis said. The reason: "*Their track record with other departments.*"

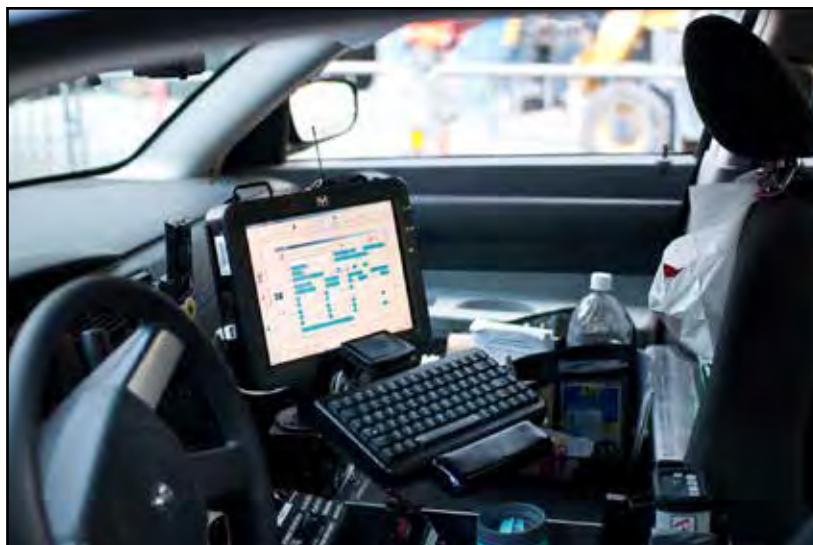
Now, since Ed Davis was the originator of the BPD's vaunted "truthfulness," policy, you'd think that he wouldn't want to come up with such a quadruple-Pinocchio, grossly-obscene, double-bagger, mendacious and bold-faced lie as that one, but now that's he's a "security consultant" for the major news media (Ch. 4), well, "fake news" is sort of *de rigueur*, to be expected, par for the course, et al and ad nauseum, etc. etc., isn't it? For Davis to blame the now-departed administration of a now-deceased Mayor, when he kept his mouth shut and said nothing 3-4 years ago, is a little, er... disingenuous, wouldn't you say?

The truth is, the overwhelming majority of us who were (semi-) trained in the new and improved computer system knew at the time and know today that the BPD's computer system is complex, time-consuming, frustrating and anything *BUT* user-friendly. Street-cops are spending way too much time fighting against and navigating their way through a computer system that produces reams of blank pages of often non-existent or useless information. Simple reports that used to print out in one or two pages now take 4, 5 or more pages. Arrest reports are voluminous and can actually be weighed or measured in height after they're finally produced. On the

other hand, computer geeks, policy-wonks, paper-supply companies, (and street thugs, for obvious reasons) love the system.

If this new and improved computer system was supposed to

make police-report writing quicker and easier, then it achieved the 180-degree polar-opposite. Most of the superior officers doing the training, as well as the trainees, knew the system was cumbersome and unwieldy from the get-go, but their (and our) complaints went unheeded, brushed aside by "those who know better". The (attached) front page of the Jan.-Feb. 2014 *Pax Centurion* ("Coming: Computer Chaos Conundrum") highlighted this issue and predicted exactly what the *Globe* finally



reported almost three years *after* the system was introduced in the summer of 2014. (It meant nothing when we complained about it, but it became a "Page-One expose" when the *Globe* discovered it.

Go figure...) From the *Globe* report: "... *Nassau County, N.Y....[the system] cost the city millions in overtime as police officers spent more time at their desks completing reports, information had to be reentered into the system multiple times, and unexplained error messages continued to appear...*" "... *Dallas P.D. problems with the software led to ballooning workloads and hundreds of reports with errors that had to be returned to officers to be fixed...*" "... *San Jose: - the Intergraph dispatch system immediately had operational challenges*".

Sadly, the results of not listening to the rank-and-file users of the new and improved computer system were and are thoroughly predictable. What were relatively simple and straightforward reports, such as a simple larceny or a towed car, can now take well more than an hour, depending on the amount of time it takes to correct -and understand- the various error codes. Many a frustrated

officer is forced to seek assistance from more computer-savvy officers, whose time is also occupied with their own reports, causing added aggravation and annoyance for all involved. Some officers say

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they can “muddle through” a basic report, filling in information to satisfy **the computer’s requirements** (but that may not be available or pertinent), but are completely flummoxed when an arrest or a more complex report is required. With these additional burdens dumped on a short-staffed patrol-force consumed with backed-up radio calls, fixed-post commitments, mandatory Code 19’s, etc. etc.; many harried officers report that they are frequently called off, in the middle of writing *one* report, to handle a waiting 911 call that engenders yet *another* report, backing up the process even further. The bottom line is that more and more frustrated and angry officers are spending more time tied to a computer than out on the streets.

The BPD admits there were- and are- problems. BPD media relations Lieutenant Det. Michael McCarthy was quoted in the *Globe* article as saying that “*Twenty minutes to complete a report was the norm. Now similar reports can take longer*” and “[The old system] was simply easier to use”, he said. McCarthy said. Commissioner Evans has been soliciting feedback from officers at roll calls. (God forbid that then-Commissioner Ed Davis had such a stroke of intellectual brilliance during his tenure.) But many officers may not be willing to criticize any of upper management’s efforts to “improve” the existing system, for a variety of reasons. Therefore, on behalf of the frustrated and overburdened police officers represented by the BPPA, may we respectfully offer the following suggestions (which will be instantly disregarded once the source is credited, but we’ll try anyways...)

1.) **Call screening:** we had it years ago, when police officer dispatchers took 911 reports of routine, non-emergency incidents over the phone and later on, after a call-back, sent them to the call-screening unit to be churned into official police reports for record-keeping purposes. Most of these reports were either for crimes which were unsolvable, “stale” in terms of response time, should be directed to the CSO office for a more focused response, or for insurance purposes, e.g.: hit and run/auto damage, etc. There are currently many light-duty/injured and older officers who can use their police instincts and experience to ask the right questions to determine whether a call-in report is sufficient, should be directed elsewhere or requires an actual on-scene police response, investigation and validation. Street officers would remain...on the street.

2.) **Make the computer work for the cops, not the other way around:** Cops enforce the law and arrest criminals (or they used to, anyway...). Software engineers, on the other hand, love to write cumbersome programs with lots of extraneous information that they can marvel over and tell each other how brilliant they are. Unfortunately, the bells and whistles and emoticons which bring such joy to I.T. people are a source of pain and angst to cops who simply want to obtain and report, in the infamous words of *Dragnet*’s Det. Joe Friday and his sidekick Bill Gannon, “*just the facts, ma’am, just the facts...*”. In this day and age, the computer should be working for us, not the other way around. Arrest information should flow seamlessly into a police report and a court complaint application with the click of a few buttons, with all related photos and information needed for a simple report. (Is that a revolutionary idea?) Example: we need not check off the required prompt- button for “cargo theft” as “Y” or “N” every time we arrest a run-of-the-mill scumbag on the Common. (Although when 54 pairs of cargo pants were stolen from Abercrombie’s and the report writer hit the “Yes” button for

“cargo theft” ... in good-humored jest... - he entered police-report cyberspace hell, so don’t go there, even for a joke...)

3.) **Lost your cell phone?** The cell phone companies tell their customers they need a copy of a police report from customers reporting a lost cell phone. This results in thousands of man-hours of police time lost to writing reports of missing cell phones. If no crime is related to the missing cell phone, why are we taking these reports? Simply establish an on-line reporting system subject to the pains and penalties of perjury (which will never be sought by the cellphone companies) or tell people to file reports with their own providers. And tell Verizon and A.T.+T. to stop wasting our officers’ time...

4.) **Police officers are not insurance adjusters:** Many a police report has **NOTHING** to do with any crime and is merely another piece of paper required by an insurance company to deny or approve (usually deny) a claim. Recently, BPD officers have been instructed to write reports for all car accident damage above \$1,000.00. Not being a claims adjuster, I’m not sure what constitutes \$1,000.00 in damage, but I’m pretty sure a paint scratch can quickly become over \$1G when labor costs at Bob’s Auto Repair and Diner are fully accrued, therefore, this means that virtually **EVERY** fender bender or paint scratch incurred by anyone in the City of Boston now requires a police response and a police report, which further ties up the few remaining response units. (Until recently, car accidents of a non-criminal nature were matters of a simple paper exchange between the involved parties, and were “misc-eled” with a “14-Paul” clearance code by the responding police unit.) Insurance adjusters and State Registry record-keepers love the information provided by the police, but don’t recognize or appreciate the time it takes to amass and document each car accident, bumped fender or paint scratch. Again, another task dumped on the police, -quasi insurance adjuster-designed to ease the job of the insurance co.

5.) **Some people collect police reports:** Yes, there are those people who know the system, play it for all it’s worth, and use the police as their proxy to get whatever they want. There are people who have been told by the pharmacies to report their “missing” drugs to the police so they can get another refill. There are people involved in landlord-tenant battles who use the police to document grievances-real, perceived and imagined- against their landlord. And others use the police to document “incidents” which allegedly occur against them so they can move out of a certain public-housing complex and into a more desirable locale. The “threat” of perjury charges for filing a false police report is virtually nil as most of their allegations simply cannot be proven or disproven, and they know it....

6.) **Climate change will be halted:** Increased use of energy from paper copiers has resulted in a rise in the CO₂ levels. Paper usage has tripled and quadrupled since the inception of this new and improved computer program. Simplifying the report-writing process will result in fewer exasperated officers belching their displeasure into the ozone layer and reduce the average police report to one page. (Since everybody else is blaming climate change for everything, I’d thought I’d try, too...)

These, and many other outstanding ideas born of experience and high intellect await the BPD for inclusion in the vast panoply of intradepartmental coagulation and “should be implemented without significant modification and oversight of deliverables” (to borrow a phrase from the BPD... Good job, Lt.!). Kindly contact us at 617-989-2772 for further information....

From the Boston Globe, April 17, 2017

Boston police officers say new record management system is a nightmare

By Jan Ransom, *Boston Globe*

In the summer of 2014, the Boston Police Department celebrated the launch of a new 911 dispatch system and, soon to follow, an updated record management system. The \$15.5 million upgrade, the first in 20 years, was designed to shorten response times and improve officer safety.

But despite pushback from then Police Commissioner **Edward Davis**, the Menino administration had chosen Intergraph, an Alabama-based software provider, to create the system. "I didn't want it," Davis said. The reason: "Their track record with other police departments."

Now two years later, several officers throughout the department say the record management system, which is used by the department to electronically file various incident reports, is a "nightmare."

Officers have complained that incident reports take longer to complete – eating up time officers would otherwise spend on the streets. Searching the system for related reports is cumbersome, they say, and error messages appear without explanation, leaving the report in a state of limbo.

"This system has made our jobs harder," said one police official who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to speak to the media. "It is a mess." The officer said viewing the location of patrol cars was simpler under the older system, but now it is difficult to determine which patrols are out and what they are doing.

Another police official said: "It's not user-friendly. There's so many obstacles. A motor vehicle report should take 10 minutes, but now it takes an hour or an hour and a half."

A third police official said a request for a report on three suspects returned hundreds of pages to prosecutors handling a case. The report should have been about ten pages, the police official said.

Law enforcement agencies across the country have reported issues with Intergraph.

Three years ago, the Nassau County, N.Y., Police Department said Intergraph cost the city millions in overtime as police officers spent more time at their desks completing reports, information had to be reentered into the system multiple times, and unexplained error messages continued to appear, according to news reports.

That same year, the Dallas Police Department said that 20 inmates were released in part because of problems with Intergraph software that led to ballooning workloads, and hundreds of reports with errors that had to be returned to officers to be fixed.

In 2013, Intergraph's 911 system in New York City came under fire after it crashed four times in the first several days. Up to one-third of calls were missed. At least one of the crashes was due to human error. And in San Jose, a civil grand jury said the Intergraph dispatch system "immediately had operational challenges."

Officials at Intergraph did not return requests for comment. But in the past Intergraph has called reported problems isolated.

Two police officials have said Police Commissioner **William B. Evans** has expressed a desire to scrap the system, but Boston police spokesman Lieutenant Detective **Michael McCarthy** insists there are



Boston police investigated the scene of an afternoon shooting on Havelock Street in February.

(Photo by Pat Greenhouse/Boston Globe)

currently "no plans to change any reporting systems inside the BPD."

"The department continues to look for ways to become more efficient and is currently reviewing the reporting system that is in place," he said in a statement. "Although the [record management system] is fully operational for its core functions, we are exploring opportunities to enhance record management by introducing new features, improving usability, and building a more modern interface, either by upgrading the current system or by exploring alternatives."

McCarthy said the commissioner has been soliciting feedback about the system from rank-and-file officers during roll call visits, at which he has heard complaints about the time it takes to file reports.

"Time to complete reports can differ depending on the circumstances of the incidents," McCarthy said. "Twenty minutes to complete a report was the norm. Now similar reports can take longer."

McCarthy said also that conducting searches under the old system was easier, with fewer steps to get results. "It was simply easier to use," he said.

Boston police, fire, and Emergency Medical Services use the 911 system, also known as the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD). The system uses geospatial technology to create a real-time map of the city that includes the location of every police car, ambulance, fire engine, and every 911 call and ShotSpotter, which alerts police to gunfire.

The Intergraph InPursuit Record Management System (RMS) is only used by the police.

The city's Technology Department managed the project along with public safety personnel and awarded the contract to Intergraph in 2011, McCarthy said. Both systems were scheduled to go live in 2013, but the project fell behind until the Police Department took over and oversaw its installation in 2014.

"At this time it was determined that the Intergraph RMS was not ready to be implemented without significant modification and oversight of deliverables," he said. "This required close management of the Intergraph team by BPD to drive deadlines and control costs."

Now both systems are running successfully, McCarthy said, and there are plans to update the 911 system to the latest version this year.



