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50 years ago, eleven brave men made history and founded the BPPA

Fifty (50) years ago, eleven (11) very brave men sat in a cramped kitchen at 193 & 1/2 Fairmont Avenue and decided to tempt fate by placing their signatures on a document declaring the founding of **The Boston Police Patrolmen's Association**. Our founders were actually willing to put their careers and weekly paychecks on the line for the good of all. I would be remiss if I didn't put in print the names of my predecessors over the last fifty years: **Dick MacEachern** (our Founder), **Dan Sweeney**, **Chet Broderick**, **Bobby Guiney**, **Don Murray**, **Dick Bradley** and **Tom Nee**. On a personal note, I don't believe that I have ever received a more prestigious honor than being the current elected individual to lead and represent the brave men and women of this outstanding organization. The aforementioned individuals stood tall with thousands of other Boston Police Officers over the last fifty years fighting the good fight; defending the rights of their brothers and sisters, often at serious personal, professional and financial risk to themselves and for that matter; their families. When younger officers look back over the history of this organization, its roots and struggles, never forget the personal sacrifice of those that went before.

On September 11th, we celebrated the Union's 50th Anniversary by gathering at the Venezia restaurant in Dorchester. We were joined by (*and properly recognized*) founding member **Paul Whelan** and his wife Izzy, (sister of our founder Dick MacEachern). We were also joined by (*and properly recognized*) past Presidents Chet Broderick, Bob Guiney, Dick Bradley & Tom Nee along with past Vice Presidents **Dave Mackin** & **Ron Mac-**

Gillivray. Joining us in celebration were 400 hundred members, families and friends of the association and we were honored to have the Governor and the Mayor attend and spend the entire evening with us, (*another first for the BPPA*). To say the evening was a success would be an understatement. We celebrated the Union's history and recognized many heroic officers and EMS personnel. We also celebrated the careers of many members who have been lucky enough to enter the retirement phase of their lives. These celebrations are a very important part of this organization and I encourage you all to attend such social events in the future. We are who we are because we believe in and practice the union motto: **'Unity & Strength.'** In Unity there is indeed Strength, let us never forget that and always remember to be there for your brothers & sisters.

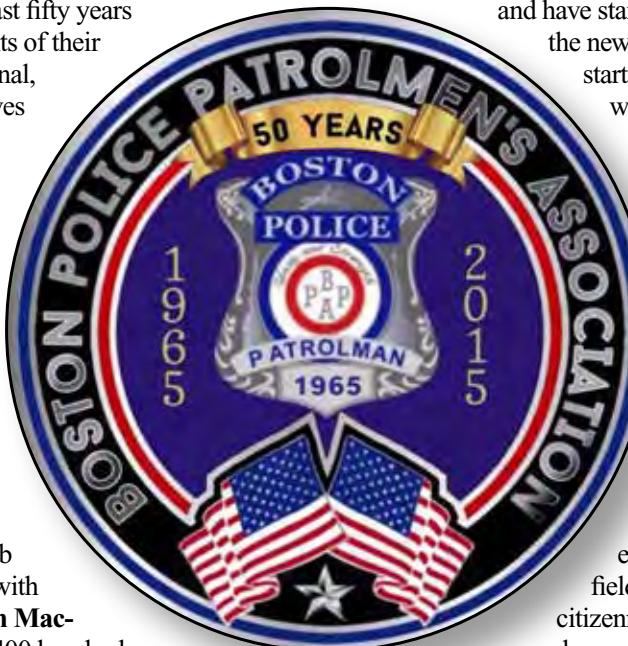
Insofar as business is concerned, you are all well aware of the recent purchase of the new Union Hall facility at 295 Freeport Street. We conducted our first (*of many*) 'Open Meetings' and open houses on Wednesday, October 7th. We hosted over 250 members during the afternoon with a cookout provided for our members by our members and were pleased that approximately seventy members were able to attend the Annual Open Meeting conducted at 2:00 pm. As previous-

ly promised we will be conducting 'Open Meetings' more often with the next one scheduled for January 6, 2016 at 5:00 pm, (*in order to accommodate different shifts*). We are well underway with the minor renovations and updates to the office area of the new hall so that we can move the day-to-day Union operation in as soon as possible. We have been extremely fortunate in receiving many unsolicited offers for our present property at 9-11 Shetland Street and believe there will be no problem in disposing of that property in the future, benefiting the organization much more than originally anticipated! The general state of the Union is good. We are financially solvent and as a matter of fact have increased the gross worth of the Union by one and a quarter million within the last nine months. We have recently elected our second new member to the bargaining committee and have started our plans to move forward towards the new round of bargaining sessions officially starting January 2016. The leadership, along with the bargaining committee, have already started visiting units and divisions soliciting information from members in an attempt to properly focus the next round of bargaining. This will not be done in a vacuum, but will be a transparent process reported back to you through your representatives.

We have and will champion the fight to properly safeguard our members through our continued battle to properly arm and equip you with the best equipment and training possible. We recognize the need for new and improved equipment along with the need to be able to field and utilize the same to protect not only the citizenry but ourselves! We take our charge to safeguard our members very seriously. We will continue

to force this city and department to abide by our collective bargaining agreement and identify and fight to make corrections to those areas that we identify shortcomings in. We welcome any and all members to send their recommendations to us and furthermore to continue to be the eyes and ears needed to identify those shortcomings, wants and needs.

