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John T. Moynihan

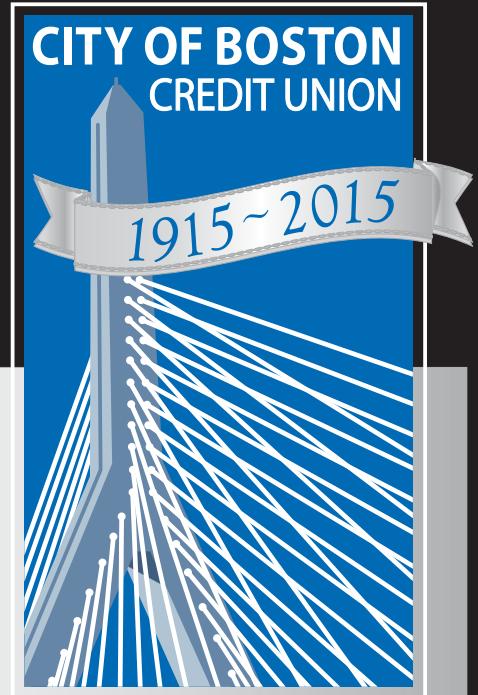


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The first one hundred days

To say the first one hundred days has been eventful would be the understatement of my life. First and foremost allow me to discuss Officer **John Moynihan**. As we all know, John was savagely and without provocation, attacked by a ruthless felon that was intent on murdering a Police Officer. As far as discussing anything further to do with his assailant, I wouldn't waste the ink. By the grace of God, John survived and by all accounts is recovering from his physical wounds received. We all know that his injuries are a life changing event and he will have a long road to recovery. John is and has been surrounded by his loving family and friends. John is one of the strongest, (*both physically and mentally*), men I have the pleasure of knowing and working side by side with on this job. I am sure that he will do everything within his own power to make a full recovery. While praying for John, let us not forget the Heroic actions of his partners that day: Officers **Brian Ball, Brian Johnson, Janet Lewis, Jaime Conley and Trooper Billy Cameron**, along with Officers **Greg Bowden and Dennis Medina** who arrived within seconds of the shooting to render assistance. These men and woman displayed the type of Heroic actions that should be heralded.

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Allow me this space for a little *rant* that I believe all the members will agree with. As we have seen of late, whether it was a suspect trying to shoot Officer **Scott Roby** or a derange person attempting to spear Officer **Marty Hedderman**, just to mention a couple, the bad guys are becoming more bold in their attacks against us. As I'm sure you are all aware, this profession becomes more dangerous as the days go by and it's not getting any easier. It seems like the underbelly of society has become somewhat embolden by morally weak politicians and political activists that have jumped on the '*all cops are bad*' band wagon. Of late it seems that every politician or pundit out there is attempting to make a proverbial *splash* in the media by second guessing police officers and the job we do. Speaking of the media, there are those that have been fanning the flames of discontent by attempting to make the news instead of simply reporting the truth. Whether it's an issue in Atlanta or Albuquerque or Boise to Buffalo some of our local detractors, (*egged on of course by National and Local Politicians*), jump on every opportunity to attempt to import some problem or cause that does not exist here in Boston. We, in this City, have handled every situation thrown at us and we still hold the trust and respect of the ma-

jority of all Law Abiding citizens. But that in of itself is not enough for the few '*wing nuts*' that surround us and garner support from our local universities and members of academia. Demand the truth from the media when they only report half the story, demand a full accounting of the same politicians that attempt to make their 'bones' on our backs. Question why certain stories or individual incidents are given so much media time and attention when in reality it doesn't warrant it, other than to stoke the flames of discontent and discounted people. Ask why so many so called Academics and activists are never at their school or job and somehow have

the funds and freedom to roam around the country fanning the flames of hatred and discontent. Ask how many are on some sort of public welfare that was meant for the truly needy. What the media fails to report, what certain weak politicians don't get and what the fools that espouse hatred of the police

can't accept, is that we the Boston Police Officers, are also part of the community. That we come from the same neighborhoods that we patrol. That our children and our grandchildren go to school here. That our families reside here and for the most part have so for generations. We are part of the fabric that ties the community together. So I call on the majority of the good citizens of this City to speak up; send a loud and clear message to those that would attack your society, your civility and your moral and ethical standards, that you will not be swayed by slick political BS or by distorted reports, both in the media and by activists seeking to destroy society. That you support law and order, that you will not allow the fabric of society to be ripped to shreds by those seeking personal gain. Let all know that we have a good and decent City, that we are policed by good and decent members of our society.

With that said, back to the business at hand. Another group of our Heroic Police Officers; **Ryan Lenane** and **Billy Traft** along Sgt. **Joe Teahan** will be Honored at the Top Cops Recognition dinner to be held in Washington, DC on May 12th, these brave men were selected from thousands to be recognized along with nine other incidents countrywide. Another Hero: Officer **Dennis Simmonds** will be honored, (*posthumously*), on May 13, 2015 when his name is added to the Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, DC. Thankfully, the memorial committee agreed with our assessment of his untimely death and our request to properly honor Dennis' ultimate sacrifice. Mere words cannot describe the job that every Police Officer undertakes on a daily basis when you suit up and pin that Badge to your chest. You are tasked with awesome responsibility, you make life and death decisions in a fraction of a second that others may attempt to judge for weeks, months and sometimes years. Continue in your just cause, stand tall and remember you are the strongest strand in the fabric that binds society.

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The most important things...

I was going to use this Pax article to address outstanding grievance and arbitration issues, *ad nauseum*, some of which have been stalled for several years. But at this time, let me address the single most important issue: the well-being of our member **John Moynihan** and his fellow officers who saved his life on March 27th, 2015.

Officer John Moynihan, of the gang unit (YVSF), was shot (as all of us know) at point-blank-range, by **Angelo West**, a career-criminal who had previously (in 2001) attempted to kill Boston and State police officers in the theater district. West had recently been released on parole and was, according to some reports in the media “been attempting to turn his life around.” (Stop us if you’ve heard this before.) West destroyed the careers of many good officers, including Officer **Billy Griffiths** of Area A-1, who narrowly escaped death from West’s gun in 2001.

On that night, as BPPA officers, we responded to a variety of locations requiring our assistance. Some of us went to the shooting scene on Humboldt Ave., others responded to the BMC to meet with and assist family members, and others transported family members to and from the hospital. Many other members and union reps assisted with traffic control, escorts, and a variety of duties which will go unnoticed, but we are all thankful for. (The names are too plentiful to list at the risk of missing somebody, but we thank you all...). To say it was chaotic would be a mild understatement, but everybody did their jobs.

Thank God, and with the help of the outstanding trauma surgeons at BMC and the quick actions of his partners in the gang unit and our EMT’s, John Moynihan was able to pull through. Obviously, it’s going to be a long road to recovery, but things look good as of 4/3/15, ironically, Good Friday.

I would be remiss if I didn’t mention the calm patience and temperament – *almost to a fault* – of our BPD Supt. **William Gross**. Supt. Gross, as many have seen in recent viral video/text messages,

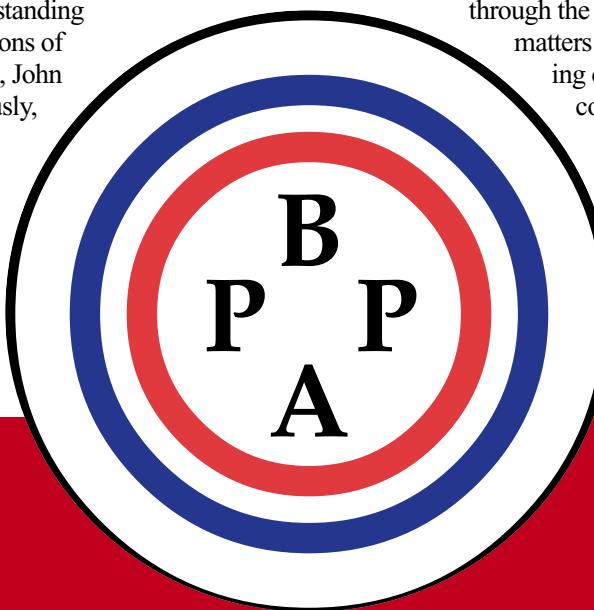
endured withering criticism from self-appointed “activists” in the hours after Officer Moynihan was almost killed. These “activists” attempted to equate this situation with other situations across the United States (Ferguson, MO, New York, etc., etc.) Despite overwhelming evidence right in front of them of the fact that Angelo West had brutally and without provocation shot Officer Moynihan in the face, some of these “activists” attacked Supt. Gross personally and professionally. Supt. Gross,

possessing the temperament and composure that few of us would have under such conditions, remained calm and tried to explain logic and reason to illogical and unreasonable people. (Undoubtedly without success, but you can’t blame a guy for trying...)

The bottom line is this: We all thank God that John Moynihan has survived this brutal attack and we thank all of his partners from the gang unit and Area B who

helped him survive and also sustained withering gunfire from the suspect even as they protected their wounded colleague. To all of the officers who responded that evening, in any capacity whatsoever, the BPPA – and the BPD, on behalf of Comm. Evans and the command staff, thank you. You might not realize it, but every traffic post, every officer praying at the BMC, every officer guarding the crime scene, every officer covering 911 calls for those EDT teams called to the situation – **WAS** noticed.

NOT THAT IT MATTERS, BUT: In comparison to John Moynihan, but just a few notes of interest: we have been plodding through the resolution of past grievances. Some of these matters are years old and time has a way of wearing on issues that some may have forgotten. Of course, this works to the department’s interest: delay, delay, delay, obfuscate, etc. etc. and the matter will disappear. The collection of records and appropriate paperwork is the single biggest key to winning a grievance months or years after it has been filed. Please help us to help to help you by submitting documents that will help you win your grievance.



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John Moynihan

Last Friday, we were all in some part faced with what could have been one of our worst days as police officers. I think it is fair to say everyone who wears the uniform of a Boston Police Officer, or ever has, felt their heart stop followed by a pit in their stomach on March 27th. By the grace of God the absolute amazing strength, both internal and external, of **John Moynihan** that pit we all felt is slowly dissipating. John has shown us just how resilient, fearless and incredible he is. There is a moniker attached to a certain running back in Seattle, I think it is time he cede that nickname to John.

Unfortunately with all that happened, all that we as police officers, friends and family of John know about what happened, things do not play out the way we may wish. I know the adornment of the site of the incident leaves a bad taste in all of our mouths. The idea that there is anything redeeming about the person that savagely attacked John and others seems impossible to me. Unfortunately, none of us were asked if we were ok with it or if we thought it was a continuing reminder of a brutal act committed on our Brother. If anyone of us had been asked I'm confident of what our answer would have been. The Department and the City have a broader responsibility than we do and made the decision to allow it in accordance with the policy they have maintained for other such remembrances. We at the BPPA raised the concerns of members. The Department respectfully relayed their decision to us. We do not have to like it but we do have to accept it. I hope by Sunday morning it will no longer be there.

On a different note I'd like to express my pride in how everyone has handled themselves since the evening of March 27th. The officers that were there or immediately after are truly heroes whether you were someone that stopped the threat and prevented any further injury or you surrounded John and help him find the strength to fight through the initial shock and pain, you are heroes. If you were one of the many officers that ensured the road was clear so John could get to where he needed to be as quick as he could... you too are heroes. The dispatcher (who did an amazing job), The EMTs, the doctors, and nurses are all heroes. I want to thank all the reps that responded and helped, Pat, Mike, Bobby, Larry, and I. There is no way under circumstances like those we all faced that night could things go perfect but truthfully I don't think it could of gone much smoother. Another big part of that was how the command staff allowed the investigators to handle the scene. The FDIT Team and others involved were respectful of the officers involved and patient with how each communicated the fact pattern to them. I truly appreciate the way they treated members, both that evening and through the progression of the investigation.

I also want to recognize the show of support and solidarity shown by those officers

that work with John in the YVSF, those that worked with him in 11, his academy classmates, his friends on "the job", and those officers that may have never met John, steams of officers have stopped into the hospital to check on John. The phones have not stopped ringing with members asking what they can do and checking on John's recovery. I know it is a great comfort to John and his family to know how much support he has. John may not be "out of the woods" yet as far as healing and recovery goes but he has chosen his path and he will not have to take a single step alone.

Justin Quinn

On March 18, 2015 we lost a beloved Honorary Member of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association. **Justin Quinn** lost his battle to cancer. For those of us that had the privilege of spending time with Justin knows he was one of the greatest supporters of police officers. Justin came from a long line of police officers. He understood what our job was about.

Justin was recognized by Mayor **Marty Walsh** at City Hall and that day, December 11, 2014, was declared Justin Quinn Day in the City of Boston. Justin was also welcomed into the Boston Police Department by members of District 1 and other officers as an Honorary Member.

The BPPA began a relationship with Justin and his family and felt honored when Justin accepted our invitation to become an Honorary Member of the BPPA. Justin was presented with a plaque and proclamation. The people who truly received a gift were the members of the BPPA. We became a better organization having a man of Justin's character in our union.

Police Week in Washington, DC

On Tuesday, May 12th, Boston Police Officers **Ryan Lenane** and **Billy Traft**, as well as Sergeant **Joe Teahan**, will be recognized by the National Association of Police Organizations at the 22nd Annual TOP COPS Ceremony in Washington, DC.

On Wednesday, May 13th, Boston Police Officer **Dennis O. Simmonds** will be added to the National Law Enforcement Memorial during Police Week in Washington DC

If you are a member of the BPPA and are planning on attending one or both of these events please contact the BPPA so we can coordinate our participation.

BPPA Food Trailer

With better weather on the horizon there will be more opportunities to use the food trailer. Please let us know of any events in the community that participation would reflect positively on the BPPA and its membership, please let us know. We will not be able to be part of every community event but with volun-



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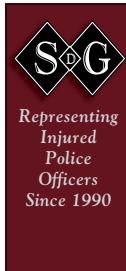
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This is year two-post bombing and we are currently in the middle of the trial of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev in U.S. District Court. We all pray that the jury gets it right. Our hearts continue to go out to the victims as well as our BPPA members, other Police, Fire and EMS agencies and all of the doctors and nurses and others who rallied us through those terrible days. We won't forget.

At the same time, I would be remiss if I didn't mention that the trial might trigger many different emotions for some of our members. I implore you to seek help should you need it. Take the first step and reach out! There are many avenues for you to take including our own Peer Support Unit, 617-343-5175. The days of hiding our emotions and suffering in silence are over. There is no shame, no guilt, and no embarrassment for seeking out help during difficult times. That's what smart, intelligent folks do so they can ensure their own happiness and continue to provide, most importantly, for themselves and **FAMILY** So don't hesitate.Just pick up the phone. Remember, Peer Support is Strictly Confidential!

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A Moynihan Miracle? Officer recovers as hundreds of fellow officers attend Palm Sunday prayer service. Coincidence?...

By James W. Carnell, Pax Editor

ARE THERE SUCH THINGS AS "MIRACLES?" Do you believe in them? Officer John Moynihan, shot in the face at point-blank range on Friday, March 27th with a 357. Magnum, was in medically-induced coma on March 29th, Palm Sunday, as hundreds of fellow police officers, friends and supporters gathered outside St. Patrick's Church on Dudley Common for the blessing of the palms and to pray for Officer Moynihan's recovery. The bullet had entered beneath his right eye and lodged behind his right ear. He was listed in critical condition, as one can imagine with such a devastating wound to the head from such a powerful handgun.

But, within a short time after the prayer service ended, we received word that Officer Moynihan had undergone surgery by the doctors at BMC who had removed the bullet and that John had actually begun talking. Palm Sunday, as far as Christians are concerned, marks the triumphant return of Jesus Christ to Jerusalem, greeted by throngs of people waving palm fronds. It marks the beginning of Holy Week, which ends with Easter Sunday, celebrating the resurrection of Christ after his crucifixion.

