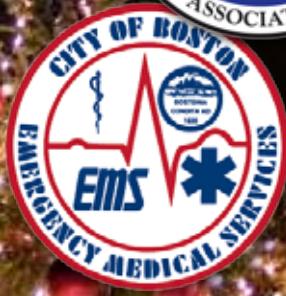


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The crew for the BPPA Blood Drive gather outside BPPA Headquarters on October 26th.



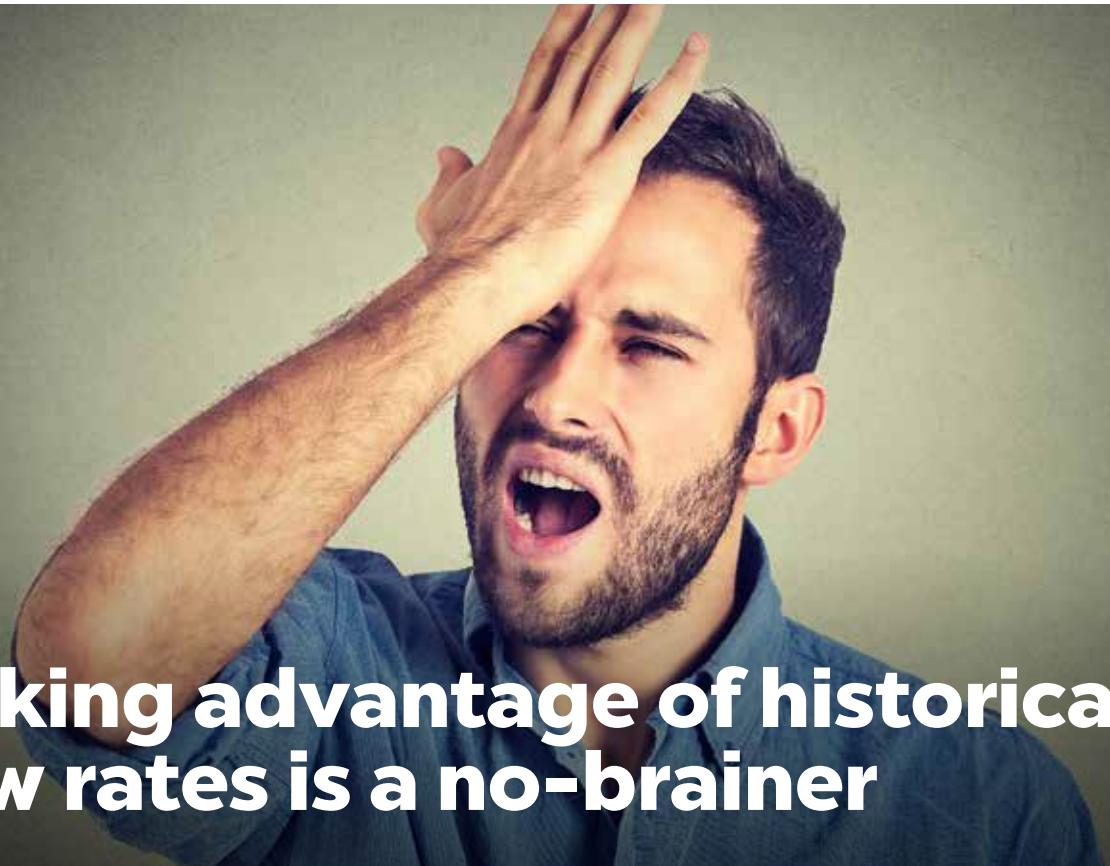
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Being Thankful this Christmas

With the Holidays upon us, Thanksgiving just passed and Christmas and New Years ahead, (*yes, I used the ‘C’ word: Christmas*), we are extremely Thankful for the gifts bestowed upon us; most notably the ongoing recovery of Officers **Matt Morris** and **Richie Cintolo**. I Thank God every day for the Blessing of their lives being spared, (not to mention the outstanding work performed by EMS along with the Nurses and Doctors), and the absolute courage and professionalism displayed by Officer **Eric Schmidt**.

The word “Hero” has been thrown around quite a bit over the past few years; it’s been used to describe sports legends, political figures, celebrities and even social activists, although some of these people may have deserved recognition and in some cases even our accolades, they were not and are not Heroes. For a true description of who a Hero is or what deeds depict true Heroic action, please take time to read the reports describing the actions taken by Officer **Eric Schmidt** on October 12, 2016, or take the time to actually speak with Officers Cintolo and Morris. Anyone that doesn’t believe in God should take a long look on how the stars aligned that fateful night. If Eric hadn’t been transferred to East Boston and working that night, If Matt and Richie weren’t as strong as they are physically and mentally, if a tanker wasn’t making its’ way through the harbor that night, if a renowned vascular surgeon and his team were not on duty at Mass General that night, *if, if, if...*

I hope everyone understands how unbelievably lucky we, as an organization, have been over the past few years. Our members have been attacked and yes, shot in record numbers and either through sheer luck or possibly divine intervention we haven’t had to bury one of our own from on-duty violence in quite a while, even though we’ve attended many funerals from other departments around the State and Country.

I would certainly hope that all people recognize how truly dangerous this job really is and once again show the respect to our members that they deserve. It may take years for the anti-police sentiment that has been fostered by some across this country to subside, but I know in my heart and soul that regardless of how we

are treated by a vocal minority within society, our members will continue to show up when called, will continue to display the most professional behavior possible in any situation and continue in our mission to protect and serve the citizens of our great City.

Speaking of Heroes, the Boston Police Relief Association just hosted the Annual BPD Awards Ceremony. This year’s ceremony was held at the Irish Social Club in West Roxbury on December 4th. Many of our members were recognized and their achievements celebrated. It’s absolutely amazing to sit through this ceremony every year and listen to the stories relating to the fantastic police work and absolute Heroic actions performed by our members, who mostly will exclaim; “I was only doing my job.” This “job,” is like no other, brave men and woman continue to run towards the danger to insure the safety of others. Even after being shot, wounded, beaten or fighting the most desperate of criminals our members continue to perform admirably, rendering aid physically and emotionally along with protecting the most innocent around us; if that isn’t Heroism I just don’t know what is. You cannot help but feel proud as you sit with your Brothers and Sisters who are being celebrated!

As busy as this season can be, please take the time to reach out to all of these Heroes and give them a well deserved pat on the back. Let them know that we all appreciate each other and the “jobs” that we collectively perform.

Collective Bargaining Agreement

Please allow me to shift gears here; We are currently involved in active negotiations with the City of Boston for a successor collective bargaining agreement. We must reiterate; it is our sincere hope and desire that we can bring back a negotiated offer that we deem worthy of your review and ultimate vote.

Even though we have publically stated our desire to achieve a collectively bargained contract, anyone reading this missive should fully understand that we will always choose the path that best supports the majority of our membership’s needs and desires. Hopefully, those making the decisions choose to show you the

respect you deserve. Speaking of bargaining, please don’t allow yourselves to be pulled into the guardroom banter of what is and what is not being bargained. We are all aware of the ‘Guardroom Lawyers or Experts’ that have the ‘inside knowledge’ of what’s going on. If you have a question or a comment, if you have ideas you want to express, please speak with your representative, drop by or call your Union Hall at 295 Freeport St. We know that bargaining time can be very frustrating, whether you feel you’re not being heard or your concerns are not being addressed to the fullest. We have and will continue to keep your representatives informed of everything going on and they in turn should be communicating with you. We absolutely understand that there is no way to keep everyone happy, but don’t allow yourselves to



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The Night Before Christmas

By Clement Clarke Carnell

Clement Clarke Moore (1779-1863) wrote the famous poem "A visit from St. Nicholas" – AKA "The Night Before Christmas". The editor apologizes in advance for any hurt or offended feelings which may emanate from this satirical mangling of Mr. Moore's famous poem. Any resemblance to actual ACLU lawyers living in our local, elitist, liberal neighborhoods is wholly coincidental and unintended.

T'was the night before Christmas,
and throughout the old Hub,
The patrol force had finished their Christmas-Eve grub.
Their stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that a contract soon would be there.

Across the country, the state, and locally too,
This year had been tough for the thin line of blue.
The murders of cops, the assaults on police,
Made us question sincerely this "Season of Peace."

With attacks from our foes and the media's screwing,
We wondered aloud if this job was worth doing.
One hand tied behind us and one covered our head,
While hundreds looked forward to retirement's bed.

When what to our wondering eyes did appear,
But Santa and sleigh pulled by mangy reindeer!
His suit was disheveled,
like he'd just fought through Gaza,
But Santa explained he'd just left Schroeder Plaza.

From his wrinkled red suit dangled a body-worn cam,
And he shook his old fist that was big as a ham!
"They put on this camera to try to catch Santa,
Drinking anything stronger than Pepsi or Fanta."

"So these cameras they strapped all over my body,
To stop from enjoying a hot whisky-toddy!
When I visit the kids, I bring candy and toffee,
But on a cold Christmas Eve.... Kahlua and coffee!"

"Come along for the ride boys,
in the back of the sleigh,
I've learned that these cameras can work a new way.
They invented these things to "catch" cops
who wear blue,
But I've learned to turn tables.....
it works on them, too!"

"On, Comet! On, Cupid! On, Donner and Blitzen!
To a liberal's house whose wife's a real Vixen!
On, Dasher, On, Dancer, and On, Rudolph, too!
This guy is a lawyer for the A-C-L-U!"

No creature was stirring, not even a mouse,
As we landed our sleigh on the rich liberal's house.
The quiet was broken by Rudolph's left hoof,
As he let go his bowels on top of the roof.

And then we could hear it, a scream through the wall!
A domestic disturbance – a 9-1-1 call!
With her bottle of wine, she could scream like a witch,
And she answered the door wearing hardly a stitch!

"My husband's a bum, and a cheater" she said,
As a frying pan landed on top of his head.
"He's the liberal lawyer who thought
cameras were swell,
Till I caught him and his girlfriend
at the No-tell Motel."

"Turn those cameras OFF," he screamed with a curse,
Quoting BPD policy, chapter and verse.
"I don't give my permission, to film in my house,"
As he hid 'neath the table, a terrified mouse.

Said the wife: "Keep recording,
'cuz you'll need it at trial,
If I get my hands on him, he'll be dead in a while!
He's the King, I'm the Queen, and you cops,
just a pawn...
He demands it be OFF? I demand it be ON!"

To film... or to not?..., t'was a body-cam riddle,
And we came to realize: we were caught in the middle!
We were damned if we don't and damned if we do,
But this policy was co-written... by the A-C-L-U!

So the camera stayed on, at the demand of the wife,
And we wished the young lawyer a wonderful life,
When he threatened to sue us as he ran out the door,
We shipped off a copy to news-channel four.

Seems the body-cam's great when it catches a cop,
But when the lens is on THEM,
the recording should STOP!
The public wants action, the public loves fights –
But when the mirror's turned 'round,
it's "Protect Civil Rights!"

Santa climbed in his sleigh, tore the cam off his body,
And he laughed as he threw down
a hot whiskey-toddy,
And we heard him exclaim as he flew out of sight,
"Screw the ACLU, Merry Christmas, Good Night."



Yuletide grievances and bargaining

TO SAY THIS HAS BEEN A BUSY YEAR WOULD BE A GROSS UNDERSTATEMENT! We've moved into a new building, weathered storm-after-storm with the body-camera controversy, protests, mandatory-overtime, Verizon strikes, and a host of deadly assaults on police officers, both nationally and locally. But for the grace of God, fellow Boston police officers, EMT's and outstanding physicians at the MGH, we may well have been without **Matt Morris** and **Richie Cintolo**. Compared to that horrible night on Gladstone St. in East Boston, everything else pales in comparison.

However, because the subject has been so mangled due to miscommunication and rumor, I will briefly touch upon the issue of bargaining. Through the proverbial grapevine which weaves its way through various and sundry guardrooms, the rumor mill has been working overtime. We've heard everything from concrete wage percentages being offered – (*but refused by the leadership for some unknown reasons!*) to wildly-inaccurate rumors that are both laughable and pathetically sad. Police officers should be immediately suspect of rumors whispered through stations by unknown sources. A basic ground rule is this: until something is in writing, listen to and believe **NOTHING**.

Bargaining for a new contract is immensely difficult and complicated. Our membership wants many different things addressed, from wages to benefits and everything in between. Health and safety issues, medical insurance, education and seniority incentives; all of these items are of varied importance and often depend on the individual member's priorities and needs at a given moment in time. Trying to satisfy the expectations and desires of the newest members and the oldest members is a difficult juggling act. Sometimes, in trying to please everyone, we please no one.

But also remember that the City and the department have management desires, wants and needs. Some are real, and some are purely political in nature. While trying to advance as many of our member's wants and needs, we are constantly battling the City trying to maintain current benefits and push back against management prerogatives. We are very much aware of the outstanding work that

BPPA members perform every day, and we hope the City acknowledges that fine work at the bargaining table. If bargaining was as easy as simply showing the City the excellent work we do every day, we'd have no problem and a contract would be signed, sealed and delivered quickly. But it's not...

Politics, internal and external, always plays a role in bargaining, like it or not. It is a frustrating, time-consuming, often messy and difficult process. It's often been compared to watching sausage being made. But rumors make the process much harder. Every time we hear one, we try to address the matter with the truth, and then another rumor is begun elsewhere. **PLEASE:** when something concrete is ready to be presented to the membership for consideration, it will first be placed before the BPPA House of Representatives who will initially decide whether the proposal is worthy for presentation to the members. Then, the proposal will be returned to the general body for discussion, debate, questions and answers and finally, hopefully, a vote. It is always our desire to have a contract that is voted on by the members rather than one that is decided at an arbitrator's table. Arbitration is a last resort when impasse has been reached, but it is not a panacea. We can lose in arbitration, and have in the past. But please be assured that if and when a written proposal is worthy of your consideration, we will present it to you. Until then, please help us by stamping out rumors before they start. And the definition of a rumor is: anything that's not in writing with a signature(s) affixed.

We're moving forward with a wide variety of grievances, some that affect individual members, some particular units or districts, and some that affect the whole membership. One matter of great importance is currently awaiting a decision from the Mass. SJC.: (the Dave Williams case). We certainly hope it is returned in our favor, it is that important.

Most importantly, have a great Holiday with your families. Remember what is truly important. Back each other up, stay safe. Going home at the end of your tour is the top priority. Merry Christmas, one and all!

A Message from the President...

From President on page 3

be pulled down into the despair of a few unhappy people, (they will always exist no matter what). I can assure you that we are indeed representing your best interest and will continue to do so.

**Have a healthy, prosperous
and safe New Year!**

Well, here we are, another year in the books with Christmas and New Year fast approaching. Our workforce another year older and much more tired. Our workload has appeared to double with the amount of new assignments we are responsible for along with what appears to be a constant threat against us. The good news is that we have 80 new Recruits in the academy. With any luck we will graduate at least 65 or so in June just in time

for the summer, (that will just about cover the 75 or 80 Patrolmen lost to ratings, promotions and retirements this past year). We have 40 or so new Cadets out in the districts and unit's taking care of a little bit of the administrative load. Everyone in City Government is aware of the upcoming exodus of senior Patrolmen and assure us that they are working towards increasing our numbers within the ranks, that will be a welcome relief to the already overworked Patrol Force. Anyway, I want to wish you all a Healthy and Prosperous New Year ahead.

As always, I ask that you all look out for each other. Please back each other up at every call. Continue to check on each other during those long shifts. This job becomes more dangerous each and every day. Your number one priority has to be to get home safely to your loved ones each and every day! God Bless, stay safe!

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Where does the time go?

I realize it is an old cliché but where does the time go? Another year has passed us by. Some of the days seemed to never end but by the time you look up weeks and months have flown by like cars on a highway. I guess it is a good time to look back and reflect and remember what kind of year it has been. For those of us in the profession of policing it has been a tough year. There have been over 130 Line-of-Duty deaths. Multiple unprovoked attacks on women and men who selflessly put on the uniform every day. Horrific incidents that have put officers in situations where they have been forced to make life and death decisions only to be judged by people ignorant to the facts and all too often villainized by some media outlets to make it a better story.