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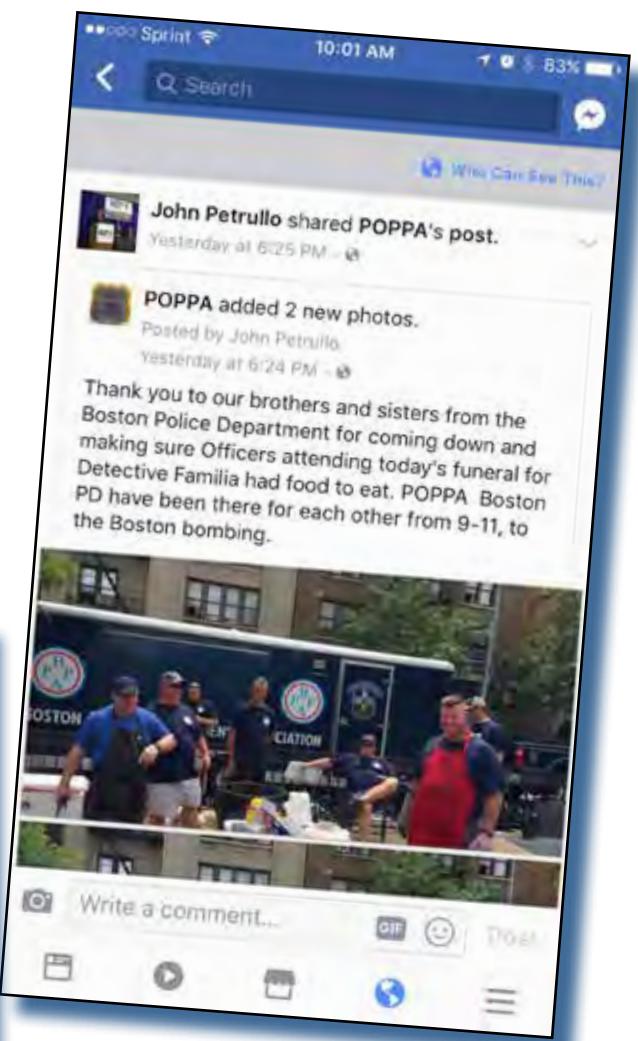
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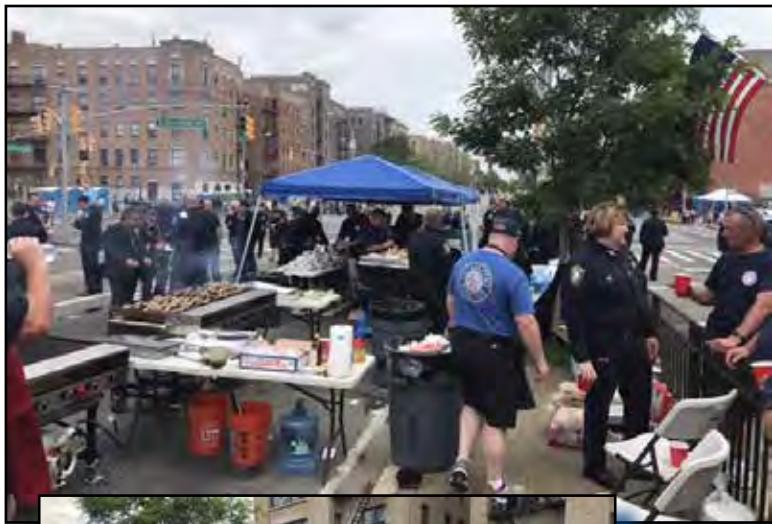
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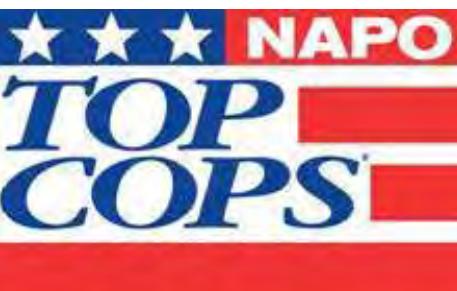
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New high court challenge to labor unions follows 4-4 split

“the downside of a conservative court for public sector unions”

Conservative groups are wasting little time in trying to deal a crippling blow to labor unions now that Justice **Neil Gorsuch** has joined the Supreme Court.

A First Amendment clash over public sector unions left the justices deadlocked last year after the death of Justice **Antonin Scalia**. But union opponents have quickly steered a new case through federal courts in Illinois and they plan to appeal it to the high court on Tuesday.

The groups say unions representing government employees violate the free speech rights of workers by collecting money from people who don't want to join.

If the high court agrees, it could threaten the financial viability of unions and reduce the clout of labor, one of the biggest contributors to Democratic political campaigns.

The Supreme Court seemed all but certain to rule against the unions in a similar case argued before Scalia died. That case, involving a California teachers' union, was the first of several to split 4-4 while the court was short-handed. The deadlock left in place a four-decade-old practice that lets public-sector unions collect fees from non-members to cover the costs of collective bargaining.

“Our hope is that a year from now, the Supreme Court will end this injustice and free every public school teacher, safety officer and other government worker to decide for themselves whether or not to financially support a union with their hard-earned money,” said a joint statement from the two organizations backing the case – the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation and Liberty Justice Center.

The Supreme Court won't consider taking up the case until September at the earliest.

The latest appeal comes as union membership in the U.S. hit new lows last year, sinking to just 10.7 percent of the workforce. As private union membership has steadily declined, about half of all union members now work for federal, state and local government. Most of them are in states like Illinois, New York, and California that are largely Democratic and seen as friendly toward unions.

The Illinois case involves **Mark Janus**, a state employee who says Illinois law violates his free speech rights by requiring him to pay fees subsidizing a union he doesn't support, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. About half the states have similar laws covering so-called “fair share” fees that cover bargaining costs for nonmembers.

Janus is seeking to overturn a 1977 Supreme Court case that said public workers who refuse to join a union can still be required to pay for bargaining costs, as long as the fees don't go toward political purposes. The arrangement was supposed to prevent nonmembers from “free riding,” since the union has a legal duty to represent all workers.

A federal appeals court in Chicago rejected Janus' claim in March, ruling that the fees were constitutional under the 1977 case, *Abood v. Detroit Board of Education*.

AFSCME President **Lee Saunders** called the case an effort to chip away at the power of unions “to negotiate a fair return on our work,

provide for our families, and lift up the concerns of all working families.”

Last year, the issue split the court's liberal and conservative members during oral arguments in the California case. Several conservative justices, including Scalia, seemed ready to scrap *Abood*. They said bargaining issues like teacher salaries, merit promotions and class sizes are all intertwined with political issues involving the size of state budgets and how taxpayer dollars should be spent.

While unions avoided a loss after Scalia's death, Gorsuch is seen as equally conservative, though he has not expressed views on the issue of fair share union fees.

For unions, the loss of millions in fees would reduce their power to bargain for higher wages and benefits for government employees.

“This is an aggressive litigation campaign aimed at undermining unions' ability to operate by forcing them to represent people for free,” said **Benjamin Sachs**, a professor at Harvard Law School specializing in labor law.

(Reprinted from the Boston Herald, June 6, 2017)

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PREVENTABLE CRIME: Our choice – Murder, rape and robbery or civil rights for ILLEGAL aliens?

Putting the word ILLEGAL back in the illegal immigration debate

By James W. Carnell, Pax Editor

WORDS HAVE MEANING. But of course, whenever discussion arises about the matter of **ILLEGAL** immigration, liberal newspapers and supporters of **ILLEGAL** immigration and **OPEN BORDERS** conveniently and intentionally drop the word **ILLEGAL** from the discussion. They will, invariably, launch into an emotional discussion preceded by clichés such as “we’re a nation of immigrants”. That is only partly true: some of us are immigrants, some of our parents were immigrants, and some of us were born here, (and if we were born here, we are not immigrants by definition but instead “native-born Americans”). According to anthropologists, virtually all of our ancestors came here from somewhere else, in a variety of different ways and for different reasons. And as individual countries formed, each society created rules, regulations and laws for orderly arrival and documentation that best suited their purposes and needs. You can disagree whether those rules and laws were/are good or bad, fair or unfair, but a country that fails to establish borders marked by



boundaries, fences or walls and doesn’t make laws for entering....is simply not a country, or won’t be for very long.

The word **ILLEGAL** means, very simply, in violation of the established law, and YES, Mr. and Mrs. Liberal, people and individuals CAN be **ILLEGAL**, inasmuch as they dwell within the borders of a country against the laws of the country they have entered. If I or my family enters Mexico or Ireland, with disregard and disrespect for their laws, then I and my family are **ILLEGAL** in those countries and are subject to deportation. Pretty simple so far, isn’t it? Obey the laws of the country you have chosen to enter and you won’t be considered **ILLEGAL**.

So, by the simple process of deductive reasoning, if you are a member of a violent gang such as MS-13, which is known to engage in murder, rape and torture **AND** you are in the United

States **ILLEGALLY**, then you should be seized and deported immediately. Right? No argument there, is there? You’re in our country **ILLEGALLY AND** you’re an identifiable member of a violent gang; good to go, right? For example, on June 15th, 2017, the *New York Times* reported that authorities on Long Island arrested 39 members of MS-13, where they have attributed 17 murders since January 2016 to these savages, the most recent being the deaths of four young men found dead in Central Islip in April. And the article goes on to say that, *“The arrests came as part of an effort to eradicate gangs that operate across international borders. Called Operation Matador, it included agents from Immigration and Customs enforcement and Homeland Security, as well as local law enforcement....In addition to the 39 members of MS-13, six members of other violent gangs, such as the Latin Kings and the Sureños were arrested. According to the immigration agency, people are considered confirmed gang members if they ...have tattoos of gang symbols...”*....*“Most of those arrested come from El Salvador and Honduras. Five others are from Mexico, and two are from Guatemala... twenty had criminal histories ...twelve had originally crossed into America as unaccompanied minors”*....

You recall the term “unaccompanied minor” from the Mexican border invasion in 2014/15, don’t you? The pictures of poor children atop railroad cars, arriving all by themselves, destitute and hungry, *homeless, tempest-tossed, yearning to breed free*, or something like that...? It was, as we know now, a fake. Most of the “unaccompanied minors” turned out to be 19 or 25 or older, except that without documents, our Customs officials, under the direct orders of the Obama administration, had to take them at their word and release them with a piece of paper upon their promise to return for an immigration/status hearing at a later date. (*“Yeah, right, stupid gringos, we’ll show up at your immigration hearing”*)....

And we know, from many published reports in the *Boston Globe* and the *Boston Herald* and many other sources, that MS-13 is operating—right NOW—in **East Boston** and other local communities. So again, using logic and common sense and having due regard for the safety of the law-abiding residents- **including LEGAL immigrants-** of Boston, the “local law enforcement authorities” (us) should be cooperating with federal authorities, including I.C.E., to apprehend and deport these violent gang members, who are here **ILLEGALLY, BEFORE** they commit violent crimes, right? Or better yet, don’t take my word for it, but as Timothy Sini, Suffolk County Police Commissioner said in the NYT article: ... *“There are times when we know someone is an MS-13 gang member... but we’re not in a position to make a criminal arrest... So another tool in our toolbox is to work with the Department of Homeland Security to target active known MS-13 gang members for violation of civil immigration laws, which is*



another way to remove dangerous individuals from our streets."...

AHA...stop right there!, say our well-intentioned liberals and civil-rights attorneys! **Just because** these victims of imperialist oppression sport colorful MS-13 (see attached photos) tattoos doesn't mean that they're gang members. That's stereotyping and racist and bigoted and prejudiced. So even though these known MS-13 gang members are here illegally, they haven't yet committed a crime- **at least under the name and false information they have so far provided to the LOCAL police**, so, ergo, the local police (the BPD-us) should be prohibited from cooperating with federal authorities, such as I.C.E., because in Boston we're a sanctuary city...(....ahhh,... make that a "Welcoming City" so we can play semantics and don't risk losing federal grant money...) and here we protect **ILLEGAL** immigrants and provide lots of free benefits for these **ILLEGAL** immigrants.

So how do we, as police officers, argue with **ILL-liberal** logic such as this? Very simple: We ask the **ILL-logical** liberal : "Whose house can the **ILLEGAL** immigrant with the MS-13 tattoos who hasn't yet committed a crime under the fake name he gave us stay at, Mr. and Mrs. Liberal? Can we bring him to your house? Can he stay at the First United Church of Free Stuff in Sudbury or Concord? Can we drop him at Newton North or Newton South or at Brookline High so this gang-banger who says he's an "unaccompanied minor"(when we know he's really 25 or 28 years old) can go to school with your precious Muffy or Biff (like recently happened in a Maryland High School?) Would that be OK, Mr. and Mrs. Liberal? And of course, the answer would be "NO", because even liberals draw a line between their own personal safety and their own warped ideology, so, "No, Mr. Boston Police Officer, we don't have any room here in Newton, so you keep them in East Boston, please, thank you..."

Or perhaps, we can remind our **ILL-Logical** **ILL-liberals** that two recent **LEGAL** immigrants (Dr. Lina Bolanos of Columbia and Dr.Richard Field of England) who *were* contributing members of our society were just killed; having had their throats cut, by a green-card holding criminal immigrant, Bampumim Teixeira, who should have been deported because he had been convicted and had served time in prison for two (not one, but TWO) bank robberies during which he threatened to use violence against the bank employees, but, ONCE AGAIN, emotion-driven, "compassionate liberalism" allowed this man to remain here (the Globe calls him a "Chelsea man" and fails to mention *any* past criminal history in their story of July, 9th, page B-3) instead of being deported to his native Guinea-Bissau

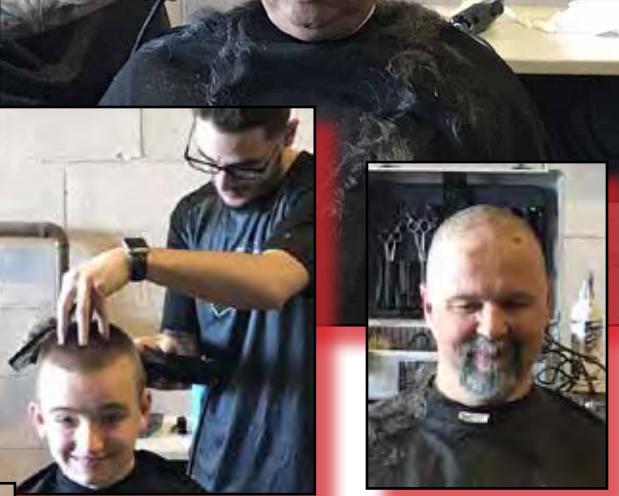
in Africa **BEFORE** the murders. (Then again, "life" (HA) in a Massachusetts prison has got to be 1,000 times better than freedom in Guinea-Bissau!) Or perhaps we should remind the **ILL-Logical** **ILL-Liberals** that a **Boston** Uber driver named Luis Baez recently (April,2017) raped a

young girl in Brookline and he was also an **ILLEGAL** immigrant who had been PREVIOUSLY DEPORTED **BUT** who was then released by a Massachusetts **ILL-liberal** judge named Mary Beth Heffernan before I.C.E. could serve their detainer and then (surprise, surprise!?) the illegal immigrant rapist...DIDN'T APPEAR FOR HIS COURT HEARING!!! (**ILL-liberal**s will usually pause here, express their dismay and accuse me of using "anecdotal" tragedies to highlight my point. (Until the **ILLEGAL** alien rapes or murders one of *their* family members, that is, then we'll blame the police for not doing enough...)