It has only been nine months since the new leadership team was selected by you, the membership. In that short time, many changes have taken place and many will follow. We are here to speak for you, stand for you and represent you. We realize that we will not win every battle, (*but that will not deter us*), we also realize that we will not please every member every time. But I continue in my promise to you, that it is all about you; the member and always will be. Together we will continue to fight to improve our wages, to improve on the amount of hours we have to work and definitely improve our conditions of employment. We will continue to be your voice and their conscience when and if necessary. As always, please be safe out there, back each other up and remember your number one priority is to go home safe and sound to your family! God Bless.



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Check out our new union hall

I hope this latest edition finds you all well. I am pleased to report that we had a strong showing of members at the annual open meeting and the new union hall's open house. It was great to see so many of you show up, check the building out, and have something to eat.

Many thanks to our team who volunteered to set up, cook, and clean up. Job well done as usual. During the meeting, the dialogue was upbeat and productive, and it allowed members to air out some different issues and concerns.

One idea currently being thought about is making the annual open meeting a quarterly one and holding it on different shifts in order to accommodate and reach more of our members. We realize that with tours of duty, overtime, details, family obligations, child care, etc. it is not easy to slip away in the middle of the day. We also realize that it is a challenging time to be in law enforcement. It seems we are facing new obstacles every other day. Ensuring we reach as many of our members as possible and assuring everyone has a voice is vitally important. Making this union inclusive of all its members is a priority.

Hopefully we will announce the next meeting soon, right now we are aiming for a date in January. We are hoping to make the permanent move to Freeport Street as soon as possible. There will be some changes made to the office layout, new carpet will be put down, and a few other minor repairs and improvements completed. A new fence has been already installed, making the parking lot more secure and pleasing our new neighbors.

A decision will have to be made as to what will come of 9-11 Shetland Street. The Newmarket area has become a hot spot for development in the city so it should get interesting. Stay tuned.

Last month, we entered into a "global" settlement agreement with

the Department and City. Sixteen grievances were resolved and I am confident the men and women affected were pleased.

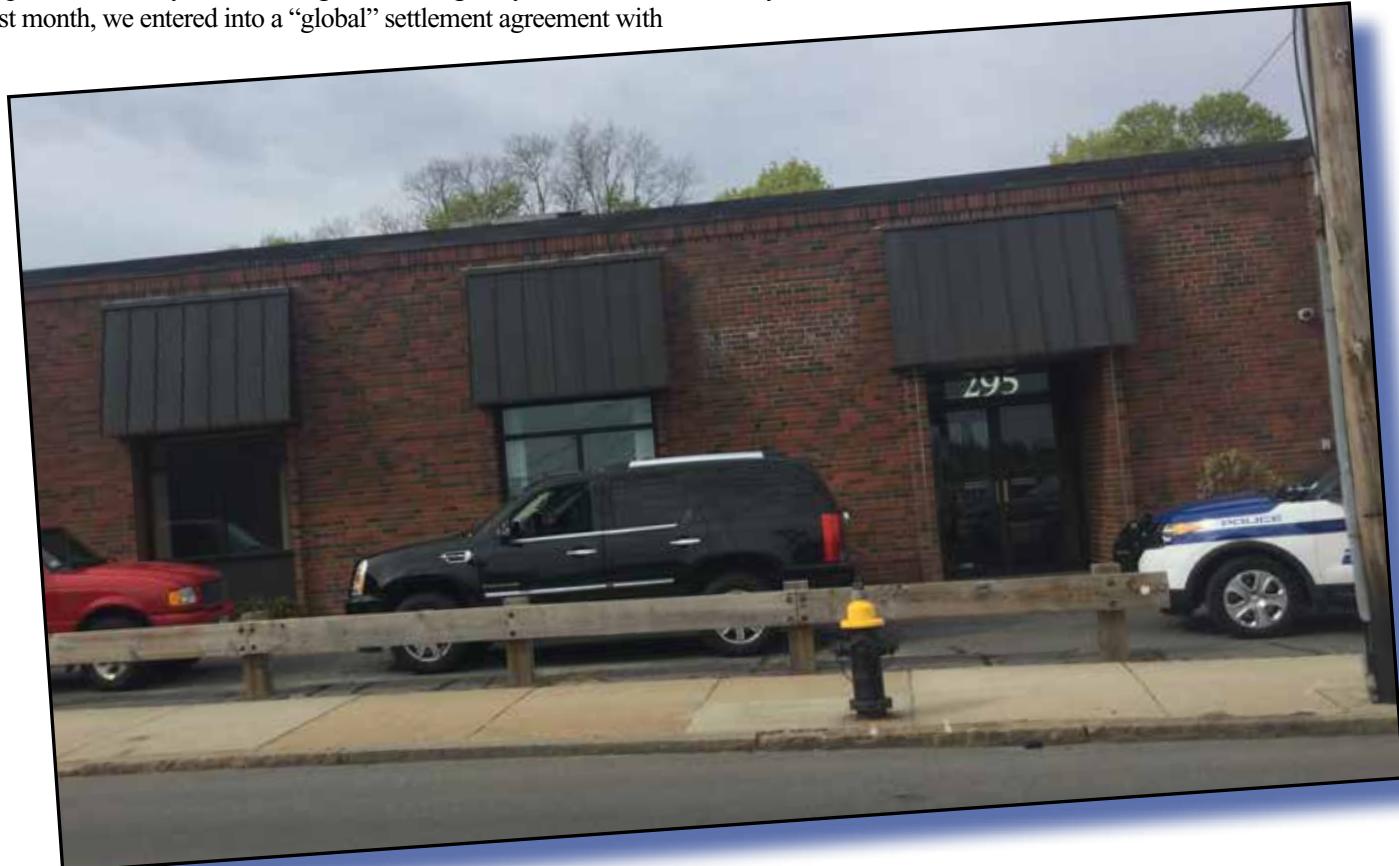
The Department has hired a replacement for the department physician, Dr. Arnold. **Dr. Dieter Affein** will be assuming Dr. Arnold's role. I'd like to welcome him to his new position and we all hope to develop a good working relationship with him.