It is somewhat baffling to think that every day well over 800,000 sworn law enforcement in this country continue to put on that uniform and risk any of this (and a whole lot more) but we do. I'm sure there are plenty of our retired sisters and brothers that would love to still be putting on the uniform and there are a number of young people waiting for their opportunity to have that chance.

It is both interesting and concerning to see that the numbers of those who want to do this job are decreasing both nationally and locally. Maybe it is generational, but more likely it is that this group is a bit wiser than we were. They are actually thinking about what they are getting themselves into and aren't quite sure it is worth it. I suppose time will tell us the answer to that question.

One of the strangest things about this job is that based on all of the aforementioned problems, as well as everything else that goes on with being a cop, why do we keep doing it? I would estimate that it takes about five years on the job for the first time we declare that this job is ruined, dead and buried. I'm pretty sure every five years or so after that there is a declaration that it is even worse. At some point in one's career the phrase "back when I got on the job" is used to start a story about how bad it has gotten (some would say some use it a

little too early in said career). The amazing thing may be that we all keep coming back. Whether it is here in Boston, New York City or some three-man sheriff's department in an unincorporated landmass in Utah, we all keep coming to work. As mentioned before, though the "applicant" numbers are dropping there are still men in women that strive to take this job as their profession.

As Winston Churchill said in part "It is a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma." Though the Prime Minister was speaking of Russia in the early days of WWII, he certainly could have been speaking of why those of us do this job every day. Maybe it is a simple answer. Maybe this is what we are supposed to do. Maybe it is a calling to a vocation for many of us. Maybe some of us did it because it is a "family" job or we followed someone we respected into the profession. I am sure for a few of us it is because we couldn't get on the Fire Department. I'm confident it may have been all three for others. Regardless we keep coming back for more.

In all honesty I think it's because of the fraternal feeling that shows itself at times. Over the course of the last year we have had some tough days. When those tough days came girls and guys came together. At the end of the day it is then that we probably look around and realize that these things don't happen in a "normal" job. When we need help we all know that there are those 800,000 plus that will pull together in some form or fashion and support you in some way.

So as we round third base on this holiday season and reflect on the year past go ahead and pat yourself on the back, take some pride in the fact that you are part of less than .003 percent of the 325 million people in this country that willingly continue to do this job every day in spite of the job.

Merry Christmas and here is to looking forward to another year of the job dying (but I know we will all be back in 2018 if they will let us).



The BPPA helped out with their support, bringing their food truck to Massapequa, New York as they paid respect to NYPD Sgt. Paul Tuozzolo, who was struck down in the line-of-duty.

See more photos and story on pages 18 & 19.





Where has the year gone?

Greetings Brothers and Sisters!

Can you believe that we are at the end of the year 2016!!

Where has the year gone? It has flown by for some and I'm sure dragged by for others. Now that the never-ending election cycle has concluded perhaps we can all sit back and enjoy the holidays without the endless barrage of candidate ads. We can now look forward to an endless barrage of Christmas ads! Which poison do you prefer?

Speaking of the Holidays, let us give thanks that the prayers and best wishes of so many have been answered and that our brother Officers **Matt Morris** and **Richie Cintolo** have survived their horrific injuries, and are now home with their families for the holidays. Words cannot express the pride and the gratitude we have to **ALL** of the officers and EMTs who responded to East Boston on that fateful night. They, who performed so heroically, should take great pride in knowing that their actions saved the lives of two of our own. Our gratitude cannot be overstated and we salute you all. This would also apply to the wonderful team of Mass General surgeons, doctors and nurses, so supremely talented, who performed so admirably in saving the lives of Officer Morris and Officer Cintolo. The work of all the doctors, therapists, administrators, and staff of both Massachusetts General Hospital and Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital illustrates to not only us, but the world, just how blessed we are here in the City of Boston, the Mecca of Medicine!

Getting back to year-end business, please know that our finances are in great shape. We are continually looking at reducing our expenses, streamlining our operating costs while maximizing our returns on investments. The capital expenditures for the rehabilitation of our new Hall are on budget and on time. And speaking of our new Freeport St. home, I urge you all to stop and pay a visit! It is **YOUR** Union Hall and we know you'll be proud of what **WE ALL** have accomplished. We were happy to see so many officers, their families, and friends of the BPPA come to the Red Cross Blood Drive for Matt Morris and Richie Cintolo. It was an amazing turnout. Thank you to everyone who came out to support this blood drive.

Many of you have also attended the various training sessions that were hosted at the BPPA meeting room. These included retirement seminars offered by the City of Boston Retirement Board. There will be many more in the future. Don't forget the first Wednesday of each month we have representatives from the Smart Plan/deferred compensation at the hall.

As we are finishing up our transition into our new Union Hall, we look

forward to what lies ahead in the transition of power in Washington and the state legislatures across the country. While it can be certain that there will be many who will struggle with the idea of a new administration and new political leadership, we can only hope that all of us come to realize that change is good, it's exciting and hopefully very productive. And let us hope that going forward as the political climate changes so will the social climate change when it comes to treatment of all members of not only the law enforcement community, but those members of public safety, Firefighters, EMTs and Military. **EVERY LIFE MATTERS!** I would like to give special thanks to Phyllis at Doughboy Donuts, Sean at City Lock and BCA, our dental brokers. These three businesses have repeatedly stepped up in our time of need and graciously donated goods and or services – a very big thank you!!

Another organization I have mentioned here in the past is the Hundred Club of Massachusetts. Since 1959, this organization has supported Police Officers and Firefighters across the state who have been killed in the line of duty or died while active duty. There is an application on page 19 of this edition of the *PAX* if you would like to join. The Hundred Club has recently partnered with the Boston Bruins Foundation. They are having the 1st Annual First Responder Challenge on January 22, 2017 from 8:30 am to 1 pm at the TD Garden. First Responders will be challenged to climb stairs, and complete laps throughout the TD Garden. Please consider donating to the Boston Police Runners Club Team or you may participate individually or enter your own team. For further information visit: www.bostonbruins.com/firstresponderchallenge.

As the the year ends I urge you to keep a close eye on your finances. Make sure your own financial house is in order by carefully checking your deductions, increase your saving to deferred income, no matter how small, and look to take advantage of any tax saving you may realized through medical expense accounts, IRA's, mortgage rates (going up!) and others that may be available to you. Update your beneficiaries on all of your life insurance, pension and BPRA associations. Don't wait until its too late!

I urge you to pay particular attention in the months ahead as there promises to be changes in the tax rates, medical insurance rates as well as the interest rates. This is possibly going to be a very exciting time in our country when it comes to our economy.

Finally I would like to wish each and every one of you and your families, A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year! Stay safe out there.





Congratulations to President-Elect Trump

The 2016 elections came to a close this past November with **Donald Trump** collecting over sixty-one million votes (306 electoral votes), thus winning the 2016 Presidential Election. Congratulations to President-Elect Trump! Hopefully, over the next four years, President-Elect Trump will support law enforcement across the country and assist us in acquiring more equipment, more personnel, and more training to help keep us and the country safe.

On Capitol Hill, Massachusetts was fortunate to have all of their Congressional Members re-elected to their positions. All nine Massachusetts Representatives, **Richard Neal, Jim McGovern, Niki Tsongas, Joe Kennedy, Katherine Clark, Seth Moulton, Mike Capuano, Stephen Lynch, and Bill Keating**, have been re-elected to their seats and will continue to represent us in Washington D.C., congratulations! We look forward to our continued relationship with all of you and to keep Massachusetts safe and strong in the future.

The elections back here in Massachusetts were equally interesting. There were four ballot questions that Massachusetts voters had to consider (Boston had a fifth). The first was to expand slot machine gaming. Question One failed to pass by roughly twenty two percent (61-39%). The second was to expand charter schools in Massachusetts. Question Two also failed to pass by roughly twenty four percent (62-38%). The third was to improve the living conditions of farm animals, better known as "the chicken question." Question Three passed by a wide margin of about fifty six percent (78-22%). The Fourth was the legalization of Marijuana. This was a very closely decided question. However, it did pass by a six percent margin (53-47%). The fifth question was for Boston Residents only. Question Five was known as the "Community Preservation Act." It was passed by the Citizens of Boston and allows the City of Boston to create a fund by assessing a one percent property tax surcharge to its homeowners.

The Community Preservation Act (Question 5 above) is very interesting. It allows for a creation of a fund that over one hundred and sixty one communities have adopted since the year 2000. Any proposed surcharge cannot exceed three percent of the assessed value of a property. Again, here in Boston, it was voted on and passed at a one percent surcharge. The average homeowner in Boston with a property assessed at approximately \$500,000 will see their tax bill increase by about \$24 per year. State matching funds equal to some

of the local tax revenue, incentivizes communities to join. However, this fund has struggled to remain at a high level over the years as more and more communities adopt the CPA. Hopefully, the fund will continue to exist for many years come, as I'm sure this was considered by the voters in Boston prior to making their decision in November. In 2001, the voters in Boston voted against adopting a CPA requesting a two percent surcharge (57-43%).

There were not many changes in the House or Senate Elections here in Massachusetts, but there were many races that were being supported and watched by the BPPA. Congratulations to Senate President **Stan Rosenberg**, Senators **Marc Pacheco, John Keenan, Walter Timilty, Barbara L'Italien, Jason Lewis, Michael Moore, Richard Ross, and House Representatives Harold**

Naughton, James Cantwell, Tom Calter, Linda Campbell, Danielle Gregoire, Thomas Stanley, Rady Mom, Michael Day, John Rogers, Evandro Carvalho, Liz Malia, Kate Campanale, Shawn Dooley, Paul Frost, Shauna O'Connell and David Vieira for winning your re-elections! Congratulations to all of our elected friends that are returning and were unopposed. We look forward to working with all of our elected officials, new and experienced, over

the next two year legislative cycle.

Congratulations are also extended to the former Boston City Councilor and newly-elected Registrar of Deeds (Suffolk County) **Stephen Murphy** and **Kevin Coppinger**, newly-elected Sheriff of Essex County. Steve has been a friend of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association for many years and will continue to do a great job representing the citizens of Boston in his new position. Kevin Coppinger is

currently the Chief of Police in the City of Lynn and will be taking over his new role of Essex County Sheriff in January.

In closing, I would like to take a moment to remind all of you to remember your loved ones this holiday season more than ever. There is so much hatred and violence out there and all too often it's being directed at law enforcement. Our loved ones think of us every time we walk out that door and head off to work. They have to live with the fear that every day may be the last time they see you. Remember to have fun with them, hug them, kiss them, and hold them tight. They are the most important thing in the world. Please be careful out there and have a very Merry Christmas and/or Happy Holiday!



545 vs. 300,000,000 people

By Charlie Reese, Orlando Sentinel – Final Article, Retired / Article submitted by Bob Colburn

Politicians are the only people in the world who create problems and then campaign against them.

Have you ever wondered, if both the Democrats and the Republicans are against deficits, **WHY** do we have deficits?

Have you ever wondered, if all the politicians are against inflation and high taxes, **WHY** do we have inflation and high taxes?

You and I don't propose a federal budget. The President does.

You and I don't have the Constitutional authority to vote on appropriations.

The House of Representatives does.

You and I don't write the tax code, Congress does.

You and I don't set fiscal policy, Congress does.

You and I don't control monetary policy, the Federal Reserve Bank does.

One hundred senators, 435 congressmen, one President, and nine Supreme Court justices equates to 545 human beings out of the 300 million are directly, legally, morally, and individually responsible for the domestic problems that plague this country.

I excluded the members of the Federal Reserve Board because that problem was created by the Congress. In 1913, Congress delegated its Constitutional duty to provide a sound currency to a federally chartered, but private, central bank.

I excluded all the special interests and lobbyists for a sound reason. They have no legal authority. They have no ability to coerce a senator, a congressman, or a President to do one cotton-picking thing. I don't care if they offer a politician \$1 million dollars in cash.

The politician has the power to accept or reject it. No matter what the lobbyist promises, it is the legislator's responsibility to determine how he votes.

Those 545 human beings spend much of their energy convincing you that what they did is not their fault. They cooperate in this common con regardless of party.

What separates a politician from a normal human being is an excessive amount of gall. No normal human being would have the gall of a Speaker, who stood up and criticized the President for creating deficits. The President can only propose a budget. He cannot force the Congress to accept it.

The Constitution, which is the supreme law of the land, gives sole responsibility to the House of Representatives for originating and approving appropriations and taxes.

Who is the Speaker of the House now? He is the leader of the majority party. He and fellow House members, not the President, can approve any budget they want. If the President vetoes it, they can pass it over his veto if they agree to.

It seems inconceivable to me that a nation of 300 million cannot replace 545 people who stand convicted -- by present facts -- of incompetence and irresponsibility. I can't think of a single domestic problem that is not traceable directly to those 545 people. When you fully grasp the plain truth that 545 people exercise the power of the federal government, then it must follow that what exists is what they want to exist.

If the tax code is unfair, it's because they want it unfair. If the budget is in the red, it's because they want it in the red.

If the Army and Marines are in Iraq and Afghanistan it's because they want them in Iraq and Afghanistan ...If they do not receive social security but are on an elite retirement plan not available to the people, it's because they want it that way.

There are no insoluble government problems.

Do not let these 545 people shift the blame to bureaucrats, whom they hire and whose jobs they can abolish; to lobbyists, whose gifts and advice they can reject; to regulators, to whom they give the power to regulate and from whom they can take this power.

Above all, do not let them con you into the belief that there exists disembodied mystical forces like "the economy," "inflation," or "politics" that prevent them from doing what they take an oath to do.

Those 545 people, and they alone, are responsible. They, and they alone, have the power. They, and they alone, should be held accountable by the people who are their bosses, provided the voters have the gumption to manage their own employees...

We should vote all of them out of office and clean up their mess!

What you do with this article now that you have read it... is up to you.

This might be funny if it weren't so true.

Be sure to read all the way to the end: Tax his land, Tax his bed, Tax the table, at which he's fed. Tax his tractor, Tax his mule, Teach him taxes are the rule. Tax his work, Tax his pay, he works for peanuts anyway! Tax his cow, Tax his goat, Tax his pants, Tax his coat. Tax his ties, Tax his shirt, Tax his work, Tax his dirt. Tax his tobacco, Tax his drink, Tax him if he tries to think. Tax his cigars, Tax his beers, If he cries tax his tears. Tax his car, Tax his gas, Find other ways to tax his ass. Tax all he has, then let him know that you won't be done till he has no dough. When he screams and hollers; then tax him some more, tax him till he's good and sore. Then tax his coffin, Tax his grave, Tax the sod into which he's laid... Put these words upon his tomb, "Taxes drove me to my doom..." When he's gone, do not relax, it's time to apply, the Inheritance tax.

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State Income Tax

Fishing License Tax

State Unemployment Tax (SUTA)

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Fuel Permit Tax

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Gasoline Tax

Telephone Federal, State and Local

(currently 44.75¢ per gallon)

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Gross Receipts Tax

Telephone Minimum Usage Surcharge Tax

Hunting License Tax

Telephone Recurring and Nonrecurring

Inheritance Tax

Charges Tax

Inventory Tax

Telephone State and Local Tax

IRS Interest Charges

Telephone Usage Charge Tax

IRS Penalties (tax on top of tax)

Utility Taxes

Liquor Tax

Vehicle License Registration Tax

Luxury Taxes

Vehicle Sales Tax

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Watercraft Registration Tax

Medicare Tax

Well Permit Tax

Personal Property Tax

Workers Compensation Tax

STILL THINK THIS IS FUNNY?

Not one of these taxes existed 100 years ago, and our nation was the most prosperous in the world.

We had absolutely no national debt, had the largest middle class in the world, and Mom, if agreed, stayed home to raise the kids.

What in the heck happened? Can you spell 'politicians'?

I hope this goes around the USA at least 545 times!!!

YOU can help it get there!!!

GO AHEAD... BE AN AMERICAN!

Tough times ahead for rank-and-file BPD

Once again ... “we’re all alone and always put in the middle...”

By James W. Carnell, Pax Editor

DOESN’T MATTER WHAT SIDE YOU WERE ON, Democrat or Republican, or whether you’re happy or angry about the results of the presidential election. If you’re a cop, the bottom line is that the immediate future – once again – places us squarely in the middle of *everybody else’s* anger, resentment and displeasure.