Yeah, we could do that, officers. But then we might get sued like they recently did in crazy San Francisco, which awarded an **ILLEGAL** alien \$190,000 because the SFPD cooperated with I.C.E. against the wishes of the "Sanctuary City" policy of the crazed political leadership there. Or maybe we'd end up with an IAD complaint or be hung out to dry by our own department. So, maybe, we'll just keep our mouths shut and our gut instincts to ourselves and not cooperate with those bad federal immigration officials and wait quietly until the next **ILLEGAL** alien murder or rape.Or maybe not....



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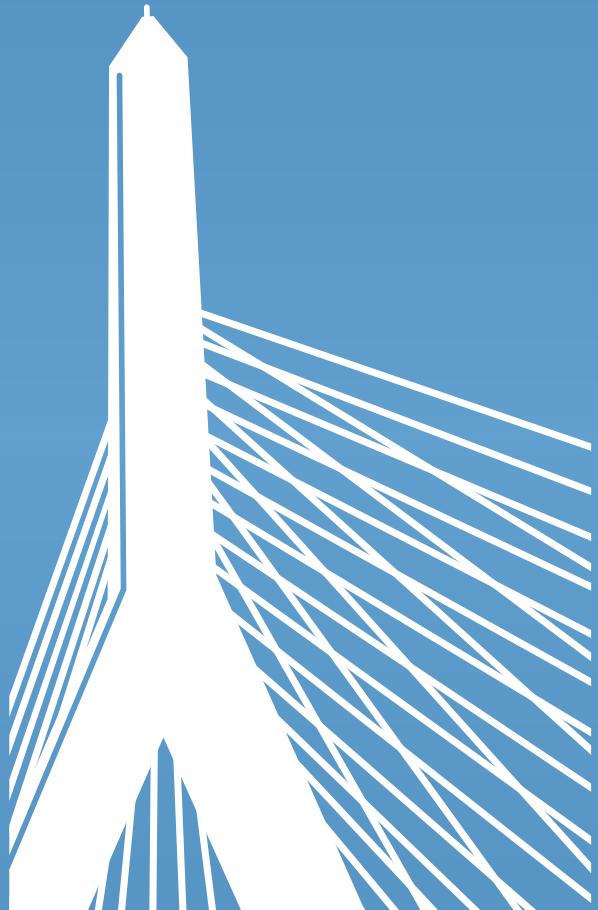
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The sickness of Boston Globe liberalism

By James W. Carnell, Pax Editor

IF YOU READ NOTHING ELSE in this edition of *Pax Centurion*, read the attached “letter to the editor,” printed in the *Boston Globe* of Tuesday, June 27th, 2017 at the top of page A11 titled “Deconstructing the American flag: As a symbol of progressive ideals, the flag is useless.” The fact that this opinion was printed at all is, in and of itself, very telling; obviously, some like-minded, liberal lickspittle at the top of the *Globe*’s “letters to the editor” opinion-mill must have felt that the writer – (reported as one “Dominic Serino of Salem”) possessed an opinion worthy of some measure of serious public consideration. To be printed as an opinion in the local edition of the *Communist Worker’s Daily News* would be expected, but to be presented as a bona fide viewpoint in a major newspaper is disgraceful. It

goes without saying that our opinions here at the BPPA, collectively or individually as conservative-minded police officers would – *in all probability* – not stand even a remote chance of being reprinted in the *Globe* by the increasingly unhinged and demented people at that institution who attempt to shape and mold public opinion.



The content of Mr. Serino’s letter is repulsive and deplorable, to borrow a descriptive term from one the *Globe*’s most cherished and revered politicians – “*To many of us on the left who renounce the Stars and Stripes...*” Just think of the lack of logic involved in formulating that opinion. What kind of a nut could actually “*renounce the stars and stripes*”, knowing the alternative? To whom would Mr. Serino cry for help if ISIS and its barbaric savages marched into Salem and demanded all residents bow to Allah and their perverted form of Islam? (On second thought, if it were known that Mr. Serino was the one making the call for help, who among us would bother answering?) Mr. Serino rambles on to excoriate law enforcement and ties a long-ago historical event –

“Shay’s rebellion” (an uprising against government and taxation in 1786-87) – to a modern-day, manufactured farce such as the Michael Brown shooting and associated riots in Ferguson, MO. in 2014. Of course, if Mr. Serino were in possession of his faculties, he would have to admit that the circumstances surrounding the Michael Brown

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This is the offensive letter referred to in the *Boston Globe* liberalism article. ➤

incident consisted of lies created both for and by the gullible media who were themselves in desperate need of fulfilling their own anti-police narrative. But that false narrative – “*Hands-up, don’t shoot*” – was a contemptible, provable lie. Investigated by over 40 FBI agents sent to Ferguson by an overtly anti-police Attorney General Eric Holder, it was quickly determined that the false narrative presented by the media did not occur, and those who continue to lend credence such to a false event – Mr. Serino and the *Boston Globe* included – are themselves, purveyors of lies.

This demented man goes on to say that the flag represents “imperialism, racism, sexism, and homophobia”, and that “those who oppose these and other prominent elements of the US past and present should likewise reject [the flag].”

Should anyone be aware of a “Go fund me” page to arrange for the permanent, one-way relocation of Mr. Serino and his fellow nitwits to Venezuela, Cuba, North Korea or Iran, please let us know so that a major contribution from the BPPA can be arranged. Idiots like him should benefit from their own heartfelt desires, and Kim Jong Un and the aforementioned worker’s paradises are always in need of quality American volunteer labor. But the truly shameful and pathetic ideology is that which exists at the *Boston Globe* itself, amongst the persons or persons who would print Mr. Serino’s emotionally-deranged diatribe and present it as some sort of valid point of view worthy of public discourse and consumption. Truly, they are the disease that eats this country from within; while Mr. Serino is merely a crusty, oozing symptom of the *Globe*’s sick, liberal theology.

Deconstructing the American flag

As a symbol of progressive ideals, the flag is useless

In her June 22 column “Why the flap? Flag belongs to all of us” (Opinion), Joan Vennochi chastises the left’s habit of ceding ownership of the flag to the other side. I think we should not merely cede ownership; rather, we should actively reject the flag as a symbol of progressive ideals.

To many of us on the left who renounce the Stars and Stripes, the flag not only represents the reprehensible policies and rhetoric of President Trump. To us, the flag also represents US law enforcement’s consistent history of violently repressing popular movements, from Shay’s Rebellion in 1786 to protests in Ferguson, MO, in 2014. To us, the flag represents the brutal and deliberate genocide of North America’s indigenous people.

To us, the flag represents the imperialist tradition of US foreign policy to install and support authoritarian dictators across the Global South. And to us, the flag represents the enduring racism, sexism, and homophobia of American lawmakers.

Those who rightfully oppose these and other prominent elements of the US past and present should likewise reject the symbol that has stood behind these disgraceful decisions and ideologies for nearly 250 years.

DOMINIC SERINO, Salem

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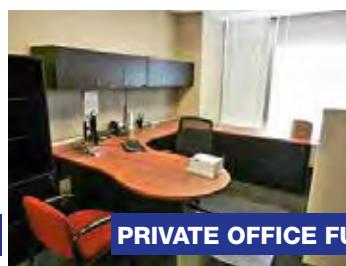
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BPPA President Patrick Rose questions Commissioner on diversity & veteran's preference



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Commissioner, please accept the following letter in the spirit of partnership, it is not a condemnation of your recent statements, it is however an attempt to show you how your comments and words are received by a great number of our members, who happen to be Military Veterans.

I write to you today to express the frustration and anger expressed by a large percentage of our membership over your recent and repeated comments concerning United States Military Veterans. Although we understand that you are attempting to answer questions concerning the "Diversity" within the Boston Police Department, we feel that you have made a habit of laying the blame of the 'lack of diversity' at the feet of our Military Veterans. Comments such as: "Veterans are a 'barrier' to persons of color attempting to get on the BPD" or that "Veteran's Preference hinders police diversity" are not only untrue and a myth, they are creating an atmosphere of mistrust, (*of the Command Staff*), within our own ranks, hurts morale and serves no legitimate purpose. Your recent interviews and quotes both locally and nationally have been received by many of our members as an outright attack upon their Military Service and themselves Personally. The fact that there is not a single Military Veteran within the ranks of your command staff speaks volumes to these feelings.

To use the Cadet Program, (*which exists and gives preference to cadets for hiring into the BPD as sworn Officers; solely due to the BPPA Collective Bargaining Agreement*), as a mechanism to counteract Veteran's Preference is both sickening and a violation of trust with whom the program was originally developed with. Your direct quote: "The whole idea of the Cadets is to basically counteract the absolute Veteran's Preference, which seems to be all white," adds to the opinion by many that you are 'Anti-Veteran.'

We agree that Diversity in **ALL** aspects ensures a more balanced and sociably acceptable Police Department. We fully understand how important it is to be a reflection of the society that we police, which certainly helps with 'community policing.' However, to single out one group such as Military Veterans as the deterrent to change within this department is wrong. When the Department saw a need for gays; they recruited directly in the gay community. When the Department saw a need to increase the female ranks; they targeted females in their recruiting efforts. When the Department saw a need for bilingual Officers; they targeted bilingual persons. Why not use Veteran's Preference to identify and specifically recruit Veterans of color. I can assure you that there are thousands of qualified men and women; Veterans of color within this City. Go to the local VFW's, go to the local AMVETS Post, target recruit them as you would any other sought after person. Offer prep classes for the exam, as has been done in the past. Make them a priority and we believe they will show interest.

We are also aware of the current (and resurgent) fear among some in law enforcement that all Veterans are "ticking time bombs." Please do not get caught up in this national movement that is discriminating against our Military Veterans. The absolute **MYTH** that all our Veterans are running around with some form of PTSD or hidden psychological scars developed during war, that will somehow emerge or manifest themselves during police work is ridiculous. In today's litigious society, some law enforcement leaders and managers have made liability avoidance into a science and an administrative art form. Some leaders and managers are allowing their 'police smarts' and common sense to be overruled by legal staffers (who should be interpreting laws and recommending legal policies not making decisions). This trend actually started post-Vietnam and has had a resurgence in popularity by the anti-war crowd of late. Please do not become one of these narrow-minded police leaders that allows their judgement to be shaped by anti-war media zealots or attorneys so wrapped up in what might happen than that of what is happening.

I along with many of our members, are more than willing to assist this department in recruiting qualified Military Veterans of color to help truly diversify this department. I believe that every Union within the Boston Police Department would wholeheartedly join us in this endeavor if requested by you or the Mayor. I am willing to make our Union Hall, in Dorchester, available for recruitment seminars or preparatory classes for those Veterans. What we are asking is simple; please stop the rhetoric and feeding into media misinformation concerning our Military Veterans. Please stop giving credence to the misinformed with your continued statements concerning Veteran's Preference in Massachusetts. Join us as we celebrate our Veterans and thank God that they have all been there to protect **EVERYONE'S** freedom.

Respectfully,

Patrick M. Rose, President, Boston Police Patrolmen's Association

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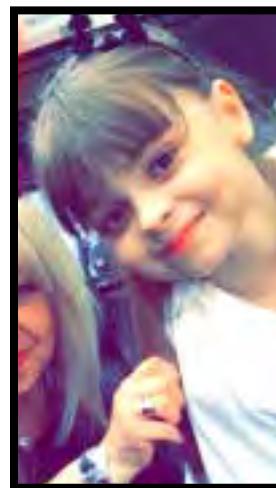


The tragedy in Manchester, England... eerily reminiscent of Boston

By **Mark A. Bruno**

Having lived through the Boston Marathon Bombing, I can honestly say I feel the pain of these families whose loved ones were either lost or injured as a result of this senseless act--the act of a gutless coward who blew himself up in the hope of meeting seven vestal virgins in the hereafter as a reward for his deed. How brainwashed do you have to be to take your own life and the lives of innocent people around you? I can understand going after military, police, or government figures, but to snuff out the life of innocent children and parents makes no sense. These innocent people were out at a concert just enjoying life. Some of them were parents picking up their children. Unlike the loser who committed this act, God will embrace these victims and their families. He, on the other hand, will probably burn in hell.

Seeing eight year old victim **Saffie Rose's** photo reminds me of our youngest victim from the Boston Marathon Bombing, **Martin Richard**. Just a young, pretty girl wanting to attend the concert of one of her favorite artists. I had accompanied my youngest son not too long ago at the TD Garden to go see Ariana Grande. The faces there were all the same as our victim's, young girls with their parents or friends just going to see their idol. Little girls with pony



tails looking like Ariana Grande just out enjoying the night. This is what ran through my mind when I saw the news of this tragedy. The faces of innocent youths cut down in a hail of shrapnel. All this pain and suffering in the name of God, according to these groups responsible. I say President Trump should drop more MOABs on any country who are claiming responsibility or cheering for this despicable act!

These twisted terrorist groups are trying to place the world in fear by showing they are willing to kill innocent children to make their point. You only brought more hate and disdain

to yourselves from the rest of the civilized world. You showed how ignorant and misguided your cause has become. Never will the civilized people of this world cower in fear as a result of your barbaric actions. In the end, good will always overcome evil.

Summer observations, random thoughts, current events...

By James W. Carnell, Pax Editor

PERSONNEL SHORTAGE/MANDATORY-OVERTIME/RETIRED OFFICERS/UNFILLED-DETAILS, SPECIAL EVENTS, ETC.: DON'T BLAME THE BPPA...

