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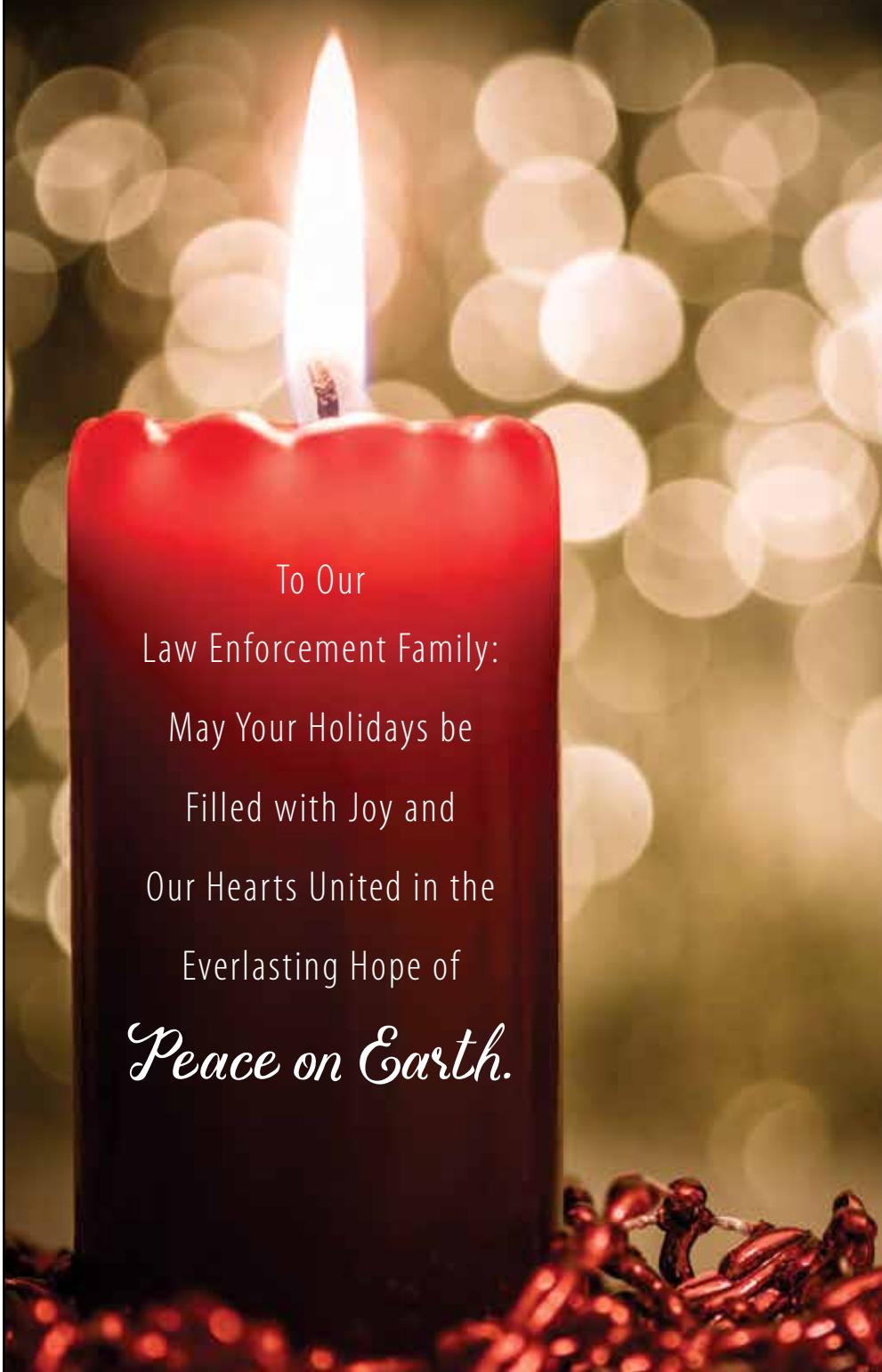


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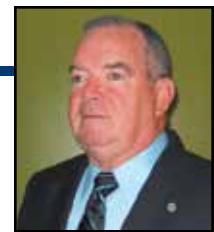
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We are amazed at the quality of police officer's performance around the U.S.

It's been a very busy year since we've taken office, to say the least. We started the year burying colleagues in New York City and it hasn't seemed to get much better since then for the Police Officers around the country.

When we are not under physical attack, being murdered, shot at, stabbed and or beaten we are victimized daily in the media for the faults of a few. It amazes me that no one looks at the real statistics when measuring the Police Officer's performance.

We all realize that even one mistreated person is too many and certainly one wrongful death is an outrage and is not or would not be condoned by any professional law-abiding Police Officer. However, statistically, the media-driven frenzy over certain incidents that happened in this country over the past year and or so, is mind boggling. The facts don't support the outrage; the facts don't support the effort to undermine the Police in this country.

The political pandering to special interest groups and playing the politically correct card of the day is ruining this society. It is about time for someone somewhere to have the guts and intestinal fortitude to stand up and say '***enough is enough!***' The facts are over thirteen million people are arrested each year in this country, (not including traffic arrests); that's

The same men and woman that have sworn to serve and protect the same men and woman who run towards the danger on a daily basis to protect these people that are calling for our heads. The President and his media condemn every action by Police without so much as an investigation and when the facts support the Police, well damn the facts, don't let the truth get in the way of a good story. Any other profession in the world would be considered perfect with those numbers, but no, not the Police, not even close.

No, let's call for body cams, let's call for civilian review boards, let's call for more oversight and when all discretion is taken away and we are forced to enforce all of society's rules, what will they call for then? Or worse, when Police Officers just turn their heads and ignore their responsibility and civil society goes down the tubes, what will they call for then when it's too late to get control.

Our own Senator **Elizabeth Warren** recently gave a soliloquy at the Kennedy Center praising the recent movements against Police praising lawbreakers as “Heroes of Our Generation” and condemning

Police Officers in the same breath.

Yes, she tried using the *Obama* obligatory remark or two about how much she respects us, but continued to spew the same lies about recent happenings in this country that the Media and Police haters continue to spread with total disregard for the truth.

As a matter of fact, I attempted to get an audience with her to discuss her speech and question her statements one on one so I could share the **FACTUAL REPORTS** of what happened in those hyped-up media-driven reports that she so eloquently shared with Police hate groups; I'm still waiting for her response.

Anyway, we all know that it has become a different profession, in the midst of all of this political correctness, World War Three, under

I guess it's been a tough year for us all, but this too shall pass. I can only hope that the silent majority wakes up soon and moves to take our country back. Time and the next Presidential election will dictate the future of Professional Policing in this country. We will continue to fight for your rights and represent the truth to the public.

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With all of that said, we as a Union, have come a long way in a short time. When our team ran for office, we promised ten specific objectives and have accomplished all but the last, that being the ‘Bargained Contract.’ In addition, we brought in the largest detail pay raise in the history of the association. We are currently working out the specifics of agreements that we believe will be of great benefit to the membership. January 2016 starts the bargaining cycle for the next contract; we have already been meeting as a committee and have had several unofficial sessions laying the ground work for what we hope will be a fair, bargained agreement, that you, the body, will vote on.

We believe that we have a good plan going forward, but will continue to meet with the membership to ensure that we fairly represent all of our members equally.

The new building is just about complete and we hope to be moving in at the beginning of the New Year. I am sure that you will all be happy with your new union building and proposed members' area for your future use.

The holidays are with us and I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas or a Happy Hanukkah! Please remember that we only have each other, back each other up, and get home safe to your family, which is your number one responsibility! God Bless and a Happy New Year to all!

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Merry Christmas and looking toward an exciting new year at the BPPA

To start, I would like to sincerely wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. As the year comes to close and I look back on 2015, I am pleased with what this new administration has accomplished. I hope all of you are as well. There is still much to done be done, and in 2016, we will work even harder.

Right now, we are focused on getting the new building opened sometime early in the year. In January, main table bargaining will begin. Those of us on the bargaining committee have already started planning and preparing. I know everyone has ideas on what we should look for in the new contract so please, feel free to speak up to me, the other leadership members, another member of the bargaining team, or your representative with your ideas.

We all have heard countless times how our job includes not only enforcing the laws, but being a social worker, a mental health expert, a marriage counselor, and a baby sitter. Now, we need to add homeland security expert. The reality is frightening. The world has changed and there is no going back.

One of the things I would like the BPPA to begin concentrating on is obtaining more resources and more training for our members. We need all the tools possible in order to protect this city and ourselves.

Even then, it may not always be enough, so stay vigilant, know your surroundings, back each other up, and take nothing for granted. Remember, we are targets.

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Just as the public is being urged to "say something if you see something," we too need to step it up and question everything. We are trained observers who, because of the sheer nature of our work, have the opportunity to see things "regular" people do not. Trust your instincts. Just as the public is being urged to "say something if you see something," we too need to step it up and question everything. We are trained observers who, because of the sheer nature of our work, have the opportunity to see things "regular" people do not. Trust your instincts.

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And as you are checking off items on pages and pages of Christmas lists and as a result, spending way too much money, just think, time goes by fast. Next month is my Academy Class 25-91's 25th Anniversary and I can't tell you where the time has

gone. So, enjoy the time while you have it. And if you get a chance to spend some of that money in some of the many establishments that advertise in the *PAX*, please do so. It is always wise to support those who supports us. Merry Christmas!





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What is the downside of equipping officers better?



I realize that the state of society today has many of us wondering why the sworn officers in the biggest City in the State, the Capital City, are not better equipped. It would seem obvious that Boston would be a target based on the incredible historic value to the entire country, based on our successes as a City that enjoys thriving tourism and commerce, and most importantly because it has already happened here.

Some may argue "What difference would long guns had of made during the Marathon." Maybe they would be right, but I'm not so sure. If we look at the events surrounding those days in April 2013 I recognize that having officers with long guns would not have stopped terrorists from placing pressure cookers within the crowd and allowing them to detonate and devastate so many innocent people's lives. The question would be if between the 18th and the 19th would a better equipped Boston Police Department, with the proper training, been able to end the incident quickly. The tragedy in San Bernardino would have still have happened whether those officers had long guns or not. The terrorists were gone before the police were able to respond to the Inland Regional Center. The resulting gun battle that ended the terrorists' ability to continue their twisted odyssey was over in what was essentially minutes as opposed to the extended chase, gun battles and search that officer and citizens endured those two days in April. Is it possible that was because the officers in California were better equipped by their Counties, Cities and Departments?

We have our Tactical Response Units. Two, three or maybe even four "Gun Cars" for a City that is nearly 50 square miles. The officers assigned to SWAT do a tremendous job with what they have but they can only do what they can do. At any given time one half of the SWAT team is off... off shift or on days off. History tells us they will respond when they are needed but will that be enough? Should an incident like what happened in Paris come here how would we respond? On duty SWAT units will surely be on scene... four, six or maybe eight members... will that be enough? The off-duty SWAT officers will respond as always... from their homes, from their beds... they will respond as quickly as humanly possible... but will that be enough? What would we do with multiple and simultaneous incidents throughout the City?

It isn't just long guns. There is equipment out there; Conducted Electrical Weapons (CEWs) AKA Tasers, for one. Tasers may cause deaths and the idea of a big yellow gun on a gun belt may be alarming to some but there is an upside to them that we do not focus enough on. CEW deployment shows a history of ending use of force incidents quickly and with limited injuries. The injuries for officers forced to make the decision to deploy a CEW drops dramatically. The police should not be America's punching bag, figuratively or literally, but when required to end a situation using force we do it. Isn't it reasonable to equip an officer with something that dramatically decreases his risk of injury as well as the suspect? We have all seen the videos... they work. Are there tragedies involved in the deployment of CEWs? Yes. Those tragedies are a result of the bad guys' actions not the responding officer's reaction to those actions.

Some may read this and think "Do these guys want Bazookas and Tanks, too?" I don't think we are there yet and therefore I don't think it is fair to think that way. We simply want to be as well-equipped if not better than those we are asked to contend with. Train us, equip us and hold us accountable to the policies that are put in place with the implementation of these tools.

The BPPA House of Representatives, as well as the other three bargaining units, recognize that we need this equipment, along with things like readily accessible and complete first aid kits and riot shields to properly protect the life and property of the City of Boston and the women and men that protect it. We will continue to advocate for the better equipping of our members.