Please remember to do what is required of you in regards to any injured on-duty reports. Do what the rules state: go to the hospital, complete an incident report, write a form 26.

In the near future, sixty police cadets will be joining our department, offering these young people a direct path to becoming Boston Police Officers. The re-introduction of the BPD Cadet Program is great news and we will welcome them back into the BPPA.

Now that summer is officially at an end, there is hope that things may slow down a bit as far as ordered overtime goes. Our patrol force is strapped. We know many of you are beyond burnt out. There simply are not enough men and women to answer 911 calls and cover everything else – parades, road races, special events, concerts – going on in our city without people having to get ordered. More often than not, officers find themselves having to work to get out of work. Commissioner Evans understands the issue, Pat Rose and I have spoken to him directly to him about it, but without the city budgeting for new police officers, there is not too much that can be done.

Please continue to do the great work that is being done out there. Although it may not always seem it, your great work and hard work is not going unrecognized or unacknowledged. As always, take care of yourself and watch each other's backs.



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These three things are the basics of what any Union seeks to improve for the members. These benefits can be improved through an active membership, a strong and informed group of representatives who advocate for the membership and a reasonable and passionate leadership. We have that within the BPPA, and I see it improving and growing every single day. Last month we had our 50th anniversary as a Union. It allowed us all the opportunity to reflect on how far we have come in 50 years and to aspire to how far we can go in the next 50. It has been great to see more members stopping by the Hall to see what's going on. There have been productive, engaging meetings of the House of Representatives and the E-Board as well as the different committees, particularly the Health and Safety/Labor Joint Committee. I have noticed less of "what is the Union doing about this" and more of "what can we do about this" on the day to day issues we face. I have seen more dialogue among members and more practical thinking and understanding about issues. That is a credit to the whole membership.

BPPA Bargaining Cycle

On October 1st, 2015 BPPA members received the last pay increase of 3% for the current Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA). The current CBA between the BPPA and the City of Boston will remain in place until June 30th, 2016. The actual bargaining period will begin between the BPPA and the City no sooner than January 1st, 2016. The goal of the BPPA will be to have an agreement finalized and in place by July 1st, 2016. That goal in the past was an almost unachievable one. That was then and this is now. As an optimist, seeing a different administration in the City, I believe this is an attainable goal. I believe it because I know the BPPA Bargaining team and leadership are willing to work hard to achieve that goal and I hope the people on the other side want that too.

I have the distinction of serving on the Bargaining Committee with **Manny Canuto** (YVSF) and **Jim LaCroix** (C-11) and of course, **Pat Rose** and **Mike Leary**. As the elected Bargaining Committee we need input from BPPA members about what is important to them going forward in the process. Not every member's idea will make it into the CBA, maybe not even onto the bargaining table, no matter how great they may be. With input from members and discussions with the House of Representatives, the Bargaining Team can work with our attorneys from Sandulli, Grace and target realistic, achievable topics for bargaining. Bargaining is a "give and take" process that is both fortunate and frustrating. If everything were attainable, our members would be the highest paid police officers in the country, all with take-home cars and a quartermaster who would be willing and able to issue you safety equipment or uniform when you needed it, as well as other benefits. Though that will always be our "pie in the sky" goal, I think we all realize that it won't happen in one CBA. No matter when the CBA is settled please know that the Bargaining Team wants to bring back the best possible CBA for the whole membership. We will work to improve, adjust and maintain all that we currently have. Stay involved, talk to your Reps, stop by the Hall and offer your input.



BPPA Canteen Trailer

As many of you have already seen (and enjoyed) the BPPA Canteen Trailer has been out for a number of events around the City. Some of the recent successes have been the Caribbean Festival, The Boston Foundation Boston Police Family Appreciation Day, The Boston Police Fathers and Families Day and the BPD Softball Tournament. The Trailer has also been out for smaller community events and "times for friends."

Some of these events are sponsored by the BPPA and some are partnerships with the different organizations that hold the events. Partnerships with groups like the Boston Police Department, the Police Athletic League and the Boston Foundation are invaluable to the BPPA. I'd like to thank The Commissioner, Chief Gross and Superintendent O'Rourke, as well as the District Captains and others for seeing the value of our members out in the community. I appreciate the groups like PAL and the Boston Foundation for organizing and funding events that allow people to see our members for who they really are. The support these groups offer along with the personal time members give allows for the BPPA to show the communities we work in that we are much more invested than some would give us credit for. We should all recognize our own members that have been manning the Trailer at these different events. We may only see a few guys flipping burgers and grilling hot dogs but there is a lot of preparation and effort that goes into every event that we don't all see. We have a great core group of guys and girls that have the events down to a science but we could always use a few more. If you are interested in helping out from time to time please let us know.

BPPA Communications

As many of you are already know the BPPA has an internal e-mail system that is used to push information out to members as quickly as possible. This is something members wanted and we believe it has been successful. Almost every day more members are registering for the "members' only" area on the website and e-mail access. The goal is to get every member up and running on the e-mail system. If you are not registered please go to BPPA.org and follow the instructions. If you have a problem please call the Hall at 617-989-2772. Annmarie and Anne can walk you through. I know having multiple e-mail addresses can be difficult to track but consider registering for the e-mail and have the information forwarded to your primary account. It is a great way to stay up to date with BPPA events, issues and immediate officer safety concerns.