The BPD wears this missed opportunity, 100%, despite their efforts to place blame anywhere but the responsible source. As most are aware, the BPPA worked long and hard two years ago to secure the home rule (city council) and (state) legislative approval needed to begin an auxiliary police force consisting of fully trained and medically approved retired Boston Police Officers to work the slew of existing, unfilled extra detail assignments and fill special events for a short-staffed, beleaguered police force. It was then up to the BPD to institute the policies, procedures, rules and regulations to govern this proposed auxiliary force of reserve officers, which exists to serve the manpower needs of most police departments quite nicely in some 176 other Massachusetts cities and towns. In many other towns, the reserve/auxiliary officers handle the overflow of special events which occur mostly during the spring, summer and fall seasons, such as parades and concerts. In Boston, retired officers could conceivably handle events such as baseball games and concerts at Fenway Park, which are currently unfilled and are being farmed out to private security concerns (a looming problem, fraught with legal concerns for the BPD, as any officer with street experience already knows.) Many other events, such as road races, marches, and events on City Hall Plaza, could have been filled by retired officers willingly and voluntarily on a detail basis, providing relief to regular duty officers.

BUT NOOOO... Somebody dropped the ball, or somebody's nose was out-of-joint because of "who" was/was not getting credit, or somebody's relative or friend wasn't getting a job, or ...whatever the given excuse or reason. Bottom line is... no such auxiliary force exists in Boston as of Summer 2017, even though the tools to allow it are firmly in place. *Maybe* an initial increase in retirements would have occurred, as feared and is/was to have been expected, as some "eligible-to-retire-anyway" officers took advantage of a mutually-beneficial opportunity to continue to make money, while *the city* took advantage of their virtually "free" training and experience. **AND** made a 10% \$\$\$ administrative fee-added for the city coffers from that detail assignment. But the BPD/City should have foreseen that possibility and planned accordingly by hiring aggressively and adequately over the last two years. So now they look like MAD magazine's poster child, Alfred E. Neuman, with the "What, Me, Worry?" look on their collective faces as we at the BPPA rightfully say "We told you so." Petty vindictiveness and small-potatoes, "who gets the credit?" politics is, apparently, firmly in place at BPD headquarters and City Hall. City Councilor Mike Flaherty had the foresight and wisdom, along with the BPPA leadership, to see the current situation developing and accurately predict what we are dealing with today, which is a short-staffed, overworked, tired and frustrated patrol force overwhelmed with calls for service and ordered to fill minimum-manning requirements via mandatory, forced overtime shifts. "Told Ya' So," is a proper and 100% correct BPPA response; proper planning prevents personnel problems, and yes, if the cliché fits, wear it, BPD.

ARMED ATTACK ON BPD OFFICERS DISAPPEARED QUICKLY FROM MAJOR MEDIA, DIDN'T IT?... July 2nd, in

"New England News Briefs" inside page B2, a very brief mention about a man "later identified as one Kristopher Jordan, 30, of Dorchester who about 12:34 AM early Saturday morning, July 1st, who began shooting at police – *for no apparent explanation, motive, cause or reason whatsoever* – as they were attempting to arrest a third party on unrelated charges at Deering Rd. and Wellington Hill St. in Mattapan. The officers, fortunately, were not injured, and arrested the fly larvae (*notice how I'm curbing my use of the vernacular for reasons of political sensitivity?*) after a foot chase. But the entire matter disappeared from any mention in the major media as quickly as would a passing mention of yesterday's weather, as if the incident constituted the typical "Well, it's part-of-their-job, isn't it?" attitude that has come to be expected from the smug, elitist, spoiled young frauds who comprise the majority of modern "journalists." Sadly, we can almost be assured of the same watered-down, come-to-be-expected treatment from the alleged justice system when it comes to this-and many, many other incidents of assault on police officers. (I can still remember the famous words of then-BMC "Judge" Mark Summerville as it related to an A&B on police officers many years ago: "*they should expect a little "hurly-burly" in police work,*" [paraphrasing from memory, or words to that effect] or when Judge Summerville said to (then) Officer, now Sgt. (A-7) Mike Charbonnier that a North End man would have been within his rights to use deadly force to [repel/remove/resist] the police because they had "invaded his castle" by responding to a call from his wife alleging domestic violence. Things have certainly not improved over the years, and (at least as far as I can see) have only gotten worse. I can only shake my head and marvel at the incredible restraint shown by the outstanding officers of the BPD gang unit.

BLUE LIVES MATTER WEBSITE EXPOSES

"JOURNALIST" AS A FRAUD: For your summer enjoyment, go to the "Blue Lives Matter" website and read the story about the Columbia, Mo. Tribune newspaper columnist ("Ol' Clarkie", a self-described liberal) who wrote a completely FAKE news story about being stopped by a Boone County, MO. Deputy for a moving violation. "Ol' Clarkie" wrote that he felt threatened by the female deputy and then wrote that "he knows how minorities must feel." His recollection of the incident was proven false by the Chief Deputy's release of the dash-cam video, which clearly shows the female deputy- a military veteran recently home from active service – to be unfailingly polite and professional during the entire, routine and mundane incident (watch the 10-minute long video for yourself, posted on the Blue Lives Matter website). What the incident does expose is the innate, ingrained hatred that liberal reporters have for all police in general, and how he thought he could get away with his lies because of his power as a newspaper columnist.

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BPPA President Patrick Rose looks for clarification in Educational Incentive Program



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June 20, 2017

Mayor Martin J. Walsh
1 City Hall Plaza
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Your Honor,

We, at the BPPA, are once again in receipt of the City's generous offer to our members to apply for "Graduate Degree Scholarships for Northeastern University and Boston University," (see: <http://hub.boston.gov/career-growth#financial-resources>) As we have stated in the past to You, the Commissioner and the Labor Division for both the City and the Department; even though we believe that the offer to further our education in an effort to become a better educated Police Officer/Force is a noble gesture, we are hard pressed to understand why the City will not recognize these same institutions of higher learning for qualification under what is known as the 'Quinn Bill'?

We ask once again, that the City look to abolish the name and attached criteria that goes with the defunct and obsolete 'Quinn Bill'. We ask that the City rename this Educational Incentive, (possibly: The Martin J. Walsh Police Education Incentive Program, or possibly The City of Boston Police Education Incentive Program, etc.). We also ask that the City rightfully recognize the Legitimate Institutions of Higher Learning within our own City and locally, (that are revered worldwide), for inclusion to this Educational Incentive Program.

Why the City of Boston continues to adhere to state policies that govern a defunded and defunct State law, that actually is prejudicial to improving the education of its' own Police Department and Officers assigned to that department, is not only unconscionable but only serves to undermined the entire idea of having a highly educated more professional Police Department.

Sir, I ask you; is the City actually interested in fielding a professional, educated and socially responsible Police Officer to protect this great City of ours, or are we so focused on saving a few dollars by excluding schools such as Northeastern, BU, Harvard, Yale, Penn State, etc., (to name just a few), from the current Education Incentive Plan; that we will continue to follow and adhere to the policies of a defunct State Law that was ended in FY-10? The choice is clearly in your administration's hands.

In closing, please accept my Thanks and Sincere gratitude for recognizing this issue and intimating through prior conversation that you would like to see this issue corrected.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Patrick M. Rose'.

Patrick M. Rose, President, Boston Police Patrolmen's Association

cc: Commissioner Evans
City Labor
Dept Labor
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Asbestos discovered/removed from booking area of A7

On June 6th, 2017 the BPPA provided photographs and reported a torn insulation cover on a utility pipe in the Booking Area of A7. Members had concerns about this torn cover that was leaking debris/dust onto the floors and wall area. The BPPA Health & Safety Committee requested an analysis/inspection of this exposed pipe cover to check for harmful contaminants.

A few days later the BPPA was notified that this damaged utility pipe insulation cover was tested **POSITIVE** for **ASBESTOS**.

The department shut down the Booking Area and had an Asbestos Abatement done within a couple days.

The BPPA requested that a department email broadcast be issued from the commissioner's office to notify BPD personnel about this unhealthy work environment condition in an effort to ensure that people who may have worked at A7 prior to the removal of this Asbestos leak can complete "Unprotected Exposure Forms" and get checked by their doctor if they have any concerns about this exposure.



"We remain very concerned about the unhealthy working conditions that our members at A7 have been exposed to for an unreasonable length of time and the delay in proper notifications throughout the department for police personnel who have been transferred, MIS, retired or maybe promoted and are still unaware of their exposure to this Asbestos hazard....."

– Paul Downey,
BPPA Health & Safety Committee

Significant reporting has indicated that this Asbestos insulation cover may have been leaking/falling apart for more than seven years with the conditions of the pipe cover worsening. At some point, a custodian may have wrapped caution tape and electrical tape around this pipe in an effort to reduce the dust/debris from falling onto the floors/walls, to no avail.

Unfortunately, the department has not sent out any notifications about this unhealthy Asbestos condition as of this date.

Please share this information with our members who have been transferred, promoted or retired.

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Hair testing in the BPD, the more things change, the more they remain the same

On November 30, 2016, when the Supreme Judicial Court refused to hear any further appeals, the cases which started in 2001 at the Civil Service Commission ended with six BPPA members whose hair had been reported as testing "positive for cocaine" ordered reinstated with full back pay and restoration of benefits. The only evidence of drug use presented by the BPD against these officers was that Psychemedics, the company under contract to test hair, said that their hair showed cocaine use. Through 18 days of evidentiary hearings (generating 3491 pages of transcript), 202 exhibits (many of which were scientific articles in professional journals), five expert witnesses, and lengthy briefs (ours was 116 pages), the Commission found that a positive hair test "is not necessarily conclusive of ingestion." This basic conclusion was upheld by all layers of our state court system.

At this point, we are still wrangling with the BPD over the back pay due these officers, which, with interest, will undoubtedly run into millions of dollars. Since the Department appears to have embraced a mindset that it did nothing wrong in ruining six officers' careers and upending their lives based on a test that is largely not accepted by the scientific community, it has taken a contrary position on almost all issues of back pay and still has not reinstated these officers. This recalcitrance will soon be brought before a Superior Court judge. Meanwhile, interest on about 14 years of back pay for these six officers is continuing to run at 1% per month.



So, why, you may ask, does the Department continue on with the hair testing as if nothing has changed? Perhaps the answer lies in the oft-quoted definition of insanity as "doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results." The BPPA is now representing

two more officers whom the Department appears hell-

bent on firing for the sole reason that Psychemedics says their hair tested positive for cocaine. This is precisely what the Civil Service Commission said they should not do: use the hair test as a "stand alone," sole basis for terminating a police officer.

The BPPA has stood by and fought for its members who were unjustly fired based on these hair tests. It has spent enormous amounts of money to hire the most prestigious scientists in the country to debunk the myth that hair testing should be accepted with the same force as urine tests, still the only federally approved testing method. Through a pending grievance heading toward arbitration, the BPPA will work to make sure that no officer has to go through the excruciating process of being fired for something he or she didn't do.

The BPD powers that be are very quick to point out errors that are made by police officers who must make split second decisions which their bosses can then pore over for days, weeks, months, and years. But when they are told that their decisions are flat out wrong, they blame the civil service system or the arbitrator or the court. Perhaps it's time they looked in the mirror.

Behind every good man is a strong woman

By Matt Carey, Area A-1 Representative

I'm going to go into something that a lot of us take for granted. As I sit down for one second after working the third double for the week and have to be back in at midnight, the baby starts crying. The food is burning on the stove, the laundry is piling up and the baby is still crying. The wife is getting her nails done. When will she be home? Everything I do to get the baby to stop crying is not working. How am I going to make it through all this? Well three hours go by; she did not tell me she was getting her hair done also. I made it through- thankfully – but I came to realize and appreciate all the work that my wife accomplishes. All this got me to thinking about some of the female police officers on the job. The task of working a shitty, horrible midnight shift because that works for your family and day care is \$30,000 a year at the same time trying to be a good wife. It surely isn't easy, especially with the long hours the job requires at times. You're expected to work nights and weekends and balance a family with your ever-changing sleep patterns. Throw two to three kids into this mix and sleep is often forgotten about. We as men take the role to be the workhorse and often take for granted what goes on when we are not home.

I guess we could talk about the "stay-at-home" parent, male or female, both jealously and cynically. Is it financially possible with all the monthly expenses it takes to raise a family? The times have changed where in most households both parents are working. The traditional stay-at-home parent job consists of the following: housekeeper, cook, day care center teacher, facilities manager, computer operator, psychologist, janitor, van driver, laundry machine operator, chief executive officer, bookkeeper, event planner, general maintenance worker, groundskeepers, interior design, logistics analyst, nutritionist, plumber and staff nurse.

My wife is a police officer in another town so automatically I think she should understand the long hours we all put in to make things financially comfortable for our families and perform the duties of being a police officer. This often gets lost as most of us are always tired and moody from being tired. Trying to have a date night is always valuable. Just remember guys and girls your significant other is meant to be loved not understood. Try to show your husband or wife your appreciation for all the hard work they accomplish when you're not around.

The Boston Police Relief Association

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

The Boston Police Relief Association was established in 1873 for the welfare of the officers of the Boston Police Department and to provide assistance for police officer's widows and orphans. Most officers might not know that the Boston Police Relief Association receives **no** money from the Boston Police Department to fund the expenses associated with the Annual Boston Police Ball/Awards

Banquet. Annual dues that are collected from our members (currently only \$40 per year) are also used to pay for flowers and get-well baskets that are sent to our sick or injured members. The Relief Association also has a life insurance benefit for officers who have served the required 30 years of \$1,300. The Relief Association also runs the quarterly blood banks at headquarters, in conjunction with the American Red Cross, and also organizes and runs the annual Boston Police Memorial Mass on the first Sunday in June of each year.

The "Policemen's Ball," as it is called, is run each year and has been held at various locations in Boston. The old Boston Music Hall (currently the Orpheum Theater) and the old Mechanic's Hall (originally located at

Huntington Avenue and West Newton Streets) hosted some of our biggest events where over 20-25 thousand would sometimes attend for the cost of a (then) \$2.00 a ticket (which included admission for a "lady friend" in the \$2.00 cost). The Boston Garden has also hosted the ball in the past. The costs to the BPRA of hosting this ball has (most recently) exceeded over \$40,000.