In Boston, an already shorthanded patrol force endured increasing amounts of mandatory, forced overtime shifts – even *before* this past election. Now, the possibility of repeated protests and continued civil unrest threatens to overwhelm a beleaguered and aging department. Across the country, many police departments report the same phenomenon: even as fewer and fewer younger recruits are attracted to police work, the demands placed upon shrinking police forces have dramatically increased.

The fledgling left-wing protest movement now has a “*raison d’être*” (“reason to live”) as the result of President Donald Trump’s election. Largely based on unfounded fears, perceptions, “feelings,” rumor and innuendo; and fueled by an angry mainstream media feeding impressionable college students false information, the protest movement has

not yet coalesced into anything approaching the anti-war riots of the Vietnam-era. But make no mistake, whatever the movement’s grievances – real, perceived or imagined – we, the rank-and-file police officers, will find ourselves smack-dab in the middle.

The bomb-throwers and professional agitators of the elitist media and academia will find an ample supply of pliable, human ammunition in the army of disaffected people and indoctrinated college students for whom President Trump and conservatives are anathema. The thin blue line – *growing ever thinner* – will once again be pressed into service as the line of demarcation between civil order and anarchy.

Virtually all officers who were around during the Vietnam-era protests have long-since retired. Some officers (*yours truly among them*) remember the protests against President Ronald Reagan during the mid-80’s. Back then, the liberal media drummed up

protests against Reagan as he bargained with the Russians from a position of American military strength. The protest movement accused Reagan of war-mongering and bringing America to the brink of nuclear war. Movies such as “The Day After” (about life after a fictional nuclear Armageddon) incited fear among the public. Giddy protesters, eager to rekindle the “glory days” of the Vietnam war, 60’s/70’s anti-war movement ramped up and held daily protests at the JFK federal building and other locations. Papier-Mache’ puppets bobbed and weaved down Tremont St., as protesters accused President Reagan of being ... “racist, sexist, anti-poor, war-mongerer” ... (fill in the blank). In other words, the exact same set of circumstances as are occurring in front of us today.

The movement died a quick death as the U.S.S.R. (that was the “Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,” AKA “Russia,” for those of you in college today...) disintegrated, communism was overthrown, and Reagan was proven correct in his foreign, domestic and military policy. The difference is that the scrutiny and the second-guessing for police officers are 100 times more intense than they were back then.

Then, cell-phone cameras were non-existent, and omnipresent video surveillance was in its infancy. Then, there were still a few remaining judges who may have qualified as being “pro-police/ law-and-order”. Today, they’re as rare as a free cup of coffee. Also, back in the 80’s, the number of younger cops entering the work force was increasing, and the job was still very attractive, especially as a family tradition. Sadly, that tradition, too, has become rarer today.

Life has been breathed into the professional protest movement with the election of Donald Trump. The radical phoenix rises from the ashes. It might consist of a hundred different causes *du jour* right now, but one thing is certain: the thin blue line will be thrust in the middle, and the bottles, bricks, rocks, insults and cell-phone cameras will be trained on us. Watch your backs and watch each other. Is it any secret why we’ve lost so many young officers to the fire department over the last few years?



Blood drive for Cintolo and Morris nets 328 pints! Thank you to all who participated!

By BPPA/PAX Staff

On October 20th, 2016, following the attempted murders of East Boston A-7 Officers **Richie Cintolo** and **Matt Morris**, the BPPA, BPDBS, and BPSOF co-sponsored a blood drive at the BPPA offices on Freeport St. The Red Cross blood collection was a great success beyond anyone's expectations.

A reported total of **328 pints** of blood and blood platelets was collected during the drive. As a barometer of success, a Red Cross worker stated that a "good day" at one of the Red Cross' walk-in blood donor centers was **25-30 pints** of blood. In one day, BPD officers, civilians and walk-ins from the general public donated over **ten times** the normal daily intake of the Red Cross' own walk-in center. At a time when donated blood was in severe short supply (especially platelets), the Red Cross was ecstatic with the results.

Workers at other blood-donation centers were quickly re-routed to the BPPA offices, as their assistance was sorely needed. Red Cross administrative assistants worked feverishly to process the donors, some of whom waited over **two hours** to complete the paperwork needed to approve donation of their blood. Volunteers from the BPPA, BPSOF and BPDBS cooked and served hundreds of breakfasts and lunches for the donors who waited patiently in line and the Red Cross staff who worked well-beyond their normal shifts to complete the blood drive. An untold number of potential blood donors had to be turned away, either because they couldn't wait for more than their normal lunch hour or break, or because a recent illness may have precluded donation that day.

Freeport St. was mobbed with traffic, as the 60-spot parking lot at the BPPA was quickly overwhelmed. Our friends at Yale Electric Supply across the street and nearby IBEW 103 graciously offered their parking lots to assist, and many of their employees also rolled up their sleeves. There are simply far too many individuals who volunteered their time and effort to begin to name, but certainly, the BPPA, BPSOF and BPDBS leadership and membership deserve kudos for organizing the blood donation in a very short time. The Red Cross "Angels of Mercy" should also be thanked, whether they processed paperwork or collected blood. As stated before, many of them rushed to the BPPA in their own cars from their regular assignments and stayed well past their normal work hours to accommodate all of the donors. But mostly, all thanks and credit should go to the hundreds of donors who waited in line for hours to give blood and purchased T-shirts or simply donated funds to assist Officers Richie Cintolo, Matt Morris and their families through a long and difficult convalescence.

Due to the overwhelming success of this blood drive, future blood donation events are being planned and discussed, which will, hopefully, be as successful but less hectic and under better circumstances. We'll keep you updated. Thanks again, everybody!

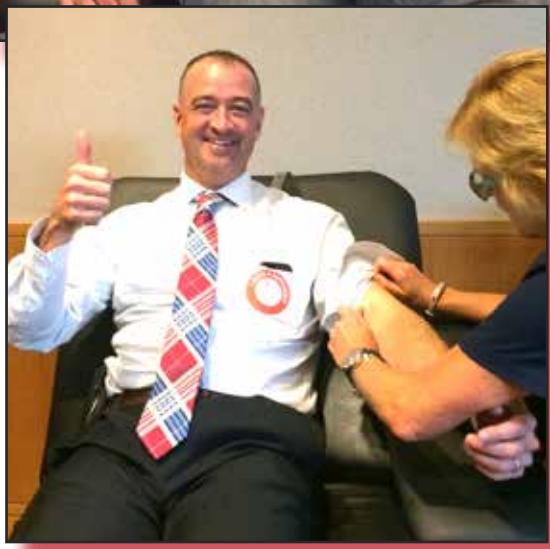
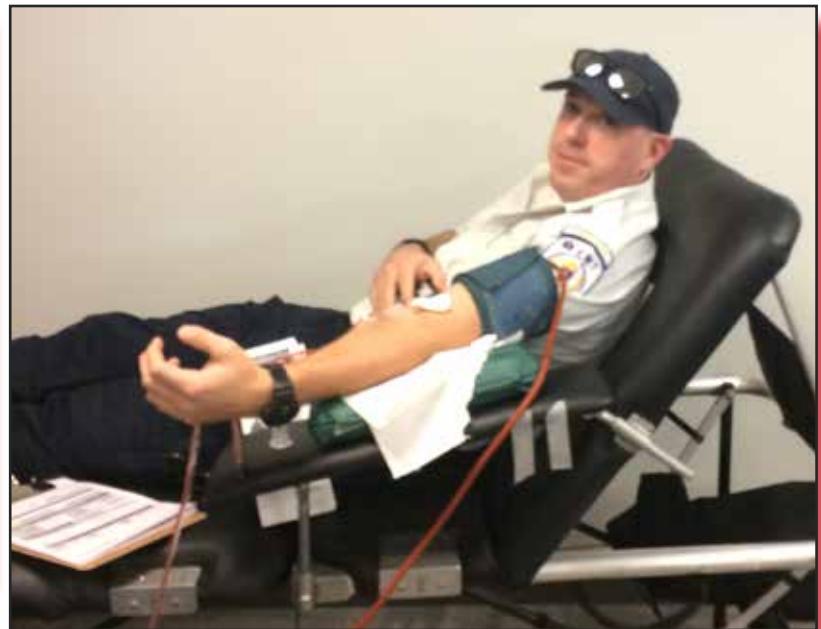
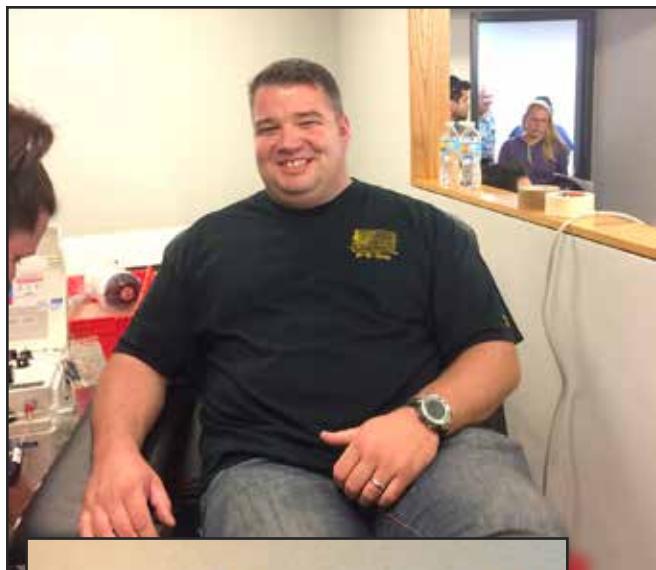


A screenshot of a mobile phone's inbox. The screen shows a single message from "Blood drive tomorrow for..." with the subject "Thoughts & prayers for Boston Police officers". The message text is identical to the one above. The phone's status bar indicates it is 9:50 PM, has 3 messages, and a battery level of 46%. Below the inbox are standard iOS message controls: reply, forward, delete, and compose.

On Thursday, October 20th from 8 am to 3 pm
the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association (BPPA) will be holding a blood drive for Officers Richard Cintolo and Matthew Morris.









The crew for the BPPA Blood Drive gather in front of "The Blue Goose" outside BPPA Headquarters on October 26th.

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Funeral for NYPD Sgt. Paul Tuozzolo

By Jimmy Doiron, C-11 Last Half Representative

First let me say thank you for allowing me to go to New York to work the BPPA food truck for the funeral of **Sgt. Paul Tuozzolo**. Between the members of the BPPA and the DBS there were approximately 15-20 of us working the food trucks. We served thousands of Officers and civilians from all over the country. It helped bring a little good into a terrible day. Without a doubt I got thanked more on that one day than I have in my 21+ year career. It was my honor to be there. It was especially honoring to be there for the members of the NYPD. These men and women were here in Boston back on April 15, 2013 just a few hours after the bombs went off to make sure we were not hungry or thirsty.

We have built a true brotherhood/sisterhood with these fine men and women.

With these funerals becoming way too frequent in the past couple of years, you get to recognize the faces of many Officers of every rank in attendance. It seems like the same people are at each and every funeral. This has become quite obvious within the ranks of the Boston Police Dept. The BPPA always arranges transportation to the different cities.



To get us to New York, it used to be buses. On November 10, 2016 the BPPA had one bus with what I was told had 12 members of the BPD on it. I also understand that some Officers drove down to New York on their own. For those Officers that did represent us and attended the service I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I truly hate to sound preachy but this trend of a small showing from the BPD is completely unacceptable. We need to stick together, we need to show each other that we have each other's backs, regardless of what department we work for. We should have been fighting for a spot on that bus to show our support for Sgt Tuozzolo, his family, the NYPD, the BPD and our

fellow brother and sister Officers from around the country.

I understand life is busy. With residency and the price of houses in Boston there is a need to perform details and overtime. There is the ever growing number of Officers being ordered for overtime. We all have children who play soccer, football or lacrosse with games and practices. We have boyfriends/girlfriends and husbands/wives who want our time. Some of us may be attending school ourselves. I can go on and on. It is sometimes not easy to take a full day away from all of our other priorities. It can seem like we are being pulled in a million different directions.

Another reason why we could be having such a low showing at these funerals is the fact that the average time on the job of a BPPA member is just seven years. I hope that I am 100% wrong in this but could it be that with such a high number of young Officers in the BPD there is an overwhelming way of thinking of "It will never happen to me" or "It can't happen here"? It can happen here, it has happened here, as recently as 2014 when **Officer Dennis Simmonds** passed due to injuries suffered while chasing down terrorists in 2013, and it will happen here again. To think different is dangerous. Hell, if it wasn't for the truly heroic actions of some of our Officers, members of our H+H and the great Doctors at our hospitals it could have happened here several more times over the last few years.

We could all sit around and come up with a millions reasons why our numbers at these funerals have been consistently dwindling. But to put it bluntly, they are all just excuses.

How would we all feel if only 12 members of a department of 1,500-2,000 members got off the bus to show their respects to a member of the BPD killed in the Line of Duty? I know I would notice and it wouldn't sit well with me.

We all took a job that builds a true brotherhood and sisterhood. There is that unspoken bond that I have talked about in the past. I am not saying that we all should be at every funeral but those priorities that I listed above should understand that for one day, a day that a fellow Officer is being buried, you have to be pulled in the direction of your brother and sister Officers.

Thank you for reading this and letting me rant. I am not one to apologize for my words. If I offended you, angered you or hurt your feelings then please just make a better effort to attend the next funeral.

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Members of the BPPA were hard at work at the funeral for NYPD Sgt. Paul Tuozzolo in Massapequa, NY.



Policemen and women from across the country traveled to Massapequa, NY to pay respects for NYPD Sgt. Paul Tuozzolo.



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You are the BPPA!

By Dan McCarthy, D-4 Day Shift Representative

Hello my Union Brothers and Sisters, As I write this article I have recently returned from the funeral services for **NYPD Sergeant Paul Tuozzolo**. Sgt. Tuozzolo was about the same age as me(41) and a 19-year veteran of the NYPD when he was struck down by a coward in the line of duty. Thankfully, a young police officer named **Elwin Martinez** answered the call and killed the shooter. Sgt. T, as he was called by those who knew him best, leaves behind a grieving wife and two young children, ages 3 and 4.

Myself and some other BPPA Reps went down to Massapequa, New York with the BPPA food truck to pay our respects to a fallen brother and feed the officers from Boston, NY and all across the country that attended the services. I was amazed and humbled at the gratitude we received from the officers that showed up to honor and pay their respects to Sgt. Tuozzolo.

Many Boston Police Officers found their own way down to the services and the BPPA chartered a bus for anybody that wanted to go to the services. I couldn't help but notice that it was the same 15-20 people that I see at all of the other police funerals and events. I respect the fact that all of us live incredibly busy lives, and are trying to provide for our families but we need to look within ourselves and think about what is truly important to us. None of us can make all of these services and events but I don't think it is asking too much to make one. Many veteran officers often remind me that years ago they would have to get two buses to shuttle the Boston men and women down to a funeral. They tell me that the "New" generation of cops doesn't care as much about the job or their brother officers they way that they did. Maybe they are right but maybe we need to do more to show them the way. It shouldn't matter if you have 30+ years on this job or just graduated from the Academy. We all do the same job and need to have each other's back.

I often hear a lot of criticism of our leadership and the Reps (*some of it deserved*), but I ask every BPPA member to recognize that **YOU** are the BPPA, not just your elected Reps and BPPA leadership. If you don't like the way things are going, I suggest that **YOU** run for shift Rep and try to make it better. You may be surprised how much a Rep has to deal with or how many members come to them in confidence and ask them for help or advice.

We had an open meeting this October, which very few members felt the need to attend. We had a banquet/awards/retirement dinner recently that very few people under 50 years old attended. We have a new union hall that many members have never been to. We need to do better!

Being a police officer is often a thankless job and we constantly have to battle cynicism and negativity, but we need to be united and come together to honor a fallen officer who died protecting others. Recently in East Boston, we almost lost two brothers in **Richard Cintolo** and **Matthew Morris** to a deranged gunman. Thankfully they are recovering from their injuries and are doing better. I ask that you not to forget about them, keep in touch with them if you know them and don't assume that they are OK. Call them, go for a cup of coffee with them, talk to them. There are many others out there that may need help as well. Keep in touch with them. You may be surprised how much a phone call can boost their spirits.