The fact that Officer Moynihan survived being shot in the face is, in and of itself, nothing short of a miracle, and a testament to the skill of the doctors and medical staff of the BMC. But while he languished in critical condition as his fellow officers prayed at a Palm Sunday mass, one cannot dismiss the possibility of divine intervention.

Officer Moynihan, a decorated officer and military veteran, was, as we all know, shot by career-criminal Angelo West (addressed in another article in this edition) on March 27th on Humboldt Ave. in Roxbury. Mr. West was subsequently dispatched to Beelzebub's kitchen by Moynihan's gallant and brave fellow officers, saving the taxpayers a tremendous amount of money in free legal services, medical care, and three-meals-a-day at Cedar Junction for the rest of his worthless life.

As the District Attorney's office prepares to release the videotape to the public, conclusively showing that Angelo West was the sole aggressor and the attempted murderer of a Boston Police Officer,



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High hypocrisy

Liberalism once again exposes itself in Newton: Homeless OK for Boston – but not for La-la land!

By James W. Carnell, Pax Editor

FOR ANYONE WHO NEEDS AN EDUCATION ABOUT THE TRUE NATURE OF LIBERALISM, I encourage you to read the March 2015 issue of *Boston magazine*. (Better yet, simply search “Boston Magazine” “Affordable housing” and “Newton.”) There’s an excellent story by Lauren Gibbons Paul in this issue that exposes the hypocrisy of liberalism in all of its glory.

In a nutshell, a closed firehouse in the Waban section of Newton... Wait a minute! – let me quote *verbatim* from *Boston magazine* excerpts , that way, I can’t be accused of “intolerance” by the hand-wringing, guilt-ridden, “progressive liberals” (what an oxymoron!): Italicized comments are from *Boston magazine*, bold and highlighting are added by yours truly for emphasis, and editorial commentary is noted (**ED.**) as follows:

On the western end of Beacon St., a block from Newton-Wellesley hospital, sits a charming 1917 brick firehouse...decommissioned ...several decades ago, the building marks the entrance to Waban, one of the most affluent of Newton’s 13 villages... where home prices top \$2 million and incomes and education levels rank among the nation’s highest...

*Newton is a reliable redoubt of philanthropy and progressive politics (**ED:** there’s that word again, we’re about to see just how “progressive” progressives **REALLY** are) – in 2012, an overwhelming 71 percent of the city voted for Barack Obama ... and two-thirds voted for Elizabeth Warren. In 2013, when the idea for converting the old (**ED.:** long-abandoned and vacant) Engine 6 firehouse came along...the city would partner with Pine Street Inn... together, they’d convert Engine 6 firehouse into permanent housing for nine (**ED:** count ‘em,... **NINE**) chronically homeless people and one supervisor....*

*...in mid-June, 2013, about 60 residents gathered at the community center to air their concerns...residents began asking loud, angry, questions... Just who would be selected to live at Engine 6? And where would they get services? (**ED:** Geez, unlike the residents of Waban, I’m not among the most highly educated, but since Newton-Wellesley Hospital is “a block away”, (according to the article’s opening line) do you think that might be a good option, brain-surgeons and astronauts of Waban? I mean, then your children could “interact with a diverse group” of homeless people, much like those few remaining taxpayers who go to hospitals in Boston are subjected to each and every day!...)*

*Ten days later, at the second community meeting, the noise level and number of attendees more than doubled...One of the more vocal opponents, Waban resident Gary Jacobson, a psychiatrist who works with the chronically homeless, made his points by standing on a chair. Later, he circulated a letter stating that placement of...homeless...residents ...at Engine 6 would constitute a “clear and present public endangerment of our neighborhood.”... (**ED.:** And he’s a shrink for the homeless? This is my type of liberal!)*

*...As the debate raged on, Waban’s premier gathering spot, the Starbuck’s on Woodward St. (**ED:** and where else?... The coffee sucks, but the pretentious customers are worse...) became the site of tense encounters....”*

“...Just as the cacophony reached its fevered peak in June 2013, ...Setti Warren, a former aide to John Kerry and the first popularly-elected black Mayor in Massachusetts, summarily shut the project down....”

*“...For the past five years, Newton has received close to \$2 million a year in CDBG, HOME, and ESG federal funds, or around \$10 million. In that same time Newton has created only **seven** affordable units with these federal dollars...” (**ED.:** Not bad.. that works out to about...\$1.3 million per “affordable housing unit”. I wonder who was awarded these “affordable units”? FOP’s?- “Friends of politicians”? Sounds like the “Affordable Health Care Act, huh?*

“...Last year, Newton’s Zoning Board of Appeals...cleared the way for developers to turn the historical firehouse into three luxury condominiums... Work has already begun on the condos and is expected to be finished later this year....”

ED.: Stop me if you’ve heard this all before. You know the residents of Waban, even if you think you don’t. They’re the ones who will stop at a Boston intersection in their Volvo or Prius and give money to the homeless guy pestering motorists for alms in the morning. In the afternoon, as they’re going home to Waban, they’ll be on the phone complaining to the police about the bum *who looks suspiciously like the guy* they gave money to earlier in the morning who’s now passed out on the sidewalk and needs the police to come and pick him up. Geez Muffy, Biff? D’ya think he might have gone and bought a plastic half-gallon of \$7.00 Mohawk Vodka with your generous offering so you can feel good about yourself at the next Newton whine-and cheese party? How about putting him in the back of your Prius and dumping in front of those \$2 million firehouse-condos? On behalf of the beleaguered Boston Police, we’d consider it sort of like you liberals “taking one (*to Newton, that is...*) for the Gipper!”

This incident is merely a microcosm of true liberalism: the “do-as-I-say, not-as-I-do” crowd. These are the people who invent marvelous social schemes that apply to other people, but... *God damn it if these policies should apply to me or my kids! I’ll have none of it!* These are the hand-wringing, guilt-ridden liberals who repeatedly elect like-minded politicians but make damn sure that the damage they cause through legislation, policy and executive fiat doesn’t affect them, their neighborhood or their children because of their wealth and political influence.

If you should read the whole story in *Boston magazine*, you will also see that the good progressives came up with a myriad of excuses why *nine* homeless people could not be relocated in an abandoned firehouse ripe for renovation with federal and state dollars in *their* neighborhood. They invented “traffic” concerns, and concerns about the location being too close to Route 128 (“they’re concerned for their safety”, right? Always better to have the homeless stumbling around through the intersection of a safe place like, oh, Mass. Ave. and Cass Blvd., huh?) And where would the poor dears get their services, or find jobs? Geez, Muffy and Biff, how about at your nearby Starbucks as one of those obnoxious *baristas* or maybe at the Newton-Wellesley Hospital a block away working in the kitchen?

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Mob posturing to cameras tries to make Boston Ferguson

By Peter Gelzinis, Boston Herald

What happens when the reality of Ferguson doesn't apply to the corner of Humboldt Avenue and Ruthven Street?

What happens when a police officer gets shot in the face while approaching a stopped car, never reaching for his weapon and the 41-year-old career criminal behind the wheel decides to exit this life by trying to shoot at as many responding police officers as he can?

The answer can be found in a pair of pathetic YouTube videos that surfaced shortly after Boston police officer **John Moynihan** was shot point blank under his right eye by **Angelo West**, after West's car was pulled over on Humboldt Avenue in Roxbury on Friday night.

In one video, officers who are trying to expand the crime scene perimeter and move back a small, but vocal, crowd are met with a barrage of epithets.

"Hands up ... hands up, don't shoot!" one woman keeps yelling.



Tension erupts between residents and police in Roxbury after a shootout left a suspect dead and a police officer in critical condition.

Photo by Jim Michaud, Boston Herald

Meanwhile, the cop holding the crime scene tape keeps asking the crowd to "please move back, please move back," as several people shout,

"What the (expletive) are you doing? You gonna shoot me, too?"

There were no guns. No helmets. No night sticks. No mace. No dogs. Just a few cops who absorbed torrents of insults as they asked people to "please move back," politely but firmly. And, yes, even as the crowd howled, they moved back.

It was painfully, if not laughably, obvious that the folks who decided to raise a ruckus at Humboldt Avenue on Friday night were playing to the cellphone cameras.

The amazing thing about the video was that it only emphasized the remarkable restraint of the police in the face of the empty posturing of folks who were trying with all their might to turn the incident into something it wasn't.

But it's the second video that is even more shameful – and at the same time more revealing – than the first.

It shows Superintendent-in-Chief **William Gross**, second in command of the BPD and proud son of Dorchester, walking right up to police tape to engage the loudmouths with far more respect and class than they deserved.

But more than that, Willie Gross' willingness to talk with people who only wanted to scream for the cameras, only served to reveal the glaring difference between how far Boston's police force has come, as opposed to how far the police force in Ferguson, MO, has to go.

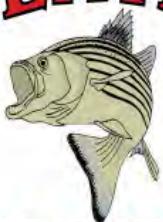
"Respectfully," was the word Willie Gross kept repeating over and over as he tried to explain what had happened on Humboldt, how one of his officers had been shot without provocation in what amounted to an assassination attempt.

He endured racial epithets by people of the same race, one of whom kept saying he was at Harvard Law School.

Willie Gross just smiled, kept his composure and revealed them for the fools they were.

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Response to Boston Globe Editorial:

“After Ferguson report, police need to embrace reform...” (3-13-2015)

Dear Editor Brian McGrory, interim Editorial Page Editor
Ellen Clegg,

On Friday, March 13th, 2015, an editorial (“*After Ferguson report, police need to embrace reform...*”) appeared which took yet another gratuitous slap at your longtime enemies, the Boston Police Patrolmen’s Association, and myself personally as editor of the BPPA’s *Pax Centurion* newsletter. (*Nobody* from the *Globe* contacted me for comment or response, *par for the course...*) The editorial snidely infers “racism” and “intolerance,” without, *once again*, providing *any* specifics or *any* examples which you good liberals at the *Globe* have determined to be “racist” or “intolerant.” (That is because they don’t exist, except in your own fertile imaginations and deeply biased perceptions). Obviously, that definition changes by the day and with the wind, depending on who or what the *Globe* determines to be “racist” or “intolerant.” I am keenly aware of what it must have been like in Salem, Mass. in 1692, when the accusation of “witch” was cavalierly hurled against political enemies and people were left trying to defend themselves against the indefensible. Is opposing President **Barack Obama’s** or **Deval Patrick’s** policies tantamount to “racism?” Is disagreeing with liberal programs and policies which have caused social chaos for police officers equivalent to your Orwellian definition of “intolerance?” If so, I guess I’m guilty, and proudly so.

Since 1968, *Pax Centurion* has existed as the patrolmen’s lone voice in the wilderness, expressing the opinions and frustrations of the vast majority of Boston Police Patrolmen and law enforcement officers across the state. (Not the politicians-in-uniforms masquerading as police officers, but the actual street cops.) Our readership is not yours; *you* cater to the Brookline, Newton, Cambridge, Wellesley, etc. etc. elitist frauds, and we address conservative police officers who often must deal with the terrible results foisted upon us by 60 years of failed liberal theology. Muzzled by rules, regulations, and real threats of retribution from political operatives (some in uniform, some not...), the *Pax* attempts to express the viewpoints of street-level police officers, articulate our frustrations and concerns, and sometimes simply to highlight the lighter side of police work. “Cop humor” may not be understood by hand-wringing liberals sitting in their ivory towers, but it is an avenue by which our members can vent. The *Globe*, as it has since our inception in 1968, desires to stifle free speech and extinguish any opinion which does not conform to your editorial board’s diatribes.

The difference between *Pax Centurion* and the *Boston Globe* is this: *we* make no pretense about being 100% in support of law enforcement, the military, and our friends and supporters; we proudly admit that we are biased, always have been, always will be. The *Globe*, by contrast, masquerades editorials as “news stories/reporting/journalism” and then pretend that you have no political agenda. Few, other than your own staff, believe that balderdash for a moment.

Indeed, **George Orwell**, in his famous novel, *1984*, was prophetic: those who preach “tolerance and diversity” are, in practice, the polar opposite. Liberalism seeks to quash anything and everyone who does not kowtow to their world-view. Simply wag the finger of “racism,” “intolerance,” “sexist,” “homophobic,” etc., etc., and your enemies will be silenced. How do you prove a negative? The *Globe* exists as

liberalism’s town crier and chief accuser, the modern-day equivalent of Salem’s **Rev. Cotton Mather**. All dissenting/conservative opinion is tarred and feathered as “hate speech” by the thought police. What is “hate speech?” Apparently, anything that liberals don’t like...

If you have any actual examples of what you consider to be “racist” or “intolerant,” kindly identify them and call me directly for debate or comment. And the fact that the former Mayor and Police Commissioner were not pleased with our content is indeed a badge of honor. *Pax Centurion* does not exist to lavish praise upon egotistical politicians who want “happy-photos” of themselves shaking hands dominating our pages. When the *Globe* dictates that we should “embrace reform,” well, in the words of the immortal Clark Gable, “Quite frankly my dear, I don’t give a damn....” Or, as General **Anthony McAuliffe** simply said at the Battle of the Bulge in 1944 when the Nazis demanded his surrender: “Nuts!”

James W. Carnell
Area A-1 BPPA representative
Editor, *Pax Centurion*

A Moynihan miracle?...

From **Moynihan** on page 11

Officer Moynihan, amazingly, continues to recover. Thank God for John’s fellow officers from the gang unit, the EMT’s and all officers from across the city who responded to the crime scene, the hospital, or assisted in a thousand ways, most of which went unnoticed.

But for those of us cynics whose faith has waned over the last several years, the fact that John Moynihan’s condition began to improve shortly after the Palm Sunday prayer service on Dudley Common might actually prove to be something more than coincidence. If you want to take offense to this article because you’re an atheist or a communist or a Wican, go right ahead. Put your complaint in triplicate, send it off to Internal Affairs, the ACLU, and then send me a copy so I can put it in the circular file. But something else saved John Moynihan’s life, more than just the outstanding medical care he received....

High hypocrisy...

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This whole story smacks of elitism, hypocrisy and fraud, but it repeats itself time and time again. Remember years ago when the good liberals of Brattle St. in Cambridge worked behind the scenes with the zoning board to eradicate a pre-school that attracted many minority parents due to “traffic concerns”. Of course, they all denied any ill-intentions,at least publicly. (Privately, at the Cambridge art exhibition and wine-tasting, they must have had a good laugh!)

And as police officers, we see it all the time: it is the good liberals who scream about the plight of the poor and the downtrodden and how the police don’t do enough and don’t treat the homeless with respect and dignity. But as soon as one of Pine Street’s finest curls up on their front stoop, they’ll be the first ones on the phone to the D.S. demanding their removal immediately because... because... **they’re taxpayers, and we pay your salary!!!!**

We’ve heard it all before, honey, we’ve heard it all before....