Accident and Disability Programs

One of the ongoing issues the BPPA tries to help members with is Accident and Disability policies. Many of us buy these policies and pay on them for years. The day comes when we need them because of an accident or injury and find out we were sold a bill of goods that won't pay off.

The great majorities of those selling these policies do not tell you about Insurance Commission regulations or review your existing policies with you to see if you are able to carry and collect more than one. We take these policies in good faith thinking if we are sick or injured we can maintain caring for ourselves and families. When we do need them all we get is frustration. When this happens members will contact the Union Hall and ask for help. We can advise them or relay other's experiences with particular companies but there has never been anyone the Union can reach out to. Based on that when we were approached by a company that is a broker of multiple vendors we sat down and talked with them.

The Company, New England Benefits Connect, deals with City employees, particularly the Fire Department. After multiple conversations and meetings we have agreed to work with NEBC in helping them promote their products. By doing this we believe we can have a direct link for the member to get quick answers when issues arise and when possible expeditious resolutions to those problems. It essentially makes someone accountable to our members.

NEBC is approved by the City of Boston to sell their products to employees, as are other groups and vendors. They will sell it whether we had worked with them or not. What they agreed to do for members is review what they currently have and make sure you are aware of what you have. They have agreed to help our members' process claims through a helpline and website specific to members.

For those that have wellness policies they will assist you in getting back any unredeemed but available money. We will stop short of endorsing their product based on the lack of real experience we have with it but it is important that you know we have done what we can to educate ourselves and will look forward to input, positive or negative, from our members so we can gauge the services of NEBC and advise the membership going forward.

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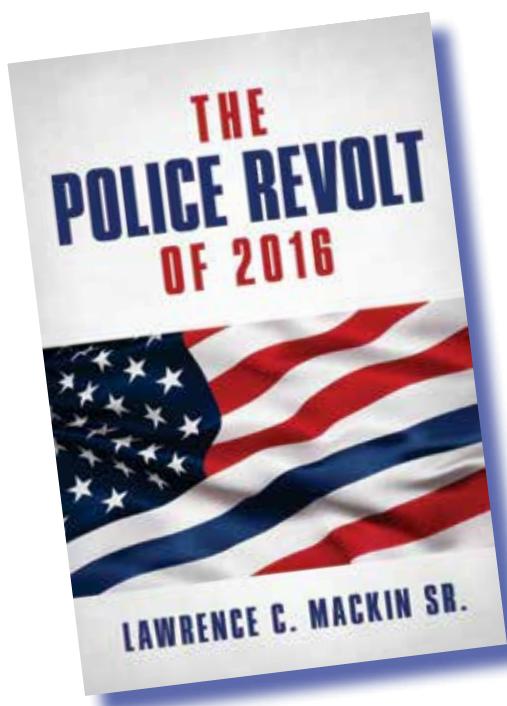
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A salute to Mr. Norman Knight of the Hundred Club on his retirement



As we come to the end of 2015 let me say that it has been a tremendous honor to serve as your treasurer this past year and I look forward with great anticipation to the years ahead as our new leadership team grows more comfortable addressing the challenges that confront our membership. We will stop at nothing in trying to secure for you, the members, the best wages and benefits that you so richly deserve. 2015 was a great start and we will continue to work hard for each and every member.

I would like remember our members who passed away in 2015. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Active Duty Police Officer Joseph Zanol from C-11.

Active Duty Active Duty EMT Matthew "Marty" King.

I wrote last month of getting your books in order to close out the year and we are doing that as we speak here at the BPPA. However in this holiday edition of the *PAX*, I wanted to touch on the recent announcement of the retirement of **Mr. Norman Knight**.

Who is Mr. Norman Knight you may be asking? Well, let me tell you a little about this tremendous friend of every Police Officer, Firefighter and EMT in the state of Massachusetts. And the description, "tremendous" is an understatement!

Forty-nine years ago Mr. Knight co-founded the Hundred Club of Massachusetts. Mr. Knight brought together a group of business leaders and began the Hundred Club with the exclusive mission of taking care of the needs of the families of fallen Police Officers, Firefighters and EMS workers. For 49 years they have continually, under Mr. Knight's leadership, reached out their helping hand to widows and children of our fallen Brothers and Sisters. Mr. Knight's generosity and the generosity of the Hundred Club is beyond belief.

And the amazing part is that they seek no recognition, no accolades, and no pat on the back. Mr. Knight has consumed himself in giving back. He and the Club have been very generous. Over the past 49 years

Mr. Knight and the Hundred Club of Massachusetts have contributed millions... yes, millions of dollars in cash and gifts to the families of the fallen. They have assisted families financially at

the time of death, assisted with college for the children of officers and paid for camps.

They have provided tickets to sporting events like the Red Sox and to cultural events like the Boston Pops. They have hosted concerts in the spring and in the fall and throw an amazing Christmas party every year for the children, and now grandchildren of our fallen officers. In times when our members have been in most despair following the death of an active duty Police officer, Mr. Knight has sat with the families and offered the most kind and comforting words while assuring these families that the Hundred Club will be there for them. For all that Mr. Norman Knight has done, he has never once asked for anything in return. Just 49 years of giving! How amazing!

Unfortunately over the years the BPPA has seen its involvement with the Hundred Club slipping away. So it is now we must renew our commitment to this truly great organization and reestablish our relationship in honor of Mr. Knight. It is the very least we can do. I would encourage every member to look up the Hundred Club of Massachusetts, join the club or make a contribution. You may even offer to assist in any programs they

have. This organization, founded by this incredible man has always had our back. Let us show them that we have their back as well.

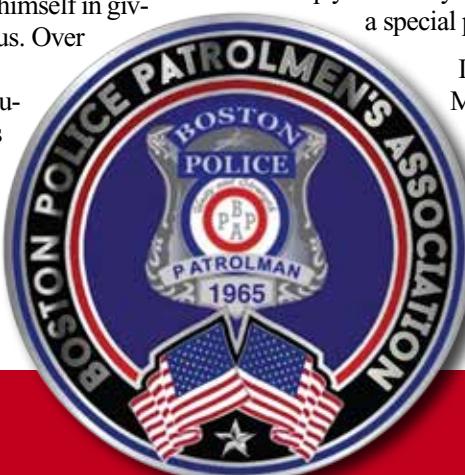
The new President of the Hundred Club is **Mr. John Lynch**. Mr. Lynch is a local attorney and has served on the board of the Hundred Club for many years. We at the BPPA are looking forward to working with Mr. Lynch in the coming years.

To Mr. Norman Knight,

We salute you Sir. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and we wish for you many splendid years of retirement. God bless you and keep you healthy and safe and may you know that you will always hold a special place in the hearts of the membership of the BPPA.

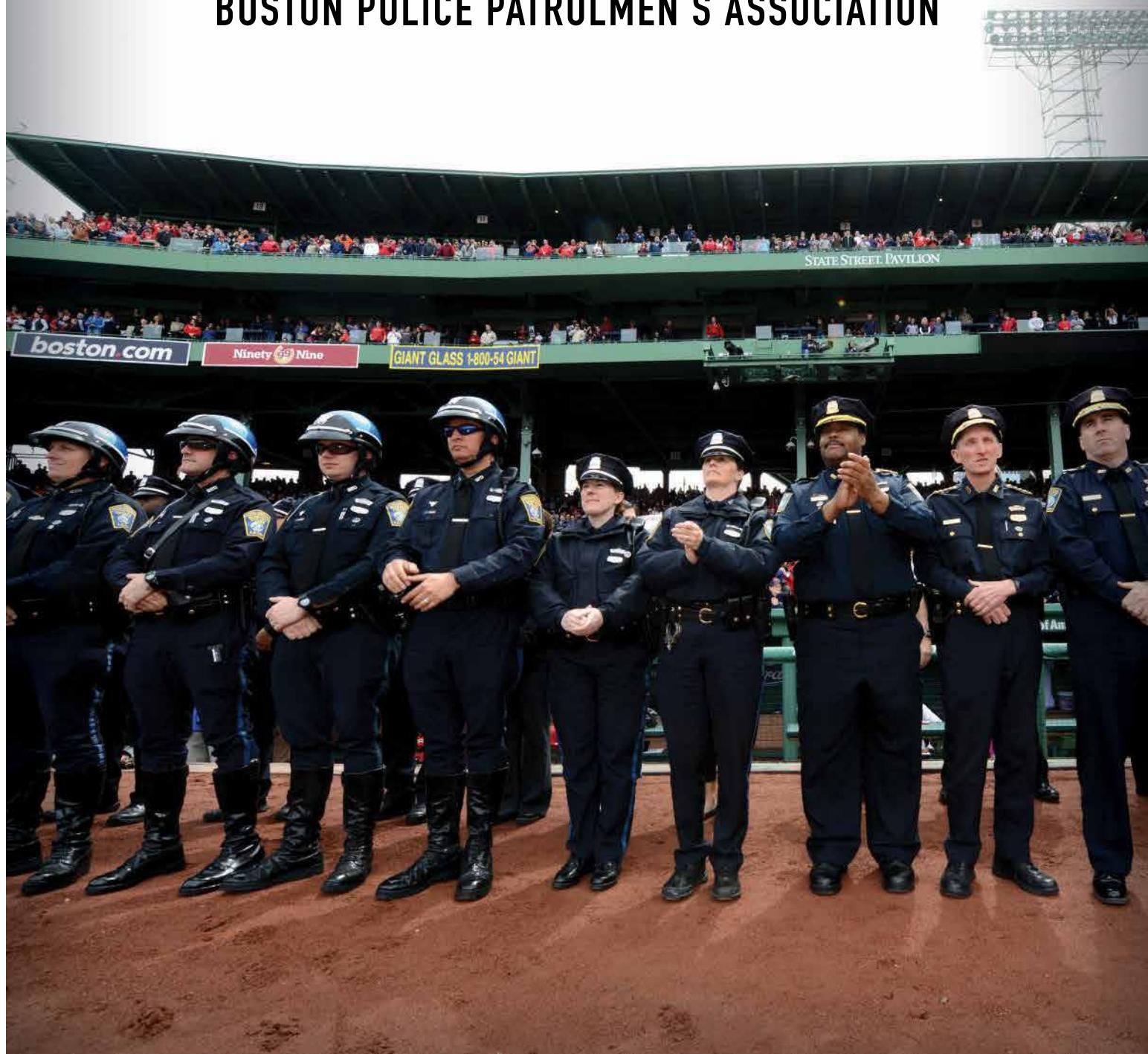
I would like to wish all of you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year.

-Bobby





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The Night Before Elves' Lives Mattered

By Clement Clarke Carnell

Clement Clarke Moore (1779-1863) is the author of the famous poem "The Night Before Christmas." The Pax Centurion has taken liberties with this famous poem for many years at this festive time of year, sometimes political, mostly in good humor. Unfortunately, there are, in this day and age, people who are devoid of any sense of humor and whose tender feelings are hurt at the drop of a pin. It is at these sad and pathetic people whom this year's rendition is directed.

Twas the night before Christmas, and the weather was cold,
And our streets were patrolled, by the few ... and the old.
A short-staffed patrol force awaited next call,
But the lights were turned out at our own City Hall.

The political climate had quickly grown frigid,
And our supervisor's tempers had also turned rigid.
Overtime was mandatory, and most shifts were double,
If you came into work, you were asking for trouble.

We stopped for some coffee, one regular, one black.
But they wrote "BLM" on our cups, so we just gave them back.
When up on the roof, there arose such a clatter,
I knew in an instant it was... "Elves' Lives Matter."

The Moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,
Gave the luster of midday to objects below,
But much to our shock, it wasn't Saint Nick,
But our Senator Warren, who soon made us sick.

She was dressed in red fur, from her head to her foot,
And her clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.
Her nose like a cherry, and her "cheekbones were high,"
As she faked her ancestry, which of course was a lie.

A Professor from Harvard, she wore glasses Granny,
And resided in Cambridge, and looked like a nanny.
Her hair it was blonde, and her eyes, they were blue,
She didn't look Native American ... but then ... I don't, too...

"Just being a female; well, it wasn't enough,
So I had to give Harvard ... ahmm ... "affirmative" stuff.
Then I claimed I was native ... one-percent Cherokee,
And now I'm a Professor ... at \$350 ... G!!!"