The BPPA is currently updating our website. The goal is to have upcoming events, current events and relevant documents on the members' only section for review. If you are involved in a Police or BPPA event, or have been recently, please forward any pictures and/or information to thebppa@bppa.org. If you have ideas or suggestions on how to improve the website please send them as well or directly to me at cbroderick@bppa.org.

The BPPA does have a twitter account, bppa1, up and run-

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It's been a very productive year!



Here we are entering the final quarter of our first year in office. It has been an eventful year to say the least and I am happy to report that it's been a very productive year as well.

We have secured the title to our new home on Freeport Street and have begun to formalize a remodeling plan with the hopes of having a "housewarming" in the beginning of 2016. Our Shetland Street building is on the market and the proceeds from there will go a long way in funding our renovations of our new Union Hall.

We continue to look for ways to streamline our expenses. I am quite pleased to report that through aggressive streamlining of service contracts we have saved the membership over a hundred thousand dollars, be it through bundling of utilities to run our hall or simply shopping for better rates for our different insurances. Just tweaking the "Zoo / Museum Pass" program has resulted in savings of tens of thousands of dollars. Going forward, I pledge to continue to find ways to insure that your money is being well spent at the best possible rate. As always I welcome any suggestions. Please feel free to call me at the office and I would be happy to sit down and listen to your ideas.

As we are finishing out the year, now would be a good time for you to check up on your own state of financial affairs. Depending on your level of income you may wish to look at investing more into your Deferred Compensation or other tax shelter plan. Sometimes we overlook how much we have earned and are not prepared when the IRS says "You Owe Us."

Though change is never easy we are grateful for all of the support we have received throughout our first year. It has been so rewarding to see the membership standing up for one another in times of crisis and need. This carries over from not only rallying for our own but to fellow LEO's across the region and the country. We are so grateful to those members who took the time to assist in our many endeavors including but not limited to the New York funerals, the Wounded Warrior Ride and most importantly looking out for our

own brother and sister officers. We strongly encourage you to keep up with our fellow members who may be on extended sick or injured leave. It never hurts to check in with a phone call or maybe grab a cup of coffee or lunch. You never know, some day it could be you who would welcome that call. So pick up the phone and check in. And if you are one our members who have been out for a while, call us at the office. We would love to hear from you. The phone line goes both ways.

I have been asked by members to start a BPPA Charitable Foundation. I am reaching out to all members for suggestions, ideas or charities that are nearest and dearest to their hearts. We have a few ideas modeled after the Fire Department's "fill the boot" for Muscular Dystrophy. This would be in addition to the other community events we attend and sponsor. The BPPA's canteen truck has been rolling out just about every weekend at community events and BPPA events. We are barely able to keep up with the requests and its the same six to eight volunteers at every event. Please consider helping out.

I would like to give a big **THANK YOU** to **Phyllis Fandell**, owner of Doughboy Donuts. Phyllis graciously donated the coffee, pastries, bagels and donuts to the BPPA sponsored event in Charlestown supporting Marine Sergeant **Toran Gaal** on his ride across America on July 22nd. Toran started his journey in CA and concluded in Arlington VA at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

We strongly encourage you to keep up with our fellow members who may be on extended sick or injured leave. It never hurts to check in with a phone call or maybe grab a cup of coffee or lunch. You never know, some day it could be you who would welcome that call. So pick up the phone and check in. And if you are one our members who have been out for a while, call us at the office. We would love to hear from you. The phone line goes both ways.

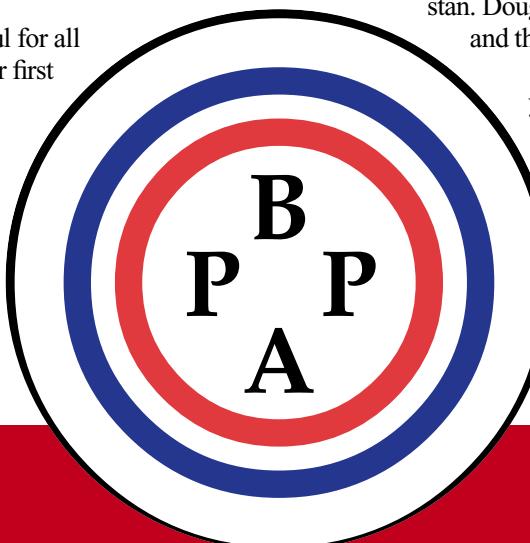
Toran Gaal lost both his legs fighting for our country in Afghanistan. Doughboy is always willing to assist the community and the BPPA.

Scholarship Forms are out. Don't forget to turn yours in.

Christmas is right around the corner! There are only 61 of the commemorative challenge coins left. They are a great stocking stuffer. Don't miss out.

In closing, I would like to say that going forward our finances are strong and our financial outlook is stronger.

Remember our doors are always open and you are **ALWAYS WELCOME**.



“Middle-class (cops) getting hammered,” by left-wing loons

Sen. Warren embraces radical, cop-hating anarchists, denounces police

By James W. Carnell, Pax Editor

THE MIDDLE CLASS IS GETTING HAMMERED”!