LODDs in America 2000 - 2014

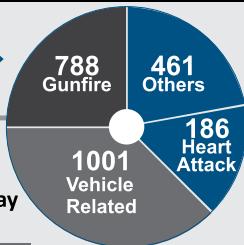
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Since 1791, 22,065 law enforcement officers are known to have died in the line of duty in the United States. 2,436 (11%) of those deaths occurred in just the last 14 years (between 2000 and 2014). Full biographies and incident details for each of these fallen heroes are available on the Officer Down Memorial Page (ODMP) at www.ODMP.org. Their dedication and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

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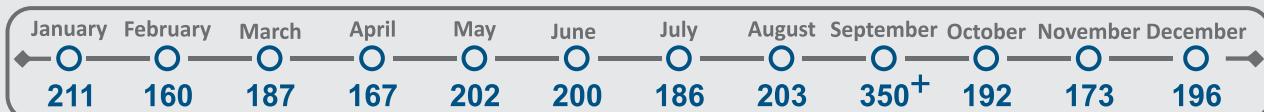
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LODDs by month



LODDs by year (based on end of watch)

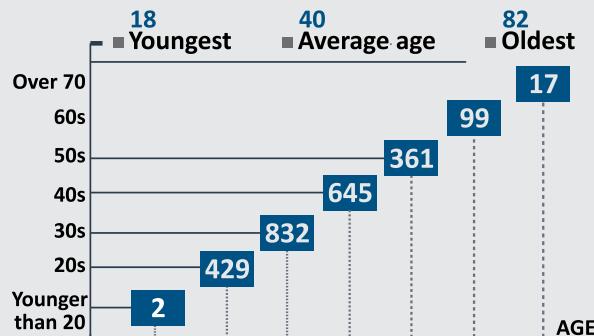


Officers fatally shot by unarmed offenders

56

2013 had lowest number of deaths in 55 years

112



Length of Service



Gender

LODDs by state

Alabama	63	Idaho	7	Montana	13	Rhode Island	6
Alaska	14	Illinois	68	Nebraska	7	South Carolina	54
American Samoa	1	Indiana	50	Nevada	18	South Dakota	8
Arizona	61	Iowa	9	New Hampshire	4	Tennessee	67
Arkansas	31	Kansas	19	New Jersey	42	Texas	232
California	200	Kentucky	33	New Mexico	28	Utah	22
Colorado	31	Louisiana	79	New York	236	Vermont	2
Connecticut	9	Maine	5	North Carolina	81	Virgin Islands	4
Delaware	4	Maryland	53	North Dakota	2	Virginia	68
District of Columbia	11	Massachusetts	28	Ohio	57	Washington	37
Florida	132	Michigan	54	Oklahoma	36	West Virginia	9
Georgia	105	Minnesota	22	Oregon	17	Wisconsin	22
Guam	1	Mississippi	43	Pennsylvania	70	Wyoming	3
Hawaii	12	Missouri	62	Puerto Rico	64	Overseas	20

+ The terrorist attacks on 9/11/2001 caused an unusual and disproportionately high increase in line of duty deaths.

State	Virgin Islands	Alaska	Dist of Columbia	American Samoa	Louisiana	Puerto Rico	Mississippi	New Mexico	Montana	Alabama
LODDs	4	14	11	1	79	64	43	28	13	63
Deaths Per 100k	3.7	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4

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Only fools don't appreciate how police protect us

By Joe Fitzgerald, *Boston Herald*

With the ugly exception of those fools who railed at the police last Friday night on Humboldt Avenue, officer John T. Moynihan is everyone's son, everyone's brother, as he clings to life at Boston Medical Center this morning.

That's how it is with cops these days; they're seen as heroes only when they're mortally or catastrophically wounded in their perilous line of duty. Otherwise, they've become punching bags for marauding mobs of hell-raisers masquerading as protesters.

This is insanity. Have we lost our senses in understanding who the good guys are? There's a memory here of an outraged merchant standing in front of his burned-out business in Ferguson, MO, screaming into a CNN camera, "Where are the police?" The answer was they were a block away, being spit upon by anarchists.

Moynihan's unit, known as the Youth Violence Strike Force, works on the front lines of lawlessness, dealing directly with cold-blooded predators, but no one cheers their valor until a John Moynihan goes down.

Who cheered Moynihan's colleague, officer Jean Jean-Louis,



Boston Police Deputy Superintendent Nora Baston embraces a woman after a mass at St. Patrick's Church for wounded officer John T. Moynihan.

Photo by Faith Ninivaggi, Boston Herald

when he chased after two armed partygoers whom he'd seen shooting at the occupants of a car in the middle of the night?

Who cheered his colleague, Detective Brian Smigelski, when he chased a suspect into a darkened rear yard, illuminated only by his

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The History of Boston Police District Seven – 1854

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

In 1762, the Town of Boston appointed Four Watchmen. In 1823, a City Marshall was appointed and made Chief of the Watchmen. In 1854, On May 26, Division Seven of the Boston Police Department was established in East Boston.

It consisted of four Patrolmen and a Captain, who were Captain **William Prescott**, Patrolmen **Buxton**, **Main**, **Scott**, and **Seaver**. On September 26, 1854, Captain **John L. Philbrick** became Captain succeeding Captain Will Prescott.

Division Seven polices all the territory of East Boston, Consisting of about 977 acres, thirty-five and one-half miles of streets, places, lanes, alleys, and wharves.

The patrolmen in 1854 were dressed in black beaver hats, long black coats and carried a long cane, with a large curve at the end of it to put out the gaslights on patrol at day break.

The first lock-up or police station was a part of a fire engine house located on Paris Street just above the Junction of Meridian Street, Near Maverick Square. This lock-up or police station stood until May of 1859 at which time a new police station was built and occupied a site directly opposite the present station. The building with the land it sat upon cost the city \$17,313.07. It cost \$2,479.65 in 1874 for furnishings.

With the establishment of the Municipal Court of East Boston District, violations of the law were brought before the court for the first time in East Boston. Its chief executive officer is a Commissioner of the Police. Other superior officers were a Superintendent of Police and many deputies.

The force was divided into division over which a captain and two lieutenants with four sergeants that were in charge of. The number of patrolmen to each division was augmented as time and need presented themselves. East Boston may well be proud of its reposed in them. In times past they have met many trying problems and worked them out to the satisfaction of the community.

On October 18, 1857 the first Boston Police Officer was Killed in the Line of duty **P.O. Ezekiel W. Hodsdon** was killed on the Corner of Havre and Maverick Street.

It is said that during the Policeman's strike of 1919 there was less disturbance in East Boston than in any part of the city of Boston.

In 1913, the present building was erected in which were housed the East Boston District Court and the Police Station.

A third story was added to the top of the police station in 1930. The tremendous growth of the Police Station Seven can be gathered from its personnel and equipment. Captain **Archibald F. Campbell**, Lieutenants **William J. Hyland** and **Andrew J. Hurley**. Sergeants **Thomas M. Tieran**, **August H. Barthels**, **Grenville B. Spinney**, **William J. Cripps**, **Frank E. Gilman**, **Henry W. Laskey**, and **John S. Hunter**. Special Officers Six. Patrolmen Ninety-two divided into three platoons, twenty-three of whom do duty on the street in the daytime; and seventeen in the night time, four are traffic men, one at the Airport, one at the Library, and three are at Headquarters, three are Clerks, the other are engaged in house duty, or are patrolling with cruising cars and motorcycles.

The Station has also two cars, five cycles, a patrol wagon, carrying an emergency kit, and one ambulance, all motorized. The men while patrolling carried revolvers and billies, and the station itself contains many shotguns and tear gas canisters.

The Patrolmen have the advantage of the pension system and are paid according to the length of service under a graduated system. The



Officers work 14 hours days and are paid a little over \$2.00 a day the work week is 6 days on and 1 day off. The Officers also have their own Rooms in the Station where they can sleep when they are not working.

Only fools don't appreciate how police protect us...

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flashlight, leading to the capture of two assailants who had just shot and killed someone?

Who cheered his colleague, officer **Ryan Lenane**, who continued pursuing a known gang member after being shot in the arm? It all began when Lenane approached two suspects sitting in a car, just the way Moynihan approached a car last Friday night.

This is what these men do, and they do it for us, monitoring gangs, confronting barbarians, removing guns from the streets, consciously placing themselves in the line of fire, and for what? To be blasphemed by self-styled activists and clueless critics who have turned cop-bashing into a cottage industry?

But John Moynihan knew that before he started his tour last Friday.

Jean-Louis, Smigelski, Lenane and their co-laborers in the Youth Violence Strike Force all knew that, too, on those days they reported for duty not knowing it would be a day they looked death in the face.

Cops don't have to do what these men did to establish their bravery.

They establish it simply by going to work as a Boston police officer, knowing their badge is a target for evil, knowing the risks and accepting them in our behalf.

Like John Moynihan, they are indeed Boston's finest.

May God protect them all.

(Reprinted courtesy of the Boston Herald, Monday, March 30, 2015)

Trying to be nice is a lesson in futility

By Mark A. Bruno

First off, my thoughts and prayers to Police Officer John Moynihan for a speedy recovery. They don't come much braver than John. It's incredible that this miscreant who shot John did not spend more time in jail for the same infraction he had committed several years earlier. When you have no regard for the law you can pretty much rule out contributing to society in any good way. Aside from his family I have not heard one good thing about this wanna-be-cop-killer. O for two with a toe-tag works fine for me. Live by the sword, die by the sword!

I was impressed how most of the ministers in the area came forward to rally around the police after this unprovoked assault on Officer Moynihan. Having viewed the video surveillance which clearly showed the suspect pulling out a gun and shooting Officer Moynihan point blank in the face was proof enough for these ministers. There it is in black and white for the whole world to witness and you have Black Lives Matter protestors coming out of the woodwork to complain about out of control police. Can you believe the audacity of these fools? Any excuse to reel against authority.

What really shocked me was the Harvard activist who leads this group and his total disrespect for our Superintendent-in-Chief **Willy Gross**. So this is what Harvard teaches their students. I know other colleges would find this student's behavior unbecoming and expel him.

His profane laced tirade was as low as you could get. I commend Chief Gross for never losing his cool and having a perfect command of temper. I'm sure this Harvard student's parents would be very proud of his actions. **NOT!** Because we are professionals and held to a higher standard we must endure verbal attacks from pukes like this. Our impulse is to choke the living crap out of them, but instead we bite our tongues and ask our higher power to grant us patience. Not an easy task when people are pushing your buttons. I think with age we gain more wisdom and allow windbags like this to blow off steam and expose themselves for the idiots they really are.

Getting ahead of this tragedy by showing the video of the incident to local ministers and leaders of the community was a good move. We did not have to do this but it was better to cut off any doubt of any wrong doing on our part, and to keep foul mouth miscreants like the one Chief Gross addressed from gaining a platform in which to spew anti-cop venom from. No one is listening to you because obviously you can not see the forest for the trees, or dare I say this is not a black

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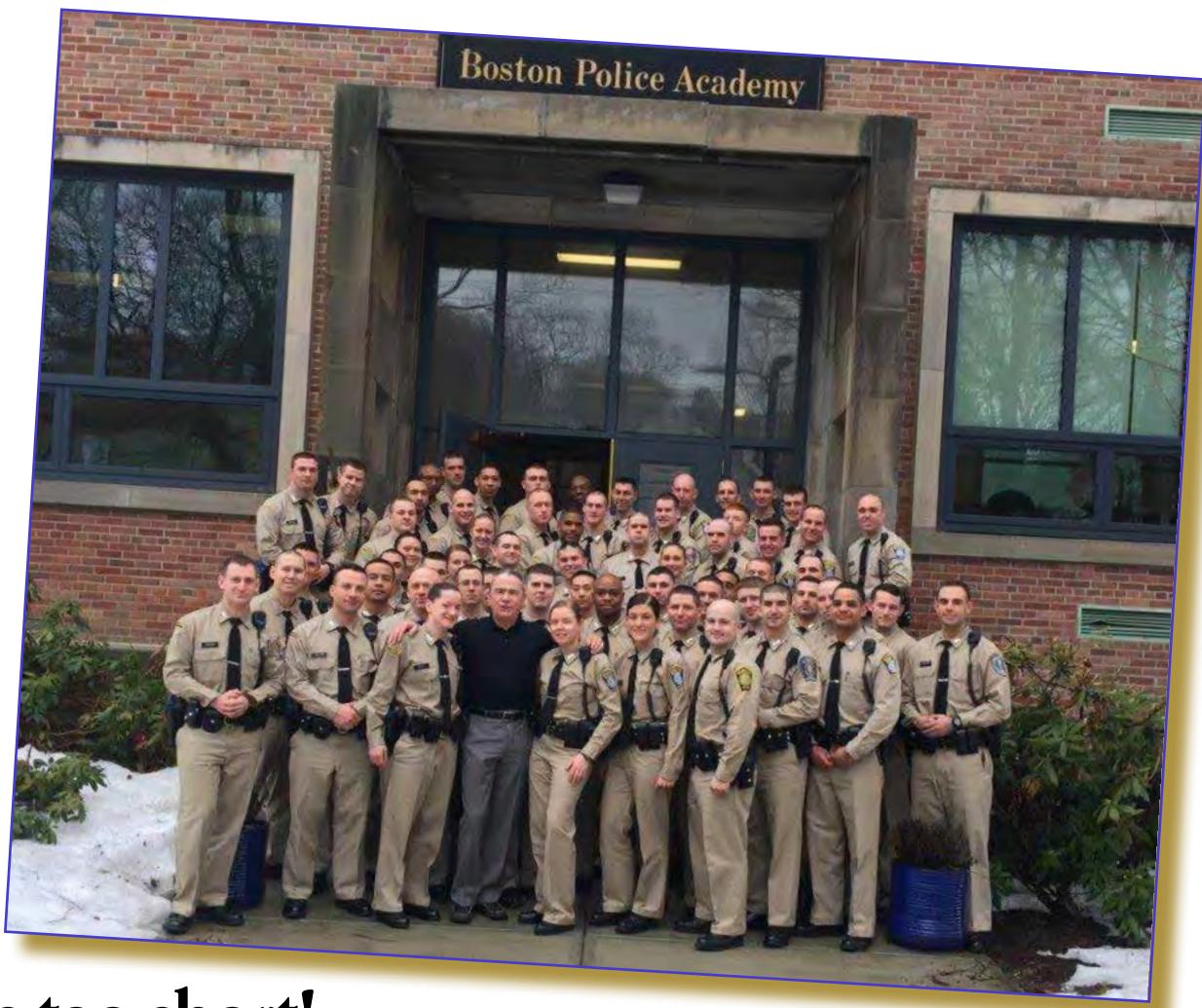


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Life is too short!

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

On March 30, 2015, the Boston Police Department retired one of their finest Police Officers. I know this publication is written for Patrolmen by Patrolmen, but **Brian Fleming**, (pictured center) although a Sergeant by rank, was always a Police Officer first and looked out for the welfare of Patrolmen first and always. I am one of the lucky ones, I first met Brian too many years ago to mention, in High School at CM. Let's just say those were wild and crazy times and who would have ever thought that he or I would have ever ended up wearing blue representing this Great City. Forgive me I digress, anyway as I was saying, Brian worked his last full tour as a Boston Police Officer on March 30, 2015. Brian had a pretty storied career; both downward and upward, those that know him are aware of which I speak. I count myself as one of the fortunate people that actually witnessed the rebirth of a human being which led to who this man is today. A Cop's Cop and a Gentleman always, this guy will take a secret to the grave and never give up on anyone! I could spend hours and write pages, but suffice it to say; he is a good guy! The Boston Police Department's loss will be McLean Hospital's gain. Brian will not fade off into the sunset, he is taking a position with McLean Hospital. He along with the likes of, (two more stellar characters and good guys), **Moe Smiddy** and **Tommy Famolare** will continue to help and be of help to those within the public safety sector that need it. They have all been retained by the Hospital's 'LEADER' Program, (Law Enforcement Active Duty Emergency Responders). I am very pleased that we have, as Law Enforcement Officers,

these additional resources to add to our own heralded Boston Police Department Peer Support Unit. I have enclosed a brief farewell from Brian. On a personal note, Thank you Brian, from **EVERYONE** whose life you touched!...