And the elves that came with her, (they were vicious ones too),
They loved Marxist red but they hated cop blue.
"We hate the police from your hats to your pants,
We'll call if we need you", ... (like just happened in France?)

More rapid than eagles, her courtiers they came,
And she whistled and shouted and called them by name:
"On, Lenin! On, Marx! And On, Mao-Tse-Tung!"
"On Castro, Che Guevera, and On Kim-Il-Sung!"

"Jump aboard, all my voters ... (the non-working class),
Free tuition and cellphones, you all get a pass!
Here's free health insurance, and an EBT card,
Sit down and relax on your butts made of lard."

Then the Senator laughed and took hold of the sleigh,
While she raised all our taxes, redistributed our pay!
But the sleigh was too heavy with those who won't work,
With no taxpayers to pull it, well ... she looked like a jerk.

No Donder, No Blitzen, no you and no me,
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Understaffed, shorthanded, under-equipped patrol force faces Islamic terrorism

Should we wait for another San Bernardino before anyone listens?

By James W. Carnell, Pax Editor

DOES ANYBODY, BESIDES THE POLICE UNIONS, GIVE A DAMN? Does anybody out there realize how short-staffed, aging, undemanned and under-equipped the patrol force actually is?

In light of the most recent incidents of savage, radical Islamic terrorism in Paris and San Bernardino, perhaps somebody out there in the world of police politics will begin to listen, before it's too late: The Boston Police Department **patrol force**, who answer the radio calls every single day, is woefully undemanned, overworked with excessive mandatory overtime, aging at a rapid pace, and does not have some of the most basic tools quickly and readily available to other police departments in order to respond to terrorist assaults.

The BPPA has been warning **for years** that the patrol force is being crushed with mandatory overtime shifts due to short-staffing.



The patrol force is aging, with those hired in the 80's and early 90's getting ready to retire, and not being replaced by younger officers at a rate sufficient to combat natural attrition. Patrol work is, without question, a "younger man's job", and is the most vital, basic service that the department delivers on a daily, hourly basis. But more and more, older officers, in their mid-50's to 60's, are assigned to answer the always-dangerous "basic" radio calls as younger officers with fewer than ten-year's experience are re-assigned to administrative or specialist positions. (*Wink-wink, nod-nod, no further comment needed on what we all already know exists....*)

In virtually every district in the city, the need for overtime opportunities due to short-staffing are put out over the radio every day of the week, and quickly become mandatory-overtime assignments as there are simply not enough officers available to volunteer. Many

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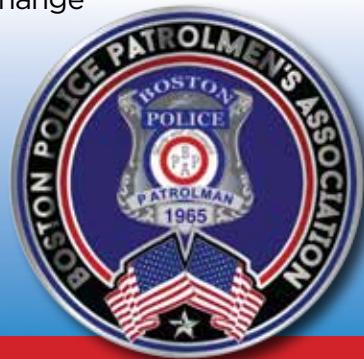
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officers report that getting a requested day-off, even in late October or November on a Tuesday or a Sunday, are being denied by the administration. The result is a marked increase in sick-time use, when the use of accrued time-owed is routinely denied. Police officers, too, are human beings (*geez, what a revelation?*) and have a basic need for rest, relaxation and family time. We sometimes wonder if Marie Antoinette herself has not taken up residence at Schroeder Plaza. Is anyone listening?

Additionally, it should not be a secret that Boston Police Patrol Officers **DO NOT** have Tasers or long rifles available to them for use in emergencies such as just occurred in San Bernardino. (*Not that Tasers would have been any good in San Bernardino, but in other situations, perhaps so.*) We have a very few, select units equipped with heavy weapons to confront those who used AR-15's in recent terrorist assaults. The patrol force is, of course, happy to have our special-op's units out in the field to respond to calls when needed. But, as the old saying goes, "*when seconds count, the police are sometimes minutes away.*" (The San Bernardino savages spent only about five minutes on the scene of their massacre of innocent civilians. It was only by the grace of God and good fortune that an "active-shooter" training program was, in fact, in session a few miles away that so many police officers were quickly available to respond.) That is true for our own spec-op's units, too, as they will all readily admit. The department is often more concerned with overtime expenditures than with basic officer safety. Long-rifles should be available to patrol force members – **after full and complete training** – as needed and safely secured in the cruiser for quick availability. If the touchy-feely politicians are more concerned about appearances than with effectiveness, then they can go to hell: we think that even liberals, when confronted with the desperate choice, would rather see a police officer with an automatic rifle or shotgun than a terrorist with an AR-15.

Tasers, too, should be made available to all patrol force members for quick use as an alternative to the use of deadly force. About 99% of incidents involving the need/use for Tasers have been successfully concluded without the need for additional force, according to available statistics. The fact that some members of the public, the media or the political establishment are squeamish about the use of electronic de-mobilization devices should be quickly countermanded by incidents such as those which occurred in Chicago. We are indeed lucky in Boston, so far; but luck, like everything else, soon runs out....

We are severely outgunned and outmanned in the event of a similar attack here in Boston. The BPD brass should not be shocked or feel insulted by the revelation of this information on the pages of the *Pax Centurion*. It has already been publicly discussed – and unfortunately **dismissed** – by the media and the political class as the unnecessary desires of gun-happy, right-wing nuts (*That would be us.*) It is better that we said it now in the hopes of addressing the situation than to wish we had said it later after a terrorist attack. The only thing that beats a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a **better** gun. **We are the good guys.** Please give us the better guns and the appropriate training before San Bernardino or Paris happens again. As we all know, the savages are probably already here and simply waiting for the right time. Let us, at least, be ready....

A labor of love

By Mark A. Bruno

I recently met – for the first time – **Team Hoyt**. After watching so many Boston Marathons, these two individuals always captured my heart with the spirit they showed. **Dick** and **Rick Hoyt** competed in 32 Boston Marathons. Any true Bostonian knows exactly who these two special people are; a father and son team that have been raising money through their Team Hoyt website, which has gone towards finding a cure for muscular dystrophy and other similar diseases. Rick Hoyt was born with his umbilical cord wrapped around his neck, which caused a lack of oxygen to the brain, giving him the condition that he has today. His parents were told to place him in an institution because he would be like a vegetable his whole life. Ignoring these suggestions, the Hoyts always believed their son Rick was coherent by the way he followed them with his eyes. Rick, with the help of his parents and a computer which helped him to communicate his thoughts, would go on to graduate with a degree in special education from Boston University. It is so nice to hear stories like this. This young man is truly gifted!

The racing began when Rick asked his father if he would take place in a benefit run to raise money for a lacrosse player from his school that had become paralyzed. Dick Hoyt would push his son in a wheelchair to the finish line. This would begin what has become one of the most famous racing teams in history. Dick Hoyt was not a racer but trained himself to become one. Rick told his parents when he is being pushed like that during the races he actually feels like he is running. Dick Hoyt would soon run in marathons with his son Rick. Together they have run in 72 marathons including 32 times in our own Boston Marathon. In 1992, they crossed the United States in 45 days

by biking and running. Nothing could stop the spirit of these two people who have accomplished more than most people could ever dream of. The Hoyt family thanked me and all my fellow officers for keeping them safe.

Dick Hoyt is now 75 years old, which you would never know by just looking at him. He has a vice grip for a handshake and will outlast any Energizer Bunny. After watching for so many years as he pushed his son across the finish line in dozens of Boston Marathons, this was truly an honor for me to meet them. The Hoyts are not movie stars, but they are far from average. This family epitomizes the meaning of hope and believing in one's self.

I tip my hat to the Hoyt Family for their accomplishments and all the money they have raised over the years to help fight muscular dystrophy. In the spirit of giving and with the holiday season upon us, I ask all my fellow officers to contribute to this foundation. I ask you to also contribute to our own Cops for Kids with Cancer. Being charitable is good for the soul.

With that being said, I would like to wish the Hoyt Family and all my fellow officers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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So... who wants to be a cop?

Applicants, interest drop as police work becomes increasingly second-guessed and criticized

By James W. Carnell, Pax Editor

IT USED TO BE THAT POLICE WORK was inter-generational. If Grandpa was a cop, then Dad became a cop, and a son or a daughter soon followed. Sadly, no more...

It goes without saying that police work has become the most second-guessed and criticized profession in the United States. Armchair quarterbacks who watch every episode of "CSI" or "Law and Order" can quickly tell the street officers what test they should be performing to solve a crime or how they should be approaching a call. With 20/20 hindsight, experts in the media with benefit of video and cellphone cameras can instantly opine on what the officer should or should not have done. Sitting comfortably behind their computers, police critics know how "those stupid cops" botched an investigation or over-reacted with excessive force, because...well...they saw it on TV. (*"Why couldn't the stupid cop have just shot the gun out of the guy's hand???"*)

Shortly, the BPD will be losing several (7? 8? 9?) of our younger officers to a new Boston Fire Department recruit class. Even Commissioner Evans has acknowledged that the job of a firefighter is certainly, in this day and age, far more attractive than being a police officer. Why would anyone want the stress, the pressure, the scrutiny, the criticism and second-guessing that comes with being a police officer in 2015? **WHY?** It used to be that the job was performed with a certain level of satisfaction and pride at removing bad guys from the street. Sadly, that is no longer true. More often than not, it is the actions of the police officer that are criticized and second-guessed, and not the deeds of the criminal. The criminal is afforded a perverse sense of respectability, sympathy and compassion by the public. Perhaps the poor criminal (*who knocked down an elderly woman and grabbed her handbag*) was mistreated as a child, misunderstood by society, or was not provided with a job and an EBT card by an uncaring society. Why did the evil police officer pick out the suspect simply because he matched the description? Was the officer profiling the suspect because of his race or ethnicity? That certainly seems to be a far more serious offense, in the minds of today's liberals, than the actual offense of robbery, drug dealing, assault, larceny, etc.

The cellphone camera has made every idiot in the world who watched an episode of "COPS" an expert in how police should deal with criminal suspects. The good guys (*us*) are now perceived as

bad, and the bad guy's conduct is either justified or rationalized as a response to police provocation. Such is the sick and demented world we live in.

Almost every cop I know has either advised their children to forget about considering police work as a profession or strongly encouraged their young spalpeens to look elsewhere for work that might result

in satisfaction and enjoyment, as opposed to heartache (and heart attacks), criticism and lawsuits. The threat of injury or death from a gunshot, as dramatized by many a police show, is almost an after-thought. It is far more onerous to have to worry about your career being taken away or one's home and property being subjected to legal proceedings, liens and threats of forfeiture by sniveling, conniving lawyers and their equally detestable clients, all for "doing your job."

The numbers of qualified applicants to police departments keep dropping, and recruiters across the country report they simply can't locate enough interested candidates who want to commit themselves to police work. More and more younger officers desire to remove

themselves from street-level police work as quickly as they can, and many older officers have simply resigned themselves to the political machinations of a job where they can't win anymore ... so why bother? Pro-active police work, in this day and age, is the mark of the insane; if you want end to end up on TV like the cops in Baltimore or Ferguson, Missouri and have your life ruined, go right ahead and try to "make a difference." You'll be thrown under the bus in a New York minute by backstabbing politicians, administrators, so-called "clerics" and other assorted phonies. The only ones who will be there with you will be your Union, if you're lucky enough to have one.

Once upon a time, in a land far away, some young rookies entered District Two in Roxbury and were counseled by veteran officers who told them how they viewed the job "back then," and how they thought things were going currently. The younger

officers had been warned in the Academy about these old "burnouts," and to stay away from them and never listen to their sage advice.

The young rookies are now the aging veterans, and long ago forgot the Academy's lecture. Problem is, we're now running out of young rookies to gullibly listen.

Period.



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Teaching hatred in our colleges

By **Mark A. Bruno**

It has been fourteen years since two planes took down the World Trade Center buildings in New York City. Every time I see a show or movie on TV which is based in NYC – be it old or new – I look for that Manhattan skyline. I look at the old movies and shows to see the “Twin Towers.” It is a haunting sight to know they are no longer there. Two magnificent structures that defined the skyline of Manhattan now missing as a result of a terrorist attack. For many of us, it is probably the most devastating event we will ever experience in our lives. This cowardly attack on thousands of innocent people in the name of twisted justice against American policies is ridiculous and reprehensible.