It is our desire to host the annual event within the City's borders, but increasing costs have forced the Relief Association each year to find the most economical venue in order to keep ticket prices affordable for police officers and their families. Many tickets for officers who are actual recipients of departmental awards and their family members, as well as numerous honored guests and surviving family members of officers killed in the line of duty are provided free of charge by the Boston Police Relief Association.

The history of the Annual Ball is well-established. In the early days, the department would send a drill team to entertain the guests, and that would be followed by ballroom dancing and live bands. The relief in the early days also was a place that you could come for a mortgage, but the by-laws (and banking rules and regulations) have changed over the years and that is no longer allowed.



As you can see, we try to raise money from outside sources to help with our budget, but again no money is given to the organization from the Boston Police Department or City of Boston.

The Police Department has a committee that goes over all the commendations to see which ones will receive a medal at the end of the year, but the BPRA only has one member serving on the board and therefore does not decide who will receive recognition or medals at the annual ball.

As the oldest Police organization in the United States many police organizations have copied our policies and our protocols on running a very successful Awards Banquet/Ball. Members of all our committees stand ready to make sure everything is in place for all our members.



19,000 JAM MECHANIC'S BUILDING FOR ANNUAL BALL OF BOSTON POLICE RELIEF ASSOCIATION



Police Commissioner Joseph F. Timilty pinning Walter Scott medal for valor on patrolman George Brambilla of the Charlestown Station. Supt Edward W. Fallon, at right.

Prominent persons in public and private life in the state were among the 19,000 who packed Mechanics Building last night at the annual concert and ball of the Boston Police Relief Association.

A high spot in the program, which included an exhibition of military drill by the crack police team and the presentation of the Walter Scott Medal for Valor for 1926 and a Department Medal of honor to patrolman George Brambilla of Division 15. The balconies which surround three sides of the huge hall were filled to capacity while Brambilla marched the length of the hall to the dias, where Commissioner Timilty, Superintendent Fallon and invited guests stood.

After a few words of commendation spoken by Supt Fallon, the Commissioner pinned the two awards on the Charlestown officer who early one morning last May, jumped from the Warren-av bridge, fully clothed, and rescued a woman from drowning.

Among invited guests of the Commissioner were Mrs Annabelle Mul-

Warren, followed by an exhibition of military drill under direction of Capt. S. J. Kavanagh, assisted by Supt Andrew Markhard and Sergt Charles Barry. The color bearers were Sergts W. J. Riordan and Marcus E. Madden.

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BALL OF THE BLUECOATS A BIG SUCCESS.

Estimated That 20,000 Persons Were at Mechanics Building—Sergt and Mrs O'Brien Led the Grand March.



SOME OF THOSE WHO TOOK A PROMINENT PART IN THE POLICE BALL

The police ball last night was one of the most successful that the relief association has given for many years. Many thousand dollars were added to the relief fund.

Mechanics building was made a picture hall by decorations on every hand. The ceiling was hung with festoons of the national colors, and the sides were draped with bunting. On either side of the main entrance were portraits of Commissioner Clark and Chief of Police Flanagan.

At the back were portraits of the commissioners, the chief of police, and the commissioners of division 15, Mr. O'Brien, Lovell, Commissioner Harry P. Adams, and Supt. William C. Curran.

They were followed by patrolmen P. Adams, Supt. William C. Curran, Mrs. James E. Pierce and Miss Margaret Davison. Supt. William P. Sheehan, division 15; Arthur W. Wyman and Miss Rita M. Wyman; and Mrs. Emma Wyman and about 30 other couples.

The figures were very prettily carried out and danced much amateurish.

There was general dancing until 2 o'clock, after which there was a constant procession to the supper room.

The officers of the dance were: Chief Marshal, Sergt James E. O'Brien; asst. Marshal, Sergt Francis J. McCarthy; Supt. William C. Curran; Sergt Michael J. Sheehan; Sergt. Collier; Sergt. J. J. Orr; James J. McGuire; Sergt. Chamberlain; Patrick J. Fitzgerald; Arthur W. Wyman; James J. McCarthy; Ed. P. Quirk; John J. McCarthy; Red J. Murphy; and Daniel H. Gould.

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Although the building was crowded at all times during the ball, it was a pleasure to see the people huddled together to share the evening's pleasure.

At the head of the grand march, led by Lieutenant Brickey, was Capt. Hall of the Taunton Bay station.

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BOSTON POLICEMEN HOLD 40TH BALL.

About 15,000 Persons Attend Annual Event at Mechanic's Building
—Many Guests Join in Festivities.



Like the 39 that have preceded it, the annual concert and ball of the Boston Police Relief Association, held last night in Mechanic's Building, was as unqualifiedly successful as it would be possible to make such an affair.

Fifteen thousand people was the estimate of the number who came to give evidence of their good will toward the guardians of the public peace, and judging from the manner in which the throng attempted to find a place for the constantly shuffling feet in the Grand Hall, no greater crowd ever graced the floors of the historic building. There may have been greater crowds in previous years, but never was a larger number of dancers upon the spacious floor.

Both balconies and the stage, as well as the seats arranged around the floor beneath the balconies, were filled with those who had come to look on, to be spectators of the affair. The Winter socials of the police office.

The stage crowded to its utmost capacity with the invited guests and the fair friends of the officers of the association, presented a pleasing picture, the back and sides being draped in blue and gold and hand-painted panels of significant scenes. Directly at the rear was a large panel of blue, upon which the gilt letters "Welcome to the 40th Annual Ball of the Boston Police Association" stood out.

Beneath this blazing welcoming banner were immense crayon portraits of Police Commissioner Stephen O'Meara and Supt. of Police William H. Pierce. On the sides, also in blue and gold, were the names of the officers of the association, while the front of the stage was draped with pale blue and white bunting.

Lavender and white were the prevailing colors in the decorations of the first balcony, banners being interspersed at intervals containing the names of the dancing division commanders, while directly at the rear flags of every Nation were gracefully entwined. The color scheme in the second balcony decorations was red, white and blue, while a ribbon was formed of long streamers of tinsel.

The last number of the concert program was a march dedicated to Pres. Charles M. Tighe of the association by George W. Goodwin.

As if to lend color to the occasion, Lieut. Patrick F. King, drummajor of the department, marched upon the floor with two score of Boston's "finest" and went through a series of evolutions before they mounted to form a line through which the distinguished invited

doll of Somerville, Lieut. John Clark, Capt. Officer George L. Twomey, Capt. Officer M. J. Clearcher, Ex-Capt. Coleman, Sgt. Frank McGee, Ex-Representative Seth Arnold, Sgt. Harry Betty, John A. Coulthurst, Deputy Chief of Police Philomen D. Warren, Deputy Chief of Police Lawrence Cain, Supt. Pierce, Captain Sullivan of Division 2, Peabody of 3, Cannon of 4, Divison 5, Lee of 6, Brickleby of 7, Goodwin of 9, Hanley of 10, George H. Hall of 11, Evans of 12, Haigman of 13, F. F. Hall of 14 and Jones of 16, besides hundreds of the rank and file of the department. In addition to the officers, members of the department, and who were sent on enjoying themselves, there was a detail of 95 men on duty inside and without, all under the command of Lieut. P. F. King, who was assisted by Lieuts. Ringer of 15, Good of 16 and Saxon of Police Headquarters, and Sergt. Rader of 1, Ahern of 2, Brooks of 3, King of 4, Ward of 5 and Doherty of headquarters.

Of course Pres. Tighe was a busy man, but not one whit less engaged than Henry Hazlett, the chief marshal, Vice Pres. James J. Walkens, clerk Edward A. Dovel, or the following officers of the ball: George H. Mitchell and Henry J. Lampe, assistant marshals; Captain Capt. Thomas Ryan, Michael F. Flanigan, Otto D. Primmer, Dennis Harrington, John T. Clifford, Hugh A. Roche, John J. McCarthy, Michael F. Hunt, Joseph J. McGillyvan, James E. Prendergast, Gustav F. Hollstein, John B. Gildea, John F. Brady, Peter S. Stilhines and James D. Conboy, who acted as a reception committee.

The efficient corps of aids comprised John D. Kellher of Division 1, William J. Nealon of Division 2, Thomas M. Igou of Division 3, William O. Clemmons of Division 4, Edward A. Ryan of Division 5, John T. O'Dea of Division 6, Samuel J. Kelly of Division 7, Edward C. Blake of Division 8, Timothy F. Kehl of Division 9, Robert M. Coughlin of Division 10, William C. Norton of Division 11, John A. Dorsey of Division 12, Albert J. Nott of Division 13, Francis A. Gorman of Division 14, Charles F. Battick of Division 15 and Edward B. Carty of Division 16.

The ball committee comprised John J. McCarthy, Michael F. Flanigan and Peiley S. Skillings, hall, John F. Brady, Dennis Harrington, James E. Prendergast, Michael F. Hunt and Edward A. Dovel, printing; Hugh A. Roche, Otto D. Flanigan and Henry Hazlett, music; James D. Conboy, James J. Walkens and John B. Gildea, catering, and John T. Clifford, Gustav F. Hollstein and Joseph J. McGillyvan, judges.

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BOSTON POLICE BALL ATTENDED BY 25,000

Presentation of Medals to
Three for Bravery

Drill by Company of Picked Officers
of Department

Featured by the presentation of medals to three police officers who have won distinction for bravery, the first concert and ball of the Boston Police Relief Association during the regime of Police Commissioner Eugene C. Hultman was held last night at Mechanic's Building. About 25,000 men and women filled the building and crowded the dance floor.

The guests arrived early and, by the time the concert began at 8 o'clock, the galleries were well filled. The band concert ended at 9 o'clock and then the annual drill of a company of police officers, picked men of the department, was staged. Fully 20,000 persons were in the hall at the time the drill started.

The most impressive ceremony of the night was the presentation of the medals to the three men who demonstrated extraordinary courage while in the performance of their duty during the year 1929. These men were chosen from the ranks of the department by the Board of Merit, consisting of Supt. Michael H. Crowley and Deputy Supts. Thomas F. Goode and James McDevitt.

All three of the men were in the ranks of the exhibition drill company. When the drill was concluded the company lined up in front of the platform and Capt. Louis E. Lutz reported to Commissioner Eugene C. Hultman and Supt. Michael H. Crowley that the company was formed. The commissioner and superintendent then rose from their seats and marched from the platform to the main floor.

The greatest honor of the evening went to patrolman James J. McGowan of the Back Bay traffic squad, who was awarded the Walter Scott Medal and also the Boston Police Department Medal of Honor for his action in freeing a man from a live wire in an electrical plant in the Back Bay. Sergt. Frank E. Gillman of the Milk-station was given the Police Department Medal of Honor for capturing a man who had fired at him while resisting arrest, and patrolman Archibald N. Ristoul of the Back Bay traffic detail was given a similar award for arresting two automobile thieves after one had drawn a revolver and covered him.

As the medals were pinned on each man's breast, there was a long burst of applause from the thousands present.

The grand march, led by Commissioner Hultman and Mrs. Philip Whaland, wife of the retiring president of the association, followed the presentation of the medals. Second in line were Philip Whaland, retiring president, and Mrs. Hultman, and they were followed by Supt. Michael H. Crowley and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Harry Crowley.

There was general dancing after the grand march.

Grover A. Whalen, ex-Police Commissioner of New York city, attended the ball and participated in the grand march, his partner being Mrs. John F. Kenny, wife of John F. Kenny of Police Headquarters, clerk of the



“Modernizing” the Massachusetts wiretap law – What are the actual changes?

Governor Charlie Baker has proposed an “Act modernizing the Massachusetts wiretap law.” The law, which has not significantly changed since its passage in 1968, has not kept pace with changes in technology, such as cellphones and the internet. In introducing the bill, Baker stated that “modernizing this statute will give law enforcement the tools and flexibility that they need to solve crimes and threats in the 21st Century”.¹ Attorney General Maura Healey, in supporting the bill, states that it reflects the changing nature of how criminals communicate, and that “updates to the statute will assist law enforcement to better investigate the most challenging crimes without compromising strong protections for civil liberties and civil rights.”² This joint bipartisan show of support by the Republican governor and Democratic attorney general is a sign that this bill might actually have a chance of passing. Even Commissioner William Evans has chimed in to say that “making these changes...is a necessary step that will allow law enforcement to effectively address crimes that are driving up violence in our neighborhoods...[and] will support our mission in addressing gang violence, reducing crime and improving the quality of life in our communities.”³

Prior attempts at updating the state’s wiretap law have been stalled by opponents raising concerns about privacy for private citizens. For example, a representative of the Massachusetts ACLU has called Governor Baker’s “common sense” update to the law “a serious intrusion into people’s privacy.”⁴

I reviewed the Bill to see what these “common sense” updates are. Take a look and form your own opinion. As context, keep in mind that the current law was written almost fifty years ago – before there were iPhones, text messages, or Facebook.

1. It gets rid of the restrictive wording that electronic surveillance “should be limited to the investigation of organized crime.” It broadens the range of offenses where a wiretapping warrant can be secured.

Currently, wiretapping can be used in the following offenses in connection with organized crime: arson, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, extortion, bribery, burglary, embezzlement, forgery, gaming, intimidation of



Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker

a witness or juror, kidnapping, larceny, lending of money or things of value in violation of the general laws, mayhem, murder, any offense involving the possession or sale of a narcotic or harmful drug, perjury, prostitution, robbery, subornation of perjury, any violation of this section, being an accessory to any of the foregoing offenses and conspiracy or attempt or solicitation to commit any of the foregoing offenses

The bill would increase the offenses in connection with organized crime to also include the following: the illegal use, possession, theft, transfer or trafficking of firearms, rifles, shotguns, sawed-off shotguns, machine guns, assault weapons, large capacity

weapons, and covert weapons, felony burglary, money laundering, enterprise crime, forgery, gaming, kidnapping, felony larceny, lending of money or things of value in violation of the general laws, perjury, any felony involving prostitution, robbery, subornation of perjury, intimidation of witnesses, jurors or persons furnishing information in

connection with criminal proceedings, posing, exhibiting, or disseminating child pornography, secretly recording a person including a child who is in a place where that person or child has a reasonable expectation of privacy while partially nude or in an attempt to view intimate parts, any violation of the wiretapping law, being an accessory to any of the foregoing offenses, conspiracy, attempt or solicitation to commit any of the foregoing offenses.