"32 years ago today, I entered the Boston Police Academy at the Mass. College of Art on Huntington Avenue. If you told me then how my career was going to unfold I would never have believed it. From my first walking beat in D-4 to MOP escorting President Reagan to the Eire Pub in 1984 to my downfall and termination in 1985. After three years of being coached by the officers at the "Stress Unit" on how to live right and being reinstated to the job I was on a new path. It was then that I began to learn what the important things in life were; family, health etc. After spending 11 combined years in MOP as a patrol officer and supervisor, I was transferred to the Range and against my better judgement as Director of the Peer Support Unit which was the most rewarding by far. Being able to help people with the resources available by virtue of the position was very valuable. I will never forget the experience of being at the Marathon staging area after the bombing and the weeks that followed working nearly around the clock. Since being transferred to the Academy a year ago, I have been able to get fit physically, mentally and spiritually and I consider myself to be one of the lucky ones, entering retirement and able to enjoy it. I want to thank all those who have helped me through my career and to those I have offended I apologize. Life is too short! Good Luck and stay safe...."

– *Sgt. Brian R. Fleming (BPD - Ret.)*



Legislative session starts taking shape

We're three months into the new legislative session and things are starting to take shape on Beacon Hill. The Speaker of the House, **Robert DeLeo**, has made his committee appointments for the next two years. He has selected Representative **Brian Dempsey** (Haverhill) as Chairman of Ways and Means, Representative **Ronald Mariano** (Quincy) is the Majority Leader, Representative **Patricia Haddad** (Somerset) is Speaker Pro Tempore, Representative **Byron Rushing** (South End) is the Assistant Majority Leader, Representative **Michael Moran** (Brighton) has a Division Chair and Representative **Harold Naughton, Jr.** (Clinton) is the Chairman of Public Safety. Congratulations and we look forward to working with all of you in future.

In our last *Pax* issue, I spoke of House Dockets that had been filed in this new Legislative Session. Over the past few weeks, the process has started where Dockets are given a Bill Number and assigned to an appropriate committee for discussion and/or debate. The following is a list of some of the Bills we are currently tracking that have been the subject of repeated inquiry by our Members:

House Bill 1199: An Act Relative to an Assault on a Police Officer Responding to Criminal Activity. This Bill was filed by Representative **Michael Brady** of Brockton. It intends to insert a new section into the Chapter 265 13D Law. It would make it a felony to Assault a police officer while responding to criminal activity in the performance of his/her duties, where the assault and battery results in injury to the officer. It shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than ten years or by fine of not more than \$1,000.00 and imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than 2½ years.

House Bill 1511: An Act Relative to Impeding the Flow of Traffic on a Public Way." This Bill was filed by Representative **David Nagle** of Lowell. It calls for a fine ranging from \$500 to a maximum of \$5,000. In addition to the fine or without the fine, the offender may face imprisonment for up to one year for "intentionally and without lawful authority" impeding or interfering with traffic on a public street or highway. If convicted, subsequent offenses would be met with fines of \$2,500 to \$10,000 and/or imprisonment of up to one year.

The bill further stipulates that if the action results in substantial bodily injury to anyone, the fine for the first conviction is \$5,000 to \$10,000 and imprisonment up to two years. If it results in someone's death, there would be a jail term of 2½ to 5 years.

Anyone found guilty of violating the provisions of the law, if it were enacted by the legislature, would also be required to make restitution to responding public-safety agencies and private emergency services agencies.

House Bill 2017: An Act to Provide Concurrent Police Authority for Massachusetts Port Authority Properties. This Bill was filed by Representative **Nick Collins** of Dorchester. It intends to provide

concurrent jurisdiction on all Port Authority properties with the Massachusetts State Police and the municipality where the property is located (other than aviation and port operation).

House Bill 2113: An Act Relative to Critical Incident Intervention by Emergency Service Providers. This Bill was filed by Representative **Edward Coppinger** of West Roxbury. It intends to amend the Mass General Laws by adding Chapter 148B, "Emergency Service Critical Incident Providers Confidentiality".

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

House Bill 2339: An Act Relative to Retired Boston Police Officers (formerly H4529). As you know, this Bill was filed Representative **Dan Hunt** from Dorchester. This new law would allow the Police Commissioner of the City of Boston to appoint retired Boston Police Officers as "Special Police Officers" in order to perform police details or any imperative duties during the course of police detail work. We are hopeful this will move swiftly through the legislative process.

House Docket 3284: An act relative to public safety and public health worker protections" (infectious disease transmitted by bodily fluid). This legislation was filed by Representative **Nick Collins** of Dorchester on the behalf of the BPPA and Boston EMS. The bill applies to any first responder, police officer, fire fighter, emergency medical technician, corrections officer, ambulance operator or attendant who, while acting in his/her professional capacity, attends, assists, or transports a person to a health care facility and has an "unprotected exposure capable of transmitting an infectious disease dangerous to the public health." This would ultimately allow the court to issue an order compelling the testing of a patients' blood or bodily fluid for infectious disease. This docket has not yet received a "Bill" number.

We will continue to follow these important pieces of legislation as they proceed through the legislative process. If there is a particular Bill of interest or "rumor" you here about, please feel free to contact me through my cell or through the BPPA at 617-989-2772.

In closing, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the members of The Boston Police Gaelic Column for their attendance at The DiDominico Foundation's Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Friday, March 6, 2015 at the Knights of Columbus in Charlestown.

The event is a major fundraiser for the Foundation which raises funds for scholarships for high school seniors and toys for children during the holiday season. The request was made just a few days prior to the event, but these officers were gracious enough to volunteer their services on short request. Your dedication and professionalism make us all proud to wear the uniform.

Things we have to deal with

By Daniel O'Donnell

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

What saved my futile explanation, was a phone call from my brother, Tommy. "Are you working? Have your radio on?", were the first words out of his mouth. "No", I said. "What's going on?" "Shooting in Roxbury. One of our guys shot," he answered. "Wait? What? How bad?" I asked. Brendan, who is becoming a professional eavesdropper in his early days, heard my brother's words and saw the immediate change in my expression. "I'll call you when I get home. I'm with Brendan." "What happened?" "Oh, nothing pal. Everything is fine." "I heard something about a shooting. Is he ok? It was a police officer?" Turning towards Brendan I saw the Blue Hills Ski Resort behind him, and immediately wished we were still talking about skiing, or our lack thereof.

John Moynihan's name didn't ring a bell. I didn't know him. What does that matter anyway? He's one of us. It's a sick feeling you have whenever something like this happens. I texted a few guys I know in the YVSF about his condition. Words like "great dude, and tough kid" came back. Not surprising words, but in the days that followed, I learned that truer words were never spoken. The comments section of every online news outlet have kept me away from reading police stories recently (for obvious reasons), so I grabbed a paper edition of the *Herald* a couple of days after the shooting. An article about John caught my attention.

His high school hockey coach had recalled a story of when John was a Senior at Norwood High School. His hockey coach offered this

fringe player the following: "Play on the varsity team, but you will not get much playing time." His former coach gushed when recalling the next day John returned to him and said "Coach, I will do what ever it takes to help the team." By the end of the year, John was a vital player on the team. This story brought to mind the saying, "Measure someones talent, yes, but you can't measure heart." "John is what a lot of us should aspire to be."; words spoken by John's former hockey coach.

I relayed the hockey story to my son Brendan the next morning on the way to school. I reminded him that he was the Officer that was hurt a few days before. "That," I said to him, "is the type of person you should want to be." If he listens to 5% of what I say to him sometimes, I hope that stays in the 5%.

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

Almost immediately, word started coming out that there was a "very good" video of the shooting. Commissioner Evans wanted to get ahead of any type of backlash that could possibly gain steam. A forced move he had to do because, as recent history shows, rowdy crowds and slogans can play the media like a marionette. The Commissioner emphatically put the facts out to the media before the wolves could attack, and attack they did as a couple of YouTube videos showed up on the internet shortly after John was rushed to the hospital. It was hard not to watch the videos and not be infuriated. Our guy was shot in the face and we have to deal with this?? The crowd with cellphones in hand threw the verbal kitchen sink at the guys on scene who were trying to establish a crime scene. It didn't work. What the wolves wanted was one of us to lash out, go hands on.. Then they would pounce.... And so would the media.

Secretary's thoughts...

From Secretary on page 7

teer participation from members we should be able to promote the BPPA and show the positive effects our members have on our neighborhoods.



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April thoughts

My junior high school friend **Joe Crimmins** wrote the following words in my ninth grade year book: "*Illegitimi Non Carborundum.*" Loosely translated from Latin, this phrase means "don't let the bastards wear you down." These were my thoughts while watching some extremely disciplined and tolerant Boston police officers, including Superintendent-in-Chief **William Gross**, as they dealt with the angry and ignorant crowd that gathered after the recent police-involved shooting on Humboldt Avenue and Ruthven Street. In this world, there are people who still claim that the Holocaust never happened. There are those who believe that the United States government orchestrated the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center. There are some people who always want to fight, and there are some people who are only happy when they are unhappy. Somewhere amongst these groups are people who feel that the police officers should have simply tackled the armed individual who had just



shot Officer **John Moynihan** in the face on March 27, 2015, even though this person continued shooting at the police. These are people who think police should be trained to shoot a gun out of a suspect's hands, and there are those who think that police should carry two guns, one with real bullets and one with rubber bullets so police do not have to ever harm anybody. They don't care if the police officers are injured or killed, just don't hurt the criminals. No matter what you do or how you respond, you will never win with these people.

In nearly every *Pax* article I write, I comment that your job is not easy. This was again driven home to me by the events of March 27, 2015 ending at the intersection of Humboldt and Ruthven. The policing itself that brought about the traffic stop was first rate. The reaction and bravery of the officers at the scene as the shooting unfolded was remarkable, and the restraint and poise shown by those at the scene in the aftermath made me proud to be associated with you all. You will never win an argument with someone who calls you "savages" and "unf*%@ing civilized" as I saw on one YouTube video. Minority officers were insulted and told that they "should be ashamed of themselves." White officers were called "murderers." One nitwit asked Superintendent-in-Chief Gross "Y'all don't have no protocol, any other way? You gotta shoot somebody?" On the now-deleted YouTube video, Chief Gross replied "Did you hear the part where he shot the officer in the face?" This person then told Chief Gross "It's war right now."

Although officers tried to reason with people in this crowd, there was no point in even trying. The restraint shown by all of the officers at that scene by not overreacting to this hostility was indeed impressive. People were allowed to vent, yet they were not provoked. In this age of cell phone cameras, one officer's reaction out of frustration would surely cause problems for all of the police. Here, the officers bit their tongues, despite the obvious human urge to shout back or to

smack someone. Boston is not only a thousand miles away from Ferguson, Missouri, but also light years ahead of them. Following **Bill Belichick's** mantra of "do your job," you all did your job tremendously well. Follow the advice I got in my junior high year book, "*Illegitimi Non Carborundum.*" It is what it is. Don't let these nitwits get you down.

While the officers on the street are to be commended for their vigilance and professionalism, the same cannot always be said for the third floor west wing of Schroeder Plaza. *Webster's Dictionary* defines the word "neglect" as meaning "to give little attention or respect to: **DISREGARD**" and "to leave undone or unattended to especially through carelessness." This definition is consistent with Rule 102, §4 of the BPD Rules and Procedures which describes "Neglect of Duty" as "any conduct or admission which is not in accordance with established and ordinary duties or procedures as to such employees...." In my time representing patrol officers in disciplinary proceedings, many officers have been accused of neglecting their duty. It seems that this standard for neglect of duty applied to the rank and file does not apply to the Internal Affairs Division. I recently heard of a Sergeant Detective at Internal Affairs being tasked with determining whether a search and seizure incident from **nine years ago** constituted a lawful stop. I am still waiting to get findings from Internal Affairs for an officer who was interviewed by Internal Affairs in April of 2010 for an incident alleging that this officer was untruthful in testimony given during a Civil Service hearing in February of 2009. The Complaint was taken out against this officer by a Department attorney and now -- five years after the IAD interview and six years after the Civil Service hearing -- there is still no answer. Internal Affairs cases from 2011 and 2012 are now being investigated for the first time, and we all know that this is not the fault of the Sergeant Detectives. It is not the Sergeant Detectives who assign the cases and it is not the Sergeant Detectives who ensure that an investigation is completed. It is the bosses. Going back to my *Webster's Dictionary*, does it sound like this work was left undone or unattended to, especially through carelessness? You do not need to answer. We all know it does.

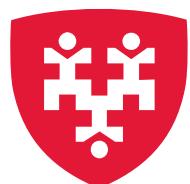
Over the years, the Superintendents and Deputies in charge of Internal Affairs have changed. The Lieutenants have come and gone, and Sergeant Detectives have regularly been rotated in and out of the Internal Affairs Division, many leaving uncompleted investigations on their desks as they walked out the door. Unlike you, who must be accountable for your work, this amorphous crew we know as Internal Affairs is not held accountable for any of the disorganization associated with it because every new person simply points to the mess left behind by those before them. Through all of this, isn't it someone's job to hold people accountable and make sure that investigations were completed? For some strange reason, no one has been charged with

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A special thank you from the Quinn family

By Mark A. Bruno

It is with a heavy heart I announce the passing of **Justin Quinn** who lost his battle with cancer. Justin spent his last couple of weeks at the Brigham and Women's Hospital. During this time he was visited by many members of the Boston Police Department. Justin's parents, **Tom and Diane**, have asked me to thank our members for making these last few months memorable for him. Diane explained to me how big Justin Quinn Day was to him and the family. Seeing him smile from ear to ear with pride after being made an Honorary Boston Police Officer meant so much to all of them. It is not easy watching a loved one slip away, especially a child. The Quinn Family wanted to make this precious time special. Diane stated that on the way home from this special day she and Tom felt a state of



grace come over them knowing they did all they could to make their son happy, and he was.

I stood as an Honor Guard at Justin's wake. I shared this duty with Gloucester Police Officers who pretty much watched Justin grow up. They also from the Chief of Police down wanted to thank us for our kindness towards the Quinn Family. I told them it was them that needed to be thanked for all the years of watching Justin come and go with his dad who is a Detective with them. All of Gloucester Police filed in to pay their respects to their friend. The Chief told me that Boston Police Officers will always be welcome in Gloucester. A common cause that leads to a lasting friendship. The Quinn Family wanted to thank Tom's co-workers for all they've done both during Justin's wake and through out his life.

Our own BPPA leadership went up to visit Justin and presented him with a plaque making him an Honorary Member of our organiza-

tion. Many of our members who are parents understood what this family was going through and how important giving support is. The Quinn Family had invited me to healing Mass to pray for our fellow Officer **John Moynihan**. It turns out John was one of twenty that came by with pizzas to help brighten up Justin's day. They told me how heartbroken they were when they learned of this news about John and they wanted to do something.

On behalf of the Quinn Family I would like to thank all that came out to visit Justin. On behalf of myself I have never been more proud of being a Boston Police Officer, and of those of you I serve with. Your heartfelt act will long be remembered by the Quinn Family. May God bless and keep you safe always.

Trying to be nice is a lesson in futility...

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and white issue but rather a bad guy shoots cop without warning, period!

In closing on behalf of the BPPA and all our members I would like to wish Police Officer John Moynihan a speedy recovery. To Superintendent-in-Chief Willy Gross, please never give this person your consideration on information in any future matters. The clouds have parted to show the true colors of the sky and this person who I have left unnamed is not worthy of your good grace. **Trying to be nice to someone like this will only lead to a lesson in futility.**

Boston Police Signal Boxes

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

The Boston Police Signal Box system has gradually extended throughout the City of Boston. Since 1886, there were in use 411 signal boxes or stations, connected with sixteen Boston Police Station houses.

Each of these boxes contains automatic signaling mechanism, bells and telephones, thus establishing perfect inter-communication between the patrolman on-duty and the station house, and direct information or orders may be sent from one to the other in either direction. The Patrolmen would be sent a signal and the light would flash and the Patrolman would check in, which was positive proof that the patrolman is attending to his duty. This was recorded at the station house and automatically timed.