Remember hearing that mantra, *ad nauseum*, from Senator Elizabeth Warren’s mouth during the Massachusetts Senatorial campaign? Remember hearing the honorable Senator, who falsely claimed Native-American ancestry in order to secure an affirmative-action teaching position for herself at Harvard University, talk repeatedly about how she understood the struggles of the average, middle-class taxpayer? Remember seeing Elizabeth cry crocodile-tears about the high cost of tuition and student loans, even as she was making \$350,000 at Harvard teaching one class per semester (ditto her husband, \$350G’s, another “professor”)? (Geez, Senator, d’ ya think that maybe **YOU** and your fellow fraudulent academic hypocrites wallowing in bloated, collegiate salaries might be responsible for the high cost of college tuition being paid by the “hammered” middle-class? Ya think? ...)

But Senator Warren has hit a new low. *The Boston Globe* recently (Sept. 27th – “Warren embraces Black Lives Matter movement,” Page B-1) reported that the Senator announced her unequivocal support for the “Black Lives Matter” movement, urging that police officers be re-trained in “de-escalation tactics” and called for an “end to police brutality.” It’s ironic, isn’t it, that the more diverse, well-trained

and highly educated that our police forces have become, the more frequently we are accused of racism and brutality? Strange, isn’t it?...

In maternalistic, condescending, insulting remarks, Warren said that “*most police officers have noble intentions.*” (?) Geez, that’s mighty nice of ya, Senator. Nothing like a pat on the head before the slap in the face...)

Droning on, our Senior Senator then tries to make a twisted connection between civil rights activists of the 50’s and 60’s and BLM. Make no mistake – BLM – (Black Lives Matter) is a façade. It pretends to be an activist organization composed of college students and concerned citizens opposed to police brutality. (Just for the record, we’re **all** opposed to police brutality- brutality of any kind for that matter. The devil is always in the details – what one person perceives as brutality is, to a police officer attempting to effect an arrest or survive a street encounter, justifiable use of force.) But in reality, the puppet-masters pulling the strings behind the scenes are the same old collection of Marxist college professors, anarchists, communists, cop-military-haters, remnants of the failed “Occupy” movement, losers, criminals, out-and-out racist organizations such as the Nation of

Islam and the New Black Panther Party, and assorted white wannabe-Rastafarians whose last known address was their mother’s basement.

In painfully liberal, hand-wringing, whining, condescending fashion, the Senior Senator then tries to stitch BLM together with issues of “economic injustice.” (Her mentor and hero, former Secretary **Robert Reich**, encouraged “progressives” to employ this very argument in a *Huffington Post* editorial dated 7-22-15; *a la*: “The police are the protectors of the rich, moneyed oppressors of the poor minorities and working class, blah, blah, blah, etc. etc. etc.”) Yeah, that’s right, Senator! Let’s stamp out that horrible “income inequality.” Perhaps we can start with the \$700,000+++ that you and your husband pulled down from your difficult sinecures posing as college “professors.” Maybe we can “redistribute” **YOUR** income to the tired,

the poor, the wretched refuse of our teeming shores, our huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the homeless, tempest-tossed (apologies, Emma Lazarus, I couldn’t resist...). Perhaps the senior Senator could lift her lamp beside the golden door at her lofty digs in the People’s Republic of Cambridge, maybe serve some brie and wine to the self-professed victims of oppression and injustice.

Elevating BLM radicals to the status

of modern-day martyrs, Warren again raises the patently false “hands up-don’t shoot” narrative, saying protesters are “fighting for their lives.” Ahh, no Senator... they’re blocking traffic at rush hours on the expressway by locking themselves to concrete barriers, snarling traffic for thousands of people who actually work for a living and endangering public safety and medical emergencies. They openly, loudly advocate for the murder of police officers: “*Pigs in a blanket, fry them like bacon,*” “*What do we want – DEAD COPS! When do we want them, NOW!*” That’s a far cry from linking arms at church and singing “*We Shall Overcome,*” Senator. Civil rights martyrs, my arse...

Warren **knows** that the BLM “hands-up/don’t shoot” narrative is **false**: it was disproven even by an overtly liberal United States Department of Justice run by **Eric Holder** (no friend of the police) who would have thrown a cop under the bus at any opportunity if that contrived scenario was *even remotely* true. But again, **facts and truth don’t matter to liberals**. They get in the way of the false narrative which is spoon-fed to the low-information voters who make up the majority of Senator Warren’s loyal political base. She and her sup-



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porters “hear what they want to hear and disregard the rest”. Repeat a lie often enough, and it will eventually become true, simply by virtue of its repetition.

Warren’s speech conjures up horrific images of innocent people “choking to death while gasping for air,” “peaceful protesters beaten,” “journalists jailed,” and then alleges that “...in some cities, white vigilantes with weapons freely walk the streets....” **REALLY, SENATOR?** And **WHERE** would that be? What city or town in these United States do “white vigilantes freely walk the streets with weapons?” Chicago? Detroit? Baltimore? Los Angeles? Gross, false, contrived, incendiary statements made by a United States Senator, sickeningly trying to connect law enforcement with the racist KKK. (Editor: The Senator and her staff can deny attempting to make that connection all they want, but the very next sentence in her **full speech**, verbatim, as prepared for delivery by her staff, is : ...**“And it's not just about law enforcement either.”** We know **exactly** what you meant, Senator.) But no one – **NO ONE** – at the like-minded *Boston Globe* calls Senator Warren out and asks the most basic, obvious question: **WHERE** in the United States do “armed white vigilantes freely walk the streets” while President Obama and Attorney General Lynch are in office?