What really has me ticked off is that now some of our colleges are giving classes on the event which show sympathy towards the terrorists and point the finger at America. It was America’s foreign policies that brought on the attacks, according to these twisted professors. I can understand that some of our policies abroad may not always be popular. Thousands of people were killed by cowards who were guided by fools to make their suicide missions.

According to these professors at some of our most prestigious colleges, “the United States of America had it coming.” Really?! Is this

you were shot! Most, if not all Italians, understood they were being guided by a fool who was leading them down a path of destruction. These twisted demented jihadis are being brainwashed into believing that their suicide mission will bring them closer to God and seven Vestal Virgins. If you want to be cleansed, take a bath. If you want female company, call an escort service. If you want to be closer to God, go to church.

Colleges such as the University of North Carolina and others who teach this hateful course shouldn’t receive any Federal or local funding. My tax dollars should not be paying a professor who thinks little of our democratic society and the freedom it provides. These mental cases should be sent back to their respective countries if they hate our politics so much! Having a difference of opinion is one thing; having hate and planning death and

destruction is quite another. God can not be telling these people to blow up the world and all those in it. Very rarely have I walked out of church and wanted to punch someone’s face or plant a bomb in their

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BPPA passes first bill!!!

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House Bill #2339, An Act Allowing the Appointment of Retired Boston Police Officers as Special Officers to Perform Police Details, had been vetoed by Governor **Charlie Baker** because of a language concern flagged by the Federal Department of Labor. Looking out for the better welfare of the Commonwealth, the bill was sent back to the House of Representatives by Governor Baker to fix the problem, along with his "strong letter of support" for a quick refile.

A short time later, the House of Representatives and the Senate, voted to "override" the Governor's veto and place the language change into the supplemental budget (HB # 3829) where it has also now become law.

The final result allows the Police Commissioner of the City of Boston to appoint retired Boston Police Officers as "Special Officers" to perform Paid Details on Boston roadways.

We owe a great deal of thanks to all of our elected officials. Governor Baker, Mayor **Marty Walsh**, House Speaker **Robert DeLeo**, and Senate President **Stanley Rosenberg**,

Rosenberg, thought long and hard on ways to help the BPPA get this new law on the books without starting the lengthy process all over again.

Thank You!!

We also can't say enough thank you's to Representative **Dan Hunt** and Senator **Linda Dorcena Forry**, for their tireless effort to get this bill passed and into law for us. Without their determination, knowledge, and work ethic, we may still be looking and waiting for this to happen. Please take a moment this holiday season to pick up the phone (or if you see them in your neighborhoods) and call both of these elected officials and let them know how much we appreciate their hard work and support for our Membership. They truly deserve our gratitude.

Also, I would be remiss if I did not mention Representatives **Nick Collins**, **Dan Ryan**, and **Russell Holmes** who all signed on as petitioners of the bill and have been very supportive to our concerns throughout the year.

Next, we were extremely successful with our endorsements of this year's Boston City Council Election, the Weymouth Mayoral Election, and earlier in the year, our support of newly-elected Representative of East Boston, **Adrian Madaro**. The BPPA is on a roll!!

With the assistance and approval of our House of Representatives, we formulated a new questionnaire that was sent to all candidates seeking our endorsement. I am very happy to report that six of the seven candidates we endorsed this past November were elected to public office. Congratulations to City Councilors at-Large **Annissa**

Essaibi-George, **Michael Flaherty**, and **Michelle Wu**; District City Councilors **Frank Baker** and **Tim McCarthy**; and newly-elected Mayor of Weymouth, Senator **Robert Hedlund**. We look forward to working closely with all of them as we begin 2016.

While on the election topic, I'd like to thank all of the BPPA Representatives and members who have been attending fundraisers, standouts, and other political events with me this past year.

Part of our success can be attributed to our presence at these events. Throughout the year, more and more of our members have been attending political events in the City of Boston and the Commonwealth. Our show of strength and unity has been noticed

and well-received by elected officials who are eager to be our friends and work with us on important issues. Please continue to attend these events as we are gaining momentum and displaying how important it is to receive the endorsement of the BPPA. I strongly encourage others to join us in the future and continue to show our solidarity and strength!

In closing, congratulations to the BPPA

Leadership! It's been one full year since their election to office. We have all worked very hard throughout the year and everyone should be proud!

There's so many things we could talk about; from providing the food truck at numerous charity and family events, clearing up grievances, celebrating our fifty year anniversary, continuing with bargaining issues, implementing monthly training seminars for the House of Reps, the purchasing of our new building at 295 Freeport Street in Dorchester, the passage of our first bill through the Legislature, to our strong financial position, but instead, I'll just say congratulations to everyone for the many accomplishments throughout our first year. I am extremely proud to be a member of this team and to serve the membership of the BPPA! I am looking forward to the future.

I would like to wish the entire membership and their families a happy holiday season and a safe New Year!

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Media coverage and cellphones have undermined police officers

By Matt Carey

As I sit here think about when I first came on the job and thinking of having some of the thoughts we all had wanting to help people, make a difference, have the most stats it echoes in my mind thinking about some of the veterans on the job saying "Do nothing and do it well." At the time I thought to myself "What are these guys talking about this job is fun." I never thought about the things they may have been through. The changes that have gone from once being liked to being hated by society. Police officers are good, hard-working people doing a hard job, yet policing as a practice is widely distrusted. I believe the media coverage and the advent of the cell phone have undermined police officers everywhere. Every new police incident invites more hand-wringing over the law enforcement system. Liberal media has created certain groups that have political agendas to make police officers job harder. At any time there is a radio call there is 98% chance you will encounter the cell phone brigade or maybe a battalion. The public needs to be trained the use of force is always justified when people resist arrest or disobey orders I just can't give the suspect the handcuffs to put on. Sometimes with all the negative in policing it often feels like the only voice you hear is the one criticizing you. They say it only gets worse before it gets better.

I recall riding with a guy with thirty plus years on when a radio call comes in for a large fight. I put on the lights and sirens. What do you think he did next? He shut them off and said "we will get there kid, we are not killing ourselves for some drunks fighting". Again being new on the job I thought to myself "what the hell is this guy doing". I realized later after responding to many of these drunk fight calls having to use force and having to go to internal affairs that maybe the old timer was right. I recall this same officer leading younger officers to start a canvass after a shooting and painfully going door to door when nobody instructed him to do it, he did it on his own. I started thinking that even though he may have seemed a little disgruntled the man still had an abundance of knowledge and experience. I guess what I want to say is you never know what someone has been through on this job. There are only certain times you hear of it never mind what goes on in someone's personal life these things all attribute to a person's well-being. Just coming to work is just one part of being a productive member of society. It's not very often you can talk about what's bother you. Maybe you would talk to your partner but for the most part you want to get in your cruiser and get the hell out of the station. At the end of the day all we have is each other out there in the street. As always guys and girls stay safe out there.

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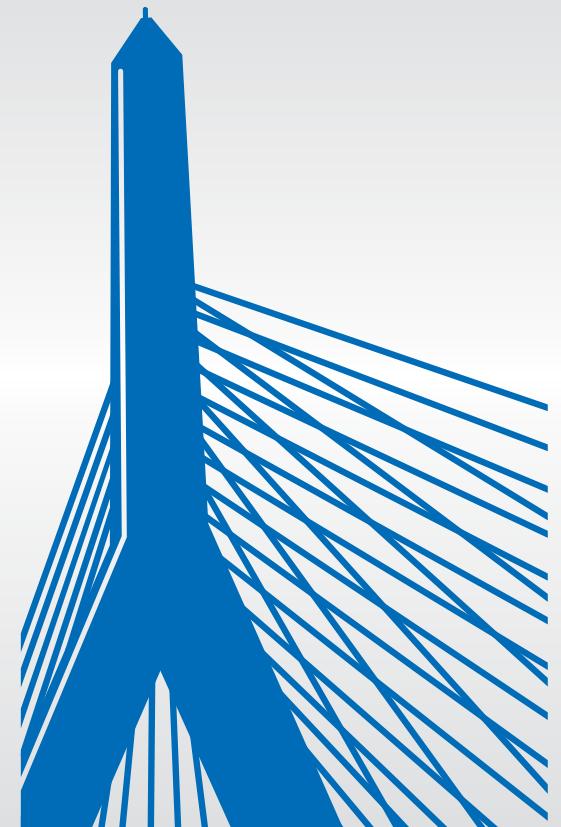
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The Boston Police Department – the early years

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

On May 26, 1854, the Boston Police Department was reorganized and consolidated into one force, where the "Watchmen" and the Day Police force were merged into what is now called the Boston Police Department as the "Department" name was added.

On January 1, 1850, the "Watch" numbered 225 men and the Boston Police force numbered 60. When the watch was abolished the members were absorbed into the police ranks. the population of the City in 1855 was 161,429.

The Department then consisted of Captain, Lieutenants, Detectives and night and day Patrolmen. Sergeants were first appointed in 1857, and the first uniforms were issued on January 9, 1858. The officers under the last annual appointments were sworn in April 6, 1863.

It was not uncommon that Officers would work up until they were 70 years of age or older. The watchmen carried a hook and rattle and their hours in the winter months they started at 7 o'clock for 4 months 8 pm when the days got longer and at 9 o'clock in the summer months. The watch ended one hour before sunrise, and from then till 8 am when the day's work began for the Police the city was uncovered.

In the early days of 1848, there were no wagons. The watchmen would line up the prisoners that had been brought in the first of night and march them along the street to the county jail, down on Leverett Street. It was a very long journey for the men who were attached to the South End station on Canton Place, off of Canton Street.

In the winter of 1856-1857, officers were assigned to a special detail at the prison in Charlestown. Two wardens had been assassinated by convicts in the space of one short week. It was considered a dangerous assignment and volunteers were asked for. Watch officers were paid \$1.00 a day and police officers were paid \$2.00 a day. If you made an arrest you got a 60 cents witness fee.

Here is an interesting fact prior to 1853, patrolmen had to do all the fire alarming. The fire districts were divided pretty equally. There were firehouses, but the men did not sleep there and when there was a fire, the watchmen would sound the alarm and wake the firemen up. Each patrolman would have to wake all the firemen in his district. They would go to their houses and sound their rattles.

In 1854, the electric fire alarms were put in, and the patrolmen did not have much to do with fires. They were issued keys to the churches on their districts, and when there was a fire they would unlock the church nearest to them and ring out the alarm for the district.

When watch officers carried their watch hook it was their badge, club, pistol, and warrant. They did not have firearms unit after the war began, and the first installment was not enough to outfit all the officers. The officers also had numbers of the station on their badges and on their helmets. Everyone at the station had the same number so if you arrested someone and they asked for your number you said



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...and more from the early years of the Boston Police Department

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

Captain George King was one of the old time police; prior to 1854, and in June 1854, about two weeks after the reorganization he was appointed Captain of Station 5. He was Captain there for 12 years resigning in 1866.

Since 1866 he has been in the livery stable business. It was Captain King who bought the land for the City on which Station 5 is built, and Station 5 was built very nearly as he suggested that it should be. The captain was a little deaf in one ear, but was as hale and hearty as many a man 20 years his junior, and he enjoyed a joke as thoroughly as the youngest of his family. When the Captain was a patrolman in the old "night watch" days his district was Beacon Hill.

In 1854, the police and watch forces of Boston had no uniforms or firearms. The badge of office for the watch was simply the watch hook, or "hook and bilk" which had been in use since 1701.

From the first settlement of Boston the town provided a constabulary force, the office conferring powers to serve both civil and criminal processes. The business was at first, however, principally of a civil nature, and was compensated by fees.

Subsequently, some of the constables were selected to take charge of the watch, and others were employed on the public days and other special occasions, and later were detailed to patrol the streets, drawing their pay from the treasury when employed by the town.

Although the inhabitants of Boston were at first quite numerous, yet not until 1631 was it ordered "by Court" that watches be set, and if "any persons, fire off a piece after the watches are set, he shall be fined 40 shillings or whipped," and two days afterward if was said "we began a court of guard upon the neck between Roxbury and Boston, whereupon there shall always be resident an officer and six men," thus was organized the first Boston watch. The system continued substantially the same until the reorganization of the force May 26, 1854.