If a patrolman wants aid, or wishes the wagon for conveyance of a prisoner to the station house, he indicates it by using the feature of the signaling device, which sounds an alarm at the station house.

Another feature was if the Officer in charge of the station house wishes to give information to patrolmen on their beats, or wishes to concentrate the force at some particular place, he has only to turn a switch on the station house desk, which causes a bell to ring in the signal box, when the patrolman sends in his "on-duty" call.

By this signal, which notifies only the patrolman and not the by-standers, it is known that the station house has important information to give to the patrolman.

The entire force of a district can be informed of any event in a very few minutes, or can be concentrated at any particular spot, as was the case of the riot in the Massachusetts State Prison, when eighty men from Station 15 marched into the prison so fast that the disturbance was quelled before it had obtained any headway.

In the year 1891, the number of Patrolmen was 679, Captains

17, Station Houses 16, Signal Boxes 411, Telephone Calls 178,100, Number of On-Duty Calls 2,236,804, Wagon Calls 24,896, Miles Run 31,100, Wagon Calls for Ambulance Duty 343.

To direct the station to send the wagon or to use the telephone, the Patrolman would turn the pointer to the service required, then pull down the finger-hook to the bottom of the slot and let go. A wagon call must be repeated after an interval of five seconds.

To signal for orders – turn the pointer to your route number and pull. On Divisions 1, 2, 4, 6, 11, 13, 15 and 16 – upon opening the box door – the telephone is in-service, pick up receiver and talk, no hook is needed to be pulled.

Locations of the boxes were called Circuits, if you were assigned to Station 1, the first Circuit was as follows,

4 – Richmond and Commercial Streets,
5 – Commercial and North Market Streets,
6 – Atlantic Avenue and South Market Street,
7 – Atlantic Avenue/Commercial Wharf,
12 – Commercial/Eastern Avenue, 13 – North Ferry. There were four Circuits in Station 1. Station 2-19 had four Circuits each some of the walking beats had up to 15 boxes on their routes. Locations of the Districts were District 1 was 150 North Street, 2 – 229 Milk Street, 3 – 80 Joy Street, 4 – Warren Avenue, 6 – 273 D Street, 7 – Emmons and Paris Streets, 8 – 521 Commercial Street, 9 – Dudley Street, corner of Mt. Pleasant Avenue, 10 – 1170 Columbus Avenue, 11 – Adams Street, corner of Arcadia Street, 13 – Seaverns Avenue, 14 – Washington Street, junction of Cambridge Street, Brighton, 15 – City Square, Charlestown, 16 – Boylston Street, near Hereford Street, 17 – 1891 Centre Street, West Roxbury, 18 – 1249 Hyde Park Avenue, 19 – 872 Morton Street, Roxbury, Traffic Division – 229 Milk Street.





To your health: BPPA and Union Coalition negotiate five-year health insurance agreement with the City

Last spring, the BPPA and a Coalition of all forty-four other City bargaining units formed a Public Employee Coalition to negotiate with the City concerning the plan design and contributions for health insurance to take effect on July 1, 2015. The Coalition sought to minimize the impact of proposed changes in health insurance upon employees by (1) consolidating health plans; (2) finding new ways achieve savings that do not involve cost shifting to employees; (3) minimizing increases in co-pays; (4) avoiding upfront deductibles; and (5) steering clear of new co-pays for medical procedures and hospitalization.



This is the second time that the Coalition has negotiated a health insurance agreement with the City. In July of 2011, the Coalition successfully avoided upfront deductibles, co-pays for imaging and for outpatient and inpatient hospitalization. This is in contrast to the trend by municipal employers to shift health insurance costs to employees by instituting upfront deductibles of up to \$750 per family, imposing co-payments of up to \$700 for hospitalization and requiring employees to bear a portion of the cost of imaging services. In addition, many cities and towns have forced their employees into the state group insurance plans with substantially increased medical expenses borne by employees and a total loss of control over plan changes and cost increases.

The successor health insurance agreement between the City and the Coalition runs for five years from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2020. The Coalition held the line -- again avoiding upfront deductibles and hospitalization co-pays by agreeing to a modest increase (1.5%) in the employee's premium share toward health insurance over a two year period and by consolidating health plan options. The new agreement provides:

The number of plan offerings is reduced from six plans to three plans - - eliminating "Point of Service" plans in order to keep insurance premiums down.

About 80% of the City's current participants are in Blue Cross/Blue Shield PPO, Harvard Pilgrim HMO and Neighborhood Health Plan HMO.

Those three plans have been preserved in order to minimize disruption to plan participants.

The options offered to employees effective July 1, 2015 are; (1) a Preferred Provider plan [PPO] through Blue Cross/Blue Shield; (2) a Standard HMO plan through Harvard Pilgrim Health Care; and (3) a "Value" HMO through Neighborhood Health Plan.

Employees enrolled in Point of Service Plans [Blue Choice, Harvard Pilgrim POS and Boston Medical Center Advantage HMO] will

have to determine what plan to enroll in.

There are no annual upfront deductibles, no inpatient or outpatient co-pays and no co-pays for MRIs and other imaging services in any of the three plans offered to employees

There is a modest increase in office visit co-pays. The primary care doctor co-pay will increase to \$20. The Specialist co-pay will increase to \$30 effective July 1, 2015.

The BPPA and the Coalition were involved in drafting the requests for proposals [RFP] and we reviewed each carrier's response to the RFP to determine which plans were most favorable. The Coalition continues to meet

regularly to track health insurance carrier performance and to monitor the City's insurance trust fund. The Agreement reached in Boston represents an *extremely* favorable health plan arrangement for active and retired employees and their dependants for the next five years. The BPPA will continue to keep an eye on insurance to ensure that you and your family receive high quality health care at an affordable cost.

April thoughts...

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neglect of duty.

Under Rule 109, §2, discipline is supposed to "incorporate the idea of training both for effective self-discipline and for group discipline, for esprit de corps...." When officers act wrongly, whether through intentional commission or by ignorant omission, they should be held accountable. The mistakes of the heart should be punished, mistakes of the head should be corrected through training. When cases languish for years and years, no one gets beneficial retraining. (*Note: for those who follow my articles and believe that I was being dismissive of the Academy staff in my last article, I apologize if my wording was inartful. I respect the work you do and did not intend to offend anyone.*) And after taking Internal Affairs three to five years to investigate something, it is absurd then to impose discipline so far after the event. Having a strong and compassionate Internal Affairs division would be a blessing for any police department. Everyone benefits from refreshers and retraining. Discipline as envisioned by Rule 109, §2 is not necessarily a bad thing in the overall picture. Perhaps if the neglect of duty rule was applicable to everyone, there may be less of it imposed on anyone?

Stay safe out there, continue to shine, and continue to take care of each other.



COMMISSIONER'S COMMENDATIONS

(Courtesy of bpdnews.com)

Commissioner Commendations Presented to Officers Casey McDonough & Allison McHale - On December 2, 2014, officers responded to an armed bank robbery at the Mt. Washington Bank at 501 Southampton Street in which the suspect entered the bank while partially masked, threatened the teller with a knife and fled the scene after pilfering an undisclosed amount of U.S. Currency. In the days after the robbery, detectives were able to secure an arrest warrant after identifying the suspect wanted in connection to the bank robbery. Photos of the suspect were disseminated during roll call and several days later, BPD officers got their guy. In fact, on December 11, 2014, Officers McHale and McDonough were on patrol in the area of the Old Harbor Housing Development when they observed a male fitting the description of the suspect. Officer McHale promptly exited the patrol wagon to follow the suspect on foot while Officer McDonough moved the vehicle to a secure location. After confirming the identity of the suspect, officers took the suspect into custody. Thanks to their quick actions and attention to detail, a bad actor was taken off the streets of Boston and a second robbery may have been prevented as the suspect was found to have a mask in his possession. For making the city a safer place, Officers McHale & McDonough are aptly awarded Commissioner's Commendations.



Commissioner Commendations Presented to Officers Ayesha Lawton & Lynwood Jenkins - On Saturday, November 22, 2014, Officers Lawton & Jenkins – while working a last half on District C-6 (South Boston) - responded to a call for a breaking & entering in progress at the Dollar Store at 626 Dorchester Avenue. Thanks to their swift and speedy response, Officers Lawton & Jenkins were able to arrive on scene in time to locate and apprehend the suspect responsible for the break-in. On arrival, officers observed the suspect still holding the crowbar used to break a store window. As officers were taking the suspect into custody, several witnesses approached and identified the suspect as the person seen breaking into the business. The suspect was subsequently charged with Breaking & Entering and Possession of Burglarious Tools. For making the city a safer place, Officers Lawton & Jenkins are aptly awarded Commissioner's Commendations.

On November 18, 2014, members of the District A-7 Neighborhood Drug Control Unit were in the Eagle Hill area of East Boston when officers observed what appeared to be a transaction between two individuals involving illegal narcotics. After witnessing the transaction, officers approached both of the suspects involved. When officers attempted to stop the suspects, one of the suspects immediately adopted a defensive stance and began fighting with the officers. During the course of altercation, officers observed the suspect repeatedly reaching for his waistband in such a way as if to suggest he was in possession of a weapon. After the suspect was handcuffed, a search of the suspect enabled officers to discover and recover a .357 caliber firearm (loaded) found in the suspect's pant leg. In addition to the firearm, an undisclosed quantity of heroin, marijuana and money were found on the suspect. The outstanding police in this incident work led to the arrest of two armed felons and the recovery of an illegal firearm. For protecting our communities and keeping our citizens safe, Commissioner's Commendations are bestowed to Sergeant Detective Felipe I. Colon, Detective John McCarthy & Police Officer Richard Slamin.



Commissioner Commendations Presented to Police Officers Matthew Carey, Jenna Cullity, John Feeney, David Malcolm & Luis Velasquez - At 3:40am, on November 6, 2014, officers were on patrol in the area of Tufts Street and Walford Way when they observed a motor vehicle matching the description of a vehicle wanted in connection to an earlier shooting incident that had resulted in a homicide on Main Street in Charlestown. The same vehicle was also involved in a hit-n-run accident on Medford Street. Upon seeing the car, which was stopped at a traffic signal, Officer Cullity called off on her location and promptly activated lights and sirens. Although the suspect's vehicle remained at the traffic signal, the officer noted the operator failed to place the motor vehicle into park. At this time, Officers Carey and

Malcolm showed up on scene and immediately pulled in front of the suspect's motor vehicle preventing it from fleeing the scene. Fearing the presence of a weapon, officers immediately instructed both the operator and passenger of the vehicle to show their hands. However, instead of showing his hands, the operator of the car continued to reach into the back seat. At this time, officers observed a firearm on the floor behind the front seat. As the suspect continued to move towards the back seat, officers fought to maintain control of the suspect's hands and arms. With the arrival of Officers Velasquez and Feeney, Officers Cullity, Carey and Malcolm were able to subdue and arrest both suspects. For their remarkable restraint, courage and commitment to protecting and serving the citizens of our city, Officers Velasquez, Feeney, Cullity, Carey and Malcolm are each awarded a Commissioner's Commendation.



Congratulations to Commissioner Commendation Recipients Officers Luis Lopes & Jeremiah O'Brien: At about 6:30pm, on October 6, 2014, officers responded to a call for a person shot in the area of the Ashmont MBTA Train Station. The victim was transported to the Boston Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries. While conducting a search of the nearby area for a suspect, Officers Lopes and O'Brien soon observed and located an individual known to them through previous encounters and, more specifically, an arrest for the Unlawful Possession of a Firearm. In light of such, officers tactfully approached the suspect to better understand why he was in the area of the earlier shooting. While talking to the suspect, a description of the suspect wanted in connection to the earlier shooting was broadcast over the police radio. For officer safety, a pat frisk of the suspect was conducted. When no weapon was found, officers then conducted a search of the immediate area for the weapon. In short time, officers located a loaded firearm lying on the ground in close proximity to the suspect. The suspect was arrested and charged with Assault with Intent to Murder. Thanks to their quick and strategic response and the effective apprehension of a violent repeat felon, Officer Lopes and O'Brien are hereby awarded a Commissioner's Commendation.

Congratulations to Commissioner Commendation Recipients Officers James Gauvin & Kato Francis: At about 2:00 pm, on September 24, 2014, while responding to a bank robbery at the Mt. Washington Bank in South Boston, officers Gauvin & Francis were able to quickly identify and, after a violent struggle, apprehend the suspect responsible for the robbery. Officers Gauvin & Francis are assigned as walking beat/bike officers in the Southampton Street Corridor. Thanks to their speedy response, swift capture of the suspect and recovery of the money stolen from the bank, Officers Gauvin & Francis are hereby awarded a Commissioner's Commendation.

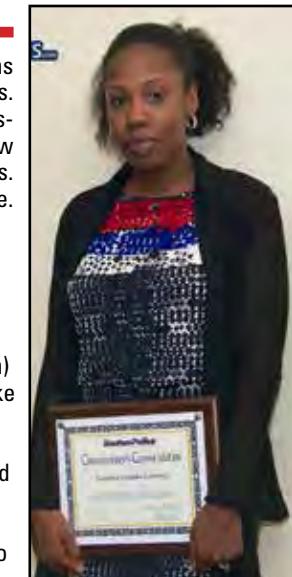


Congratulations to Commissioner Commendation Recipients Officers Steven Horne & Robert Lucas: On Tuesday, September 9, 2014, the Andrew Square Convenience Store was robbed by a male suspect who, during the course of the robbery, threatened the store employee with a hypodermic needle. The suspect escaped with over seven hundred dollars. The next day, September 10, 2014, while en route to a community meeting, Captain Greland and Officer Horne were discussing the robbery when they observed an individual matching the description of the suspect standing outside the Stop and Shop. Upon seeing the suspect, with assistance from a nearby detail officer, Officer Robert Lucas, they approached the suspect and took him into custody. A search of the suspect enabled officers to locate and seize two hypodermic needles. The suspect later admitted to the robberies and stated he would have continued had he not been apprehended. For their keen observations and effective apprehension of a dangerous felon, Captain Greland, Officer Steven Horne & Officer Bobby Lucas are hereby awarded a Commissioner's Commendation.

Thursday, August 28, 2014, a Commissioner's Commendation was awarded to Dispatcher Natasha Gumbs-Levarity for her actions in the following incident: While assigned to the Computer Assisted Dispatch System Development Team over the past year, Ms. Gumbs-Levarity has demonstrated an incredible commitment to her job and has provided an invaluable service. With Ms. Gumbs-Levarity's assistance, the Boston Police Department has been able to develop a computer assisted dispatch system that will allow officers to further assist the residents of the city. For her professionalism and devotion to this critical undertaking, we thank Ms. Gumbs-Levarity for her service.



Orchestrating the Safe & Successful Return of a 4 Year-old Girl to her Mother Merits Commissioner Commendations for Sgt. Detective Charles Daly & Detective Joseph Trodella - On Saturday, August 8, 2014, officers from District A-7 (East Boston) responded to a call for a missing child. On arrival, officers spoke to the child's mother who stated that she had fallen asleep and, when she awoke, she discovered that her 4 year-old daughter was gone. Officers promptly broadcast a description of the child over the police radio and a search of the area was immediately initiated. While speaking to the mother, officers learned that she had recently terminated a relationship with a boyfriend who had threatened her and her child. According to the mother, the ex-boyfriend (who lives in New York) told her that, if she ever left him, he would take her daughter. Upon hearing this, officers promptly contacted authorities in New York to notify them about the suspect, his intentions and his vehicle description. While officers were still on scene, the ex-boyfriend called the mother on her cell phone. Detective Trodella asked the mother if he could speak to the suspect. During the phone conversation, the suspect admitted to having taken the child. Hearing this, Detective Trodella appealed to and encouraged the suspect that for the safety and well-being of all involved he should turn himself in. Moments later, the suspect did just that turning himself in to authorities in New York. The child, who was asleep in the back seat of the car, was found unharmed and in good health. For the level of professionalism and proficiency displayed while conducting the negotiations which lead to the safe and successful return of a 4 year-old child to her mother, Sgt. Detective Daly and Detective Trodella are to be recognized, commended and accordingly awarded Commissioner's Commendations.