The Senator then proceeds to demand that “...Police forces should look like, and come from, the neighborhoods they serve.” (One of BLM’s demands, also.) In theory, that sounds great. But in practice, that would result in a balkanized police force. **ALL** citizens are supposed to obey the law and act civilly without regard to an officer’s race or ethnicity. Brookline and Newton, for example, would have to exclude some minority candidates from employment consideration almost by necessity, if Senator Warren’s proposal for hiring police officers were adopted. And if each of Boston’s neighborhoods were restricted to being policed only by those who “came from” or “looked like” the local residents (*whatever* that is determined to be,... and (more importantly) **who** gets to determine that???) then Boston, too, would have a balkanized police force. And why stop there? Bringing Senator Warren’s restrictive proposal for hiring and assigning police officers to its logical conclusion, shouldn’t we also consider issues such as an officer’s language, religion and sexual orientation before assigning them to a particular neighborhood? “Progressives” who advocate “diversity” often live in upper-income areas. I wonder how “diverse” and “income-equal” is Senator Warren’s neighborhood? If the Senator practices what she preaches about police forces “coming from and looking like the neighborhoods they serve”, then I guess the police officers assigned to patrol her block are all named Muffy or Biff, have blond hair, blue eyes and make \$700,000 per year. (Sign me up, color my hair, and call me Biff!...)

The senior Senator’s speech prattles on paying lip service to “brave officers” when in reality, she and her staff detest middle-class, blue-collar police officers. Keep it, Senator: we don’t want or need your Cheshire-cat accolades. She panders to the lowest common denominator knowing that her hand-maidens at the *Globe* will dutifully report only what and how she wants them to report. Senator Warren once took credit for “providing the intellectual background for the Occupy movement.” That much may be absolutely true.

New BPPA building taking shape

By James W. Carnell, Pax Editor

The new BPPA building site, located at 295 Freeport Street, Dorchester and overlooking the expressway and UMass Boston campus, is rapidly taking shape and was recently opened to the membership during the annual open meeting (October 7th) for inspection, comments and review.

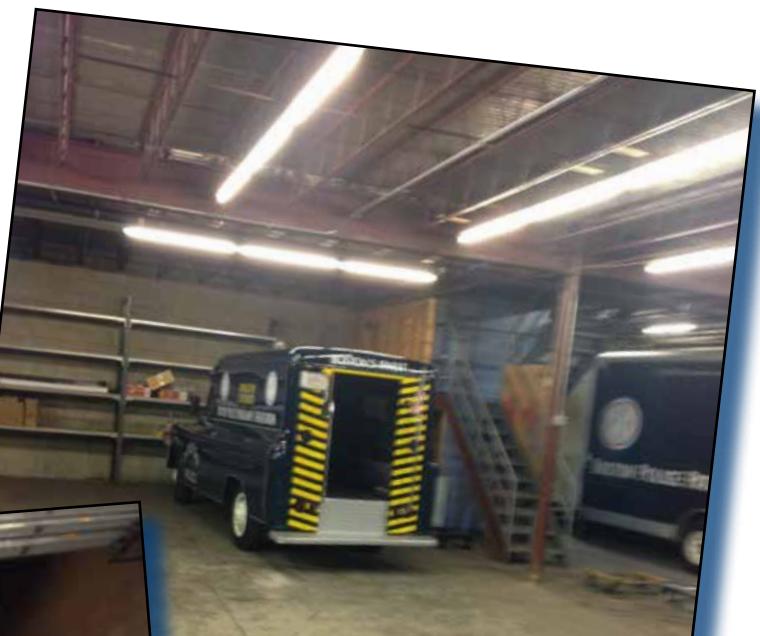
The parking lot has been re-surfaced and paint-marked and the outer fence has been replaced. An architect has been going through the building and will soon have proposals/plans ready for review by the BPPA officers and building committee members, who will then present the plans for inspection, review and approval to the BPPA House of Representatives.

During the open house, many members had the same comment: the building is incredibly deceiving when viewed from the outside. Located opposite the Yale Electric Supply and Appliance Company and 100 yards down the street from the IBEW Local 103 Union Hall, the building appears from the outside as a one story, brick office building. But inside, it contains 28 offices, conference and meeting rooms both large and small on *two* stories, and a huge, unfinished hall in the rear which is capable of being improved into a variety of possible uses. Some uses which have been mentioned and are being explored may be a function/meeting hall for use and rental by members, gym facilities, additional office space, etc., etc. At this point, the possibilities and ideas are endless and all suggestions are welcome.

You really do have to visit the building and see it for yourself to get a good idea of what an outstanding site this truly is for the BPPA. 50 years ago, the BPPA used donated office space at the Tunnel Administration building in the North End before moving to rented offices above a parts-supply store at 752 East Third Street, South Boston (now condos, apartments). In 1995, we purchased 9-11 Shetland Street in Roxbury at public auction for \$210,000. (The property is now estimated to be worth well over \$1,000,000.00 and has several offers.)

295 Freeport Street was purchased under the current BPPA leadership for \$3,001,000.00 (Three million, **One Thousand**, not one hundred thousand...) in July, 2015 and has already been appraised at \$4,250,000.00.

We will be looking at the possibility of leasing/renting some of the office space to other unions; perhaps encompassing all Boston Police Unions and EMT's under one common roof with associated services and facilities (legal, health and welfare, etc., etc.) readily available in one building. Again, at this point, the possibilities are endless, so we may be getting ahead of ourselves in the "ideas department." But finally, the BPPA will be another shining and prominent star on "Union Row"—Freeport Street (electrical workers, bricklayers, construction and asbestos workers, among others) and an important and vital part of the Dorchester neighborhood and the City of Boston.



Plenty of room for the BPPA canteen truck, the Blue Goose, and delivery trailers in our loading dock.