In closing, please try to be an active participant in your union. You don't have to be a Union Rep to be a part of it. Your dues pay the bills and we all benefit when we stand together and are united.



For God, Country and Flag

By Mark A. Bruno

When does the madness end? The most recent wave of protestors are now invading our sacrosanct sport of football. Taking

a knee or sitting during the national anthem is a statement I find to be disgraceful, a slap in the face to every American that has ever served in the military. This has-been, puke, on-the-way-out from the San Francisco 49ers has a lot to learn. Kneeling, sitting, or holding your fist in the air during the national anthem is appalling to many Americans of all races. You might as well burn Old Glory if your hatred of this free democratic society is that bad. I guess fanning the flames of racism and dividing this country has

become the primary mission for this group. I don't see any of these protesting players donating to their communities or marching in any of the protest rallies. I call them bandwagon cheerleaders. Where were all of you the past two or three years? Right, I get it. Now that most of your careers are on the decline, you want to stick out in the crowd. Well, congratulations. Behind Isis, you may be the most hated individuals for the disrespect you have shown this country, and the bad example you have set for our young citizens. This has-been quarterback didn't even vote in the Presidential election! At least have the courage and intestinal fortitude to voice your opinion by voting!

You won't find any Pat Tillmans in this sorry lot either. This player passed on a million dollar contract to go fight the war on terrorism and died in the line of duty. There will be no foundations named in honor of any of these protesting players like Pat. You will all be remembered as the gutless cowards who tried to tear the fabric of our nation apart. I find Commissioner Roger Goodell to also be a lightweight on this matter. He talks about the integrity of the game being tarnished when it comes to under-pressured footballs, but kneeling, sitting, and holding your fist in the air during the National Anthem doesn't?! What a hypocrite! At least have the cameramen zoom in on the Military Honor Guard, and players and fans who respect the national anthem. NHL Coach John Tortorella said, "*If any of my players sit on the bench for the national anthem, they will sit there the rest of the game.*" Soccer team owner, Billy Lynch of the Washington Spirit, had the national anthem played prior to the teams taking the field so one of the players of the opposing team could not take a knee while it was played. He stated, "*To willingly allow anyone to hijack this tradition that means so much to millions of Americans and so many of our own fans for any cause would effectively be just as disrespectful as doing it ourselves.*" Goodell should take a lesson from this and not be such a pansy! Wearing socks with little pigs in police hats is not going to serve any good purpose.

There are many minority celebrities, sports athletes, and government leaders that are totally against this type of protest. This type of statement only tears our country apart. It is absolutely insulting to those men and women who are serving in the military to protect our rights. If this country is that bad, then these individuals should move out.

We have many police officers in our ranks of all races who've served in the military and find this type of statement to be very offensive. You may attack our profession, as is your right, but please, find another way to protest. My own Father fought in WWII to protect this

country from such miscreants like these. To him, **God, Country, and Flag** meant something!



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Mass. Mental Health treatment crisis “dumped and blamed” on first responders

Naïveté, ignorance and bias prompt barrage of anti-police letters after South End, Officer-involved shooting

By James W. Carnell, Pax Editor

WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION ECLIPSING most recent news coverage of local concern, many of us may have overlooked the gross display of naïveté, ignorance and outright anti-police bias which appeared in the pages of the *Globe* and the *Herald* recently in regards to the Officer-involved shooting of Terrence Coleman in the South End on October 30th, 2016.

It is somewhat understandable to accept the uninformed opinions of the family members of Mr. Coleman as simply “misdirected anger” that anyone suffering the sudden and unexpected loss of a loved one might express. Most of us can understand the lashing out at authority, the grasping at straws that comes from such a loss, especially when we know that nefarious forces motivated by an anti-police agenda are operating in the background, using that family’s grief and anger to further their political cause, as deplorable as that may be. We can at least understand where that mind-set comes from, while totally disagreeing with the substance of the opinions expressed.

But when self-described “mental-health experts” and naïve residents of wealthy suburbs begin offering their thoroughly uninformed, ridiculous assessments of the officer’s actions through the opinion pages of the local media, well, that’s when we start getting angry here at the BPPA.

In early November, the *Globe* and the *Herald* printed several letters in regards to this incident, none of them from police officers who have actually been involved in these type of incidents:

• **June S. Binney, Director of Criminal Justice Diversion, National Alliance of Mental Illness of Massachusetts, (*Globe*, letters, A11, 11/4/16)** opines that police officers need more training and tools to deal with mentally ill people and the intervention of a Crisis Team may have been helpful. Sounds great, June! “Training and tools” are always great, especially when training is conducted in warm, comfortable surroundings Monday thru Friday, 9-5, with snacks and coffee and a buffet lunch served in between the distribution of the “tools” (*whatever those are...*). Unfortunately, June, the officers in this case, and in most mental-health cases, have split-seconds to act or they end up dead. Devise some “training” to deal with two-seconds of terror in the form of a knife-wielding EDP, June. Let us know what you come up with...

• **Sylvia Ferrell-Jones, President and CEO , YW, Boston (*Globe*, letters, A11, 11/4/16)** states that the BPD should “acknowledge Coleman’s mother’s claim that he was unarmed when shot...even if the facts are in dispute...” and “...This tragic incident confirms what black communities and their allies have known all along – that Boston is not immune.” Ah, NO, Sylvia. “Acknowledging lies” is never a good idea, not even if the lie helps to assuage Hope Coleman’s pain. The truth and the facts are what must be acknowledged, no matter how painful. Terrance Coleman WAS armed, and HE DID assault two EMT’s and two police officers with a knife. **THOSE ARE THE FACTS, Sylvia.** The fact that

Terrence Coleman was African-American had **NO** bearing in this case – **NONE WHATSOEVER**. For you or for anyone to inject the false and inflammatory issue of racial bias, inferring that race had anything *whatsoever* to do with this tragic incident, is despicable. Acknowledge that, Sylvia.

• **Vera Spohr, Littleton, (*Globe*, 11/7/16, letters to editor)** states “I have long wondered why police don’t seem able to shoot people without killing them, and why they shoot to kill. If I were shot in the arm, or leg, or shoulder or thigh, I’d stop whatever I had been doing. A police officer should be able to keep a cool head and aim for a non-lethal area of the human body; police might even be trained to take down someone without using a gun. Lethal force should never be used if anything less would be effective.” ... Thank you very much, Vera. You are both right and terribly wrong, not to mention incredibly naïve, but inasmuch, you are like much of the general public. (*Forgive them Lord, for they know not what they say or do.*) Vera, police officers are *already trained* to use only the amount of force required to accomplish the job at hand. Thank you for telling us what we already know. No police officer ever comes to work wanting to discharge their weapon, never mind kill anyone. But when confronted with a deranged man swinging a knife and having roughly ½ of a split-second to make a decision, the choice for any and all police officers is clear: stop the threat – immediately, quickly, and decisively- and save your life and the lives of any and all innocent people you are able to, at that moment in time. And yes, Vera, if **you** were shot in the leg or arm, **you** would probably stop what you were doing. Unfortunately, Vera, mentally-disturbed people or people under the influence of drugs sometimes **do not**; in fact, mind-altering substances and/or mental illness can make them temporarily stronger and immune to “wounding” shots, if such were even possible. Vera Spohr suffers from the same TV / video-game mentality as does most of America. There is no “stop-action, rewind/replay” in police work. That sounds good over a cup of tea in Littleton, Vera. But there is no “shooting to wound” or “just wing ‘em” in the real world. Got it, Vera? One lump or two? Honey or lemon?...

• **Gerald Sweet, Newton, Psychology Professor at William James College (*Herald*, 11/15/16, letters to Editor)** “What would be best in a situation such as this is a team of law enforcement officers trained in crisis intervention strategies working with an experienced mental health professional.” Apparently, Gerald and Vera know each other. Gerald, along the lines of “Welcome to the real world...,” the request for police involvement in mental health issues **almost always** comes in the form of a 911 – emergency call or on-sight encounter, to which the police are required to respond immediately. There is no time for the assembling of “teams of professionals” trained in the particulars of mental health issues. There is no time for reviewing of an individual’s mental health/medical records, as if such private, personal documents would ever be available to the police for review and inspection in the first place (How many people do you think would “OK” the police being able to review their personal medical

files? That's right, **ZERO?**). The fact that people like Gerald Sweet are able to weigh in on decisions that a police officer has to make in a split-second is, in and of itself, disturbing. The officers and EMT's involved in this particular situation had to decide what to do in the presence of an angry, knife-wielding man in far less time than it takes to type one sentence in this article. Same question, Gerald: One lump or two? Honey or lemon?...

It is the pipe-dream of every cop and EMT to take people like Gerald, Vera, June and Sylvia, dress them up in uniforms, and set them afloat on the seas which we must travel every day. What world do these people live in? What alternative reality possesses them to pre-suppose the split-second decisions of cops and EMT's who are under attack? Encouraged by like-minded simpletons in the major media who already harbor an anti-police agenda, one would truly like to force these people to walk a mile in our shoes and see just how long they would last.

The crisis in the Massachusetts Mental Health system goes way back to the high-minded days of the 70's and 80's, when clueless

liberals like Brookline's own former Gov. Mike Dukakis proposed a policy of "de-institutionalization" of the mentally ill, who had previously been warehoused in decrepit mental hospitals. These mentally-ill people were dumped in the community and on the city streets, without services suitable for their needs, and **WE** – the police and the EMT's – were left to deal with them. Today, we receive advice and criticism from Monday-morning, armchair quarterbacks living in Newton, Littleton or claiming title to some politically-appointed hack-job at some alleged non-profit charity or social service organization. When the severely, violently mentally-ill find their way to the streets of Mike Dukakis', Gerald's, Vera's, Sylvia's and June's neighborhoods, you can bet they'll be calling 911 to have them removed – **immediately**. And you can bet dollars to doughnuts they'll be filming us with their cellphone camera from the safety of their living-room window, ready to render their opinion. The police, unfortunately, are left to clean up the mess, deal with the results, and suffer the criticism of armchair liberals rendering their opinions to the local media.

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9/11: Fifteen years later

By **Mark A. Bruno**

It is hard to believe that fifteen years have passed since the “Twin Towers” were taken down by two hijacked planes. Watching all the documentaries on this solemn anniversary has not lessened the pain. Watching the planes deliberately slam into both buildings and the chaos that ensued afterwards still shakes me to the core. No event in my lifetime could ever equate to this one act.

The hole in the ground that was left after the two buildings collapsed was too much to bear for many. We first felt sorrow and then anger as a nation. We wept for our innocent citizens and first responders who perished in the rubble. Asking how this could happen would



and the mental scar it has left me and many other Americans with. We sometimes take for granted the everyday-freedoms that we enjoy. This one event is a game changer and has forever altered the way we carry out our day-to-day lives. The fact that there are individuals in the world that hate us enough to kill innocent people with impunity is both disheartening and disturbing. The Manhattan skyline will forever be void of the magnificent structures that occupied the space.

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be a moot point at this time. There is no good reason in the world to justify this heinous assault. God will not reward these terrorists with vestal virgins. I have no sympathy when I hear the likes of these individuals have been gunned down or blown up. I could think of many other ways these demented people should meet their maker.

The only other atrocity that compares would be the attack on Pearl Harbor. My parents told me how horrible this day was, but I’m sure had they lived to see this attack on Manhattan, they would agree this was worse; there were about 574 more deaths. Both attacks would lead us into war with our enemies which would lead to many more casualties. Unlike WWII, our fight against terrorism is still going on, and may continue for some time to come.

After many years, I was finally able to visit the area known as “ground zero.” Approaching the Freedom Tower was an emotional experience. The ever-flowing fountains with all the names of the victims etched in stone around the edges were beautifully done. You could see flowers scattered around the edges, placed atop the names.

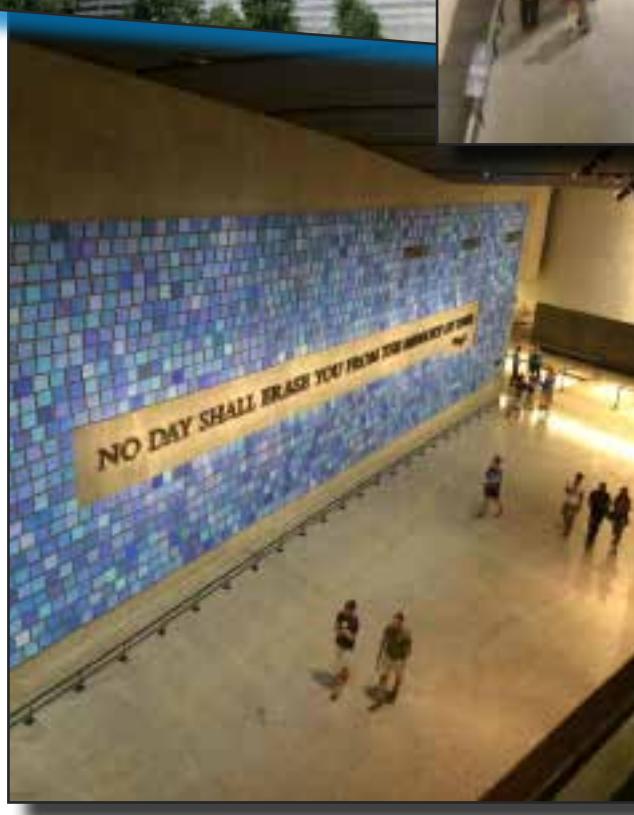


memorial section, you feel a reverence given by those who visit. There is a calmness, as if you've entered a cemetery. It is the same calmness we felt when the sky was void of planes after the attack. Some of the pictures and audio that went along with it were gut-wrenching to experience. I observed pictures of people trapped in the windows of the top floors above the fire with no where to go. One



of loved ones. As you enter the 9/11 Museum, you observe the steel beams which were in the shape of a cross with a black banner draped over it, symbolizing you were entering a solemn place. As you descend down the escalator, you observe another large steel beam with numbers and letters painted on top that tells how many first responders perished from the Port Authority, NYPD, and NYFD. You observe the large slurry wall which held up through all the devastation. A saying runs along another wall from Virgil which reads, "No day shall erase you from the memory of time." How apropos a saying to greet visitors as they enter. You truly understand how much these hallowed grounds envelop you.

As you enter the inner



witness account stated, "I looked up and observed a woman in a window and she looked down and patted her skirt as if to die with dignity, and then she leaped." These accounts, these pictures, they brought me to tears. I can see why many New Yorkers – especially first responders – are hard-pressed to visit this place. I'm sure they would like to leave it behind them, but unfortunately **we will never forget 9/11.**

Remembering a friend

By **Mark A. Bruno**

Recently-retired Officer **Jack Bolstad** lost his wife **Lee Bolstad**. For those of you who have ever worked the Saint Patrick's Day Parade in South Boston around East Fifth Street and G Street, you know exactly who I am talking about. Their doors were open to all BPD personnel who cared to take a break before, during, and after the event. There would always be a spread on the table and a warm smile to go with it. All you had to do was get by P.O. **Stephen Doran**'s huge dog, "Doom"! Officer Doran is married to Lee and Jack Bolstad's daughter, **Tara**. Their children, **John** and **Madison**, were constantly doted upon by Lee and Jack. Having known Jack and Lee for many years, I saw firsthand how happy they were together. As a Vietnam Veteran, Jack always had the respect of his co-workers. I can tell you that many people come in and out of our lives, but few leave an indelible impression; these are the ones that earn the title of true friend.

Lee worked for many years at the South Boston Savings Bank on West Broadway. For those of you who did the detail, I'm sure you'll remember her asking if you needed a coffee or anything at the store. We would always share stories and tell jokes which made the "big clock" on the wall move faster. I can't tell you how happy she was when her daughter Tara married Stephen Doran. She felt like her daughter got as good man as she did. Semper Fi! Lee and Jack are what we call "Salt of the Earth" people. They are genuine in their kindness and friendship to the people they know. These qualities are hard to find and, for this, I will miss Lee the most.