On September 1, 1834, the town of Boston began to take the direction of its own affairs. The police system was enlarged and better regulated, and there was a day force called the "watch" as usual. The frequent occurrence of disturbance at this time, included the fearful Broad Street Riot on June 11, 1837, when property was destroyed to the value of many thousands of dollars, and many lives lost, caused the passage of a law in 1838 authorizing the mayor and alderman to appoint from time to time such officers as they deemed necessary. Six days after the passage of this new police law, the mayor and aldermen appointed six police officers for day's duty.

For about eight years the department experienced very little change, and at the beginning of 1848, the force numbered one marshal, one deputy marshal, sic week day and 10 Sunday

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Teaching hatred in our colleges...

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car. For my children and family, I would put myself in harm's way to protect them. I would not let a misguided religion or philosophy convince me to blow up myself or those around me. There are words for people like this, such as evil savages. God did not put us here to hate or to preach it. I'm pretty sure the wiring in these people are a little loose, or maybe they were dropped on their heads as babies. Bottom line is we should not be teaching hatred in our colleges!

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"Number 2" or "Number 4."

One Captain named Kurtz issued an order calling on the men to sound their rattles more. He lived on Tremont Street and after he gave that order he heard more rattling than he wished to hear. One Officer would go by the front of his house, and sound his rattle over and over another officer would pass the side of the house and rattle with all his might. Needless to say the Captain rescinded his order.

The Harbor Police was organized in 1853 consisting of 10 men and a Captain. This was because of the daring robberies on vessels lying in the Harbor.

Division 8 was organized in 1854 during which year the force of the city numbered 65 men. On January 24, 1860, the Shoemaker's Riot occurred in Lynn and 25 Boston Police Officers were sent to render assistance in quelling it.

During the Civil War from 1861 to 1865, the police services were in constant demand. On July 14, 1863 occurred the famous Conscription Riot, when fire alarms were called in a few minutes bringing every police officer in the city to Court Square. In 1857, cells were constructed for the accommodation of prisoners under the old court house in Court Square. Where they were kept for a short time awaiting trial. On April 26, 1857, the whole basement of the old court house had been rebuilt. The cells were called dumb cells because they were for the insane.

The uniforms for the police were first used on October 20, 1858. The uniform was an overcoat, frock coats, vest and pants of dark blue cloth with brass button bearing the letter "BP" on the front of the jacket. The Chief, Deputies and Captains at first wore dress coats, but adopted the frock coat in 1863. Cotton gloves were first ordered for a detail on Washington Street in 1861. The first headgear of the recognized police was a cap of dark blue cloth, very near like the naval cap. In the summer, the "hat of office" was nothing less than a "stovepipe" of the latest style, and of the best quality silk. The tall silk hats of that period were known as the "nail keg" hats and were considered the most elegant that ever had been worn.

In 1870, the Detective force was abolished by the Board of Aldermen. In 1873, the first mounted police officer was on the Mill Dam and in 1874, 28 more saddle horses were placed on patrol duty.

Badges of the early days – fire-pointed octagon (silver) 1854-56; silver octagon, number cut through 1856-65; wreath and number on hat and arm 1865-68; silver urn on hat and breast 1868-70; Boston City Seal (silver) 1870-79; Radiator Badge (nickel plate) 1879-1922; Clamshell, Starburst badge 1922-1959; Boston Police current issue style 1959-1997, Boston Police present badge with the "Patrolman" removed and "Police Officer" added.

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patrolmen, in this year, too, a superintendent of hackney coaches and another of trucks and wagons were appointed.

Previous to the reorganization, in 1854 the old watch system and the police were really under two heads, there was a captain of the watch, and there were stations which had two captains each. One captain came on at sundown, and the other at midnight. The captains of the stations reported to the "head captain" and the head captain reported each morning to the Mayor. The head captain didn't have so much to do as the superintendent of police has today to occupy his time at the office.

At the time of the reorganization in 1854, Captain **James Barry** was then the head Captain of the watch, and his office was where Young's hotel stood. Captain Barry went about other business at the same time that he attended to the duties of the watch. The Watch department had about 300 men in it at the time of the disbandment in 1854.

The men usually wore the oldest clothes they could get, in case they should be handled roughly by some prisoner during the night. Many of them wore no badges besides their watch hook. This they carried under their coats. The police were first given their badges in 1847, which consisted of a white ribbon, with "POLICE" in black letters. Later on there was a leather strap with "POLICE" in silver letters, then a six-pointed, oblong brass star worn on the breast, and in 1854 there was a silver octagon, with the number of the man cut out.

There is only one man in active duty on the police force in 1894. This man was Patrolman **John M. Penniman**, who was one of the night men at City Hall. Others who were on that old force were Captain **George M. King** who was one of the old time policemen and Captain **H.J.V. Meyers**, who, at the age of 73 conducted a detective agency in Boston, though he was not hired to the Boston Police until 1858, Major **Edward Jones**, who was a Patrolman, Captain,

State Policeman and Police Commissioner, passed through all the old "night watch days" just before 1854. Ex-superintendent **Cyrus Small**, whose home is in Roxbury, is also one of the "old-timers."

Those few names include about all of the men who were living in 1894 who were connected with the old force prior to 1854. They had many stories to tell of the old days, and the stories sounded very strange to the "younger fry" of 1894.

Officer Penniman told the *Boston Evening Globe*, "I can't help laughing sometimes when I think of the fun we used to have in the old day, but it wasn't all fun, my boy – it wasn't all fun. Why, is how we used to get the prisoners to jail when I first went on the force – the night watch – in September 1847? Just think of that, we had two watches, you know the first watch went on at 7

o'clock, 8 o'clock or 9 o'clock, according to the time of year; and that watch went off duty at midnight, during the hours of duty the prisoners would be taken to the various station houses. Then, when the call sounded for the change of watch, the men going off duty would have to look out for the prisoner in hand, and get them across the city to the jail on Leverett Street."

"We had to march the prisoners across the city as best we could; I have seen as many as 30 prisoners for us to take across in one night. There would be four or five of us to do it, and we would chain some of them together, it was hard on the prisoner, but we had to do it."

"Sometimes a drunken fellow would be chained to some fellow who could help him to stand up and walk. Good for the drunken fellow, but rather rough on the other man."

Salary? Why we got 90 cents a day in 1847, yes, and in 1849, when Mayor Bigelow was in office, we petitioned for a raise of pay and we were raised to \$1.00 a day. The Captains had been getting \$1.00 a day before for that time, and when we were raised to \$1.00 the pay per day of the captains was increased to \$1.25. And at the time when we were petitioning for the increase of pay Captain Barry, head of the watch, went to the Aldermen, and said he could get all the men he wanted at 75 cents a day. But we got the "raise" just the same."

"We had some hard old scrabble in those days, but we stood a better chance of getting a man than we do now. For we had no uniforms, and a thief could not tell us from anyone else. We simply had the rattle and the hook, the hook was a pretty useful thing, and some of the men who ran away from us had reason to believe it was useful sometimes."

There were only seven stations, Station 1, was on Hanover Street, Station 2 was Court Square, Station 3 was on Leverett Street, Station 4 was on Boylston Place, and Station 5 was on Suffolk Street. Suffolk Street is now called Shawmut Avenue. There was only one station in South Boston, Station 6 on Broadway Street and Station 7 was in East Boston on Meridian Street.



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Another year of mostly coal

In 1881, a Boston lawyer named **Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.**, wrote a book entitled *The Common Law*, a book which traces the history of our law back through time, beginning with Roman law that was premised upon vengeance. The book discusses the evolution of law through the Anglo-Saxon time period up through the (then) present time. Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. would later become a judge on our Supreme Judicial Court, and then a judge on the United States Supreme Court. In his book, Holmes discusses how the life and history of our law has not been one of logic, but largely has been one of history, based upon the necessities of the time, prevalent moral and political theories, public policies, and prejudices. Very early in his book, in making the point that we all have an innate sense of right and wrong, Holmes wrote that “even a dog distinguishes between being stumbled over and being kicked.” So how did 2015 treat you? Were you mostly stumbled over? Or were you mostly intentionally kicked?

2015 was a crazy year. In Googling the major events of 2015, my memory was refreshed of how on January 4, 2015, New York City police officers turned their back on Mayor **Bill deBlasio** as he spoke at a funeral for one of two officers who were assassinated while sitting in their cruiser. Two months later, in March of 2015, the Justice Department released their report on the Ferguson Police Department, noting that ninety-three percent of the arrests in Ferguson were on black citizens who made up sixty-seven percent of the population. A week after releasing this report, the Justice Department announced that they would not prosecute **Darren Wilson**, the officer who shot **Michael Brown** in August of 2014, an event that was the source of several days of rioting. In late March, Officer **John Moynihan** was shot in the face at point-blank range, miraculously surviving something that looked unsurvivable. In April we had the Baltimore riots, followed by several movie theater shootings, a white supremacist nut opening fire in a black church in South Carolina killing nine people in June, and another crazy shooting in October at an Oregon community college where seven people were killed while being asked about their religion. This past year gave us the trials of **Dzhokhar Tsarnaev** and **Aaron Hernandez**. It brought us a Patriots Super Bowl win and a full year of Deflategate nonsense. 2015 brought us the rise of Isis, mayhem in Paris, a refugee crisis and lots of other bad stories about misguided and hateful people. Politically, our country is probably as polarized as it has ever been, and it does not appear that things are getting any saner, with the most polarizing candidates currently leading in the polls. The year was not all doom-and-gloom, but from a law enforcement perspective the year sure brought to light a number of challenging issues. As we reflect on 2015, what have we learned? And where are we going?

Through defending patrol officers for the past eighteen years, I have had the pleasure of going to many retirement dinners. By far one of the best talks I ever heard at these functions came from retired old-timer Deputy **Edward Eagar**, who reminisced about the old days when portable radios were not the norm. Deputy Eagar talked about



these days when, after arresting a suspect, the suspect would have to be coaxed to the nearest “call box” in order to call for assistance and the transport wagon. Deputy Eagar joked that in those days, you had to either become a real good fighter, or you had to become a real good talker. Although it may be ironic, your talking skills as a police officer today need to be even better than your predecessor’s skills were back in those days. My guess is that there was often a lot of colorful language used to “encourage” people to comply with verbal commands, and many things were said and done back then that

would not translate well if videotaped on an i-Phone and posted on YouTube. The world we live in has changed drastically. While people can debate whether it has changed for the better, it cannot be disputed that these changes have made it more difficult to work as a police officer.

It would have been nice if 2015 was the year that the Boston Police Department command staff and the Legal Advisor’s office decided it would be helpful to sit down with the union attorneys and the BPPA leadership to

discuss how to resolve many of the ongoing issues we face, particularly as it relates to discipline. That has not been the case. With the exception of Deputy **Jeffrey Walcott** who makes an honest effort to return my calls, the majority of my phone calls to the third and fourth floor at Schroeder Plaza go unanswered and unreturned. Many of my questions are simply ignored. So much could be accomplished if those “talking skills” that Deputy Eagar discussed could be put to use in a calm and reasoned setting, but instead the Boston Police Department continues to pursue the age-old approach. Regrettably, all we hear is “fire them” and “let them fight to get their jobs back.” Whether the officer is fighting to keep their job or is fighting against a suspension, there is seldom any real face-to-face sit-down to discuss the issues before the phony trial board process is put in motion. When, almost invariably, the department loses cases on appeal, it employs the same old strategy of whining to the *Boston Globe* that the Commissioner’s hands are tied due to the Civil Service process or because of civil arbitrators. Things continue on the way they have always gone on because of history and not because of logic. Many things have changed for the better over the years, but often those things now get taken for granted.

Much like the dog referenced by **Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.**, we all know whether we have been stumbled into or whether we have been kicked. Hopefully 2016 brings you all great things on a personal level, and hopefully it brings us all closer together in this crazy world we live in with the profession you have chosen. No one likes to be stumbled into, but it is certainly better than being intentionally kicked. Hopefully as we make our way through the holidays into the beginning of a new year, things evolve to a place where logic can prevail over history, where we can do more discussing and less fighting, and we can all get to a place where we get kicked a little bit less.