Resurfaced parking lot and fence completed for 68 cars.



AG Healey wants to expand scope of wiretap law

By Andy Metzger, Lowell Sun

Stymied from bugging gun runners and modern slavers by a nearly 40-year-old provision of the wiretap law, Attorney General Maura Healey recently asked lawmakers to update the statute.

"Right now you can't use a wire in a human trafficking case or a gun trafficking case," Healey told the News Service after testifying before the Judiciary Committee.

Healey didn't back any bill in particular and didn't specify any areas of difference between her position and that of her predecessor, Martha Coakley, who pushed unsuccessfully for a change to the law.

Advocates for the change have argued that the prerequisite in the 1968 wiretap law that the target

be involved in "organized crime" does not comport with modern violent crime, which often involves more loosely affiliated street gangs.

Secretary of Public Safety and Security Daniel Bennett testified in favor of bills (H 1638 and H 1554) filed by Rep. Paul Tucker, the former Salem police chief, which would omit the organized crime

requirement and a lengthier proposal filed by Rep. Angelo Pappolo, Jr., a Springfield Democrat.



A former prosecutor, Bennett wrote in testimony that wiretaps require approval by a Superior Court judge after all other avenues of investigation are exhausted and they are the only type of warrant filed by the prosecuting attorney rather than the police.

"On two separate occasions, the current Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court has called on the legislature to address this problem," wrote Bennett, continuing that "no one heeded his call."

Bennett said that Pappolo's bill would expand the list of designated offenses where a wiretap is allowable, including child enticement.

Senate Ways and Means Chairwoman Karen Spilka, who had opposed an attempt to allow for more wiretaps last session in 2013, said she has not seen the bills currently before the Judiciary Committee.

"I would have to see what the bill stated before I could say whether I support it or not," Spilka told the News Service.

(Reprinted from the Lowell Sun, September 17, 2015.)

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BPPA Secretary



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Age	Benefit \$100,000	Benefit \$150,000	Benefit \$200,000	Benefit \$250,000	Benefit \$300,000	Benefit \$350,000	Benefit \$400,000	Benefit \$450,000	Benefit \$500,000
<25	\$1.98	\$2.98	\$3.97	\$4.96	\$5.95	\$6.95	\$7.94	\$8.93	\$9.92
25-29	\$2.33	\$3.50	\$4.66	\$5.83	\$6.99	\$8.16	\$9.32	\$10.49	\$11.65
30-34	\$2.49	\$3.74	\$4.98	\$6.23	\$7.48	\$8.72	\$9.97	\$11.22	\$12.46
35-39	\$3.18	\$4.78	\$6.37	\$7.96	\$9.55	\$11.15	\$12.74	\$14.33	\$15.92
40-44	\$4.59	\$6.89	\$9.18	\$11.48	\$13.78	\$16.07	\$18.37	\$20.67	\$22.96
45-49	\$5.77	\$8.65	\$11.54	\$14.42	\$17.31	\$20.19	\$23.08	\$25.96	\$28.85
50-54	\$8.91	\$13.36	\$17.82	\$22.27	\$26.72	\$31.18	\$35.63	\$40.08	\$44.54
55-59	\$15.37	\$23.05	\$30.74	\$38.42	\$46.11	\$53.79	\$61.48	\$69.16	\$76.85
60-64	\$17.65	\$26.48	\$35.31	\$44.13	\$52.96	\$61.79	\$70.62	\$79.44	\$88.27
65-69	\$29.31	\$43.96	\$58.62	\$73.27	\$87.92	\$102.58	\$117.23	\$131.88	\$146.54
>70	\$47.54	\$71.31	\$95.08	\$118.85	\$142.62	\$166.38	\$190.15	\$213.92	\$237.69

Spouse Weekly Premiums ALTP-MA-05*

Age	Benefit \$25,000	Benefit \$50,000	Benefit \$75,000	Benefit \$100,000
<25	\$0.50	\$0.99	\$1.49	\$1.98
25-29	\$0.58	\$1.17	\$1.75	\$2.33
30-34	\$0.62	\$1.25	\$1.87	\$2.49
35-39	\$0.80	\$1.59	\$2.39	\$3.18
40-44	\$1.15	\$2.30	\$3.44	\$4.59
45-49	\$1.44	\$2.88	\$4.33	\$5.77
50-54	\$2.23	\$4.45	\$6.68	\$8.91
55-59	\$3.84	\$7.68	\$11.53	\$15.37
60-64	\$4.41	\$8.83	\$13.24	\$17.65
65-69	\$7.33	\$14.65	\$21.98	\$29.31
>70	\$11.88	\$23.77	\$35.65	\$47.54

Child Weekly Premiums ALTP-MA-05*

Age	Benefit \$5,000	Benefit \$10,000
All Ages	\$0.09	\$0.18
Spouse		
Child		

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Age	\$0.04/\$1000 of coverage
All Ages	\$0.04/\$1000 of coverage
Spouse	\$0.04/\$1000 of coverage
Child	\$0.04/\$1000 of coverage

*Form numbers may vary

BPPA 50th celebration a huge success

By James W. Carnell, Pax Editor

The BPPA held our annual retirement and recognition banquet on September 11th at Venezia's Restaurant in Dorchester, a date which coincided with the 50th anniversary of the founding of the BPPA in 1965, the Boston Police strike of 1919, and the solemn date of September 11th itself.