Life is fleeting sometimes. You retire and expect to spend at least several of your twilight years with your loved ones, but God has other plans. It is with a heavy heart that I extend my deepest condolences to Jack, Tara, Stephen, John, and Madison. May God keep Lee always close to His heart.



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The “Kid” is leaving

By P.O. Denise DePina Reed

Thirty-one years have passed and the woman from the class of 15-85 is about four months away from retirement. The woman leaving this job is remembering the day I first walked out of the Academy and into District D-4. There I stood, 5'2", 128 lbs., wide-eyed as I was being explained what a “4 & 2” schedule was and that I would work a “first and last.” While a blur I somehow managed to keep my schedule straight. I do remember staring at the ceiling many nights for lack of sleep as the body was unaccustomed to being up at night and sleep during the day.

One of the many things they managed to tell us “newbies” was Captain **Danny MacDonald**’s son played for the “Vikings” and if you wanted anything from him, you needed to talk “football” with him. I didn’t know “squat” about football but I did know how to talk to a proud Dad.

My training officer was **Todd Hartgrove**, no nonsense, “I expect you to get this the first time,” and I really don’t want to ride with this “girl” kind of guy (*smile*). I learned a great deal from Todd and gained a hard-won respect. I earned his respect the day I followed him up a scaffold after a suspect, and he knew I was afraid of heights. There was an art to booking prisoners on D-4 as most of them were “drunks” and I learned how to book from **“Trigger” Burke**. Since I was the new “kid” (*33 years old*), I became heir-apparent to the coveted “hooker decoy” assignment. **Marcie Perez** and I would “stroll” Washington Street, Shawmut Avenue and W. Springfield Street while our back up crew **Paul Mahoney, Billy Hartford, Mike Wozny, Paul Sanders** and whoever was in the wagon would hide in the shadows nearby laughing their a&# off because some of our would be “johns” should’ve been ashamed of themselves. There was this one guy, named “Koala,” who used to hang around to watch and “tease” me. He said, “This was the low rent district, and that I was too well-dressed for this area. This assignment compliments of **Captain John Ciccolo** and **Sergeant Freddy Daniels** was a must at least twice a week.

Details were plentiful at D-4 but I managed to only get the Pine Street Inn. I remember standing at the detail wall just looking at the sheets, daydreaming and this cop I didn’t know said to me, “It will get better, you don’t complain.” I didn’t know what he was talking about and I didn’t know him. The following week I went to the Board and I was assigned not the Pine Street Inn but the “A&P.” The next day I had the “Stop & Shop” and before the week was out I had a “Susi” Construction! I later learned that cop was the detail clerk, the late **Frankie Benjamin**, a much-missed, well-respected gentleman.

I have fond memories of covering the desk at the D-14 substation with **Patrolman Hank O’Toole**, holding court with **Vinny Adducci, Charlie Celluci, Richie Famolare, Mike Sparks, Danny O’Connor** and **Topper Rogers**. The last time I heard from Hank he called me at the “Turret” to say, “*kid you’re doing good*”. That meant everything to me.

I spent three months on D-4 before I was transferred to C-11, God’s country because only God wanted to be there as told to me by the Clerk, **Patrolman Jimmy Gallagher**. To say it was different was an understatement. Nothing like today, all the brass want you to know who they are! **Deputy Danny Flynn** was never in uniform. So when he asked me a question and I asked, “Who the hell are you,” he introduced himself with a smile. I met **Superintendent Mickey MacDonald** the same way, walking a dog in Southie; but this time

I was cautious, reserved there was something about him that said “brass.” I spent exactly one month on C-11 before they transferred me back to D-4 permanently. I was a member of the Drug Unit when **Detective Sherman Griffiths** was shot. I was a member of SPECDA/DARE Unit with **George Noonan, Lisa Holmes, Dino Gonzales, Kim Gaddy, Nadine Taylor-Miller, Kenny Dorch, Richie Gannon, Tommy Settipani, and Bobby Tinker** where we taught drug prevention in the Boston Public Schools. I have been a Boston Police Dispatcher in the “Turret,” worked on D-14, and A-7. I’ve had some great partners **Brian Latson, Gloria Kinhead, Frank Armstrong, Cathy Doherty, Drew Smith (DCU), Drew West, and Carolyn Kennedy** to name a few.

There were two things I really wanted to do. I wanted to work in **Deputy Robert Hayden’s** Unit, but never got that chance, and I wanted to learn how to ride a motorcycle. The late **Eddy Eager** gave me one of his smallest cycles; I was still too short – my feet could not touch the ground. Other than those things I feel I have done what I wanted and enjoyed my time, and through it all I’ve always felt like I was a “real” officer. There is this silly perception that the minute you book a prisoner or work the “front desk” you somehow stop being a “real” officer!

I was asked what would I tell a new person coming on this job. One of the things I promised myself do not leave bitter, disillusioned, unhealthy and toxic to new officers. I am counting my time because I earned this day. Are there problems within the Department, of course, but there are problems in every walk of life. If I were talking to a young DePina Reed, I would tell her you have many options that I did not have. First and foremost make a friend out of the civilian clerk at the station; you would be surprised what they know. When I got to District 4, I met **Debbie Fisher, Diane Lezama, Angie Richardson** and **Kathy Bagley**. They were a great help. Take advantage of every course and seminar available, even those you have to pay for out of pocket. Never cease to learn. You have an opinion and do not yield it to anyone. Hold steadfast to your integrity, moral character and faith not necessarily in that order. Know the difference between friends and acquaintances, and remember you do not know everything; listen to those who have paved the way before you. There is a reason they are still here in one piece, many never having been a guest of “IAD,” their wise words may help you avoid pitfalls and save your life. With that said Congratulations, go and conquer the world.

Correction/Addition to “Memories of BPD dispatcher” article, Fall, 2016

In last month’s article there was a piece entitled “*Memories of a Boston Police Dispatcher*.” It listed many of the Boston Police Dispatchers that “floated” through the “Turret” over the years. I apologized for not remembering some names but I realized that was not good enough. These officers were an integral part of “Operations” and my life while there. So with that said I want to salute those I failed to mention: **Arthur Laurie, Kelly McCann, Diane Lezama Lashley, Bridget Kaskesi, Kathy Gaines, Yves Orne, Wayne Jordan, Michael Woodson, Paul Sullivan and Donald Golden**. To you all my best wishes.

– Denise DePina Reed

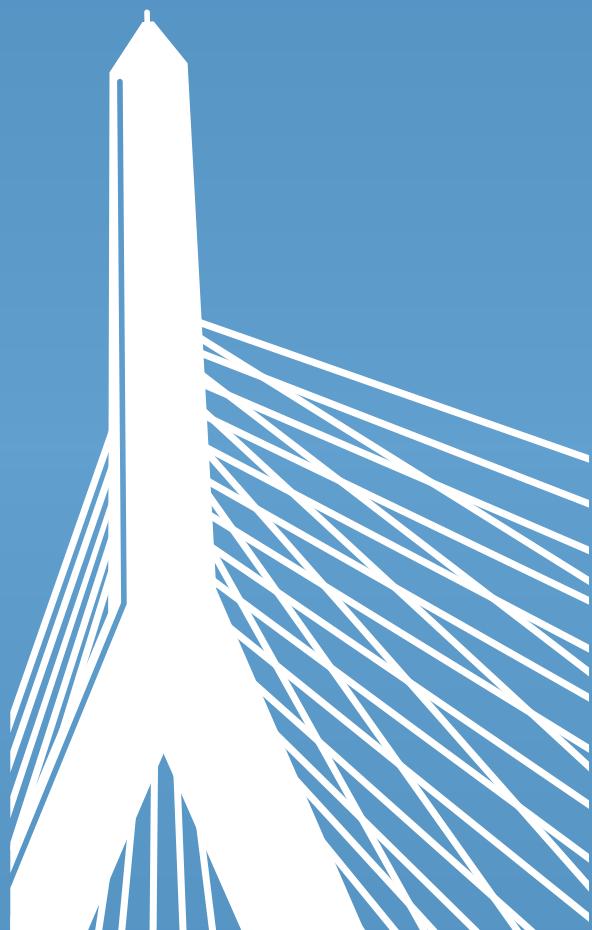
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Softball goes down to the wire (Wooden bats)

By Coach Ed MacPherson

For the third consecutive year eight teams came together to do battle and raise money for a great cause. This year the five Areas, as well as H.Q., Spec. Ops. and Eversource met at M St. Park in South Boston early Saturday morning on October 29th to participate in an all-day softball tournament. With one small change to make it a more interesting tournament: wooden bats only this year!

The two-time defending champion Area B was again the favorite to win it all. **Dave Malcolm's** Area A team faced **Gerry Agemian's** Area D team in the first semifinal. Area A prevailed in a great game which could have gone either way, 5 to 4. **Kevin Rooney's** Area B team took on **Bruce Grimes'** Eversource team in the second semifinal. Area B outlasted Eversource with a 6 to 3 victory due to a key hit by **Capt. Hosein**. The game was tied at 3 to 3 late when "**Hadji**" drilled a line-drive over the 3rd baseman's head driving in 2 runs to seal the victory. It's become a hot rivalry between these four teams. They face each other every year in the semifinals to determine who gets to the finals.

This led to a final confrontation



between the powerhouse Area B and the underdog Area A. The game was the type all little boys and old chubby cops dream of being involved in. Area A held a 5 to 3 lead for most of the game. Neither team could dent the outstanding defense both teams were displaying. The game went into the top of the 7th where Area B pushed across two runs to tie the game. Area A was quickly disposed of in the bottom of the 7th. The outcome would have to be decided in extra innings. Area B scored 1 run in the top of the 8th to take the lead. Area A responded by loading the bases with two outs in the bottom of the 8th. With **Capt. Hosein** on the mound for Area B and **Javier Velasquez** at bat for Area A. It would come down to the last pitch. Javier ripped a line drive over the 1st baseman head into right field to drive in two runs to win the game and the tournament for Area A! No "3-peat" for Area B!

See you guys next year!

I want to thank all the captains of each team for their hard work helping put this year's tournament together, especially **Dave Malcolm**. He works hard every year to make this tournament possible. I also want to thank the union for the great job they do every year bringing the food truck and feeding everyone all day. Thanks **Matt Carey, Billy Flores, Paul Downey** and **Jimmy Callahan** for slaving all day over the grill cooking for everyone. Even Hadji was observed flipping burgers between games. A special thanks to Javier and Louie Velasquez's mother **America** who also helped cook all day and was a key reason Area A won. She was Area A's #1 fan and gave great advice which helped lead Area A to victory. She also would not allow anyone to forget about our donation bucket when they came to eat. It was a great day!

We raised over \$1,100 for Matt and Richie!!!



BPD Softball Champs – Area A!

By **Matt Carey**, A-1 Last Half Representative/Pax Contributor

On 10/29/16 at M Street Park in South Boston, the BPD "World Series of Softball" was played, in case you guys missed it. You would not believe the outcome (and we will get into that later). Every year players come from all the districts and specialized units in the department to meet for bragging rights. I must not forget our friends from Eversource (Nstar) who always make for a tough team to deal with. This year was no different as it seems the teams have acquired very talented athletes. It seemed for weeks these games would never be played as God played games with the weather and sent teardrops from heaven every weekend making the field a pool of mud. Boston Parks and Recreation performed miracles to get the field in shape.

These teams came to play and it was proven with some of the pitchers pitching over one hundred innings; fortunately these players had some well-deserved calories from the BPPA food canteen providing lunch and cold drinks (water, not the other stuff...). If anyone has complaints about the food it may have been a certain cook from B-3 (no names, Capt.). I'm sure no one is going to forget the helping hand the cooks had from two police officers' mother (Javier and Luis Velasquez). This hard-working woman deserves a very big thank you from **EVERYONE: "THANK YOU for all your help, Mrs. Velasquez."**

All the teams this year that played along with a number of civilians donated to our brother officers **Matt Morris** and **Richie Cintolo**. The support was overwhelming from everyone there as people continued to pitch donation after donation into Coach Eddy's homemade magic blue bucket. (*We also rolled out this blue bucket again at the hockey fundraiser on Thanksgiving Eve with all funds raised also dedicated to Matt and Richie. The Boston Police Hockey team played the Boston Bruins Alumni and friends on 11/23/16 at 7 pm. The game was played at the Porrazzo Arena located at 199*

Coleridge St., East Boston. There was also an after-party at Orient Heights Yacht Club with a 50/50 raffle for up to \$10,000. Softball shirts donated by Javier Velasquez were also sold at the Hockey Tournament and raised several hundred additional dollars for the benefit. Please read more about the Hockey event in Bob Anthony's article in this edition of the Pax.)

After a grueling nine hours of almost professional-like softball, Area A was crowned the winner. This was not an easy task as they faced a fierce opponent in Area B. The game really could have been a win for either team as both teams put all they had into it. If not for the solid coaching this could have went south for Area A. All in all, it was great to finally make the softball tournament a reality for another year. Not too long ago, the BPD had an intra-department softball league that played weekly, throughout the summer, meeting on various city fields every Sunday. Teams from one end of the city met for a few hours with fellow officers they ordinarily don't see from the other districts, exchanging information, laughs and catching up on family milestones. (Retired softball-hero **Joe O'Malley** of Area A-15 recalled the games fondly as "**The Five "S's"**" – "Summer-Sunday-Softball-Suds-Sickline"). For a variety of reasons, (mainly unpredictable, forced, mandatory overtime sapping the team's rosters at the last minute), the weekly games became unable to be scheduled with any sense of regularity and resulted in the current, once-a-year, annual Softball Tournament at M St. Park. It's still a great event, and remains as one of the few BPD social events that brings officers and families together for a few hours and a few laughs. Thanks again to Coach **Ed MacPherson** (PDS) for organizing the event, the BPPA for the food truck, **Mrs. Velasquez** for her outstanding help in serving the food, P.O. **Tim Callahan** (A1) helping to flip burgers, and all who attended, played or participated in any way. (Apologies to anyone I forgot!) A great event for a great cause!



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Loneliness and depression: silent killers

By Mark A. Bruno

Once again, the holiday season is upon us. For most of us, it is a time of joyful family gatherings and getting together with friends. We are grateful to have just made it through another year, a year which we hope was uneventful, devoid of any tragedy.

It is time to give thanks and well wishes to those who matter in our lives. We need to be gracious and humble to God for any good blessings we may have received throughout the year.

Unfortunately, we are not always blessed with easy times. It may have been a hectic year with no relief in sight, a free-fall into a downward spiral with nothing to latch onto to stop it. I'm sure at one time we have all had moments like this. Unfortunately, some of us cannot process the upheaval as well as others. For some, the glass is perpetually half empty. We see this too often in our profession, which is already filled with stress by virtue of what we do. We see it in the faces of those who may be suffering like this, but asking for help is never really an option. Instead, they attempt to weather the storm by themselves. They may be too ashamed or proud to ask for help, figuring everyone will know their business. We often find that loneliness and depression begin to settle in and these can be silent killers. We certainly have the means to end our pain and suffering at any given moment. Such is the case for many who have worked beside us over the years. Most

recently, we lost former Boston Police Officer, Joseph Behnke. Our hearts and prayers go out to his wife and children. Joe was a good guy and friend to all who knew him. A couple of bad breaks can alter your life forever and you never recover from them. On the surface, all

may seem well; what lies beneath can be a different story altogether. In the end, we find we've lost another good friend who's found himself in a dark place with nowhere to go.

I ask that we all take a good look around and watch out for those who are vulnerable. We have--what I believe is second to none--a Peer Support Unit (617-343-5175 Emergency 617-594-9091). The staff on this unit is well trained in helping those who are in the depths of despair. Sometimes, all it takes is a person to listen to what is going on in our lives. Just a sympathetic ear who won't judge us, who will help to find some answers. They are also there for retirees and all family members that ask for help. It cost you nothing and is always confidential. This selfless staff want nothing but to help and

will come to you if need be. Please utilize them if you are feeling overcome with stress or anxiety. Please call anonymously for a friend if you think they need help; you may be saving their life.