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On Thursday, March 13, 2014, Commissioner's Commendations were awarded to Youth Violence Strike Force Detective Brian Smigelski and District B-3 Officers Clifford Davis and Stephen Puopolo: On December 14, 2013, Detective Smigelski was on patrol in the area of Blue Hill Ave and Morton St. when he heard what appeared to be multiple gunshots from different firearms. Simultaneously, operations broadcast a call for shots

fired in the area of 7 Havelock St., a short distance away. As Detective Smigelski proceeded to location, he observed a motor vehicle, operating at a high rate of speed, flee the area. Detective Smigelski pursued the vehicle until it came to a stop in the area of Wood Ave. The individuals were ordered from the vehicle as Detective Smigelski approached. Both suspects fled the vehicle heading in opposite directions. Detective Smigelski gave chase and successfully detained one of the suspects. Following a vigorous foot chase by Officers Puopolo and Davis, the second suspect was also detained.

During this incident, officers were able to locate and recover two illegal firearms. For their courageous actions and ability to overcome the dangers that confronted them, we say thank you to Detective Smigelski and Officers Puopolo and Davis.



On Thursday, March 13, 2014, Commissioner's Commendations were awarded to District B-2 Officers Michael Burke and Eric Merner: On January 16, 2014, Officers Burke and Merner responded to a radio call for a person with a knife in the area of 82 Holworthy Street.

On arrival, officers learned that the female suspect had a history of mental illness and substance abuse. The suspect armed herself with a knife, threatened several occupants of the building and retreated to a bedroom in the rear of the building. As Officers Burke and Merner attempted to approach the suspect, she barricaded the door and threatened to stab herself with the knife. The officers were able to pry the door open.

Upon gaining entry, Officer Burke and Officer Merner were able to detain the knife-wielding suspect after a lengthy struggle. For their courageous action and putting their own safety at risk, we say thank you to Officers Burke and Merner.



On Thursday, May 8, 2014, Commissioner's Commendations were awarded to District A-1 Officers Edward MacPherson and Craig Jones: On March 16, 2014 Officers MacPherson and Jones, as well as additional area A officers, responded to a radio call for shots fired in the area of 121 Bunker Hill Ave. While on scene, Officers MacPherson and Jones focused their search to the area of Medford St. While canvassing the area, the officers noticed an individual walking quickly between the buildings on Old Ironside Way. As the officers approached the individual, they noticed that he matched the description of the suspect that was involved in the initial incident. As officers approached the individual, who appeared extremely nervous, he hunched over and attempted to pull away from officers. In an effort to prevent the suspect from fleeing officers attempted to detain him. At this time, Officer Jones felt a hard object, consistent with a firearm, in the suspect's jacket. Officers immediately placed the suspect into custody. Officers MacPherson and Jones were able to recover a loaded black Ruger .45 caliber handgun as well as narcotics and a large amount of US currency. For their quick response and keen observation skills, we say thank you to Officers MacPherson & Jones.



On Thursday, August 28, 2014, Commissioner's Commendations were awarded to Members of the Crime Scene Response Unit Officers Peter Cazeau, Charlene Willoughby, and Michael Connolly for their actions in the following incident: On March 26, 2014, Officers Peter Cazeau and Charlene Willoughby responded to the scene of a building fire at 298 Beacon Street in which two Boston Firefighters. Officers Cazeau and Willoughby became the prime crime scene technicians tasked with the responsibility to document the condition of the scene and the evidence collected from it. Acting as a team, they spent the next five days working hand-in-hand with police and fire investigators in often treacherous conditions due to the structural condition of the building and the fear that the fire could reignite. On April 1, the officers were joined by Michael Connolly. The three tirelessly worked the scene using a 3-D scanning system known as FARO. The result of the scans allowed officers to virtually see the scene from every possible angle essentially allowing them to walk through the front door as Lt. Walsh and Firefighter Kennedy had done on the day of the fire. The completion of the work done by these three officers has been an exceptionally useful visual training tool for present and future firefighters. For their diligence to duty and excellent work , we thank them.



On Thursday, May 22, 2014, Commissioner's Commendations were awarded to Sergeant Edward Meade (Mobile Operations Patrol), Sergeant Sam Silta (B-2), Sergeant Joseph Kintigos (Boston Housing Police), Detectives Joseph Keaveney and Richard Medina, as well as Officers Michael Fanning, Kevin Cook, Michael O'Rourke, Kevin McClay, Vincent Stephens, Sean Flaherty and Stephen O'Neil for their actions in the following incident: At about 8:00 PM on Thursday, April 3, 2014, Officers responded to a radio call for a person shot in the area of 42 Horadan Way in Mission Hill. On arrival, officers observed the male victim suffering from what appeared to be a gunshot wound. The victim had been walking with his grandson when the incident occurred. Officer O'Neil broadcast the suspect information. A short time later, Sgt. Silta, who was returning home from a community meeting, observed a vehicle occupied by 4 individuals that matched the description of the suspect's vehicle. At this time, officers O'Rourke, Stephens, McClay, Fanning, Cook and Flaherty along with Sgt's Kintigos and Meade responded to the area to provide assistance. As officers initiated a traffic stop, three of the passengers fled the vehicle on foot, while the operator remained. The passengers fled in different directions, but two were able to be apprehended following lengthy foot pursuits during which an illegal firearm was located. The third suspect was later identified and apprehended by the YSVF. The officers assisting in the arrest of these individuals displayed tremendous bravery and concern for the residents of the city, for this, we thank them for their continued dedication to the City of Boston.

On Thursday, July 31, 2014, Commissioner's Commendations were awarded to District B-3 (Mattapan) Sergeant Thomas Brooks and Officers David Lanteigne, Michael Goggin, Sean Daniely and Robert Robichaud as well as Youth Violence Strike Force Officers Shawn Butler and Matthew Conley: On May 2, 2014, Officers from District C-11 (Dorchester) responded to a radio call for a home invasion in the 1000 block of Dorchester Ave. in which the victim had been severely beaten, robbed and bound with duct tape. Officers were provided with names of the suspects as well as a motor vehicle that one of them was known to operate. Sgt. Brooks met with Officers Conley, Butler, Goggin, Lanteigne, Robichaud and Daniely to track down the suspects. Officer Butler was able to connect the suspect to a particular motor vehicle through extensive research. Officers Butler and Conley proceeded to the area of 103 Evans Street where they located the unoccupied vehicle. At this time, Officers Butler, Conley, Goggin, and Lanteigne set up a surveillance of the address while Sgt. Brooks and Officers Daniely and Robichaud set up a perimeter. At approximately 2:10 AM, the officers observed two individuals carrying a broken safe and placing it in the trunk of the motor vehicle. Officers approached and detained the suspects. A pat frisk revealed a loaded handgun carried by one of the suspects. Officers also arrested two females as well. All of the victim's property was recovered. The level of work performed by these officers is exemplary, due to their diligence and persistence, they were able to apprehend those responsible for such a horrific crime.



On Thursday, January 29, 2015, Commissioner's Commendations were awarded to Boston Police Officers Jonathan Hester, Jean-Paul Limontas, and Robert Cordasco of the School Police Unit for their actions in the following incident:

At about 6:00 PM on Wednesday, June 11, 2014, the above officers were on directed patrol at the McKinley School Commencement ceremony at 90 Warren Avenue in the South End. Due to the officers' knowledge of ongoing feuds between several groups of students with ties to area street gangs, numerous altercations, and threats to commit violent acts, officers were on particular alert for any suspicious behavior. As the graduates and their families were exiting the McKinley school a large group of approximately 200 people had gathered on Warren Avenue. It was then that the officers observed a suspect with a hooded sweatshirt pulled tightly around his head and face walking up Warren Ave toward the large crowd. Given the warm weather, this individual caught the eye of the officers. As the individual continued to approach the crowd, an officers observed a heavy object visible in the front pocket of his hooded sweatshirt. Officer Hester, having been trained by the ATF in the characteristics of an armed gunman, and Officer Limontas approached the individual. As the officers identified themselves as police, the suspect began to flee. A violent struggle ensued with several hundred people looking on, but officers were able to apprehend the individual and recover two firearms from the suspect. As a result of their diligence and keen observations, Officers Hester, Limontas, and Cordasco were able to identify and arrest an armed assailant in a very crowded situation. As a result of their training and experience, coupled with their knowledge of the various groups at the McKinley Schools, a tragedy was averted. For this we thank you, Officers!





On Thursday, July 31, 2014, Commissioner's Commendations were awarded to District B-2 Officers Andrew Blake and Frederick Rice: On June 19, 2014, Officers Blake and Rice were performing a construction detail in the area of Parker and Smith Streets when they were notified that a member of the construction crew was experiencing a medical trauma and had collapsed. The officers immediately responded to the construction worker and requested EMS. The worker's condition began to rapidly worsen to the point that officers could not detect a pulse. At this time, Officers Blake and Rice began chest compressions. Following several compressions, a pulse was detected. The officers were able to keep the victim's pulse going until EMS and Boston Fire arrived and took over treatment. For their quick response and life-saving efforts, we thank Officers Blake and Rice.

On Thursday, July 31, 2014, Commissioner's Commendations were awarded to City Wide Drug Control Sergeant Detective Joseph Sullivan, Detective Daniel Griffin, Officers Omar Borges, Stephen Fabiano, Jarrod Gero, Eric Merner, and Todd Peterson: During the first 6 months of 2014 the City Wide Drug Control Unit under direction of Sgt. Det. Joseph Sullivan comprised of Det. Daniel Griffin, Officers Omar Borges, Stephen Fabiano, Jarrod Gero, Eric Merner, and Todd Peterson have gone above and beyond in their efforts to combat gun, drug and gang activity in the City of Boston. Their impressive

work ethic has resulted in the following results through July 1st, 2014:

64 Search Warrants Executed, 81 Arrests with the majority being active gang members, 31 Firearms Recovered, \$72,411 Seized, Approximately 900 Grams of Class A Drugs Recovered, Approximately 2,112 Grams of Class B Drugs Recovered, Approximately 484 Pills of Class E Drugs Recovered, Approximately 10 Lbs. of Class D Drugs Recovered

For their exceptional efforts and continued dedication to making the streets safer, we thank the members of the DCU.

On Thursday, September 11, 2014, Commissioner's Commendations were awarded to District E-13 Officers Dave Juba, Luciano Cirino-Ayuso, William Moran, and Jackson Hernandez: On July 16, 2014 Officers Cirino-Ayuso and Juba were on foot patrol in the area of 940 Parker Street in Jamaica Plain when they observed an individual acting suspiciously by constantly moving back and forth toward a group of teens in the area. Due to multiple gun and drug incidents in this area, they approached the individual to obtain his name. At this time, the suspect became evasive and began moving in an odd manner as though to conceal an item in his pocket. The individual was asked to remove his hands from his pockets several times to which he refused. The suspect then pulled away from officers and fled on foot. During the foot pursuit, Officers Juba and Cirino-Ayuso were able to place the suspect under arrest. At this time, Officers Moran and Hernandez arrived on scene and retraced the suspect's direction of flight. During their search, Officers Moran and Hernandez were able to recover a Colt .45 firearm in the area of 928 Parker Street. For their keen observations and perseverance, we thank Officers Juba, Cirino-Ayuso, Moran, and Hernandez.



On Thursday, September 11, 2014, Commissioner's Commendations were awarded to Detectives Leo Ronan and Gloria Kinkead as well as Area E Officers Fabian Belgrave and Wilson Quiles: On August 13, 2014, Officer Quiles responded to a radio call for a robbery at the Burger King on Washington Street in Roslindale. On arrival, Officer Quiles spoke to the four young victims and was able to obtain a detailed description of all suspects involved. Moments later, Officer Belgrave stopped a motor vehicle on an unrelated violation. Upon gathering information on the vehicle and the operator, Officer Belgrave observed the front passenger repeatedly moving and crouching down. During the traffic stop, Officer Belgrave heard a broadcast of the suspect descriptions provided by Officer Quiles which matched that of the occupants of the motor vehicle in which he had stopped. Additional units arrived on scene including Detective Kinkead and Detective Ronan. A brief investigation led to all of the suspects being positively identified and subsequently placed under arrest. For their swift response and team work, we thank Detectives Ronan and Kinkead and Officers Belgrave and Quiles.

On Thursday, August 28, 2014, Commissioner's Commendations were awarded to District D-4 (South End) Sergeant Detective Kevin Power and Detectives John Kelleher, Daniel MacDonald, Kevin McGill, Thomas Connolly, and Timothy O'Sullivan for their actions in the following incident: Since the first of the year, District D-4 (South End) had experienced a 63% increase in residential burglaries, the majority of which were committed while the residents were home asleep. Upon further training provided by the Bureau of Investigative Services, these detectives researched the area to identify key players involved in the burglaries. Under the direct supervision of Sgt. Det. Power, Detectives Kelleher, MacDonald, McGill, Connolly, and Sullivan responded to a significant amount of these burglaries and were diligent in processing all evidence, taking the additional steps of comforting and reassuring victims that their investigation was a priority. With their continued dedication to the victims and the community, the Detectives were able to secure the identity of a known criminal and connect him to at least six burglaries in the area. Since the arrest, the area has seen a 54% decrease in burglaries. For their commitment to justice and dedication to the community, we thank these detectives for their hard work.





On Thursday, October 9, 2014, Commissioner's Commendations were awarded to District B-3 Sergeant Detective John Fitzgerald, Detectives Anthony Williams, Patrick Foley, and Jean Ricard, and Police Officers Clifford Davis, Alexis Maldonado, and Boston Housing Officer Charles Keller: Between August 17 and September 24, 2014, there were three incidents of armed robberies of livery vehicles in the Mattapan area. In two of the incidents, a knife was shown and in the third, a handgun was shown. During one of the incidents, a livery driver was stabbed multiple times with what police believe to have been a screwdriver. Detective Williams was assigned to investigate these robberies and came to the conclusion that the suspects in all three of the incidents were a female and a male. In one case, the suspects used a cell phone to contact the victim before robbing him. Detective Williams went to every livery service in the area and provided them with suspect descriptions, details of the crimes, and the cell phone in which the suspects used to call the victim. On September 5, 2014, Detective Williams received a call from a livery driver who stated that the number provided to him that was used by the suspects, had requested his

services in the area of 138 Lucerne Street. An operation was put into place in which the above listed officers posed as livery drivers and were able to successfully apprehend four suspects, two of whom positioned themselves in front of and behind the vehicle in an effort to prevent movement. For their attention to detail, innovative tactics and fearless actions, we say thank you!



On Thursday, October 9, 2014, Commissioner's Commendations were awarded to District B-2 Officers Kevin Plunkett and Domenic Columbo: On September 15, 2014, Officers Plunkett and Columbo responded to a radio call for a person stabbed in the area of 76 Perrin Street. On arrival, officers located the unresponsive victim suffering from a critical stab wound in his leg. The officers immediately applied direct pressure to the victim's wound and created a tourniquet with his belt in an effort to combat the worsening situation. EMS arrived on scene and transported the seemingly lifeless victim to an area hospital where the outcome seemed grave. Hours later, the officers were contacted by the surgeon who stated that the officers' application of the tourniquet saved the victim's life. For their immediate response and life-saving efforts, we say thank you to Officers Plunkett and Columbo.