The bill would also include the following offenses, whether or not in connection with organized crime: murder or manslaughter, rape, human trafficking, trafficking, manufacture, distribution of, or intent to distribute controlled

substances; illegal trafficking in weapons, the illegal use or possession of explosives or chemical, radiological or biological weapons, civil rights violation causing bodily injury, intimidation of a witness or potential witness, or a judge, juror, grand juror, prosecutor, defense attorney, probation officer or parole officer, being an accessory to any of the foregoing offenses, and conspiracy, attempt or solicitation to commit any of the foregoing offenses.

2. The bill authorizes the interception of electronic communications between parties located outside the commonwealth, so long as the designated offense under investigation is one over which the commonwealth has jurisdiction, and the listening post is within the commonwealth.
3. It broadens the definition of “wire communication” to include

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¹ <http://wwlp.com/2017/05/02/gov-baker-to-unveil-bill-to-update-states-wiretapping-law/>

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How do court recorders keep straight faces?

These are from a book called "Disorder in the American Courts" and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while the exchanges were taking place.



ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

WITNESS: He said, 'Where am I, Cathy?'

ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

WITNESS: My name is Susan!



ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.



ATTORNEY: Are you sexually active?

WITNESS: No, I just lie there.



ATTORNEY: What is your date of birth?

WITNESS: July 18th.

ATTORNEY: What year?

WITNESS: Every year.



ATTORNEY: How old is your son, the one living with you?

WITNESS: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.

ATTORNEY: How long has he lived with you?

WITNESS: Forty-five years.



ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

WITNESS: I forget.

ATTORNEY: You forgot? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?



ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?



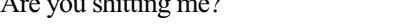
ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?

WITNESS: He's 20, much like your IQ.



ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?

WITNESS: Are you shitting me?



ATTORNEY: So the date of conception (of the baby) was August 8th?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And what were you doing at that time?

WITNESS: Getting laid.



ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None.

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?

WITNESS: Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?



ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death.

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

WITNESS: Take a guess.



ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?

WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard.

ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?

WITNESS: Unless the circus was in town I'm going with male.



ATTORNEY: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?

WITNESS: No, this is how I dress

when I go to work.



ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.



ATTORNEY: ALL your responses MUST be oral, OK? What school did you go to?

WITNESS: Oral.



ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 PM.

ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?

WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished.



ATTORNEY: Are you qualified to give a urine sample?

WITNESS: Are you qualified to ask that question?



And last:

ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.





Ahh... the things that happen in summer

I still remember it like it was yesterday. The last day of fourth grade in Miss Ruben's class when I brought in my 45 rpm record of Alice Cooper's "School's Out." It was 1976 and the date marked the beginning of summer. Sunshine. Baseball games. Beaches. Cookouts. Ice cream. A chance to stay up late and watch TV. Summer is my favorite season. But with all the joys that summer brings, there are some not-so-great things too: sunburns, mosquito bites, poison ivy, ticks and lyme disease. These not-so-great things are all easily preventable though if people wear hats and sun screen, apply bug spray, watch where they travel, and check themselves periodically. For you all, I hope your summers are great, and hope you get some time for enjoyment despite the increase in shootings that summer brings,



along with the out of control forced-overtime that is crushing the department. In writing my summer *Pax* article, I am going to make a bunch of predictions that I will look back upon in September. Hopefully, in the same way you can protect yourself from sunburns and mosquito bites, you can protect yourself from some things that I am sure will happen this summer.

For my first prediction, I absolutely guarantee that more than one police officer somewhere will be fired this summer for making a stupid statement on a response call. Before writing this column, I read about the Providence firefighter who lost his job for telling a woman whose nose wouldn't stop bleeding that she "should stop eating fried chicken." The firefighter had already been fired once before, so I sense that this was likely payback. The firefighter's wife, who was African-American, even testified in his defense at his termination hearing. Despite all of this, the statement he made was simply stupid. Two hundred forty-one years ago, people thought that Ben Franklin was wise because he sat by silently while others debated our country's Declaration of Independence. Not everyone needs to be the smartest person in the room. Just don't be the dumbest. Unless you have something profound or helpful to say, it's probably best to refrain from commenting. Don't be the unemployed person that others will read about because you said something stupid.

Unfortunately, I am also predicting that somewhere in our country this summer a police officer will lose their job because they used excessive force in an incident that was caught on videotape. There is video everywhere, and every human being I know carries a camera with them in their phone. Everyone reading this article knows that this prediction will come true. And it's not just the officer who loses his temper who will suffer in this fact pattern. There could be protests or riots. People will get hurt and property will be destroyed. This prediction will come true. Don't let it be you who fulfills it.

This summer, unfortunately, a police officer somewhere is going to get fired for putting in an overtime slip or a detail card for time they did not work. Some in the police world rationalize this as "the culture" of a police department. To non-law enforcement, however,

this is called "stealing." Someone, somewhere, is going to be fired (and likely criminally charged) for trying to get money they did not earn. The risk versus reward of such a scheme is simply not worth it. Don't lose your job or your pension for a few extra hours pay. Be content with what you have. Enjoy the summer.

I can also guarantee you that throughout the summer, several law enforcement officers will lose their jobs for ill-advised social media comments, Facebook posts, or poorly conceived Tweets. The social media posts may offend someone's race, religion, or they could offend fat people, skinny people, tall people, or short people. The posts may insult women or they might insult men. We

all have the freedom of speech, yet freedom of speech comes with consequences. In

addition to our freedom of speech, we all have the right to say that we have been offended or been victimized by hateful or stupid comments. Our world is full of feigned outrage. It is much more fun to laugh at someone else's mistake and say "did you see what that idiot posted?" than it is to be the idiot who posted it. Think before you post. And don't drink before you post.

I hate to say this, but somewhere this summer there will be a police officer shot and killed in an execution or an ambush. On the day that I am writing this, a forty-eight year old female police officer named Miosotis Familia was shot and killed in New York City in what is being called an "unprovoked attack." By the time you read this, many of you may have attended her funeral. The sad reality is that my prediction is likely to prove true, as much as I wish it wouldn't. My advice to you here is to be as hypervigilant as you can. Understand that you have a very dangerous job in a very dangerous time. Watch your back. Take care of yourself, and watch out for your brother and sister officers. And please hope I'm wrong on this one.

Sadly, this summer it is very likely that a police officer will be criticized for being too quick to shoot at a suspect. This could be a suspect who is running from the police, a suspect who appears to be reaching for a firearm, or an unarmed suspect who ends up getting shot by a jittery police officer. It could be a teenager or it could be an elderly person. I know this is a lousy prediction to make, but unfortunately it will probably happen. Hope it doesn't.

In continuing with the unpleasant predictions, sometime this summer there will probably be a police officer who gets injured or shot because that officer showed too much restraint. In your profession, you are often "damned if you do and damned if you don't." Regrettably, there will likely be a police officer who ends up getting injured or shot because they were fearful of media backlash for discharging their own weapon. An officer who chooses not to shoot when they would have been justified in discharging their weapon. Your chosen profession is not easy. Do the best you can, but make sure you go home safely at the end of each shift. Trust your instincts and your training. And also trust your union lawyers.

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The Academy Corner

By Police Officer William Shaw and Police Officer James F. Lydon, Jr.

Recruit Class #56-16

On June 21st, the Boston Police Academy graduated Boston Police Academy Class #56-16. Seventy officers finished up twenty-seven weeks of grueling training. Fifty-six of those new officers went to the depleted ranks of the Boston Police Department. The other fourteen new officers went to six neighboring departments: Andover, Chelsea, Dedham, Medford, Stoughton, and Tisbury. Through the efforts of the academy staff, Kathy Kearney and Dana McGillicuddy of the Boston Police Commissioner's Office, the Boston Police Honor Guard, the Boston Police Gaelic Column, Boston police cadets, and Police Officer Stephen McNulty, an impressive graduation ceremony was held for the new officers and their families. The ceremony took place at the newly renovated IBEW Local 103 Hall on Freeport Street. A special thanks to Local 103 business manager, Louis Antonellis, and his staff for the use of the facility and for their support during rehearsal and graduation. It took a lot of work, but it was a special day for the newest members of our family, and it was well worth the time and the effort involved. Thank you!



Teen Academy 2017

We are anticipating that a new class of about one hundred Boston recruit officers will be starting in late summer or early fall. In the meantime, Police Officer Darryl Owens and his staff will again be holding a teen academy at our facility. The Boston Police Teen Academy is a six week program that serves about forty-four teens. This is the eighth year that Officer Owens and his staff have run this groundbreaking, nationally recognized program. This academy introduces city teenagers in a very positive manner to the Boston Police Department and to Boston police officers. Good work, Darryl Owens and staff!

Park Rangers, Public Health Commission Police, and E-Learning

This spring, the academy staff trained twelve new recruits for the Boston Park Rangers and the Boston Public Health Commission Police. We also conducted in-service training for the Boston Public Health Commission Police. In regard to the electronic classroom, the academy provided E-Learning training for over 1,800 officers in the spring E-Learning program. The E-Learning staff – Captain Richard Sexton, Lieutenant John Flynn, Megan Lee, and Virginia Gaughan – has been developing a three course curriculum scheduled to start in the early fall. Stay tuned for the new season!

Active Shooter Training

The active shooter staff – Sergeant James Blake, Police Officer Kevin Welsh, Police Officer John Downey, and Police Officer Ricky Rabb – has been traveling throughout the city and has provided on-site training to several institutions. This spring, the active shooter staff provided extensive training to the Boston Centers for Family and Children, the Boston Public School Department, and the Boston School Police.

Have a great summer ... and safe summer! We hope that you have the opportunity to spend a little time with your families.

Kolton Hessman – Honorary Boston Police Officer

By Police Officer William Shaw & Police Officer James F. Lydon, Jr.

On Tuesday, June 13, 2017, Kolton Hessman was posthumously given the honor of becoming an honorary Boston Police Officer in a ceremony at the Boston Police Academy. Kolton's parents, Grant and Mimi Hessman, and his grandfather, disabled Vietnam veteran Richard Hessman, flew in from Knoxville, Tennessee, to receive this honor from Boston Police Commissioner William Evans. Kolton passed away on January 25, 2017, in Vanderbilt Children's Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee, while awaiting a heart transplant.

In December of 2016, Police Officer Kevin Welsh made us aware of Kolton's plight. Kolton was a three year old young man with a severe case of congenital heart disease (CHD) and his only hope of survival was a heart transplant. Kevin worked tirelessly with Recruit Class #56-16 and Kolton's family on an awareness program to locate a possible heart donor for Kolton. Kolton's father, Grant, was a sheriff in Georgia for nine years. In August of 2013, Grant left his job and moved his family to Tennessee so Kolton could receive the medical treatment he needed at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.

Kolton loved police officers and expressed a strong desire to become a police officer when he grew up. Not only did Officer Kevin Welsh and the recruits (now police officers) from Class #56-16 work on the awareness campaign, but they sent Kolton a package of items from the BPD and the academy. Part of the curriculum at the academy is to encourage community involvement and giving back. Class #56-16, led by its class president, Police Officer Anthony Twining, did an excellent job in this area. They participated in several events and charities during their twenty-seven weeks at the academy, but their involvement in Kolton's condition was special.

A team from Recruit Class #56-16 placed third in the 2017 Run to Remember, and was awarded \$1,500.00 from the Boston Police Runners Club. Class #56-16 donated this money to the World of Broken Hearts in Kolton's memory.



This is a charity that is dedicated to research for children with congenital heart disease. This connection with Kolton Hessman and his family was a great lesson for Recruit Class #56-16, and for all of us at the academy.

On June 13, 2017, Kolton's family travelled to Boston to thank Officer Welsh and Recruit Class #56-16 for their efforts on Kolton's behalf. In return, the Boston Police Department and the Boston Police Patrolman's Association posthumously recognized Kolton's strength, courage, and compassion.

This is a lesson for us all.



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Sadly remembering Vietnam and those who answered our country's call to duty

Lest we forget those who fought in Vietnam... a little history most people will never know. Interesting Veterans' Statistics off the Vietnam Memorial Wall. There are 58,267 names now listed on that polished black wall, including those added in 2010. The names are arranged in the order in which they were taken from us by date and within each date the names are alphabetized. It is hard to believe it is 57 years since the first casualty.

The first known casualty was **Richard B. Fitzgibbon**, of North Weymouth, Mass. Listed by the U.S. Department of Defense as having been killed on June 8, 1956. His name is listed on the Wall with that of his son, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. **Richard B. Fitzgibbon III**, who was killed on Sept. 7, 1965. There are three sets of fathers and sons on the Wall.

39,996 on the Wall were just 22 or younger. 8,283 were just 19 years old. The largest age group, 33,103 were 18 years old. Twelve soldiers on the Wall were 17 years old. Five soldiers on the Wall were 16 years old. One soldier, PFC **Dan Bullock** was 15 years old. 997 soldiers were killed on their first day in Vietnam. 1,448 soldiers were killed on their last day in Vietnam. Thirty-one sets of brothers are on the Wall. Thirty-one sets of parents lost two of their sons. 54 soldiers attended Thomas Edison High School in Philadelphia. I wonder why so many from one school. Eight women are on the Wall, nursing the wounded.

244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War; 153 of them are on the Wall. Beallsville, Ohio with a population of 475 lost 6 of her sons.

West Virginia had the highest casualty rate per capita in the nation. There are 711 West Virginians on the Wall.

The Marines of Morenci – They led some of the scrappiest high

school football and basketball teams that the little Arizona copper town of Morenci (pop. 5,058) had ever known and cheered. They enjoyed roaring beer busts. In quieter moments, they rode horses along the Coronado Trail, stalked deer in the Apache National Forest. And in the patriotic camaraderie typical of Morenci's mining families, the nine graduates of Morenci High enlisted as a group in the Marine Corps. Their service began on Independence Day, 1966. Only three returned home.

The Buddies of Midvale - **LeRoy Tafoya, Jimmy Martinez, Tom Gonzales** were all boyhood friends and lived on three consecutive streets in Midvale, Utah on Fifth, Sixth and Seventh avenues. They lived only a few yards apart. They played ball at the adjacent sandlot ball field. And they all went to Vietnam. In a span of 16 dark days in late 1967, all three would be killed. LeRoy was killed on Wednesday, Nov. 22, the fourth anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination. Jimmy died less than 24 hours later on Thanksgiving Day. Tom was shot dead assaulting the enemy on Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

The most casualty deaths for a single day was on January 31, 1968 – 245 deaths. The most casualty deaths for a single month was May 1968 – 2,415 casualties were incurred.