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Police Departments and the Public Records Law

General Law Chapter 66, Section 10, the Massachusetts Public Records Law, requires every person having custody of any public record, at a reasonable time and without unreasonable delay, to permit any portion of the record to be examined by any person and to provide a copy of the record for a reasonable fee. The key question that often arises in departments statewide is, "what is a public record?" The term is defined broadly, essentially including all forms of information created or maintained by any public entity, including books, papers, maps, photographs, recorded tapes, financial statements, statistical tabulations or other documentary materials or data.

A record is presumed to be public unless its keeper can prove with specificity that it falls under one of several exemptions. Several of these exemptions are especially pertinent to police officers.

One such category of exempt records are personnel files. This exemption includes, minimally, employment applications, work evaluations, disciplinary documentation, and promotion, demotion, or termination information pertaining to a particular employee. It's worth noting, however, that simply labeling a document as "personnel file information" or placing a document into a personnel file is not enough to make the document exempt from public disclosure. Significantly, this exemption does not "protect" internal affairs investigatory materials from being disclosed; it merely exempts actual notices of termination, suspension, etc., not the investigatory materials that formed the basis of the termination, suspension, etc. Because this exemption, like all of the exemptions, is read quite narrowly, it is unlikely to be successful in an attempt to argue that a Department record is not a public record.

There is generally a stronger set of protection for documents falling under the "investigatory materials" exemption. Documents falling under the exemption are those that are necessarily compiled out of the public view, the disclosure of which would be likely to prejudice the possibility of effective law enforcement. Naturally, whether a document falls under this exemption will depend on the particulars of any given case; if a criminal investigation is high profile, and various details of the investigation have been leaked to the public, documents relating to that investigation are less likely to be exempt from a public records request than those stemming from a case that has remained completely out of the press, or one that deals with extremely sensitive allegations.

Finally, another exemption that may come into play is the personal privacy exemption. This is a catch-all category that exempts records which relate to a specifically named individual



and the disclosure of which might constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Whether a document falls within this category of exemption depends upon a balancing of the public interest at stake and the probability of an "unwarranted" invasion of personal privacy that would result from disclosure.

This exemption would likely include witness interviews that reveal extremely sensitive personal information about an interviewee, document, but would be unlikely to include IA investigatory materials due to what the courts consider to be a heavy public interest in favor of disclosure.

Again, though, the facts and circumstances surrounding a given document will be the determining factors in determining whether that document falls under the privacy exemption.

Overall, given the fairly stringent standard to prove that a document is exempt from discovery under the Public Records Law, it is safe to assume that if you are creating a document in your official capacity, it is subject to public disclosure.

SPORTS TRIVIA

By Bill Carroll

1. What NFL team has their logo on only one side of their helmet?
2. Who was the last non-quarterback to win the NFL MVP Award?
3. Who is the only player to be enshrined in the American Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio and the Canadian Football League Hall of Fame?
4. What state has produced six NFL quarterbacks in the Pro Football Hall of Fame?
5. Who was the first goalie to score a goal in an NHL game?
6. What four Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame players were also inducted as head coaches?
7. Dodgers lefty Sandy Koufax threw four no-hitters in his career, who caught two of them?
8. What major leaguer played in seven World Series during the 1960's?
9. Of all uniform numbers retired in Major League Baseball whose is the highest?
10. What single digit numbers have not been retired by the New York Yankees?

See **Sports Trivia Answers** on page 33

Social media has created 24-hour news coverage for cop-hating venom

By Matt Carey

I just wanted to take moment to reflect about the on-going cry for violence against police officers it's no secret that when you make an arrest it is often videotaped and put on YouTube for viewing from mainly other cop-bashing users. Social media has created twenty-four hour news coverage for cop-hating venom.

Often these videos do not show the whole incident as investigations have later revealed but by that time it's usually too late as the police officer's reputation is dragged through the mud pending a lengthy investigation.

I want to focus on an incident that happened in Chinatown a police officers stopped a so-called human being Filthy Piece of Trash (*a long rap sheet to prove his new first name*) who was harassing and threatening elderly citizens performing the crime watch in that hard-working neighborhood. These people performing the crime watch do this duty for free. The walking beat down there was notified of the problem. The walking beat stopped Mr. Piece of Trash and called for assistance. The first unit to get there was a detective unit. The detective, a hulking mass that looks like he could be a leg-breaker for a crime family and his partner 64.5 years old were around the corner, when they heard the walking beat calling for assistance. Both detectives could tell from the patrolman's voice over the radio that he was in an uncomfortable situation.

The detectives arrived on scene and immediately went to assist the patrolman that was now wrestling with the suspect.

Other cops on scene were forced to set up a perimeter in front of the cops trying affect the arrest as there was group videotaping, yelling, screaming and trying to push past police to rescue their friend, Mr. Piece of Trash.

One cop told me, it was heart-wrenching to hear one of the detectives say "he's biting me" not being able to help more due to dealing with the crowd. Once the dust settled a detective was bitten and the other detective complained of his ribs being bruised. It only gets better.

The piece of trash was escorted placed in a wagon and started yelling "I can't breathe" sound familiar. As this is going on there is this twenty-something-year-old with blue hair, one glove, a nose ring and a piece symbol pin on her stone-washed jacket, some would say a hipster. I have other words I would like to use, but I will not use them in the *Pax* which may be a Pulitzer winner this year.

One of the detectives who was visibly upset said to her, "I hope you got everything." The hipster's response was, "I didn't like the way you treated him." The detective queried, "I hope you got him biting me and the big chunk of flesh out of my back." The hipster magically did not get any of that footage.

I'm sure the video will still be posted on YouTube for all to see. As always guys and girls, stay safe.

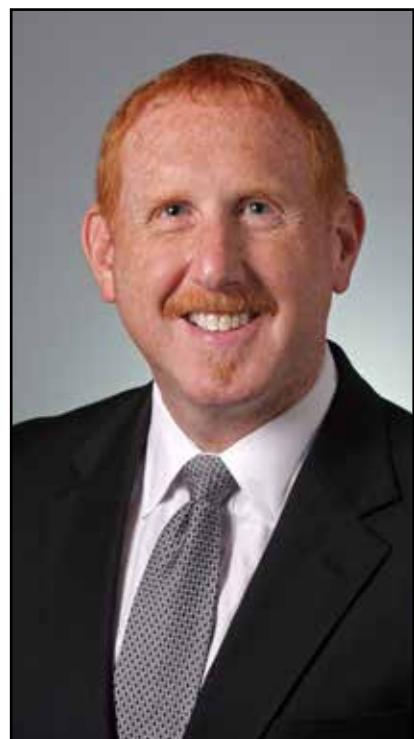


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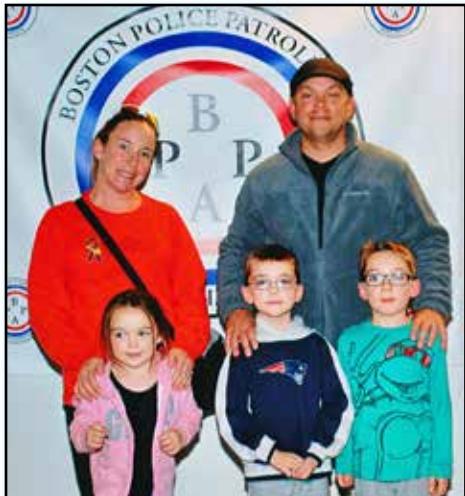
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Let it snow... just kidding

By P.O. Jay Moccia

I hydrated with Maple Water after working out. It tasted gross, but I smelled like Mrs. Butterworth's.



Do you know what the difference between "Whisky" and "Whiskey" is? ...the spelling.



Florida, go for the sun, then spend all day inside with the A/C blasting complaining about how hot it is out...



If you have a backpack, and you place it on backwards onto your chest, what's it called?



How is it that in every other job in the world, the introduction of new technology makes the end user's job easier, sometimes to the detriment of the worker, as jobs are lost. Which brings me to the new report/complaint/arrest system put in place by the Department: None of these programs interface, reports disappear into the ether, the system is rife for corruption, and Officers are tied up (average 2-3 hours) waiting for a verified booking sheets and approved report before they can even submit the Electronic Complaint. The new system also generates an inordinate amount of paperwork, with rumored reports of complaints being sent to Court in excess of 300 pages. All this keeps Officers from the street, and considering how thin we are, is this necessary?



*It seems like Obama wants stricter background checks on U.S. Citizens looking to exercise their Second Amendment **RIGHTS** than on Syrian refugees.*



Tony Lepore, a retired Providence cop, known worldwide as the Dancing Policeman, has entertained shoppers every Christmas season directing traffic for over 25 years. That is, except this year. It seems Officer Lepore (Ret.) took exception to a Dunkin' Donuts employee who wrote #blacklivesmatter on the cup he served to a Rhode Island cop. Lepore organized a protest, and after pushback and threats from the #BLM crowd, he was told Providence would not be hiring him this year. East Providence immediately stepped up, and told Tony he was welcome there, but #BLM used the same tactics, and as of press time, the "Dancing Policeman" will not be busting any moves in Rhode Island. Where is the outrage from the ACLU, DOJ, or even AARP that a Senior Citizen is being bullied and shamed over expressing his First Amendment rights, the same as these protesters?



Florida, go for the sun, then show up at the beach in a long shirt and pants with an umbrella.



After another mass shooting in California perpetrated by an adherent of the Religion of Peace and his wife (it's unknown at this time if terror related, yea OK) at a Christmas gathering, left 14 dead and 21 wounded including a cop, Obama is calling for stricter gun control. I agree. We need to keep guns out of the hands of terrorists, the insane/unstable, and criminals. Let's start there, before attacking law abiding gun owners Mr. President, and you'll have my support. Here's a suggestion, begin with Chicago. You know, where gang bangers **EXECUTED** a nine year old after luring him down an alley because

of a beef with the kid's daddy. You may not have noticed as there was **NOT** a huge #blacklivesmatter protest.



Speaking of the Windy City; A white cop has been charged with murder, after shooting a black teen armed with a knife 16 times. It's the first time in 35 years a cop in Chicago has been charged with murder. What's unique about this case, (besides the #BLM protest) is Mayor Rahm Emanuel (Obama's former chief of staff and naked bully) held up release of the video until after he was re-elected. Emanuel has called on the Chicago's top cop to resign, while angry city residents are calling for his resignation.



ISIS terrorists staged coordinated attacks in Paris which left 130 dead and over 350 wounded. France immediately declared a state of emergency, and began hunting down the surviving terrorists. They also launched large scale air strikes against ISIS targets in Syria. Russian President Vladimir Putin also stepped up his country's use of force against ISIS after the group downed a Russian jetliner with over 200 onboard. Not to be outdone, Obama claimed the savages were not as big a threat as Global Warming. So, while France and Russia sent countless hundreds off to Allah, Obama says the key to victory over ISIS is driving a Prius and recycling.



*After all these attacks both foreign and domestic, the Department **STILL** refuses to deploy long rifles, shotguns, ballistic shields, and helmets to line units. To quote a veteran officer: "How can I protect the citizens, when I can't even protect myself?" (Thanks, D). Despite opposition, we need this equipment. It's not if, it's WHEN.*



For the first time in ages, Governor Charlie Baker will preside over the **CHRISTMAS TREE** lighting. PC Liberals are swooning.



*Ahmed Mohamed, the 14 year old Texas boy who built a clock that resembled a bomb has been named one of Time magazine's "most influential teens." He (and his family) is also suing the local school district for \$15 million after he was taken into custody and removed from school over the incident. Mohamed was lauded by the President too. Compare this with the kids who were suspended from school for wearing a t-shirt supporting our military with a rifle depicted on it or biting a pop tart into the shape of a gun. The difference? Those kids weren't **MUSLIMS**.*



Picking up where Eric Holder left off, our new Attorney General, Loretta Lynch has vowed to investigate what she refers to as a "very disturbing rise in anti-muslim rhetoric" after recent terror attacks. Lynch further stated in her speech at a dinner hosted by Muslim Advocates; "my message to the Muslim community is we stand with you in this"... hmmmm where have I heard this before? Oh yes, it's a paraphrase from Obama's book... Now, let's be honest, considering this Death Cult has attacked and killed innocents both here and abroad, with nary a whisper in protest from American Muslims, can't you see where this is coming from, Madam AG? And by the way, can you tell me how many mosque's have been burned down in the US since 9/11?