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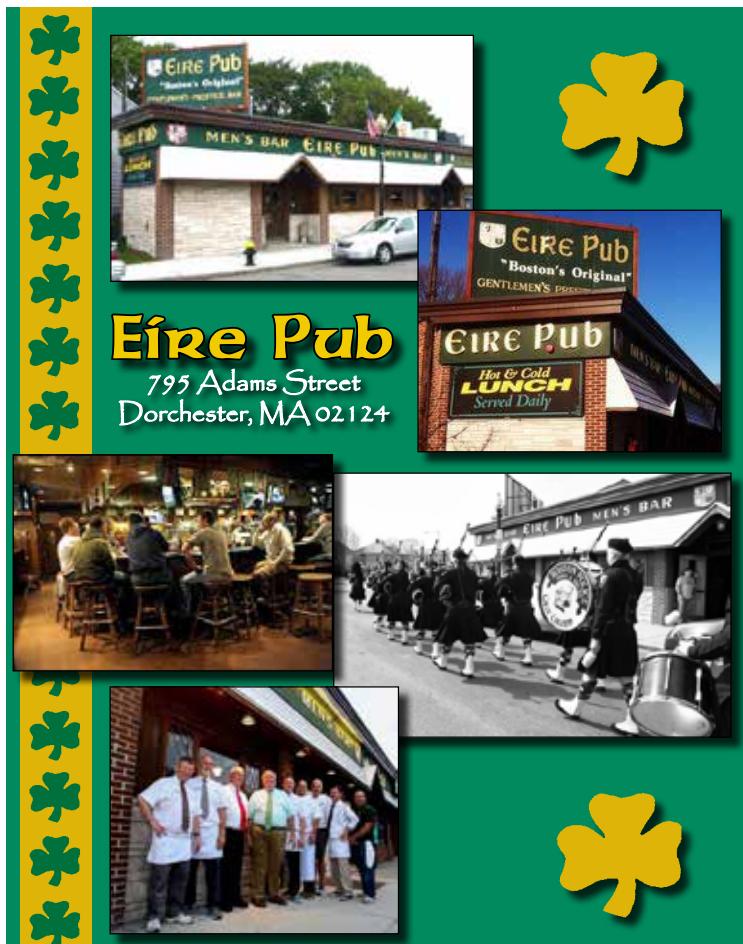
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Boston Police vs. Boston Bruins Alumni and Friends hockey game a great success!

By Robert E. Anthony

A great time was had by all in attendance on November 23, 2016 at the Lt. Louis Porrazzo Rink as Boston Police Officers **Richie Cintolo** and **Matthew Morris** along with officers that responded to the shooting in East Boston on October 12, 2016 were honored.

Boston Police Commissioner **William Evans** was presented Boston Police Game shirt #1 and Mayor **Marty Walsh** was presented Game shirt #2, this brought a strong response from the Men and women of the Boston Police Department. Commissioner Evans is the #1 man in the Boston Police department and wore the shirt with pride.

Some of the Bruins Greats were in attendance #24 **Terry**



O'Reilly, #16 **Rick Middleton**, **Hal Gill** skated on the ice against our Boston Finest hockey team. I had the privilege to coach the team if you want to call it that.

The Boys in Blue went up 3-0 in the first period of play and everyone was waiting for the shoe to drop so to say as the Bruins then mounted an attack and tied the game up and pulled ahead before it was tied again at 4 each.

The Bruins then came out in the last period of play and iced the game, We pulled the goalie with 2 minutes to play down by 2 goals 6-4 when Eastie's own and former New England Patriot **Jermaine Wiggins** scored an empty net goal to put the game out of reach.

The faces on some in attendance was a sight to see, as many of the officers that responded to the scene that night were in there to take in the game. About \$30K was raised from the event.

Everyone went to the Orient Heights Yacht Club after the game to unwind and tell a few stories. **Matty Morris** came back and Officers hung out with him and his family. **Eric Schmidt** was also on the ice during the official puck drop and the officers were happy to see him and thank him for everything.

A great time was had by all that attended we like to thank members of the command staff for attending the event, Todisco Towing and Ruggerio Family for sponsoring the hockey teams. **Robert Tranglini** for his support all our sponsors that provided Food and raffles for the event. Thanks to the BPPA, Boston EMS, Boston Police Honor Guard, Boston Police Pipes and Drums, **Teddy Hendricks**, and the organizers **Vinny Schettino**, **Gavan McHale** and myself.





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Academy Corner

By P.O. William Shaw & P.O. James Lydon, Boston Police Academy

We have had a busy and productive fall at the Academy. We were actually under the gun to accomplish several tasks so we can give our full attention the upcoming recruit class, which will be starting at the beginning of December.

The 2016 version of in-service was a huge accomplishment. Between September and November, we had 1,343 police officers and supervisors attend a one-day, in-service course. This program included classes about police response to people with mental illness, defensive tactics / de-escalation, and a presentation by the peer support unit. We feel that this training is ahead of the curve in regard to contemporary law enforcement training, and it was well received by our brother and sister officers.

We also took a lead role in crowd control training. The academy staff, led by Police Officer **Janet Lewis** and Police Officer **LeRoy Streat**, worked with Sergeant **Frank Flynn**, Sergeant Detective **Gary Eblan**, and Sergeant **Brian Mahoney** to train 1,202 officers on all three shifts. This task was accomplished over a nine-week period at the Dorchester Armory on Victory Road.

Congratulations and good luck to eight new sergeants: **Dana Barrett**, **Christopher Carroll**, **William Hasson**, **Daniel Pusey**, **Joey Tse**, **Philip Bissonnette**, **Michael Brown**, and **Justin Wood**. These new sergeants participated in the 14th Supervisor's Advanced Leadership Training. SALT Class #14-16 ran from October 10th to November 4th at the academy. The classes the new sergeants took involved subjects including, but not limited to, show up / bring back practices, crime scenes, licensed premises, and defensive tactics / de-escalation. This training was conducted by the academy staff as well as many other adjunct instructors from throughout the department. Good luck on your new assignments!

From November 7th to December 2nd, we had Detective Formative Training for twelve new, or soon to be rated, detectives. This was also a four-week training, held at the Academy by academy staff and adjunct instructors. Detective Formative Training was held to prepare the new detectives for a new sets of skills which will be needed at their new assignments. There were classes in forensics, fingerprinting, crime scenes, interviews and interrogation, and warrant preparation. Classroom instruction was combined with scenario based, hands-on training in this course coordinated by academy staff member Detective **Jeremiah Benton**. New detectives will be much better prepared for their new assignments than in years past. Good luck on your new assignments, as well!

We were, and still are, very active in producing significant law enforcement training for the region. For the past two years, we have had a substantial number of recruits from cities and towns in Eastern Massachusetts. We also provided in-service training for departments outside of the BPD. We hosted a two-day Street Survival seminar for 135 officers from throughout New England. In November, we also had a three-day course for sexual assault investigators from Boston and throughout the region. We held a two-day training for state investigators from several fields from the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety.

One of the most unusual trainings we have done was for the local chapter of the Young President's Organization. This is an international organization of young corporate executives and CEOs. These young corporate executives were interested in hearing about police training in an academy setting. It was an unusual crowd for us and we were surprised by the great interaction between the staff and

the Young Presidents. The best part was they bought lunch!

On October 31st, the first annual Boston Police Academy Halloween Trick-or-Treat was held. This event was coordinated by Police Officer **Sophia Vega-Jones** and strongly supported by Superintendent **Lisa Holmes** and several other volunteers. The academy front door and the first floor were decorated by the staff. The candy and decorations were provided by donations from the staff and a generous donation by the Police Athletic League. Over 100 neighborhood kids came by to make the event a huge success. It was a nice way to give a little back to a neighborhood that puts up with noisy recruit physical training at 7:30am and congested streets created by our overflowing parking lot.

On November 14th, 42 new cadets joined us for three weeks of training. They were sworn in on November 16th by the commissioner and the mayor, and they will be graduating at the end of November. This is the first cadet class since 2009 and, after graduation, they will be providing much needed help for the districts and for headquarters. The cadets were from neighborhoods all over the city. Hopefully, in two to five years, they will become new police officers for the BPD.

Well, after accomplishing all this we have cleared our plate for Recruit Class #56-16. On December 5th, 80 to 85 Boston recruits and sixteen recruits from outside departments will begin training. The anticipated graduation date will be sometime in late June. From the entire academy staff, we wish all of our brother and sister law enforcement officers a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy – and **SAFE** – New Year!



Detective Training



Academy Halloween Party



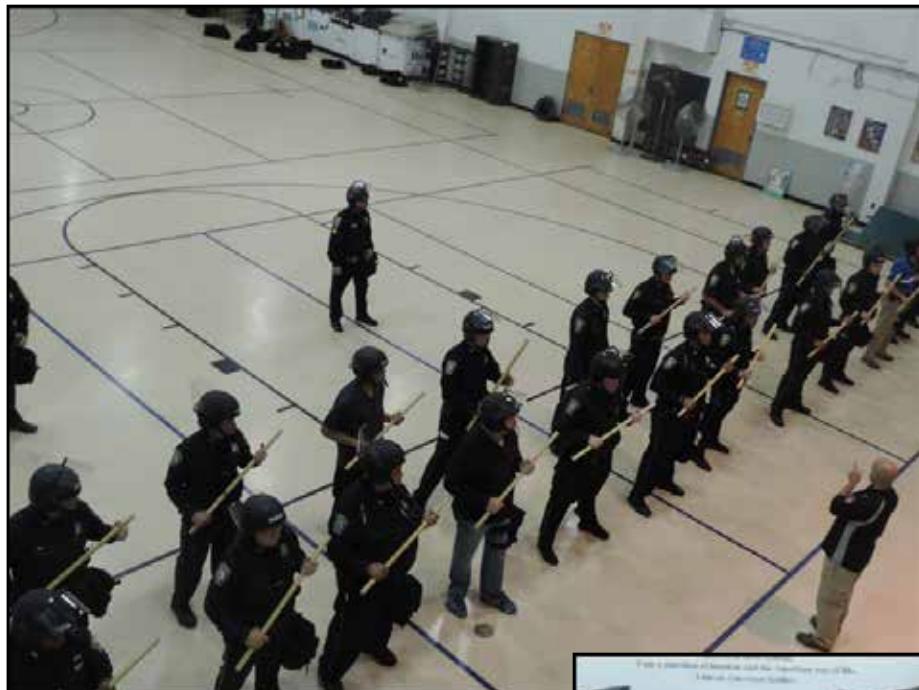
Active Shooter Training



Cadets (clockwise from upper left) learning computers, traffic and driving

(Below) Cadets being sworn-in





Combat Control Team Training



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Looking back and trying to look forward

Normally the Christmas *Pax* article is one of the easiest ones to write. You note a few of the newsworthy occurrences that happened in the prior year, you make some predictions for what could happen in the coming year, you try to sprinkle in some humor and some positivity, and then you close the article by telling people to “keep safe” and to “have a great holiday.” The article almost writes itself. This year it does not seem so easy.

Looking back at the last year is one thing, but processing what happened is a whole different story. As we know from the presidential election, none of the predictive models work anymore. We may be able to look back and see where we came from, but where we are going is entirely unclear. It seems like our neighborhoods, our city, our state, our country, and our world is all at a giant crossroad, with strong and opinionated factions pulling us in every direction imaginable. This was a year where friendships were strained, some to the breaking point, as the result of a deep divide in our country that was played out through the election. Do we see signs of optimism? Or are there huge warning signs on the horizon? What does 2017 hold for us?

As a young Assistant District Attorney in the mid-1990s, I was delighted to find a (then) patrolman named **Jimmy Coyne** who carried a Polaroid camera in his cruiser. By taking a picture of a bullet hole in a pick-up truck on one call he went to, Jimmy helped me convict someone in an entirely different shooting. I also remember a case where I had a very grainy photograph of a suspect from an ATM security camera at Roxbury Crossing that Detective **Paul Martin** used to solve a carjacking with the help of Crime Stoppers. I took that grainy picture to Polaroid to see if it could be enhanced for the trial of that case. (*It couldn't.*) Who knew back then that Polaroid would go bankrupt in 2001, or that in 2016 Boston police officers would be wearing body cameras with much clearer pictures than we ever envisioned twenty years ago?

Although I just dated myself with the Polaroid references, I am too young to remember a Vietnam-era protests of the 1960s, although many of today's protests share similarities to those protests (that I learned about in school). Burning flags and disrespect for law enforcement are common to both eras. As I am writing this article (at the very end of November), sixty-one law enforcement officers have been shot and killed in the United States this year, twenty of whom were killed in ambushes. The officers killed range from a female officer on her first day on the job to a sixty-five year old veteran about to retire. If not for some heroics actions performed by officers from MOP and District A-7, and if not for having the world's best medical care in Boston, the number of officers killed would be two officers higher. This is all unprecedented. As seen in the riots in Charlotte, Baltimore, and Ferguson, the anger can be palpable. I hope and believe that there will be more respect for law enforcement officers in 2017. Whether you voted for the president-elect or not, I think he will support the police. Regardless of who our president is, our society must begin to show more respect for you.



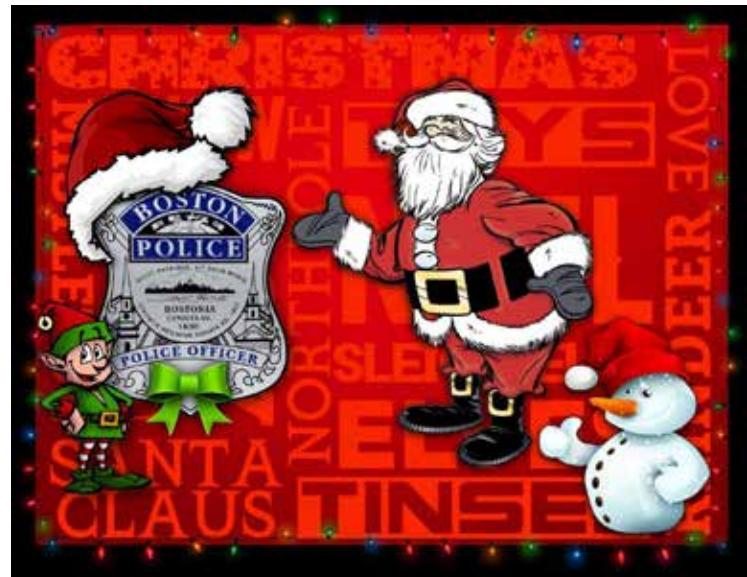
As we all know, life happens on its own terms. We face things that are entirely unanticipated. On a small scale, we lived through this unpredictability several years ago with the Boston Marathon bombings. What would happen in Boston if we had terrorist attacks on the scale of those seen in Paris and Brussels? How will we react? What if Boston experiences a riot like Charlotte or Baltimore? As Robin Williams said while playing Teddy Roosevelt in the movie Night at the Museum: “Some men are born great; others have it thrust upon them.” Will

2017 be the year where something unanticipated is thrust upon us? If so, will you respond greatly? Look around the guard room at your next roll call. Ask yourself if the shift you are about to start will be a typical shift.

Could something unforeseen happen? Will there be a major catastrophe on this shift? What will be thrust upon us? In the profession you all chose, no one knows those answers. But you all know that it could happen.

As we enter the year 2017, we all need to prepare for the worst and hope for the best. Use your best judgment and use the greatest amount of restraint you can humanly muster. Watch out for your co-workers. Be honest. Be kind. Take pride in your work and your reputation. And don't cut corners. The world we live in is changing rapidly. No one is taking Polaroid pictures anymore. The world changed and we all need to adapt. Be mindful of what surrounds you, and keep doing the awesome job you all do. And, oh, I was supposed to sprinkle some humor and positivity into the annual holiday *Pax* article. The humor will return in 2017, because without our senses of humor we'd all go insane. For you all though: keep smiling. And stay positive.

From all of here at Byrne & Anderson, we wish you a great holiday season with your families, and are keeping our fingers crossed for a safe and prosperous 2017. And now that we don't have to be so politically correct anymore, Merry Christmas to you all.





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Disability retirement benefits and paid details

Recently, the Union succeeded in confirming that Police Officers who are disabled while working a paid detail may be eligible for accidental disability retirement benefits. No one can deny the dangers that Police Officers face every day while serving and protecting our community. Too often, Police Officers suffer serious injuries on the job that prevent them from returning to work, and jeopardize their ability to provide for themselves and their families. Recognizing those risks, the law provides accidental disability retirement benefits to Police Officers permanently disabled by an on-duty injury.