On Thursday, October 9, 2014, Commissioner's Commendations were awarded to District B-3 Drug Control Unit Sergeant Detective Kenneth Gaines, Detective Moises Acloque, and Officers Keith Kaplan, Carlson Breneus, Brigido Leon, Robert Walsh and Kurt Stockinger: During the month of August, the B-3 DCU under the direction of Sgt. Det. Gaines, removed eight firearms from the streets of Boston. Through their hard work and dedication to keeping the city's streets safe, these officers dedicated their time to effectively combat drug problems and gun violence in our neighborhoods. For their diligence and excellent work, we thank Sgt. Det. Gaines, Det. Acloque, Officers Kaplan, Breneus, Leon, Walsh, and Stockinger.

On Thursday, May 8, 2014, Commissioner's Commendations were awarded to District A-7 Sergeant Detective Charles Daly along with Officers Cristina Merrick, Gary Marino, Shannon McLaughlin-Fabiano and David Macioce for their actions in the following incident: On November 28, 2013, Officers Merrick and Sgt. Det. Daly were on duty at District A-7 on the second floor when they heard a call for help followed by a loud crashing sound. Both acted quickly and ran down the hallway to find Sgt. John Foote, a thirty plus year veteran of the Department, collapsed on the floor in severe distress from a cardiac event. With no hesitation, all of the officers mentioned, came to Sgt. Foote's aid. Officer McLaughlin-Fabiano grabbed the Automatic External Defibrillator while Officer Macioce ran across the street to a convenience store to get aspirin all the while Sgt. Det. Daly, Officer Merrick and Officer Marino comforted Sgt. Foote and continued an open line of communication in an effort to keep the Sergeant calm. The AED was attached to Sgt. Foote and the EMS on scene were able to deliver a shock which resulted in Sgt. Foote going back into a stable heartbeat rhythm. For their quick actions, calm, reassuring behavior, combined with excellent training, each of these dedicated members of the BPD are awarded Commissioner's Commendations.



Mothers always know

By Mark A. Bruno

I can remember as a kid the ability my Mother had to read right through me. It was scary how she could ask a question and know if you were lying by the way you looked at her. I wouldn't say it was witch like, but certainly there was a mind control thing happening. She was not a police officer and she did not take criminal justice courses, yet she had the ability to detect if you were lying. She was a modern day Sherlock Holmes. Just one quick glance at that furtive movement you made with your head tilting it the wrong way, and your eyes looking to the right, and Bang! She had you now! Before you knew it you were being backed up and stepping in to it even deeper. Yes, a mother

back then is what we now know today as our modern day detective. Nothing gets by her. She can smell a lie a mile away. Getting caught in a lie could be hazardous to your health. Below is a story in which the names have been changed to protect the innocent, I mean guilty.

One time I, I mean a kid I know named Michael decided they would go down their friend's grandfather's cellar and drink some homemade wine. Needless to say Michael got carried away and did not listen to his friends warning, which was the wine is strong and only drink a little. After two frappe cups full of wine, I, I mean Michael, got hammered and found himself lying in the



street drunk. Michael's brother Ralph found him and carried him home, and put him in his bed. Well, the next morning I, I mean Michael, got up with a massive hangover and headed for the kitchen. Michael's mother was sitting at the kitchen table waiting for an explanation. She looked at me, I mean Michael, and said, "All I want to know is who was carrying who last night." Okay I will finish the story by saying I and me since you know who the story is about. With a straight face I looked at my Mother and said, "Ma, Ralphie has a problem." Needless to say that smelling like a wino and looking like I just rolled out of the gutter was not cutting it. I'm thinking exit stage left. It's amazing how fleet-footed mothers can be when they need to dispatch a message, and that message is pain. My Mother picked up the broomstick and proceeded to chase me like a crazed ninja! I was cornered like a rat with nowhere to go. She swung that broomstick with pinpoint accuracy. Everywhere my head ducked the end of the broom handle found it. I'm thinking how I can get by without shoving her and making it worse. I make an attempt and she hurt her hand on my head while holding the stick. A couple of expletives fly my way and I start laughing, which made it worse. She makes a fist and bites her index finger which means I'm dead meat! I took my lumps and managed to survive to talk about it. My brother was not happy with me either, seeing I attempted to throw him under the bus.

Those were special days indeed and I would gladly take a broomstick off the head to have my Mother back with me today. I'm sure many of you know what I'm talking about. With Mother's Day approaching I thought a good story like this needed to be told. To all you moms Happy Mother's Day. To my Mother Rose,

God bless and keep you safe.

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A message from the B-2 Community Service Office

The Area B-2 Community Service Office is arguably the busiest in the City if not in all of New England. The office handles 121 Community Meetings per month, my job as a Sergeant is made more rewarding due to the six professional Patrolmen that work with me. Each of these patrolmen (Officers **Izzy Marrero, Marie Miller, Lylana Jones-Henderson, Kenny Grubbs, Jerry Smart, and "Moose" Monteiro**) collectively bring together over 100yrs. of professional police experience. These officers showcase the work of all police officers by their service to the community to not just the community they serve but to all communities in the City of Boston. I believe that the residents of Roxbury are truly appreciative of the police officers at B-2 due to their hard work and sacrifice.

Despite the poor weather over the past couple of months the B-2 CSO Office has been very busy and these officers have still completed their assignments and taken care of the needs of the community. Each of these officers are responsible for a different geographical area of Roxbury/Dorchester, each one with a unique specialty to help serve the community better. Recently, the Officers of B-2 hosted a sign up and exam seminar for the Entrance Exam for Police Officer at B-2 for all the local residents.

Officer Marie Miller takes care of Uphams Corner and is the "Senior Response Officer." Officer Miller along with her regular duties hosts "Movie Nights" at the local senior centers, safety workshops,



and recently provided transportation for a group of seniors so they could attend their annual luncheon.

Officer Jerry Smart who is responsible for Fort Hill is also the college/hospital liaison and went out of his way to make sure that one of his elderly residents had home heating oil delivered. The elderly man who has mobility issues could not shovel a path for the oil delivery driver, so Officer Smart gathered some community partners to dig a path so the delivery could be made.

Officer Kenny Grubbs is responsible for the Mass. Ave. corridor and is the Youth Service Officer. Officer Grubbs with his colorful personality and outfit offers a highly structured afterschool activity program every weeknight for children in the community, and also the **GREAT** Program every Wednesday and is known to be a role model and a father figure for numerous generations and countless kids in the community.

Officer Izzy Marrero is responsible for Dudley Square and is the Veterans Service Liaison for B-2. Officer Lylana Jones-Henderson manages 27 Crossing Guards and is the Liaison to the 33 schools on the District.

Officer "Moose" Monteiro helps organize all the meetings in Grove Hall. Officer Monteiro is also the Liaison to all the Subsidized Housing Management Companies, and assisted with handing out turkeys at the B-2 Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway.



What it's like being a Community Service Officer in D-4

By Jorge Dias, D-4 Community Service Officer

It was about 10 years to the day, while on foot patrol in the Lenox Street Housing Development that I received a call to go into the Station (D-4) and speak with Captain Wallace.

When I entered into his office, I was asked if I would like a job in the Community Service Office. I began to laugh because at the time, all I knew about was answering radio calls and chasing bad guys. He said, I would be perfect for the job and that it consisted of me working with the community. I told him I had to sleep on it. I said to myself, community service? Really! Handing out crayons and coloring books? No more radio calls? But what if I did it a little different? I really did love people, especially the kids. So, I agreed.

Now 10 years later, I couldn't imagine anything else. This job allows me to see the good side of people. The relationships you build last a lifetime. Being a representative to all the hard working officers on this department is an honor.

I've always believed that police were misunderstood and seeing the work that goes on behind the scenes has been life altering. The men and women who work in the gang units, drug units and fugitive units are so unique in their abilities. At times, I envied them. That maybe I needed to find another path. And I did. Community policing was my calling.

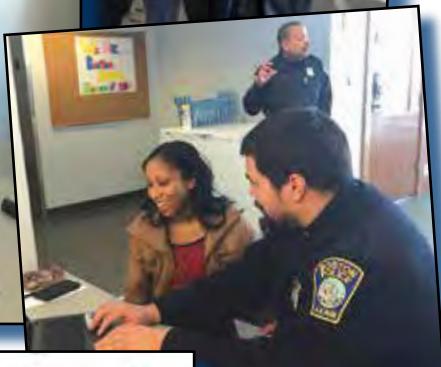
When I got the chance to see the work that officers like Cynthia Brewington (program for young girls), Jose Ruiz (baseball and softball), Danny Long (boxing) and Kenny Grubbs (basketball) and a cast of other great CSO's were doing, it made me realized that I too could make a difference.

It hasn't always been easy at times; because its a job that consisted of making people believe in you, when at times they didn't believe in themselves. There were there times that you would lose one of these kids to the streets, ultimately to jail or death. That sense of failure would creep into my mind and often I would internalize everything I couldn't do, not the good that I was doing.

But like everyone who puts on a Boston Police badge, you march forward. The support from my peers, family and especially the community makes it worth it every day to go out there and make a difference.

So, today I'll still miss radio calls, but I have a bigger calling. I was able with help of some great people to open a small youth center for the children of the Lenox Street Development. Hope this center provides these underprivileged children an opportunity to grow and compete in the world.

The pride I have being a Community Service Officer for the Boston Police Department goes above and beyond what I can put on paper. I've often said that if you do one good thing everyday while in this uniform, you'd be remembered as a good police officer. Being in this position has made that a lot easier task. So whether talking to a kid about school, assisting an elderly person or whatever it may be, being a Community Service Officer has been a great experience.



The Boston Police Traffic Division

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

On December 15, 1919, a group of Police Officers stood in front of Governor **Calvin Coolidge** for Review at the annual Boston Police Parade. They were dressed in various uniforms and bore no resemblance of what would become the first Boston Police Traffic Squad.

This was the beginning of our Traffic Division. There was a Lieutenant, three sergeants and 128 officers assigned to the unit.

The unit was started on November 28, 1919 and this was the first time they assembled in the Annual Parade, some wore overcoats, called a Horse Blanket, some wore Dress Coats, Blues and a few wore the Famous Bobby Helmets. Before they started their assignments they would stand in intersections watching the traffic direction and learn from members of the First Motor Corps of the Massachusetts State Guard. The Guard was taught by Boston Police Lieutenant **Bernard J. Hoppe**, he handled traffic since a few days after the police strike stared on September 9th, 1919. Lt. Hoppe became the first Commander.



Headquarters was set up at the Cadet Armory on Columbus Ave. A New Station would open in the upper part of Faneuil Hall. The new squad's motorized equipment consisted of one Indian motorcycle with a sidecar, Lt. Hoppe would ride in the sidecar on tours of traffic post from Charlestown to the Cottage Farm Bridge, (see photo above). There was a brief period of time in 1895 when Boston had a 30-man "Street Squad" to handle just traffic control at various Divisions. From 1932-1936, the department was without a traffic squad. At the time of the Police Strike traffic control was the responsibility of each division. Lt. Hoppe's squad proved the value of special experience in this job.

The year was 1924 and you could count 300 vehicles an hour going through various intersections of Boston. Semaphores (a signaling device or flags for sending information over distances) were use to guide motorist and there was a need for automatic equipment and signal light devices.

In 1925, the first traffic stand was built by a patrolman with discarded lumber left at a building site, it was equipped with an umbrella to protect the officer from the weather. The Department saw a need for these Traffic Boxes that they purchased 15 of them by the end of the year.

The Traffic Squad was disbanded as a separate entity in 1932, at the time it had 275 men assigned to two traffic stations one on Milk Street and the other at St. Botolph St in the Back Bay section of Boston.

But on May 22, 1936, the Traffic Division was reactivated, and Division 21 was formed with three Lieutenants, eleven Sergeants and 171 Patrolmen.

In 1965, the Traffic Division came under the Command of Deputy Superintendent **James L. Buchanan**, One Captain, Four Lieutenants, 15 Sergeants and 171 Patrolmen. Nineteen men were assigned to motorcycles, 90 handle Traffic Post at various locations, 30 are assigned to Tagging duty, 10 are assigned to Station House duties and 25 work the Night Shift. Six cruisers are used by the sergeants in traffic control.

In 1964, a total of 593,350 tickets at the time was three times the national average for cities the size of Boston was issued by Boston Police Officers. Deputy Superintendent **James J. Hinchey**

Hinchey was a Policeman for 42 years, 18 of those years in The Traffic Division He took control of the Unit in 1943 and under his command and his recommendation he redesigned the One-way streets and the general Pattern of traffic in the City. His orders to his men were “*Be neat, courteous and keep your*



intersections open at all times” The Traffic unit would be disbanded for good in the Early 1970’s under Mayor **Kevin White**’s leadership.

SPORTS TRIVIA

By **Bill Carroll**

1. What former Minnesota Twin won American League batting titles in his first two seasons in the big leagues?
2. Who was the last Cincinnati Reds pitcher to win the Cy Young Award?
3. Can you name the major league teams who managers are managing for the first time in their career?
4. What was the first domed stadium in the history of American sports?
5. Who is the only player in major league history to have 3,000 hits while playing shortstop?
6. Besides Pedro Martinez who is the only player from the Dominican Republic enshrined in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown?
7. Prior to the 2014-15 season what was the last Division One NCAA College/University to finish their season undefeated?
8. Who is the only player to spend his whole career with the Houston Astros and be voted into the Baseball Hall of Fame?
9. Who has the most hat tricks in the history of the National Hockey League?
10. Who are the only two goalies to play in at least 1,000 games in their career?

See **Sports Trivia** on page 43



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One of these things is NOT like the other

After the winter we have all endured here in Boston, with record-setting snowfalls, and long stretches of very cold temperatures, I thought the people of Boston, might be curious as to how the emergency personnel tasked with responding in a moments' notice to their calls were sheltered from the storms. Boston Fire, Boston Police, and Boston EMS were all on duty, around the clock. How well are these responders taken care of? What do they so between the calls? Where do they come from anyways?

In order to answer these questions, thought I'd start with West Roxbury. I will move on to other parts of the city in the future.

Fire:

The West Roxbury Firehouse at 1940 Centre St. in West Roxbury houses Engine 30 and Ladder 25. The station was opened June 1st, 1898, and combined fire units from other locations under one roof. It is a two story expansive station, featuring Richardsonian Ro-



manesque architecture, and is adorned with many memorial plaques, markers, and other fitting tributes to the station and it's men's history. Engine 55 located at 5115 Washington St. in West Roxbury was established on June 6, 1949. It was built to serve an outer lying part of West Roxbury near the Dedham line that was experiencing rapid development at the time. Both stations feature fueling stations for the vehicles, heated bays for the fire trucks, locker rooms, running water, quarters for the men working, bathrooms, offices, and a common area for meals and paperwork. Rumor has it that they have a television too.

Police:

The West Roxbury Police Station known as Area E-5 is located at 1708 Centre St. Set back from the Holy Name Circle rotary, and surrounded by pleasant shaded grounds, this station was built in what some call a "California Style" architecture taking advantage



of the generous lot it sits on. The station was completely renovated in

2001, and is one of the newer police stations in Boston. The building features a maintenance bay, a fuel pump for the cruisers, and a community room, which is used by several local groups and organizations regularly, including the Boy Scouts, and the West Roxbury Neighborhood Council. The 50,983 residents of West Roxbury (and a piece of Roslindale) can rest assured that this station has electricity, running water, and heat for the officers that work there. Officers have a locker room where they can store personal effects as well. There are desks and countertops where paperwork can be done as well. They even have telephones.