Activists at Harvard Law School are urging the institution to drop the school's logo because it's racist. It depicts sheaves of wheat from the family crest of Isaac Royall, the school's original benefactor who owned slaves. Silly me, I thought they were mad because it says "TRUTH" (VERITAS).



Starbucks served up a seasonal controversy, after revealing its Holiday cups. The all red cups with the mermaid logo don't sport the usual generic PC "Joy" or Happy Holidays" greetings, but I'll cut them some slack though because the seasonal brew is aptly called Christmas 2015 Roast, AND the barista had tinsel instead of a nose ring.



After Muslim terrorists shot 14 dead in San Bernadino, CA, and wounded many more, I had to applaud the Police response. As survivors were evacuated, they exited the building holding their hands up. What was surprising was, the bloodthirsty cops didn't shoot any of them... TAKE THAT #BLM!!!



I call it a foot chase, because if I don't catch the bad guy within 12 inches, he's GONE!



You know, this is the Christmas issue, and as this most hectic year comes to a close, I've lost my way. Working too much, and the ever-increasing stress of our job has left me contemplating my role as a Police Officer in today's society. I knew when I took this job, thank you's would be few and far between, but the outright contempt for our profession has reached an all time high, fueled by political rhetoric, media bias, and activists like #blacklivesmatter. The disdain with which we are held makes it harder to do our job, and coming to work has become a task for many of us. The hours have gotten longer, the danger has increased, and the micro-managing of every facet of our job both internally and externally only adds to the stress. YET, every day, we go out there and do our best, despite what has been stacked against us, and with that in mind, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year, may we all stay safe.



And if anyone wants to get me a gift, I'm looking for a sense of humor, I misplaced mine...

BPD Softball Tournament Committee says thanks

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the BPPA for their generous donation to the Annual BPD Softball Tournament which was held at M Street Park on Saturday, October 10, 2015.

Over 300 BPPA members, BPD members and their families enjoyed the food and beverages served by the BPPA volunteers in the BPPA Food Truck also.

This was a great success because of the contributions of the BPPA.

We are very grateful for your kind contributions of food, beverages and staff who worked hard throughout the day to ensure that everyone had a great time.

Again, thank you very much.

*— Dave Malcolm & Ed MacPherson,
Co-Chairs, BPD Softball Tournament Committee*

A letter of appreciation

On behalf of myself and the Flaherty family, I would like to thank the members of the Boston Police Department for their support shown to us at Deb Flaherty's passing. Everyone that attended, from Commissioner Evans, to past and active officers, fellow police cadets and academy classmates, your presence and kind words were, and are, most appreciated.

If there is any good that could come from this, it would be a reminder that we need to watch out for each other. If you know someone in similar circumstances, reach out, because you never know until it's too late.

Thank you again and stay safe.

— Dan McMorrow



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A time for a friend – a great success

By **Kathy Higgins**

On October 20th, A Time for a Friend: Halloween Benefit was held to help several Boston EMS members both past and present grapple with devastating illnesses. The organizers would like to thank and express gratitude for everyone who helped with the event. Whether it was setting up, breaking down, decorating or selling tickets. The organizers also want to give some shout outs to the folks who gave cash to make baskets, and those of you who made baskets for the raffles.

For those friends and family who gave cash donations. Thank you! Also, a thanks to our own **Ed McCarthy** for his three beautifully framed maps from his collection, **Mel Guante** for his generous donation for a portrait package and **Jackie Pow** for her beautiful crocheted blanket, and **Elaine Gallagher's** family Cranberry Café who catered the event. A thanks to those who donated gift cards, certificates – **Erica Woodman** of Woodman's of Essex, **Dylan Black** owner of Green Street, **Ginny Famolare** who donated Amheims, **Ralph Hernandez** donated Oriental de Cuba. Thanks again!



We would like to give a personal shout out to **Mark Higgins** who contacted Dropkick Murphy's and the Mighty Mighty Bosstones for their appreciated donations. **THANKS TO ALL.** ...Higss652

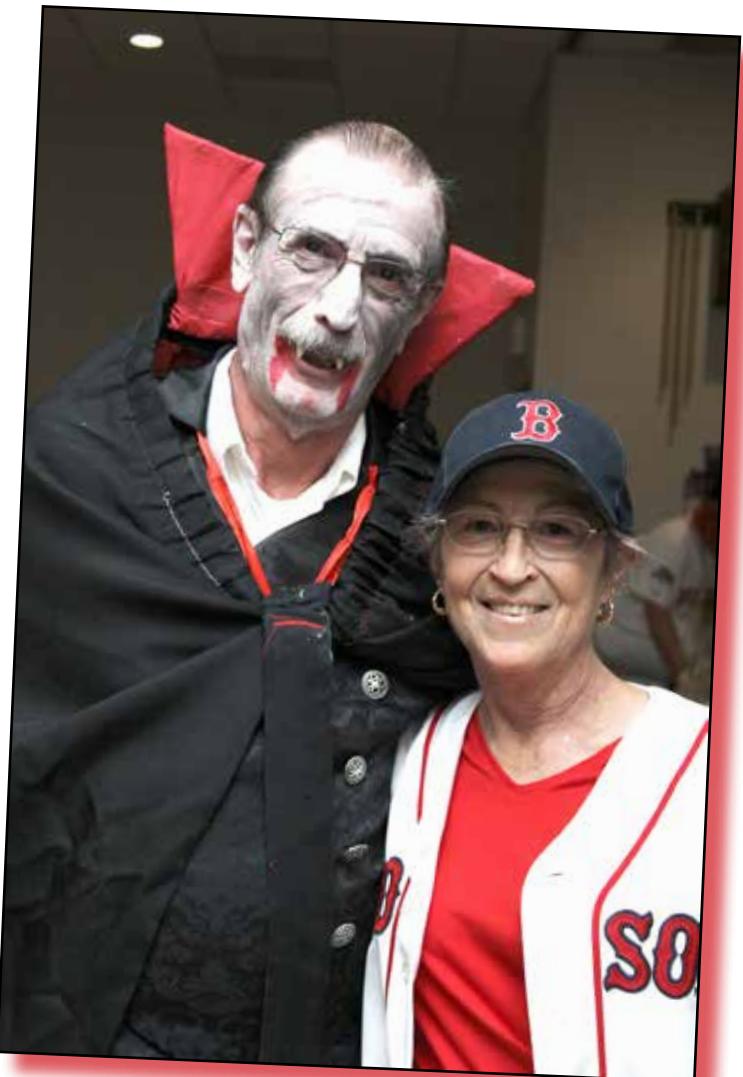
P.S. I hope I haven't missed anyone, and if I did thanks for your help.



Sports trivia...

From **Sports Trivia** on page 27

1. The Pittsburgh Steelers only have their logo on one side of their helmet.
2. The last non-quarterback to win the NFL MVP Award was Vikings running back Adrian Peterson in 2012.
3. The only football player to be inducted into the American and Canadian Halls of Fame is quarterback Warren Moon.
4. The state that produced six Hall of Fame quarterbacks is Pennsylvania. All six hail from the western part of the state and they are George Blanda, Johnny Unitas, Joe Namath, Joe Montana, Dan Marino, and Jim Kelly.
5. The first goalie to score a goal in a game was Billy Smith of the New York Islanders who accomplished thefeat against the Colorado Rockies (who later became the New Jersey Devils) on November 28, 1979.
6. The four inductees as players in the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame who are also enshrined as players are John Wooden, Bill Sharman, Lenny Wilkens and Tommy Heinsohn.
7. Johnny Roseboro caught two of Sandy Koufax's four no-hitters.
8. Roger Maris played in five World Series during the sixties, five with the Yankees, 1960-64 and two with the Cardinals.
9. The highest number in baseball that is retired is number 53 1967-68.
10. The two single digit numbers not retired by the Yankees are worn by Derek Jeter.



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COMMISSIONER'S COMMENDATIONS

Below please find the most recent commendations received by my office for members of the Boston Police Department by telephone, U.S. Mail and email, as well as those recognized at COMPSTAT meetings. Thank you for your bravery, hard work and efforts which have addressed serious issues facing our communities today. Each commendation has been added to the personnel files of those commended.

— William B. Evans, Police Commissioner

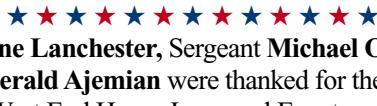


On October 16th the Massachusetts State Police recognized the following officers at their Annual Fall Awards Ceremony. Officers **Brian Ball, James Conley, John Moynihan, Brian Johnson and Janet Lewis** from the Youth Violence Strike Force were honored at this ceremony.



On October 29th the Massachusetts Police Association recognized the following members with the MPA's Medal of Honor. Detective **Cecil Jones** (BRIC) and Officer **Pamela Wilson** (C-11), Officers **Brian Ball, James Conley, John Moynihan, Brian Johnson and Janet Lewis**, along with Trooper **William Cameron** (Youth Violence Strike Force) were honored at this ceremony.

The Department joins the Massachusetts State Police and the Massachusetts Police Association in recognizing the bravery and dedication to duty displayed by these officers.



Captain **Wayne Lanchester**, Sergeant **Michael O'Hara** and Police Officer **Gerald Ajemian** were thanked for the assistance they provided at the West End House Inaugural Event.



Officers **Perry Roy** and **George Billotte** were thanked for their work with the Junior Police Academy program. The letter was from a parent who praised the program and the learning experience for her son.



The Boston Police Honor Guard including Officers **Matthew Hogardt, Michael Geary, Denis McCarthy** and **Jay Connolly** were thanked for the assistance they provided at the funeral for a retired Boston Police Officer.



An email was received thanking Sergeant Detective **Daniel Humphreys** for the assistance and guidance he provided to a Mattapan resident. The family had an unpleasant experience, as a group of off road vehicles frightened the parent and her children while stopped in traffic. Thanks to the efforts of the unit to address this problem, the quality of life for many residents has improved.



Sergeant Joseph Leeman and Police Officers **Joseph Glynn, James Lydon, James Scopa, William Zubrin, Kevin Ford, John Connolly, Denis McCarthy** and **Matthew Hogardt** were thanked for the assistance they provided at the funeral for a retired civilian member of the Boston Police Department. His son noted that, "My Dad was an inspiration to many and loved being a part of the BPD organization. The outpouring of support and honors given that day would have overwhelmed him."



A local pastor wrote to thank Captain **Haseeb Hosein** and Police Officer **Tamara Espinola-Hodge** for their support of the march during the citywide revival, noting "It was comforting to know as we marched, sang and prayed that Boston's finest were keeping watch over us."



A letter was received thanking Officer **Carl Shorter** for his participation in the Jamaica Plain/Roxbury Bike Tour.



A letter was received thanking Captain **John Greland** and Sergeant Detective Thomas Sexton for the assistance they provided to a local school and the principal with a safety plan.



A letter was received from a grandparent thanking Officer **Jerome Smart** and all of the District B-2 Officers for protecting and providing safety for children in Roxbury during the school year.



A letter was received thanking Officer **Michael Jones** for the assistance he provided to a family from New Jersey (a paramedic) who were in Boston for the treatment of a family member at a local hospital. The family expressed that his presence was a source of great comfort and support to them during a difficult time and the loss of a loved one.



A letter was received from a state representative thanking Captain **Alfredo Andres**, Sergeant **Robert Twitchell** and Officers **William Jones, Antoinette Ramsay** and **Rafael Rodriguez** for their support of a community event at the South Street Housing Development in Jamaica Plain.



Lieutenant **Matthew Spillane** was thanked for providing assistance to the children from Madison Park Technical Vocational High School Auto detailing program and providing guidance on job opportunities for youth.



Detective **Santos Hernandez** was thanked for his follow-up with a case and the assistance he provided to a victim.



Police Officer **Joseph Nagle** was thanked for the assistance he provided to a law enforcement officer and his family visiting Fenway Park from Connecticut.



Officer **Anthony Cutone** was thanked for the support he gave to a couple involved in a car accident. They appreciated the Officer's presence at the scene and assistance that followed.



A letter was received thanking Officer **Timothy Golden** and Mr. **Bill Stoddard**, the Executive Director of Boston PAL for the assistance they provided to Saint Brendan School.



A telephone call was received thanking Police Officer **Michael Flaven** for the assistance he provided to an individual by changing a flat tire on her car.