For most Americans who read this they will only see the numbers that the Vietnam War created. To those of us who survived the war, and to the families of those who did not, we see the faces, we feel the pain that these numbers created. We are, until we too pass away, haunted with these numbers, because they were our brothers, friends, fathers, husbands, wives, sons and daughters. There are no noble wars, just noble warriors.

“COVFEFE”

By P.O. Jay Moccia

I've been a Police Officer a long time, and with the addition of three sons on the job, I know a lot of other cops, I recognize some more, by face, not knowing their names, just that they're Brother and Sister Officers. Most of us can also claim to know many, though not all of our co-workers, but every cop knows Captain Saidtodoit, and Lieutenant Toldmetotellya.



A new trend in the South is the removal of monuments commemorating Generals, Flags, Politicians, and other symbols of the Confederacy. I disagree with this revisionist history, but considering the Democrats were the party of slavery, Jim Crow, the KKK, and Segregation – if I were a liberal I'd be trying to whitewash this type of oppression...



Speaking of segregation, Harvard University (*yes, THAT ONE!*) who you may remember demanded a change to the school crest because its founder John Harvard owned slaves, held its first-ever “Black Only” graduation ceremony. Congratulations! You’ve played yourself! File under: how is this diversity?



Democrats claim the Trump budget will starve children. I recall a certain former First Lady (Democrat) who championed the fight against childhood obesity...why do the Dems now hate thin kids??



With the slaughter of Christians in the Middle East, and the continued failure of “moderate” Muslims to step in, instead of just ignoring these massacres, the Pope should be calling for a Crusade against ISIS.



New York City’s Annual Puerto Rican Pride Parade has stirred up a bit of controversy after organizers initially sought to honor Oscar Lopez Rivera, a former leader of: *Fuerzas Armadas de Liberación Nacional Puertorriqueña*, a militant group responsible for over 120 bombings including several in NYC resulting in at least five deaths. He was offered clemency in 1999 by President Clinton (Bill, not her; LOL) if he denounced violence, which he refused, but this year, his 75 year sentence was commuted by outgoing President Obama. (Reminder gentle reader, commuted **IS NOT** the same as pardoned). Corporate sponsors have pulled out, the Governor and Police Chief have refused to participate, but flaming liberal Mayor Bill DeBlasio has vowed the show will go on. As of press time, Lopez Rivera has stated he will not accept the “National Freedom Hero” award from organizers, sparing them from further addressing the situation. Of course, not missing a beat, one NYC City Councilor blamed “Ultra Right Wing” interference. I’m reasonably certain NY Gov. Cuomo, and Sen. Schumer who both were boycotting the event aren’t on that team...



Tom Brady’s missing Super Bowl jersey was located in Mexico. Maybe the Mexicans were going to auction it off to pay for the Wall...



Why do heroin addicts get a safe space indoors to shoot up, but nicotine addicts have to indulge “at least 25 feet from the doorway???” I guess only some addictions are diseases...



Coffee beans in an Espresso Martini are OK, but coffee grinds in

the bottom of my cup...not so much.



*Funny, Hillary keeps running around, blaming everyone but herself for her election loss. During each speech or interview she rails about Trump’s “Russian ties, and collusion.” Gee Hill, what about **YOUR** Russian ties? They must be too painful to mention, because the Russians, chose someone more fun... file under RESIST listening to that old lying windbag whiner.*



Speaking of which, instead of all this speculation about Russian interference and collusion, lets agree with the Democrats and look at election fraud, like what the DNC did during the primary to Sanders, Donna Brazile’s “help” at debates, Soros and his paid agitators, you know the real FACTS we have. Not to mention Voter Fraud, which I **WON’T** because the last few guys who did, well let’s just say it’s a coincidence they’re all *no longer a problem*. #istandwithhannity



And this hysteria among Democrats just won’t stop. Referring to Republican plans to dismantle Obamacare, our own Senator Elizabeth Warren said she hoped Republicans would donate their bodies to science so that she could cut them open.



I was speaking to a fellow Officer who told me she had plans to buy a nice safe Swedish vehicle but couldn’t get one because of how expensive they were. It was a real Saab story. (Thanks, Jess...maybe.)



On a recent flight from Orlando, totally without thinking, I opened a bag of Planters Salted Peanuts I had brought on board. Miraculously, no one died.



Almost a hundred years ago, in 1919, the Boston Police Department went on strike. Among their major complaints – 10 hour plus days, forced in for parades, elections, other special events, while working anywhere between 75-90 hours a week... sound familiar?



*And in another interesting tidbit from 1919, these cops, many of them veterans of the Great War (WWI) were disparaged as troublesome traitors by then Governor Calvin Coolidge. I won’t delve into the callous remarks from HQ leveled at our current crop of veteran officers (our President is handling it). **BUT** I don’t hear the Fire Department complaining about the Vets they hire...*



D-List celebrity and unfunny comedienne Kathy Griffin tastelessly posed with a knife and a bloody masked bearing a likeness to President Trump. The photo caused a storm of controversy resulting in Griffin being fired by CNN from her yearly gig as New Year’s Eve host. Comic venues also cancelled all upcoming performances. In true liberal fashion, she lawyered up, issued a phony, insincere apology and blamed President Trump, his family and of course, the unnamed “bunch of old white guys” for ruining her “career.” Umm, sorry, **YOU** ruined your career, all by yourself. OK, I’m all for free speech, but this bottom feeder crossed the line and has to face the consequences. Look at the bright side, she didn’t lose much... and before my liberal friends call me a hypocrite remember how anyone who made sport of Obama was treated. Heck, look at how we at the Pax were treated...



Oh, those crazy kids from the Religion of Peace are up to their shenanigans again... this time, a suicide bomber targeted an Ariana Grande concert in Manchester, England. A venue mostly filled with tween girls and their families. The shrapnel-filled device killed 20, and injured over a hundred more. ISIS claimed responsibility, and as usual the media both here and abroad were quick to warn against a backlash of islamaphobia. Now I'm no Rhodes Scholar, but a "phobia" is an irrational fear. There's nothing irrational about a bunch of dead innocents, mostly children. I'm sick of fools preaching "love" after these attacks. Although I'd "love" it if we killed more of these savages...



A second concert was held to raise money for the victims, featuring a star-studded line-up at the same venue. Manchester Police were filmed kicking up their heels and dancing along with many in the crowd in a show of support. While I appreciate their humanity and empathy, I'd rather see them kicking in doors, and making these animals dance at the end of a rope.



Scarcely two weeks later another attack, this time in London, left eight dead and scores injured as three more serene paradise seeking Islamists used a truck and knives to attack pedestrians on London Bridge and the nearby Borough Market restaurant district. London Police dispatched these zealots in a barrage of over 50 rounds. The Government deemed them "Lone Wolf" attackers, but the ensuing investigation has resulted in dozens of arrests. ISIS claimed responsibility, and the backlash cost PM May's ruling party more than a few seats in Parliament. File under: Londonistan.



While here, in Texas of course, a bill has been filed outlawing Sharia Law implementation anywhere in the Lone Star State. God Bless **TEXAS!!** Here, in Massachusetts, Libs are pushing for the whole state to go sanctuary...ugh...gag...retch!



A California man has been charged after using a flare gun to discharge a shotgun round filled with Rice Krispies at a homeless encampment. The victim sustained injury to his hand, but is refusing to cooperate with police. Snap! Crackle! POP!



President Trump visited Saudi Arabia, and unlike the last guy, **DID NOT BOW** to the King. Nor did the First Lady choose to cover her head in deference. Score one for MAGA. **BUT** both the First Lady and First Daughter **DID** wear veils in Vatican City...nicely done Trumps.



Former FBI director Comey testified before Congress. It was like Al Capone's Vault, All hype, but nothing of great value in it...



Trump also pulled the US out of the Paris Accords, a green energy scam that would cripple the US economy, while giving China, Russia, India, *et al* an unfair advantage over us. Sadly, the Liberal outrage proved correct, the sea levels rose and greenhouse gasses expanded. Not because of "climate change" but from their phony tears and hot air whines...



As everyone on the job who's been ordered to work a second shift can attest, we're short staffed at every level as calls for service increase as fast as Boston's population rises. We are in the business of Public Safety, but a better job of screening needs to be done before

*sending cops on fool's errands. Case in point: An officer sent to a market to mediate a return of fish that smelled...fishy. Cops are being tied up on lost cell phones, cars parked too close, and many other non-police calls for service, simply because the word **NO** won't be spoken. So in the spirit of this senseless waste of resources, I'd like all P.O.'s to send me their worst, stupidest, silliest non-law enforcement related call for service via the Pax. Please don't use your department email. Put: All things to all people in the subject box. Every month the best one will get a prize – TBD. Maybe if we compile enough, call screening will make a comeback.*



With Summer here, and a million events planned for the City, time off, and days off will most likely be non-existent. I urge you all to make the most of what time you can get. Kids are out of school, and family obligations, etc. don't always follow the same schedule as the BPD. If you get overwhelmed, help is a phone call away, no one will judge you.



*Covfefe, tweeted by Trump, or Bush as Nancy Pelosi referred to him as **TWICE!** Is the latest nonsense word to come out of Washington, a place **RENNOWN** for nonsense. Its meaning will remain forever unknown, like the number of licks to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop. So gentle reader, use it freely in any situation, you'll never get in trouble substituting it for a noun, verb, adjective or expletive. In closing, stay cool, watch out for each other, try not to get sunburned or ordered. "Bartender, another round of Covfefe for all my friends, don't forget the little umbrellas..."*

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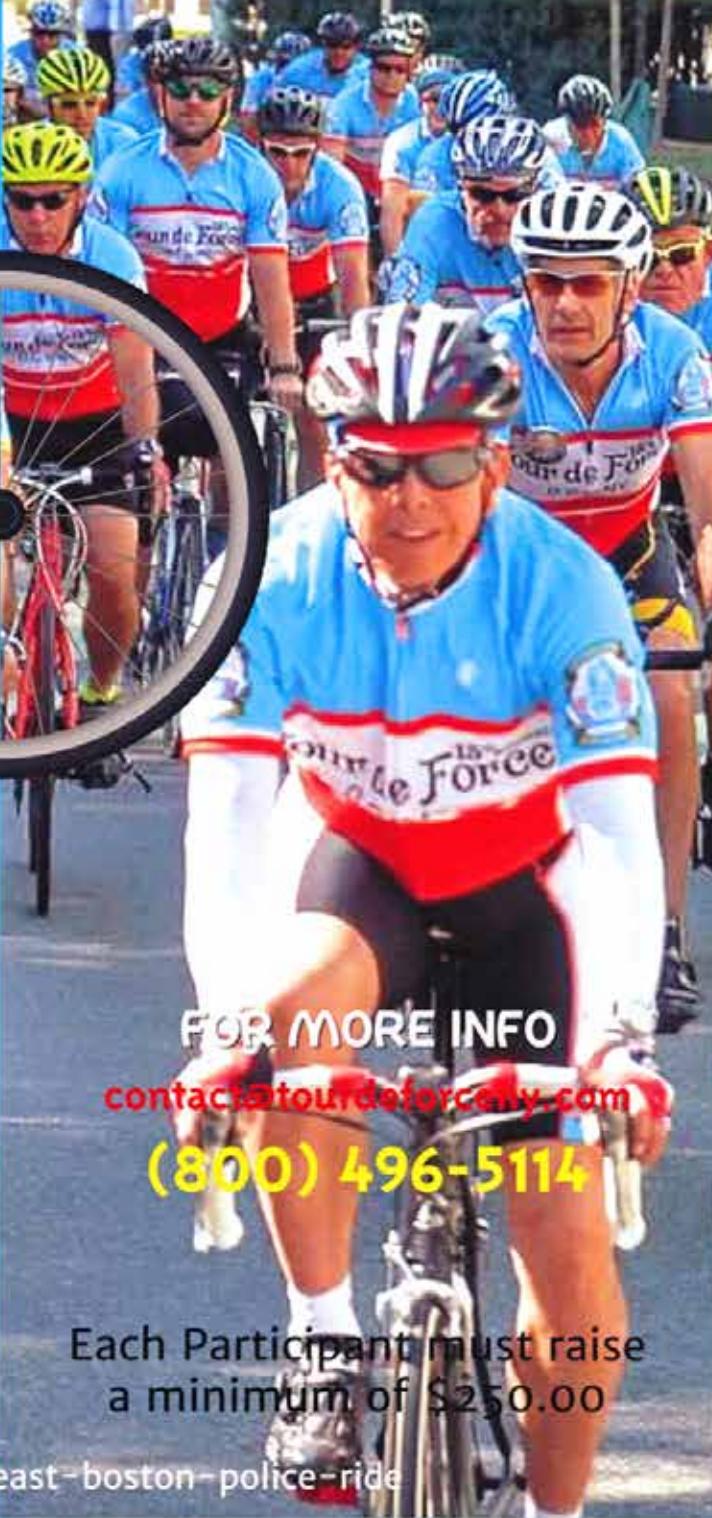
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The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant, they aren't scared of anything, they have been blessed to live this long, why be scared?
And I don't have acne.

Life is Good! Also, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this, if you are a Seenager.

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much.

People do not decline mentally with age, it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains.

Scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts pressure on your inner ear.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for.

It is NOT a memory problem, it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

SO THERE!!

Summer observations, random thoughts, current events...

From **Observations** on page 40

THE GREAT UNKNOWN: SPUR-OF-THE-MOMENT RETIREMENT DECISIONS: As a very simple Human Resources/Personnel matter, the department is of course aware of who among our sworn employees **must** retire in the coming years as a function of age, but the great unknown is the number of employees who **may** retire and can do so at a moment's whim. It may be a decision that occurs in a moment this summer sitting on a back deck overlooking the lake in New Hampshire or down the Cape, or a well-planned decision which will and should be in your own best interests (but not necessarily be viewed that way by the proverbial "department's need's barometer"). Whatever, wherever, and whenever you make your decision, make sure you make it with good advice from our officers assigned to the family assistance unit and their contacts at the City of Boston retirement board. It's a big decision with a lot of variables and very specific, individual choices. Make sure you seek good, sound advice from knowledgeable people. Don't be caught, as the retirement board counselors have told us, taking advice from those same people who seem to be quoted all the time by mis/mal-informed prospective retirees, named "Somebodytoldme" and "IthoughtIheardthat...". Those people have cost many a retiree a lot of money. Do your homework...