The idea that Police Officers injured during a paid detail were eligible for these benefits, in the same manner as an officer disabled during a normally scheduled tour, went unchallenged for decades. Then a Magistrate for the Division of Administrative Law Appeals issued a decision to the contrary in January 2015, which claimed Police Officers injured during a detail were ineligible for accidental disability retirement benefits. This unexpected, and unacceptable conclusion not only impacted the specific officer involved in the case, but every officer on the street. The Union, along with the Department and the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (or PERAC), worked to correct this matter. Now, there is no question that Police Officers may be eligible for accidental disability retirement benefits if they sustain a disabling injury while working a detail.

Many issues related to the specific case remain unsettled. Importantly, though, the Contributory Retirement Appeals Board, often referred to as CRAB, issued a definitive ruling on the detail issue. CRAB "explicitly disavow[ed]" the Magistrate's controversial and dangerous opinion.

The CRAB decision described the many ways in which Police Officers are performing public safety duties while working a paid detail. For example, the Department's own rules provide that a "paid detail is an official Department assignment." While working a detail, Police Officers are expected to protect the public, and enforce the laws of the Commonwealth and the City.

The decision highlighted the dangers Police Officers face while working a paid detail. CRAB analyzed data provided by PERAC, which suggested that a significant percentage of career-ending injuries occur during a paid detail. While working a detail, Police Officers risk being hit by a vehicle or being assaulted by an unruly spectator. These risks will likely rise as the residents of our City overindulge this holiday season. CRAB also pointed to the recent rise in active shooter incidents, noting that "a detail officer at a public



space or crowded venue may find herself in the position of being among the first to respond to the threat."

CRAB also looked at the specific statute, and noted that nothing in the statute limits accidental disability retirement benefits to "regular" duties. Instead, CRAB stated that the statute is intended to apply whenever a Police Officer is disabled during "any task that it is [his or] her duty to perform... whether it is [his or] her regular assignment ... an overtime assignment, or a special or detail assignment." It also pointed to a number of cases interpreting the same, or similar language to include paid details within the meaning of a Police Officer's "duties."

Attorneys often caution clients about the uncertainty of litigation. In this case, a Magistrate's flawed analysis caused over a year and a half of uncertainty. Now, as a result of the Union's efforts, there is clear and helpful language to protect the rights of Police Officers disabled while working a detail. It is important to know this benefit is there, but hopefully you will never need it. Have a wonderful, and safe holiday season.

SPORTS TRIVIA

By Bill Carroll

1. Can you name the five retired Major Leaguers who had 50 home runs and 50 doubles in the same season?
2. Prior to Kris Bryant in 2016 who was the last Cub to be named National League MVP?
3. Who led Major League baseball in saves in 2016?
4. Can you name the three Boston Celtics to win the NBA MVP Award?
5. Who was the last back to back NHL MVP Award winner?
6. Can you name the last twenty game winner of the Tampa Bay Rays?
7. Can you name the NFL team that drafted Brett Favre?
8. When was the last time the Michigan Wolverines were football National Champions?
9. Entering the 2016 season which quarterback held the record for wins as a starter?
10. Who holds the NFL career scoring record?

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NAPO Participates in Trump DOJ Presidential Transition Team Meeting

On December 1, 2016, NAPO Executive Director Bill Johnson and Governmental Affairs Director Andy Edmiston participated in a meeting with President-elect Trump's transition team for the Department of Justice (DOJ) to discuss law enforcement's top priorities for the new Administration. The meeting was run by former Attorney General and TOP COP Awards Selection Committee member Ed Meese and was attended by several staff for the Trump transition team and staff of the next Attorney General, Senator Jeff Sessions.

In the meeting, representatives of the major national law enforcement organizations laid out their top priorities for the Trump administration and there was unprecedented unity in the issues every organization wanted to see tackled by the President-elect and the new Attorney General. The issues of consensus ranged from repeal of President Obama's executive order curtailing state and local law enforcement's access to surplus military equipment to ending sanctuary cities to federal support for law enforcement through funding, resources and general support for the officers on the street.

While all of the organizations present agreed that there must be increased penalties for those who harm or target law enforcement officers, NAPO was alone in our suggestions regarding what the DOJ can do about it. While we all support the Thin Blue Line Act, the Back the Blue Act and the Blue Lives Matter Act, NAPO believes the Attorney General has the power to extend protections to state and local law enforcement without the passage of legislation. NAPO strongly urged the transition team to enact new federal criminal provisions to address (1) the assault and murder of and federally-funded local law enforcement officers, such as those officers whose agencies receive aid from the Departments of Justice or Homeland Security; and (2) the assault and murder of state and local officers engaged in the protection of federally recognized civil rights, such as those officers attacked while safeguarding protests.

We also advocated for the appointment of an Assistant Attorney General of the Civil Rights Division who will work collaboratively with law enforcement and ensure federal prosecution, where applicable, of those who commit crimes against officers. Appointments such as these will make the difference in framing the relationship between the DOJ and state and local law enforcement. NAPO also asked the transition team to consider who the President-elect nominates to the Supreme Court, as the new justice will have a significant impact on many issues faced by law enforcement officers today.

After this meeting, NAPO is confident that President-elect Trump has law enforcement's back and that we will see many changes within the DOJ that will better support the officers on the street. We look forward to continue working with the transition team as they set up the next Administration. If you have any questions about the meeting, please contact Bill Johnson at bjohnson@napo.org.

NAPO Victory! Senate Passes PSOB Improvement Act

In a victory for NAPO, the Senate passed the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Improvement Act of 2016 (S. 2944) by unanimous consent on November 30th. The bill, introduced by Senators Charles Grassley (R-IA) and Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), would tackle the issues of transparency and the timeliness of case determinations within the PSOB program, and protect the ability of survivors, disabled officers and their families to get the benefits they so rightly deserve. Importantly, this bill would return the PSOB Program to a presumptive benefit and restore the "substantial weight" standard that requires PSOB to give substantial weight to the findings of federal, state, and local agencies as to the cause of the public safety officer's death or disability. It would ensure that children of fallen or disabled public safety officers would still be eligible for education benefits if an adjudication delay causes them to age out of benefit eligibility before their claim is approved. It would increase transparency through weekly and biannual public reports on the status of claims. It is a priority for NAPO that we ensure the PSOB Program is processing and deciding claims in a timely manner and that the process is transparent and straightforward for those who have lost their loved ones or have become seriously disabled in the line of duty. NAPO thanks Senators Grassley, Gillibrand, Leahy and Cornyn for their leadership on this important issue. We are now working diligently with House and Judiciary Committee leadership to get the PSOB Improvement Act out of Committee and on the House floor for a vote before the end of session, which is expected to be December 9th. In addition to the changes this important legislation will bring, the DOJ is working to ensure that the two PSOB proposed rules will go into effect before the end of the Obama Administration. The changes these two rules make compliment the PSOB Improvement Act and will significantly improve the PSOB Program, particularly if the PSOB Office takes into account NAPO's comments in the final rules. The final rules are said to be released sometime before the end of the year. We will keep our members up to date on the status of the legislation and the final PSOB regulations. If you have any questions about the PSOB Program or the PSOB Improvement Act please contact Andy Edmiston at aedmiston@napo.org.

NAPO Victory! House Passes NAPO Endorsed Criminal Justice and Mental Health Reforms

On November 30th, the House passed the 21st Century Cures Act, a sweeping medical innovation package that includes new research funding, mental health and criminal justice reforms, and grants to fight opioid abuse. The package also includes language to improve the nation's mental health system and \$1 billion over two years to help fight against opioid abuse, including ensuring law enforcement has access to anti-overdose drugs such as naloxone.

The 21st Century Cures Act includes two important mental health and criminal justice measures that NAPO endorsed: (1) the Mental Health and Safe Communities Act which strengthens federal programs related to mental health in the criminal justice system by



enhancing the ability of families and communities to identify mental illness; and (2) the Comprehensive Justice and Mental Health Act, which would update the Mentally Ill Offender and Treatment Crime Reduction Act (MIOTCRA) and facilitate collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems to ensure those with mental illness receive the treatment and help they need.

Key provisions of the mental health/criminal justice sections of the Cures Act include:

- Reauthorization and extension of the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act (MIOTCRA), an essential funding mechanism that supports the use of mental health courts and crisis intervention teams in local law enforcement agencies.
- Amends MIOTCRA to allow the Attorney General to use existing authorized funds to award grants to non-profit organizations for the creation of a National Criminal Justice and Mental Health Training Center. This entity would coordinate best practices on responding to mental illness in the criminal justice system, and would provide technical assistance to governmental agencies who wish to implement these best practices.
- Authorizes resources for expanded training activities, providing more officers with a basic understanding of the issues involved when responding situations with individuals with mental health crises.

NAPO worked throughout the year to move these bills in any way possible and it is a win for us that they were included in what is considered must-pass legislation. The Senate is expected to take up and pass the 21st Century Cures Act this week. We thank Senators John Cornyn (R-TX) and Al Franken (D-MN) and Representatives Doug Collins (R-GA) and Martha McSally (R-AZ) for their leadership and support of this important issue.

House Passes NDAA Conference Report

In a victory for NAPO and our efforts to overturn President Obama's executive order restricting state and local law enforcement's access to lifesaving, surplus military equipment, the House passed on December 2nd the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), without a provision that would have codified the executive order. NAPO exerted every effort over the past several months during conference negotiations to ensure the provision did not make it into the final conference report and its exclusion speaks volumes about the support within Congress for law enforcement having access to this equipment.

While we did not get the executive order reversed in the NDAA, the final bill that passed the House ameliorates some of its harmful consequences and lays the groundwork for the Trump Administration to repeal the executive order in its entirety. NAPO looks forward to working with the Trump Administration to ensure quick repeal of the executive order in 2017.

NAPO in the News

On November 27th, NAPO Executive Director Bill Johnson was interviewed for a Washington Times article entitled, "Police hopeful Donald Trump will usher in new era of respect for law enforcement". The article discusses how police across the country

are hoping that under President Trump there will be stronger support for law enforcement and recognition of the difficult jobs officers do day in and day out. Johnson pointed out that who the President-elect nominates to fill certain key appointments will impact the relationship between the federal government and state and local law enforcement.

"Bill Johnson, executive director of the National Association of Police Organizations, said his group will be looking for strong allies within the Justice Department. 'Whoever is in charge of the Civil Rights Division, they must have close and trusted relationships with police officers and agencies,' he said. 'The Obama administration failed miserably in that regard.'"

Johnson went on to state that the policies supported and advocated by the Trump Administration will also be key to changing the attitude towards our nation's police officers.

"The National Association of Police Organizations is among those urging Mr. Trump to support legislation on a national level that would make the murder or attempted murder of a police officer a federal crime. 'At one level it would send a powerful message that this president is saying this Justice Department is different — they stand up for the men and women of law enforcement,' Mr. Johnson said. 'Given the current climate and the tacit support by the administration of these violent protests, that would be a powerful change.' Adding federal prosecutors to the equation would also bring resources beyond those of state or local attorneys, he said."

The full article is available at: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/nov/27/police-hopeful-donald-trump-will-usher-in-new-era/>

*** On November 30th, Johnson was quoted in a Washington Post article entitled, "Name of Ohio State officer who shot attacker released almost immediately. Is that right?" The article discussed the varying views of when the name of an officer involved in a shooting should be publicly released.

"Bill Johnson, executive director of the National Association of Police Organizations, noted that after Officer Wilson's name and address were released in the Ferguson case, the officer and his family were harassed and had to move. 'If the use of force is controversial,' Johnson said, 'that can lead to death threats against an officer and a family. There has to be some recognition of that on the part of police agency administrators.'

The full article is available at: https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/true-crime/wp/2016/11/30/name-of-ohio-state-officer-who-shot-attacker-released-almost-immediately-is-that-right/?utm_term=.469ae3f791a5

NAPO Victory! Congress Passes Justice for All Reauthorization Act

In another year-end victory for NAPO, the House passed the Justice for All Reauthorization Act (JFAA) on November 29th, sending it to the President's desk to be signed into law. The Senate passed the JFAA on June 16, 2016. NAPO supported the JFAA when it was originally passed in 2004 and we worked to ensure that it was reauthorized.

The JFAA improves and ensures public confidence in the criminal justice system. This legislation continues and improves

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upon the important provisions of the original JFAA, which increased resources devoted to DNA and other forensic technology, established safeguards to prevent wrongful convictions, and enhanced protections for crime victims. The bill strengthens services for crime victims and provides support to state and local governments to use DNA evidence to convict guilty offenders and exonerate the innocent. We thank Senators John Cornyn (R-TX) and Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Congressman Ted Poe (R-TX) for their leadership on this important bill and their continued support of the criminal justice community.

Your Nominations Make the Difference for TOP COPS®

This year marks the 24th year NAPO has produced the TOP COPS® Awards. The awards dinner will take place on Friday, May 12, 2017, again coinciding with Police Week. The TOP COPS® Awards Dinner will be at the Omni Shoreham Hotel located in Washington, D.C. Over the next few months we will be asking for your assistance in three major areas in which you, our members, can help to ensure the success of TOP COPS®: nominations, sponsorships, and show attendance. Today, we want to ask for your assistance with the first and most fundamental component, nominations.

TOP COPS® is unique in that it is a peer nominated award. However, one of the greatest struggles we have faced in the past is

getting the nomination form out to officers nationwide. We are asking you to assist us in making this happen. It is our goal this year to see all 50 states represented with a nominee. While we appreciate and welcome nominations from the executive level, we would really like to see the nomination form circulated among your members.

The nomination form can be downloaded from the NAPO website,
[http://www.napo.org/files/5814/5583/4244/
NominationForm2017.pdf](http://www.napo.org/files/5814/5583/4244/NominationForm2017.pdf).

Please feel free to duplicate and post it anywhere you feel it is appropriate. We would especially like to see forms posted in association offices and departments with the hope that your members will feel inclined to nominate the great cases/officers they have come into contact with over the past year. We would also like to ask you to consider including the nomination form in your association publication, on your website, or as a hand out at your next meeting.

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Retirement-focused websites offer top tips

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Don't overlook sites like [AARP.org](#) and [SocialSecurity.gov](#), which are wonderful sites loaded with useful data and information. But here are a few that might be new to you.

■ **NextAvenue.org ("Where grown-ups keep growing")**

Conceived and developed by Twin Cities Public PBS in St. Paul, Minn., Next Avenue is the first effort by PBS to be launched on the Web, rather than television. It offers high-quality journalism and features on a wide range of topics – from careers, to personal finance and retirement planning, to health.

"NextAvenue.org, a site for people 50+, features a Money & Security channel and a Work & Purpose channel, with articles aimed at helping readers manage their finances and make smart decisions about working full-time and part-time, before retirement and during retirement," managing editor Rich Eisenberg says. "We're finding a strong appetite for these pieces both on our site (which often has roughly two million visitors a month) and from our media partners at Forbes, MarketWatch, and Huffington Post 50, which often republish these pieces."

Among the top stories recently: is an Alzheimer's vaccine on the horizon; how boomer parents can stop babying their millennials financially; and seven interview tips for older workers to get temp jobs.

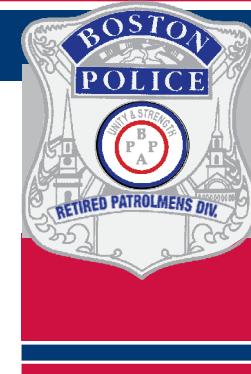
■ **On Retirement**

US News & World Report's retirement-focused section offers retirement planning ideas and advice from top personal finance and

Sports trivia...

From **Sports Trivia Questions** on page 45

1. The five retired major leaguers who had 50 homers and 50 doubles in the same season are Hank Greenberg, Albert Belle, Alex Rodriguez, Luis Gonzalez, and David Ortiz.
2. Prior to Kris Bryant in 2016 the last Club to win the National League MVP Award was Sammy Sosa in 1998.
3. Mets closer Jeurys Familia led the majors in saves in 2016 with 51.
4. The three Boston Celtics to win the NBA MVP Award were Bob Cousy, Bill Russell, and Larry Bird.
5. The last back-to-back NHL MVP Award winner was Alex Ovechkin of the Washington Capitals who won in 2007-2008.
6. The last twenty games winner for the Tampa Bay Rays was David Price who went 20-5 in 2012.
7. Brett Favre was drafted by the Atlanta Falcons in 1991.
8. The last time the Michigan Wolverines were football national champions was in 1997.
9. Entering this season Manning held the record for wins by a starting quarterback with 200.
10. The NFL scoring record is held by kicker Morten Andersen with 254 points while playing for six different teams.