EMS:

The Boston EMS station in West Roxbury is an empty parking space, located on the side of the road at Holy Name Circle. The crew shift-changes at a station in Jamaica Plain, but is forbidden to return there. Policy states "When clear and available, Ambulance Five will be posted at Holy Name Circle." If there is a rare moment of down-time, this parking space is where Ambulance 5 sits. There is no housing for the ambulance. There is no shelter from the elements for the crew. There is no heat. There is no water. There is no phone. There is no bathroom. Not even a chair. If the crew wants to eat between calls, the dashboard is their table. Sometimes, the space gets plowed. The parking spaces lines were repainted in 2009.



So, in closing, I hope that this satisfies the readers' curiosity about how their responders are taken care of in Boston. Well, some of them, anyways. When 911 is called, you now know where the emergency crews responding to your home have come from, and what conditions they have there. It also may explain why some of the EMS equipment is so cold. It may explain why the EMT's might stretch their backs out a bit when the climb from the ambulance, and why while taking care of you, or your family member, they may gaze longingly at your couch for a brief moment. Feel free to give them a wave if you drive by the circle, and see them. After all, it's not like you can call them on the phone, or visit them at a station.

Boston EMS In Memoriam

Submitted by **Ed McCarthy**

Boston EMS has lost two dedicated EMTs this past winter, one a long-time friend and co-worker, and the other a new friend we did not get to know nearly well enough.

EMT **Drew McCarron** fought a long, brave battle against cancer before passing away peacefully this past February, surrounded by her husband Kenny, also a Boston EMS EMT, and her loving family. Drew joined Boston EMS in 1982, and served the department for more than 15 years. She was an example of kindness and compassion for others to follow, at a time when EMS was just coming into its own. Drew will be greatly missed by all.



EMT **Matthew King** passed away suddenly last February the 18th, after an injury, leaving his family and friends stunned and saddened. Matt joined Boston EMS 8/7/08, and left us far too soon at only 27 years of age. During Matt's short career he touched many lives, and often came home with stories about his calls, brimming over with enthusiasm about his exploits. Matt is remembered as genuinely loving his work at Boston EMS, and will be greatly missed.

News notes from all over Compiled and submitted by several contributors

By **James W. Carnell**, *Pax Editor*, commenting and citing the sources

From the **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**, August 22, 2014: “(Missouri Senator) Claire McCaskill last week urged the police response in Ferguson to be “de-militarized”. She has declined comment, ...on whether she agreed with Gov. Jay Nixon’s decision to call in the National Guard.... *Yeah, it must be the fault of the police who wear those terrifying helmets that caused the riots. Soft cotton police hats always work well against rocks and bottles, Senator...*

From **Police Patrol Magazine**, July 8, 2014: “Chief in uniform told to leave gun outside Ikea” : Tacoma park Police Chief Alan Goldberg said in 35 years he’s never had a store tell him that he would have to leave his service weapon in the car or leave- especially when he was in his police uniform. But that’s what happened July 4th in the Ikea store in College Park, MD... *Geez, and I was so looking forward to buying some of that cheap-ass , Swedish furniture and lousy meatballs at the Ikea off of Route 24 in Avon. ...*

From the **Baltimore Sun**, December 17, 2014: “Baltimore officer uses Taser, criminal uses gun”: Officer Andrew Groman stood outside the car and ordered passenger Donte Jones to show his hands, but the 19-year old passenger wouldn’t. Groman warned Jones he would be hit with a Taser. Finally, the officer fired the shock gun... At the same time, Jones withdrew a black (.357) and squeezed off three rounds. A

bullet slipped under Groman’s bulletproof vest, wounding him in the abdomen. *See, that over-militarized officer antagonized that poor, 19-year old career criminal who was on probation and parole for three previous gun charges. Another example of police brutality...*

From the **New York Post**, August 14, 2014, editorial: Wise words from NYC’s top cop” (Comm. Bill Bratton) “what we’ve seen in the past few months is a number of individuals failing to understand that you must submit to arrest, you cannot resist. The place to argue your case is in the court, not in the street.” *If only our local ACLU chapter and assorted community activists could explain that same truism to our own wayward youths instead of telling them about their “rights”.*

From the **Bay State Banner**, Jan. 17th, 2013, front page, discussing Dr. Martin Luther King’s impact on free speech, citing United States Supreme Court Justice William Brennan’s words in **New York Times v. Sullivan**, 1964: “... debate on public issues should be uninhibited, robust and wide-open, and that it may well include vehement, caustic, and sometimes unpleasantly sharp attacks on government and public officials... ”. For those who believe in political correctness and not “offending” people’s feelings, take that. Touche’, Justice Brennan!

ALWAYS have a safe word

By P.O. Jay Moccia

This winter was so harsh, I raised a white flag in surrender, but Mother Nature couldn't see it with all that snow.



With roads closed, and parking bans in effect, Officers of the Boston Police Department were tasked to ferry essential doctors and nurses to their hospitals during February's blizzards. I believe the courtesy service was referred to as "BL-Uber".



Potential Democratic Presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton went MIA, amid rumors of plastic surgery. I heard she wanted a boob reduction, but nobody else wanted Bill.



I used to look good in all my tight shirts, now all my shirts are good and tight.



Islamic terror group Al-Shabaab made bold threats to shoot up malls in America. Liberalism holds the key to stopping these attacks:

"What does that say on the mall door, Achmed?"

"It reads 'Gun Free Zone', Mohammed"

"Damn those Infidels, they are so clever!"

"Allah help us, now we must think of a new plan"



I don't know why they annoy me so much, but I would like to replace the "Sonic" guys' hot dogs with dynamite.



Performers and Presenters at this year's Oscar show got the most expensive "swag bag" ever, with gifts totally around \$160,000. Uncle Sam got his share of the perk in the form of about \$40,000 in taxes (appx. 25%). Meanwhile we toil on lucrative details and OT only to be whacked with a tax of about 32%. Where's my \$%&*&# Red Carpet???



With all the snow in February, District Four was officially renamed "Ice Station Delta"



I won't say the bums in Copley Square Park are causing more trouble, but Katie Copley is set to be replaced by a German Shepherd.



MY NOTICE TO APPEAR FOR MY ANNUAL DRUG TESTING WAS WRITTEN ENTIRELY IN CAPS. I FELT LIKE I WAS BEING YELLED AT!!!!



When you're young you talk about the future, when you're old you talk about the past...



Now that Bowe Bergdahl has been charged with desertion, will the 5 Taliban thugs we swapped for him return to Gitmo?



NBC News Anchor Brian Williams has been suspended after he was caught in a lie. It seems Williams claimed to have been on a helicopter that was shot down during the Iraq war, but was actually on a different chopper, which did not come under fire. This fib caused a domino effect that exposed several more untruths over the course of his career. Now the guy who read the news, IS the news. What a tangled web we weave, when is our business to deceive...



Republican Senator Ted Cruz announced his candidacy for President in 2016. Liberals immediately attacked the Texan because his Cuban father fled to Canada...now if he left Cuba and went to Kenya...



Obama administration officials claim the unrest in the Middle East is the result of poor economic opportunity. In other words, the Taliban and ISIS would not hate us if they had jobs. I propose we rectify that situation immediately. We should employ any willing Islamic Terrorists as bullet magnet quality control, explosive testers, and casket interior inspectors.



With the freezing temps and snow testing every cop's fortitude, HQ reminded Officers to maintain uniform standards. Now I ask you gentle reader, if 150 cops at a funeral can't manage to wear the same thing, after being told what to bring; what makes the Crystal Palace think cops won't bundle up in a blizzard?? Just a thought, if you left a dog out for hours in that weather, you'd be in jail, we got traffic posts.



If you worry whether you can be a good parent, you probably will...



During a concert, Madonna tripped over her cape and toppled off the stage. When you get to her age, falls become more common. File under: Bruised ego, broken hip...



Starbucks is taking some heat for a decision to engage customers on the subject of racism. Just what America needs, a lecture from a hipster with a ring in his nose...can I get directions to the nearest Tim Horton's?



Iran and the US are in negotiations to keep the Persians from developing a nuclear bomb. Secretary of State Kerry claims the deal will do just that...pardon me if I have a little trouble believing that. These are the same folks that claimed Health Care would cost less, and we could keep our doctor...just sayin'



ISIS wants to re-establish the 7th Century Caliphate. I say good for them! Let's bomb them back to the Stone Age, and they can pick up from there.



San Fran-sicko is debating a ban on Oreo's. They claim the tasty snack contains dangerous trans fats (that's why it tastes so gooood!) and must be kept from children. I think those Commies just don't like the fact that it's America's favorite cookie!



While in Aruba, I saw a very fat guy with a rather attractive woman. I thought; "he's punching over his weight class" then realized, there is no weight class over his-way to go tubby!



Indiana recently passed the "Religious Freedom Restoration Act". It has sparked vigorous debate, with the left claiming the law allows discrimination. Funny thing is, it is based on the Federal version, which has been on the books since it was championed by Liberal lion Ted Kennedy and signed by Bill Clinton. Really??? I thought these hypocrites preached TOLERANCE (as long as you agree with them, I guess)



Kudos to Chief Gross! After a Boston cop was shot, and his assailant was summarily dispatched by other Officers, the usual agitators gathered to pose for selfies while they berated the Police. Not that it was necessary, but the Chief engaged the protesters, and found himself being insulted, and harangued by the crowd. Rather than lose his temper, the boss simply walked away, leaving the protesters no foil for their phony anger.



When I see these fools, all I'm reminded of is the old fable about the boy who cried wolf. Their constant BS desensitizes people and in the event of a real injustice, they will have effectively disempowered the aggrieved. Blocking highways and roads doesn't make you a hero, it makes you an inconvenience, with all the relevance of a traffic jam, and we all know how much Bostonians love those...



A minister working at English High shot and seriously injured a student, over a drug deal gone awry. Shaun Harrison was well known for his anti gang activities, but apparently that was just a ploy to cut down on his competition. After it came to light that a neighbor lodged several complaints against the "Rev" over drug activity, the smoke and mirror machine kicked into high gear, with officials claiming he was under investigation and just hours away from being charged/fired. File under: Double Secret Probation.



While we're on the subject of wayward BTU employees, check out their newspaper, specifically a column by Heidi Winston. The school nurse busted out the broad brush and labeled all Police Officers as racist thugs out to shoot or beat down the citizens. She went on to praise the protesters who blocked 93 and burned down Ferguson, mentioning a hefty donation made by the BTU to the protesters. Now I won't insult the good hard working Boston Public School employees by lumping them all in with this dolt. She's entitled to her misinformed opinion. Maybe she should enlarge her circle of friends to include a few law enforcement professionals and broaden her horizons. Or at least read the PAX!



Patrick Cherry, a New York City detective is in hot water, after being taped verbally bashing an Uber driver. The viral video resulted in the officer being demoted and placed on modified duty, even after apologizing. Bratton calls it abuse, I call it a verbal warning. We've all seen how these clowns drive.



Finally, thoughts and prayers for a full and speedy recovery go out to Officer Moynahan of the BPD YVSE. John was shot in the line of duty by a career thug, who was himself killed by other Officers on the scene. A decorated military veteran, and from what I hear a pretty decent hockey player, there's no doubt this guy is tough. So get well soon, we're all thinking of you.



Talking about bullfighting is not the same as being in the ring with the bull.



So, boys and girls looks like it's going to be a long hot summer out in the streets. Watch your six, keep an eye on your fellow Officers, stay hydrated and rested. Or take a few days off, drink some beer and go to the beach. Either way, stay safe.

Sports trivia...

From Sports Trivia on page 39

10. The only two goalenders to play in at least 1,000 games in their career are Martin Brodeur with 1,266 and Patrick Roy, with 50.
9. Wayne Gretzky has the most career hat tricks in NHL history. Name is Craig Biggio who will be enshrined in July 2015. the Houston Astros and be elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in addition to play his entire career with the only player in MLB history to play his entire career with 32-0 in the 1975-76 season.
8. Prior to the 2014-15 CCAA basketball season the last team to go undefeated was the University of Indiana which went 7. under Juan Marichal.
7. The only other Dominican player in the Baseball Hall of Fame in addition to Pedro Martinez is former Giants right hander Yankees Derek Jeter.
6. The only player to have 3,000 base hits as a shortstop is former Kevin Cash.
5. The first domed stadium in the United States was the Houston Astrodome which opened in 1965.
4. There are three teams in the big leagues who have managed to win 200 games at the helm for the first time in their career, the Twins with Paul Molitor, the Rangers with Jeff Bagwell and the Rays with
3. Cy Young Award winner.
2. The Cincinnati Reds, the oldest team in MLB have never had batting titles in his first two seasons, 1964 and 1965.
1. Former Twins outfielder Tony Oliva won American League

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Fighting an insurance claim denial can pay off

By Tom Murphy, Associated Press

Don't take an insurer's rejection as the final word on your medical claim. Appeals can have a surprising success rate if patients combine help from their doctors, some research, and persistence. Insurance companies often make the initial decision to deny a claim based on limited information. They rarely see a patient's file for that first decision, said Jennifer Jaff, executive director of Advocacy for Patients with Chronic Illness Inc., a nonprofit.

"When you provide them with additional clinical information . . . it may turn out to be a very easy decision for them," she said.

Learn as much as you can about the reason for a rejection. Get the policy language and any information the insurer used to make its decision. Patients are entitled to this, so persist.

It's also important to know the insurer's appeal process. This should be laid out in the letter you receive telling you about the rejection. Understand the deadlines. I've never seen an insurance company grant an extension," Jaff said.

Write a detailed argument, with records backing up your claims. Enlist your doctor's help.

If the insurer says it doesn't have to pay because your condition existed before your coverage began, a doctor may be able to argue otherwise.

The insurer may say the treatment isn't medically necessary. Your doctor can illustrate how all alternatives were exhausted before you started receiving the treatment in question.

Rely on more than a doctor's statement.

"Insurance companies do not assume everything a doctor says in a



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letter is 100 percent true and accurate," Jaff said. "What they really want to see are the medical records."

Asking for a compassionate allowance can be another strategy. Some policies will make exceptions to cover something if it could be lifesaving.

Keep your emotions out of the argument and give the insurer something new to consider. Avoid rehashing information the company already has.

"It's a business decision; it's not personal on the insurer's side," said Pat Jolley of the Patient Advocate Foundation, another nonprofit.

Know the insurer's appeal process. Some may offer a couple of rounds of internal reviews and provide a specialist to examine your claim. That means you can have an oncologist review your claim for cancer treatment.

Keep detailed notes of your contact with the insurer. Send appeals by certified mail in case the insurer says you missed a deadline.

Communicate in writing whenever possible. This keeps you from having multiple phone conversations with different insurance representatives who may provide different answers.

And be persistent.

You may have to go through a few rounds of appeals and then take your case to an external review that involves a third party. The process varies by state and insurer.



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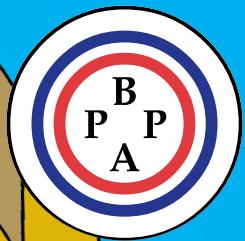
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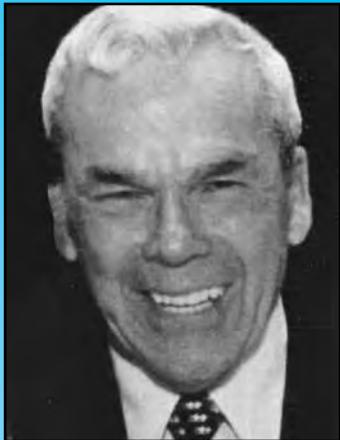
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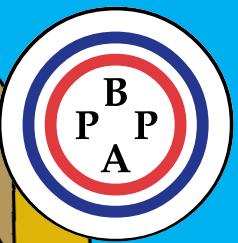


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