A CLICHÉ, MAYBE, BUT... As I write this piece, an officer in NYC has been assassinated as she sat in a command truck doing paperwork, and we await funeral arrangements. Shootings have exploded here in Boston once again, and it is no exaggeration to say that we're safer in Kabul or Baghdad than on the South Side of Chicago. We make jokes, we laugh, but please, be careful out there. Your goal is to make it to the point where you can make that retirement decision on your own terms, and not have it made for you by some maggot with a political agenda and a chip on his shoulder...

"Modernizing" the Massachusetts wiretap law – What are the actual changes?

From **Wiretap** on page 47

- electronic, cellular, and other technological means, and any data transmitted, including videos, texts, and photographs.
- 4. It specifically excludes body-mounted cameras and vehicle-mounted cameras from the definition of "intercepting device."
- 5. It broadens the definition of "interception" to make clear that law enforcement officers may obtain information in real time concerning the existence of a communication and the identity of the parties to a communication where such action is authorized by a court.
- 6. It broadens the definition of "contents" to include spoken words, visual images, or written material.
- 7. It increases the amount of time a warrant is effective, from 15 days to 30 days.
- 8. It requires the warrant to identify the agency authorized to intercept the communications and of the person authorizing the application.
- 9. It allows execution of the warrant by "any designated individual operating under a contract with the commonwealth," currently is it only by the authorized applicant or an investigative or law enforcement officer.
- 10. It allows a judge to order a provider or person to furnish information necessary to accomplish the interception, and for that provider/person to be compensated for reasonable expenses in providing such assistance

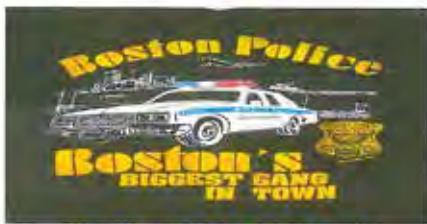
This bill is expected to be reviewed later this session by the Legislature. At the very least, it does broaden the definition of crimes for which wiretapping can be used and updates the technology involved. I'm happy to discuss any aspect of it. As always, feel free to stop in and say hello and ask whatever is on your mind.

SPORTS TRIVIA

By **Bill Carroll**

- 1. What season were the most home runs hit in Major League Baseball?
- 2. Who was the last major leaguer to hit 50 home runs in a season and not win the MVP Award?
- 3. Who was the last American golfer to win the British Open?
- 4. What major leaguer appeared in the most All-Star games?
- 5. Who holds the American League record for the most home runs in a season?
- 6. What was the last major league team to appear in consecutive World Series?
- 7. What three NFL teams do not hold training camp in the state that they play their home games in?
- 8. The NFL recently made a change in regards to overtime situations, can you name that change?
- 9. Prior to this year when was the last time the NHL held an expansion draft?
- 10. When was the last time the NBA added an expansion team?

See **Sports Trivia Answers** on page 66



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MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW IN AUGUST



Ahh... the things that happen in summer

From Summer on page 49

Finally, this summer there will be a police officer somewhere who is fired for writing a false police report that was contradicted by video evidence. Back when I was listening to Alice Cooper in fourth grade, I could also watch Sergeant Joe Friday on the TV show *Dragnet* as he said "Just the facts, ma'am." That is what you need in your reports. Just the facts. Not the fiction. Somewhere, an officer will stray from fact to fiction, and the lies in their report will be borne out by a videotape. Just the facts, you all.

Of course there are positive predictions that I could make that surely will come true. You won't read about most of the positive ones in the newspapers though. There will be heroics by police officers. There will be selfless acts. There will be bridge building in the communities. Most officers will do thankless tasks that help make the lives of the people they serve better, although those will go mostly unnoticed and unappreciated. Maybe one or two of you will even drive an ice cream truck. All of the positive predictions here will come true. Thank you all for that.

Summer is a great time. It's my favorite season. Hopefully I didn't just ruin it for you. I hope you all stay safe and have amazing summers. Enjoy all the good that summer has to offer, but please protect yourself from the self-inflicted injuries that can occur in your profession. I am certain that almost all of my predictions for the summer will come true. Hopefully some of them don't happen. You can't control what other people do, but make sure they don't happen to you. Make sure they don't happen in Boston. Stay safe this summer, and please protect yourself as best as you can.



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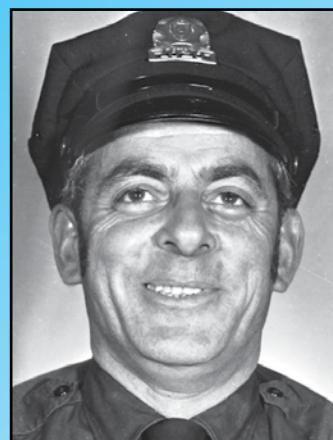
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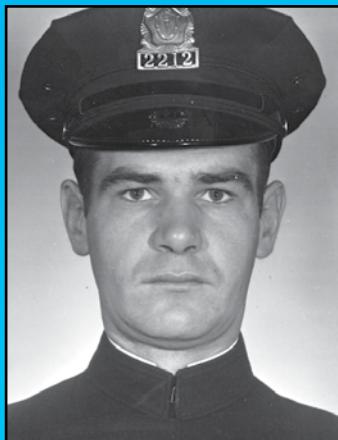


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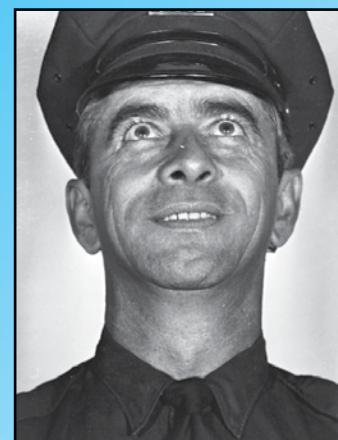
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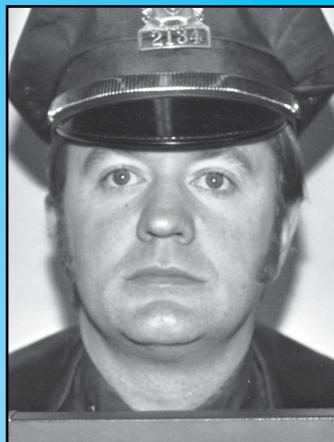
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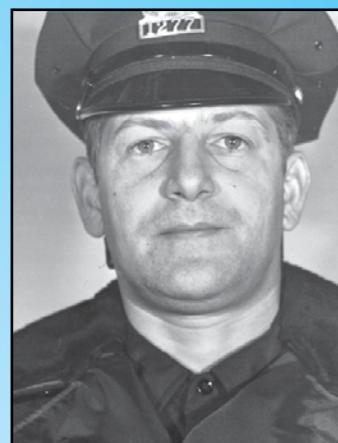
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Bird feeders... a parable

I bought a bird feeder. I hung it on my back porch and filled it with seed. What a beauty of a bird feeder it was, as I filled it lovingly with seed. Within a week we had hundreds of birds taking advantage of the continuous flow of free and easily accessible food.

But then the birds started building nests in the boards of the patio, above the table, and next to the barbecue. Then came the shit. It was everywhere: on the patio tile, the chairs, the table...everywhere! Then some of the birds turned mean. They would dive bomb me and try to peck me even though I had fed them out of my own pocket. And others birds were boisterous and loud.

They sat on the feeder and squawked and screamed at all hours of the day and night and demanded that I fill it when it got low on food. After a while, I couldn't even sit on my own back porch anymore

So I took down the bird feeder and in three days the birds were gone. I cleaned up their mess and took down the many nests they had built all over the patio. Soon, the back yard was like it used to be... quiet, serene... and no one demanding their rights to a free meal.

Now let's see... Our government gives out free food, subsidized housing, free medical care and free education, and allows anyone born here to be an automatic citizen. Then the illegals came by the tens of thousands. Suddenly our taxes went up to pay for free services; small apartments are housing five families; you have to wait six hours to be seen by an emergency room doctor; Your child's second grade class is behind other schools because over half the class doesn't speak English. Corn Flakes now come in a bilingual box; I have to 'press one' to hear my bank talk to me in English, and people waving flags other than "ours" are squawking and screaming in the streets, demanding more rights and free liberties. Just my opinion, but maybe it's time for the government to take down the bird feeder. If you agree, pass it on; if not, just continue cleaning up the shit!

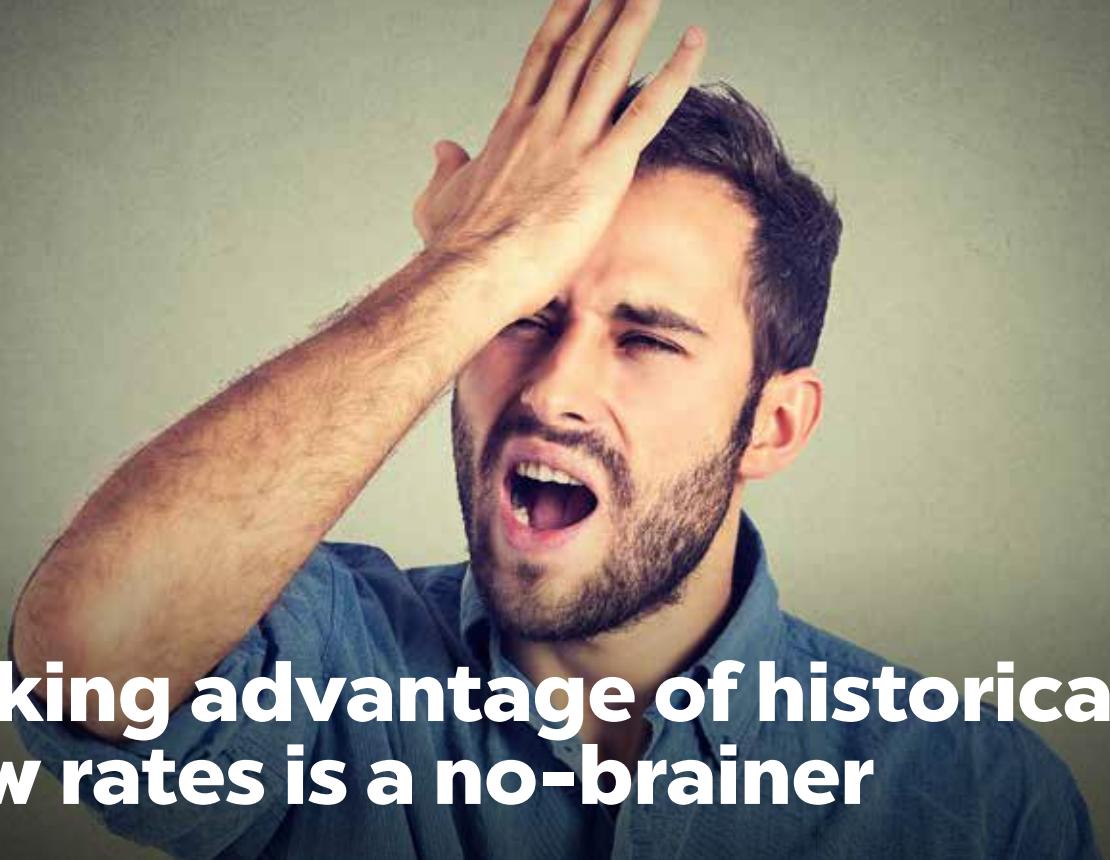
Sports trivia...

From Sports Trivia Questions on page 61

1. The last time the NBA expanded was in 2004 when the Charlotte Bobcats entered the league.
2. In 1977, 3,644 home runs were hit during the MLB season which is a record that still stands today. 2,013 were hit in the American League, and 1,631 in the National League.
3. The last American golfer to win the British Open was Zach Johnson in 2015.
4. Hank Aaron appeared in 25 All Star games during his career which is an MLB record.
5. The American League record for most home runs in a season is held by Roger Maris who belted 61 in 1961.
6. The last team to appear in consecutive World Series was the Kansas City Royals who did it in 2014-15.
7. The three NFL teams that do not hold training camp in the state of Carolina, West Virginia, and the Carolina Panthers who play in Charlotte, North Carolina but hold training camp in Spartanburg, South Carolina.
8. The recent change that the NFL made in regards to overtime was shortening the overtime period from 15 minutes to 10 minutes.
9. Prior to the upcoming season the last time the NHL expanded was in 2000 when the Columbus Blue Jackets and Minnesota Wild entered the league.
10. The last time the NBA expanded was in 2004 when the Charlotte Bobcats entered the league.



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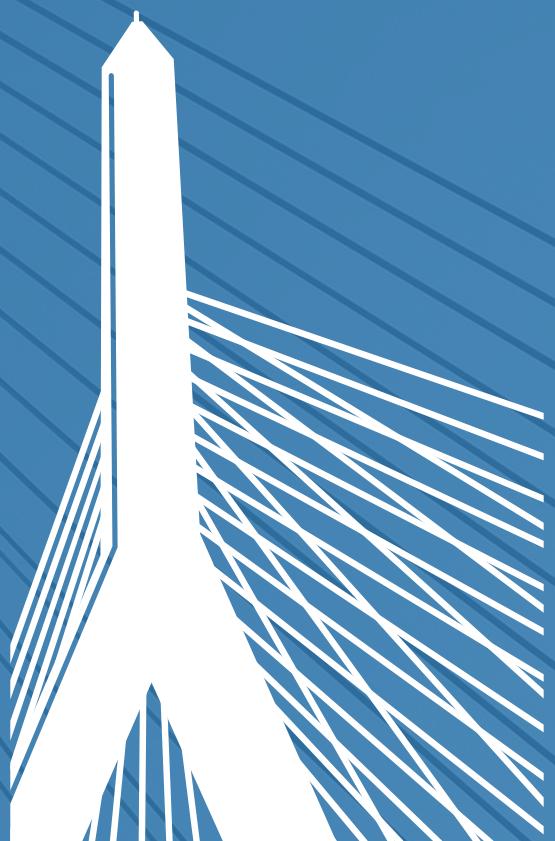
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