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Recent featured articles include: 10 costs to include in your retirement budget; the pros and cons of hiring a financial adviser, 5 mistakes that are reducing your retirement savings; and 4 ways to botch your retirement plan.

■ **The Retirement Café by Ernie J. Zelinski ("Where you get the best retirement advice for the twenty-first century and retirement information that you won't get from your financial adviser")**

Not as pretty and polished as some of the others but packed with information and links to stories by the AARP, *US News & World Report*, and others. From the website: "This website addresses the 'new retirement' including topics such as why you should retire early, where to retire, how to preserve retirement savings, how to generate retirement income, how to find fun retirement jobs, and how to get involved in fun retirement activities."

"The purpose of The Retirement Café is to help the retired and the soon-to-be retired to better understand their lifetime aspirations, to help them minimize the complexity and uncertainty associated with retirement, and to allow them to concentrate on what matters most in retirement planning."

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By P.O. Jay Moccia

An amusement park in Japan bowed to pressure after controversy arose surrounding a skating rink on the premises. It seems the park placed about 5,000 dead fish under the ice, using them to spell out "Hello" and arranging them into directional arrows. Even though the fish were purchased (already dead) from a local fish market, visitors complained to management who closed the rink and removed the fish. Management further states the fish will be disposed of after a brief memorial service. Anyone interested in attending this service is being advised to bring their own tartar sauce.



As a dad, I am entrusted with the most sensitive and complicated household chores. I am one of the few who has mastered the art of changing the toilet paper roll, and the only one who knows the secret recipe for ice. Or at least it seems that way to me...



Two close aides to New Jersey Governor Chris Christie were found guilty of intentionally shutting down roads leading to the George Washington Bridge in order to "punish" the mayor of Fort Lee for not endorsing Christie's bid for re-election. "time for some traffic problems in Fort Lee" was included in an internal email, and the two were found guilty. Sentencing is set for Feb. 21, 2017, and the pair could face up to twenty years in jail. Hmm, if they were smart they would have opted to move the trial to MA, where the Occupy protesters who shut down I-93 had their charges dropped or were punished by fines, community service. Same crime really, isn't it? Oh silly me the Christie aides are Republicans...



I'm currently out injured, and my rehab has included plenty of gym time. Some things I've noted, passing between a "gym bro" and his reflection is akin to stepping between a mama bear and her cubs, and in order to avoid embarrassment, I will move the pins to higher weights when I'm done on a machine so the meatheads have to ponder how I did it. File Under: I pick things up and put them down.



While this column is too late to get into the juicy details of the Presidential Election, let's just say, I'm having a hard time wiping the smile off my face. On November 8th, Donald J. Trump was elected as the 45th President of the United States. The debates weren't Lincoln/Douglas by any means, and once again, Americans were forced to vote for (*depending on what side you're on*) a misogynist, bigoted billionaire or a lying, corrupt, condescending millionaire. Funny, much was made of Trump not immediately agreeing to abide by the outcome, yet it was the Hillary supporters who took to the streets rioting and protesting after their loss on election night. These pampered snowflakes and pajama boys who always got a trophy couldn't handle the fact that many Americans didn't agree with them. There were the usual calls to abolish the Electoral College and demands for a recount because of voter fraud, or the Russian's hacking, but all for naught, Trump won. The election night coverage was pure theatre, and I spent it channel surfing for laughs. CNN's Van Jones spewed an epic rant citing racism as the deciding factor (*and here I thought Lie-zy Warren was the Democrat of color, not Hillary*) calling the vote a "whitelash" against a black President? Hmm Van I checked the Constitution and Obama can't run for a third term... but this election wasn't black and white it was green-and not the Jill Stein

green, the money kind. All these horror stories about scared children and immigrants, celebrities leaving the country, California seceding from the Union, are just cry-baby BS. Jones eventually walked back his statement, saying later he did believe not everyone who voted for Trump was a racist. Thanks Van, tell me something I don't know!



OK, now for the meat and potatoes...I'm truly fed up with these protesters, the same crew from Move On, Occupy, #BLM. They were part of the reason Trump won. Yes, you read that right. Many of their fellow citizens are fed up with the false accusations of racism and hate these groups and others have fueled. I know I am. As a cop for over thirty years I'm sick of being portrayed as the enemy, an "occupying force" as the former AG and the POTUS referred to me and you. Trump came out early on in favor of Law Enforcement, as opposed to Hillary calling for retraining and restrictions against us, furthering that narrative fostered by #BLM and the MSM. We are not the bunch of racist thugs many in the Democratic Party leadership believe us to be. We are men and women who go out and do a difficult job not many others want to do, a thankless job at best, understaffed to dangerous levels nation-wide, under attack from all sides, set upon, ambushed and killed at an alarming rate, yet every day we show up for work, to serve and protect the good people in our communities. We are warriors, or sheepdogs, or whatever; who sometimes have to resort to violence in order to do our job. It's a fact. Are there racists or bigots among us, sure, same as in any group or profession, what, no one believes there aren't racist dentists, bigoted construction workers, misogynistic celebrities, corrupt lying politicians (ok, sorry EVERYONE knows that one), but there are too many good decent hard working men and women in Law Enforcement to let any of these clowns in our midst get away with stuff that may have been ignored in years past. I'm sick of the PC crap, cameras, profiling forms, and all the rest of the stuff foisted upon under the assumption that we are racist thugs, I'm sick of it, all of it. To be told after thirty years that my city no longer trusts me is disgraceful, and to the Politicians who push this agenda, I say, good luck. This election proves the silent majority still believes in America, still believes in Law and Order, and you ignore them at your own peril.



Speaking of which, the Boston City Council wants to join Cambridge and Brookline in a ban on plastic grocery bags. Boys and Girls, I've mentioned this before, when I was a kid we switched to plastic to "save the trees," so now that the trees are safe, you want to go back to paper? You may want to re-think this, the liberal crap you peddle will fall right out the bottom of a paper sack, and plastic is the only thing that has a chance to hold it.



"El Commandante" Fidel Castro the de-facto dictator of Cuba has finally died at the ripe old age of 90. They say you should say nothing but good about the dead, he's dead...GOOD. Now I know I this may upset those with liberal sensibilities and ideologies, but Castro was nothing more than a rotten Communist thug who imprisoned, murdered or exiled anyone who stood against him. Now you libs will counter with his literacy programs and universal health care that provided all Cubans with the skills to read and access to a

doctor, to which I say: he gave them all literacy so they could read his propaganda, and health care so they could continue to slave for the state to the tune of about \$20 a month. Those singing the praises of Fidel are despicable. Talk to anyone who escaped Communism if you dare and they'll tell you the horror stories of suspicious neighbors, the disappeared, shortages of food and basic necessities, all the things you already know, but choose ignore about Communism. Me? Let's just say I hope he gets Hitler and Saddam Hussein for roommates in hell. File under: the only good commie is a dead commie...



Amherst's own Hampshire College has decided to remove the American flag, after some on campus felt "offended" by it. Am I seeing a pattern here? College kids, led by aging hippies, whining about the flag, a symbol of our great nation? Our free and open elections, all our freedoms; It's time for these pajama boys and snowflake girls to grow the hell up, and realize their hallowed diversity is supposed to include people who don't agree with them, and by the way, we're not all ignorant despite what the professors, mommy and daddy told you. At press time, and after several pro flag protests, the adults are back in charge at Hampshire, and Old Glory is back on full display.



To that end (and yet another segue) Iowa Rep. Bobby Kaufman is introducing what's come to be known as the "SUCK IT UP BUTTERCUP" bill. It would charge public schools that are providing these sore losers play-doh, puppies, candy, cocoa, safe spaces, and grief councilors (it was an election, not a school shooting) the amount they spend for this nonsense by deducting that amount from the school's next budget. I am so asking Santa for this in MA...



St. Anthony's Shrine in Boston, a church whose generosity and support of the homeless community is second to none, was the victim of a robbery, where a brazen thief swiped the poor box and a sound system. The culprit was caught, and lo and behold, it was a homeless guy. C'mon, really?? Why do you have to steal from a place that gives it away? I'm hoping for some Biblical retribution... Old Testament style...



Americans celebrate Thanksgiving in November. While the history of the holiday has a religious basis, it's become a more non-denominational celebration of food, family and football. I guess I'm saying it's like Fourth of July, all Americans take part in some form or another. What gets me...people telling me all week to "have a nice holiday." IT'S THANKSGIVING, WE ALL CELEBRATE IT, stop being PC with this, save it for Christmas libtards.



A CHRISTMAS parade in Sandford, NC was HALTED after gunshots left two wounded, one seriously. Wait, they stopped the parade because of a nearby shooting? Can someone please pass this story to the proper authorities before next year's Caribbean Festival?



As I have for the past several holiday seasons I will be wishing everyone I meet a heartfelt and sincere: "MERRY CHRISTMAS!!" And anyone taking offense can, as my main holiday man, Ebenezer Scrooge opined, "better get to it, and decrease the surplus population."



An adherent to the religion of peace, Abdul Razak Ali Artan, attacked fellow Ohio State students running several over with his car, and stabbing a few more with a large knife. This rabid dog was then put down by a campus cop who shot the terrorist dead. Of course, liberals including Democratic VP loser Tim Kaine, called for more gun control. Hmm, the only gun there was in the hands of a trained Police Officer who, in my opinion, controlled it quite well, killing this animal, before he could harm any more innocents.



And in a separate but related attack, this one in East Boston, two of our own, Officers Matt Morris and Rich Cintolo were shot by another "lone wolf" Islamic terrorist, Kirk Figueroa, wearing body armor and wielding a pistol and shotgun, he held Officers at bay until he was shot and killed by an Officer armed with a rifle. Both Officers are recovering, but face a long road before they are fully healed. They and everyone else there are true heroes. I'll use this to briefly reiterate the need for rifles, shotguns and ballistic plates, (and everyone should be carrying extra ammo, more than what's required by R&R) as well as first aid equipment beyond a tourniquet. These death cultists are all around us, and incidents like these only show how unprepared we are to deal with them.



Well, Massachusetts voters showed how stupid they are, and not just by being one of the few states that stayed Blue. They also made marijuana legal. Yup the dopes voted for the dopes (*Clinton and pot*). Does anyone think someone high on pot is not a danger behind the wheel or that this is going to solve the drug problem? Where is the outrage from the opioid crisis folks, drugs are drugs. The only group I see this benefitting are white suburbanites. They won't have to travel to the hood for an ounce or swipe it from their teenagers. Kids aren't going to pay for the higher priced but much more potent medical stuff, so the speculation about this cutting into the drug trade will be proven untruthful, just like Hillary. And as long as I'm wrapping up the ballot questions, my neighbors also voted to uncage animals (*which will lead to higher food prices-and ruin my veal, because veal that walks around becomes steak, and who the hell wants a steak farm?*) and raise my taxes (*even though it's only about \$25/year-we all know it won't stop there*). But I got even – I gave them Trump!



*I'll end with another quote from *A Christmas Carol*, my favorite read during this season: "Every idiot who goes about with 'Merry Christmas' on his lips should be boiled with his own pudding and buried with a stake of holly through his heart" This is the attitude, in my opinion, of the elitist, liberal, PC, inclusive crowd. The self proclaimed smartest, most tolerant people in the room got quite a comeuppance on November 8th, and have since been nothing but "Bah Humbug" with their wailing about it. But in keeping with the spirit, I'll offer them, as well as all of you, a very MERRY CHRISTMAS, and wishes of a safe, prosperous (without all the ordering) healthy HAPPY NEW YEAR. Hey Trump won, it's OK to say this stuff again!!*



Stay safe, watch the six, back each other up, and be careful.



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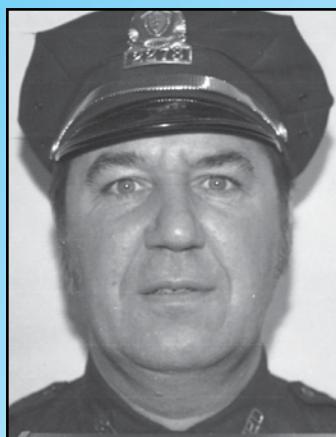
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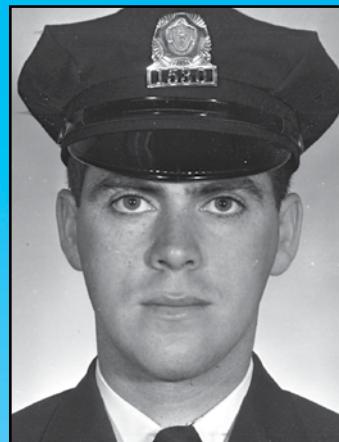
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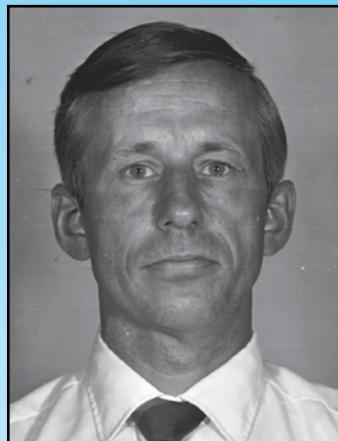
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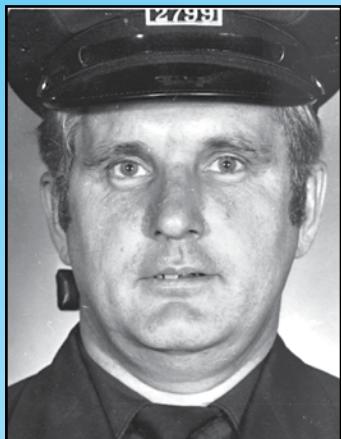
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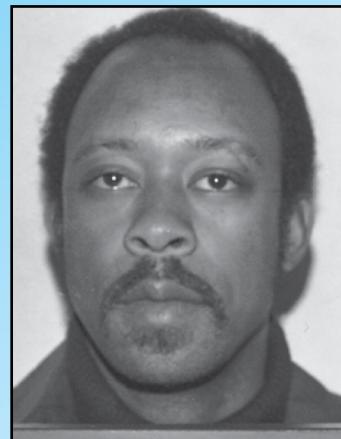
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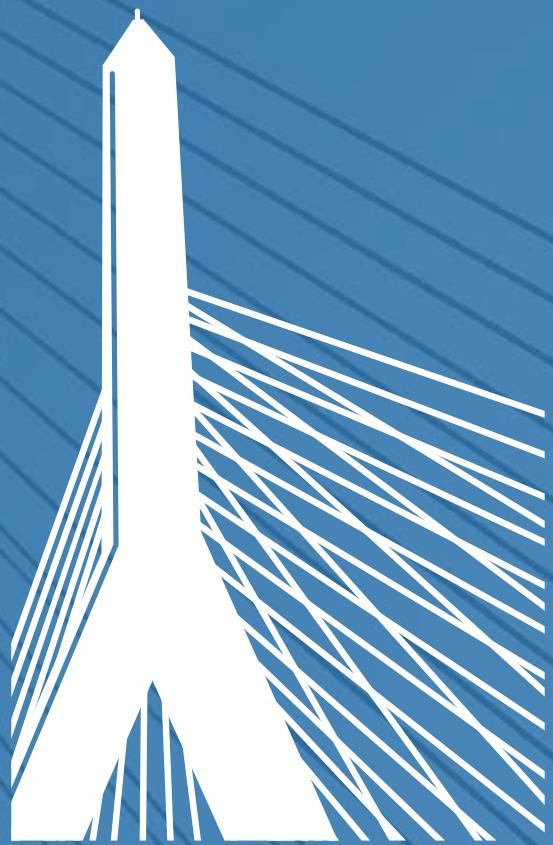
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