COMPSTAT Commendations

Detective Kara Connolly, Human Trafficking Unit

A long term investigation in conjunction with federal agencies began when a minor from a suburb of Boston was trafficked from Boston, raped and prostituted in Rhode Island. A Grand Jury investigation commenced and as a result three individuals were indicted and two arrested. When Detective Connolly learned the person wanted on the outstanding sex trafficking warrant was shot, she contacted the Boston Police Homicide Unit and a separate trafficking investigation commenced. Eventually, over three dozen witnesses and victims were interviewed, and over a dozen appeared before the Federal Grand Jury. The case spanned thirteen states and several years. More than a dozen victims of sex trafficking testified. Many of the victims recounted horrific details of the abuse they endured. As a result of a two and half year investigation, which began with one underage victim and only the suspect's nicknames, 16 victims were identified, a total of eight defendants were charged in a series of three superseding indictments in Federal Court in Boston for over 30 counts of Sex Trafficking by Force, Sex Trafficking of a Minor by Force, Conspiracy to Sex Traffic Minors, Transportation of a Minor for Sex, Conspiracy, Witness Tampering, Conspiracy to commit Murder, and Intimidation of a Witness by Attempting to Kill.



Detective Jesse Goff of the Sexual Assault Unit, along with two Suffolk County District Attorneys and a Victim Advocate

The crime lab obtained a DNA match to a 1996 rape case. The suspect was arrested in Sacramento for OUI related offenses in 2013, which resulted in the collection of a DNA sample. This sample was uploaded into CODIS, which resulted in a link to the Boston victim's rape kit. The victim was 21 years old at the time of the rape and was at home in her apartment in Brighton. The suspect was arrested and brought to the Rancho Cordova station where he agreed to a taped interview. Detective Goff conducted a thorough nearly 3 hour interview of the defendant, building a rapport. He obtained mountains of biological and background information and brought to light the suspect's time in Boston. This interview would prove crucial to the conviction of this suspect in this case. The ADAs did an exceptional job in preparing and prosecuting the case and handling the victim's emotional needs and logistics.



Sergeant Sami Silta and Officers Israul Marrero, Lylana Jones-Henderson, Marie Miller, Jerome Smart, Agnaldo Monteiro, and Kenneth Grubbs of District B-2

These officers have attended and participated in an average of 200 community meetings per month this summer to help keep our residents informed and at ease while we worked with our community partners to aggressively quell the violence in the neighborhoods. They worked at the Teen Police Academy in the hopes of offering an alternative to a gang life through positive mentorship, re-instituted the police explorers program, mentored 140 girls through the BNBL program and conducted movie night with senior citizens. The B-2 Ice Cream/Hot Dog Trailer pulls into a neighborhood, passes out Ice Cream and Hot Dogs and presents a PowerPoint Crime Watch presentation specific to that geographical location, then follow up with another PowerPoint showing "resources" for seniors, adults and kids and job training. They deployed to 37 events this past summer, not including all of the National Night Out activities and distributed about 444 Gallons of ice cream, or 22,200 cups, 5,550 hot dogs, 2,300 bags of chips, and 100's of cases of water.



Detective Todd Hartgrove, D-14 Detectives

On September 28th Area D-14 Officers received a radio broadcast for a person with a gun at 66 Union Street. Calls to 9-1-1 provided a description of a suspect, in possession of a handgun. Detective Hartgrove spotted the suspect near a playground. He observed the suspect holding a black

handgun, pointing the weapon at two female victims and ordered him to drop the weapon. The suspect then ran around a motor vehicle to the driver's side door and dove into the car reaching for something. A violent struggle ensued. Several officers arrived on scene and it took all of them to handcuff the suspect as he continued to fight and refuse orders to be cuffed.

Once under control, officers found that the object retrieved from the motor vehicle was a black folding knife. The gun was later found to be a pellet gun, altered to look like a real handgun. Further investigation revealed that the suspect had approached the two female victims, threatened them with the firearm and made them get out of their cars. When searched at the booking desk the suspect was found to be in possession of several different pills and had an active warrant out of Dedham District Court for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs and violations of the auto laws.



Police Officers Darrell Vinson and Jeffrey Lynch of District D-4

On November 10th Officer Vinson responded to a radio call for shots fired at Sussex and Warwick Streets. At Hammond and Sussex Street he observed a man clutching his waistband and as he approached, this suspect fled on foot. Officer Vinson pursued the suspect and broadcast his description. The suspect was then observed by Officer Lynch, in Ramsey Park. Officer Lynch stopped the male at 600 Shawmut Avenue. Responding Officers located a handgun underneath a bush between 601 and 609 Shawmut Avenue. Officer Vinson responded and positively identified Lupe Martinez as the person he observed on Hammond Street. Prior to logging the firearm into custody it was determined the firearm was hot by thermal imaging. The actions of the Officers resulted in the identification and arrest of a dangerous felon. As a result of their quick response, keen observations and due diligence a dangerous criminal armed with a firearm was taken off the streets, which likely prevented an act of violence in the community.



Police Officers Brandon Carey and Michael Butler of District C-11

On July 3rd Officers Carey and Butler received a call that Dedham Police were requesting assistance with a vehicle wanted in connection with a robbery at a hotel in Dedham, where a firearm was displayed. Officers Carey and Butler observed the described vehicle parked in a driveway on Fuller Street. Moments later they observed the suspect vehicle backing out of the driveway and upon seeing the officer re-entered the house through a rear door. All three were located and secured. Officers arrested the two male suspects for the earlier armed robbery. Both men have violent records including A&B with a dangerous weapon, A&B, possession of ammunition, possession of firearms, A&B on a public employee and drug charges. A Dedham Police search warrant was executed with the assistance of Boston Police, recovering two 9 mm weapons, ammunition and three plastic bags of pills.



Mark Bachta, Bureau of Intelligence and Analysis

At this year's National Fusion Center Conference, Mark Bachta was honored with the *2015 Award for Excellence in the Field of Analysis*. This award is granted to the Analyst – amongst the 78 State and Major Urban Area Fusion Centers – who provided exceptional services to their fusion center. These particular services were recognized as enhancing the center's analytical programs, and improved the security posture of the jurisdiction and/or the nation. There are roughly 2,000 analysts working within this network of 78 Fusion Centers. Mark's character, leadership and work as an analyst and supervisor were recognized as the best in 2015. Receiving this award is an honor and achievement for Mark, but is also a significant recognition for the Boston Police Department and the Fusion Center. While Mark's capabilities stand out through this award, it is also a reflection of the entire team of analysts, detectives, officers and supervisors that work together day and night, tirelessly, executing the mission of the BRIC and keeping our city, region and nation safe.

BPPA Retired Patrolmen's Division News

Men retire to be with their wives, study says

By Suzanne Woolley, Bloomberg News

If there were an emoji for retirement, you'd think it'd be those two Adirondack chairs on the magazine covers. But maybe it should be one chair, or two chairs spaced a little farther apart.

About 60 percent of men cite spending more time with their wives as one of the strongest motivations to retire, according to a new survey based on more than 12,000 defined-contribution plan participants 55 or older. Just 43 percent of women say the same.

The research, from Fidelity Investments and Stanford University's Center on Longevity, is based on 401(k) savers and recent retirees in plans where Fidelity is the recordkeeper. But let's dig a little deeper into the survey results. First, the good news.

A large chunk of pre-retirees under 60 cite spending time with a spouse or partner as a big reason they want to retire. The older people get, though, the less likely they are to cite that as an incentive. Perhaps they're working longer to avoid spending more time with a spouse in retirement.

On a cheerier note, maybe money can buy happiness after all, at least in retirement. The more money pre-retirees have saved, the likelier they are to want to retire to spend time with their spouse or partner.

For women, the data suggest, grandchildren are the big pull. In the survey, 70 percent cited spending more time with their grandkids as one of the strongest incentives to retire. A working paper out of the National Bureau of Economic Research, summed up in an article on the Harvard Business Review's website, found that the arrival of a new grandchild increases by more than 8 percent the probability that a woman approaching retirement age will indeed retire, all other things being equal.

"Women are also much more likely to cite spending time with

parents and caregiving as a strong reason to retire," said Jeanne Thompson, a vice president at Fidelity.

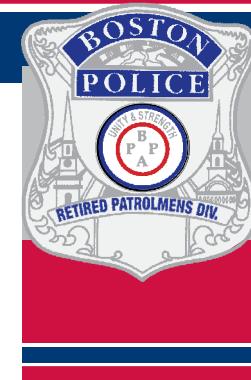
Survey respondents, Fidelity said, came from all industries and income levels and were people who "felt they had some control over their decision to retire." So this is not your average, struggling-to-get-by American saver.

The notion that "retirement means spending time with your spouse" was one of five retirement myths the survey said it debunked. The others were more upbeat, such as that many retirees work in retirement because they want to, not because they have to.

And what about the uncoupled? People who are single, widowed or divorced have a few more regrets about planning for retirement than people who are married. Compared with couples, a higher percentage of singles wish they'd saved more, had started saving earlier, and had planned better for retirement expenses.

"Those that aren't married are more likely to keep working until they are eligible for Medicare, Social Security, and a pension," said Thompson. A higher level of debt often plays a part. Being married may not always bring bliss, but it does seem to bring stronger finances.

(Reprinted courtesy of the Boston Globe, October 31, 2015.)



Directors of the Retired Patrolmen's Division of the BPPA:
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On December 5th, 2015 the BPPA Retired Officers Division voted to allow retired Boston Police Superior Officers and Detectives to join for \$24 per year. (March 15-March 15 per annum). Although this opening is in response to the new special officers/suxiliary unit," all new applicants are accepted subject to existing by-laws from both their own union associations and the BPPA's by-laws regarding good-standing status and any rules that may from time-to-time be promulgated. Payments must be made on time to the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association/Retired Officer's Division.



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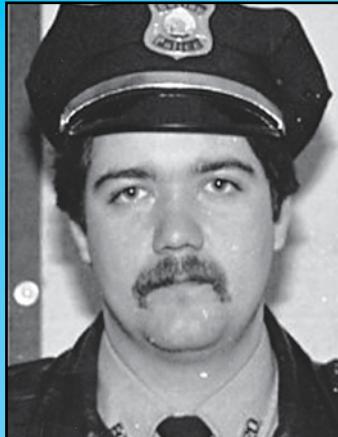


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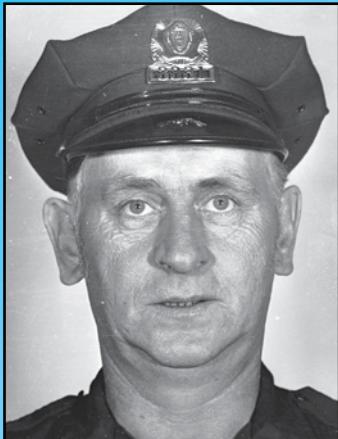
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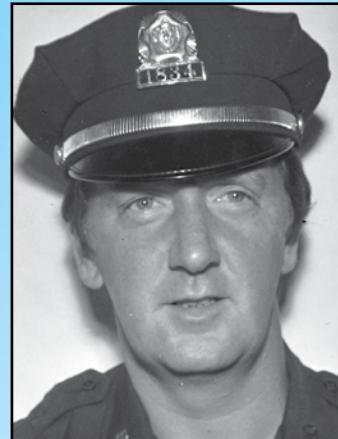
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September 30, 2015



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October 4, 2015



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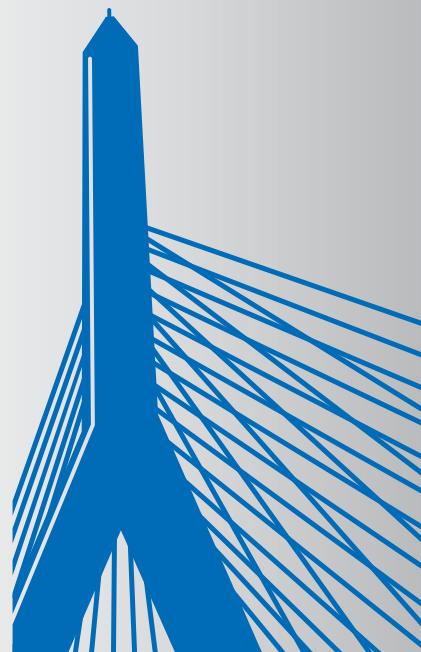
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