The event was attended by a packed, sell-out crowd of 400. Gov. Charlie Baker, Mayor Marty Walsh, and Police Commissioner William Evans also attended and gave speeches. The historical irony was plainly evident. The Boston Police Strike of 1919 occurred at the same time (Sept. 9th, 1919). Then, the fledgling union was crushed by a Republican Governor and a Democratic Mayor who used the National Guard to suppress the striking policemen. At this celebration, a Republican Governor and Democratic Mayor offered their congratulations and well wishes to BPPA President Pat Rose, who had also been a Major in the National Guard. Gov. Calvin Coolidge and Mayor Andrew J. Peters must be rolling over in their graves, as first Union President John McInnes must be having a good laugh in his.

BPPA and EMT retirees who attended were presented by President Rose and EMT's President Jamie Orsino with awards for their combined 289 years of service to the city. Several recognition awards were also presented; among them were awards presented to BPD gang unit members and EMT's whose gallant actions saved the life of

Officer John Moynihan when he was shot in the face on Humboldt Ave. in Roxbury. John Moynihan was present to thank everyone involved, including the EMT's whose actions saved his life and whom he hadn't met until that night; a very emotional moment for all.

Many past presidents of the BPPA were able to attend, including

Chester Broderick, who flew in from Nevada, Bob Guiney,

Dick Bradley and Tommy Nee. Past vice-presidents

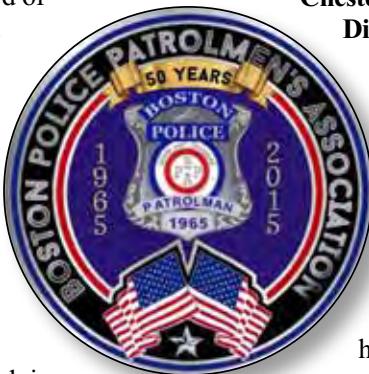
Ron MacGillivray and David Mackin were also in

attendance and presented with service awards, as well

as past BPPA Attorney Frank McGee.

BPPA founding member Paul Whelan, whose wife Isabel was also first BPPA President Dick MacEachern's sister, was also in attendance. Paul was presented with a recognition award from a grateful membership for his brave actions in stepping forward to found this union during a time when he placed himself in great peril from the political forces arrayed against the BPPA. Paul is retired and resides on Cape Cod.

There are bound to be many more retirements recognized next year, as officers who were hired *en masse* in the mid-80's are now reaching retirement age. Venezia's has already been booked for Friday September 9th, 2016, their filet mignon and lobster dinner a huge hit with the crowd. Make sure you get tickets early when the time arrives, as some people had to be turned away due to the complete sell-out this year.















“Crime on the rise following arrival of homeless”

Geez, Boston Globe, ya don’t say?

By James W. Carnell, Pax Editor

BEFORE YOU START POINTING A FINGER at the evil editor of the *Pax Centurion* for the preceding headline, stop and take a deep breath: “Crime on rise following arrival of homeless: *Newmarket businesses seek to maintain safety, police say area monitored*” appeared as a top-of-the-fold, front-page headline on Saturday, October 15th, 2015 in *The Boston Globe*, written by David Abel of the *Globe* staff. Perhaps the copy editor had called in sick, I don’t know. But whatever happened, somehow, some way, the truth managed to find its way into the pages of the *Globe*; albeit on an extremely low-readership Saturday and a long holiday weekend, but we’ll take it whenever it manages to rear its (seldom seen) head at this bastion of compassionate liberalism on Morrissey Blvd.

Now, those of us who are well-acquainted with the intersection of Mass. Ave., Cass Blvd. and Southampton St. are not in the least bit surprised that crime is rising in the Newmarket Sq. area. After the closure of the Long Island facility and the recent placement of a homeless shelter and “services” for the junk... er,... “opiod addicted” and other assorted scu...ahmm.... “our less fortunate brethren” in the area, it was not too hard to figure out what was about to happen. Every day, beginning early in the morning when the shelter discharges the tempest-tossed refuse of our teeming shores unto the surrounding streets, hundreds of sauntering and loitering (the courts threw that charge out years ago) mendicants descend upon the intersections, seeking alms from motorists traveling to and from work. And, while awaiting elongated changes of traffic lights, many rattled motorists produce ransom money so as not to be pestered by the mucus-covered inebrate holding the paper cup in one hand and a squeegee-brush in the other, threatening to “clean” the motorist’s windshield. Shortly thereafter, the motorist’ money is transformed into plastic half-gallon jugs of Mohawk Vodka (a bargain at \$7.99) or small glassine bags of “opioids” and other substances, resulting in an army of sleep-walking zombies traversing to and from the “services” offered by the compassionate arm of liberalism holding high the torch by the golden door. (Once again, my apologies, Emma Lazarus). The patrol officers of Boston wish to sincerely thank the motorists who freely donate to the alms-seekers, as it is our pleasure to pick them up repeatedly from wherever they fall and transport them back to whatever shelter or hospital can accommodate them (providing they aren’t already barred, that is). The Mass. Supreme Judicial Court, in their infinite wisdom, ruled years ago that panhandling was “a protected form of free speech”. Of course, you will not find any panhandling patriots in the neighborhoods where the Chief Justices reside.

The *Globe* article goes on to report that numerous businesses in the area said the situation is “out of control”. The manager of the Best Western Hotel reports guests canceling and leaving, negative reviews on-line, and that the area often reeks of urine and the streets are littered with needles. Employees of local restaurants report a serious drop in business, thefts and employees working in fear. The adjacent Hampton Inn and a convenience store are inundated daily with homeless drug addicts plying their trade on the sidewalk, passed out, stealing merchandise, bothering customers, fighting, etc. etc.

The finger of blame, naturally, is quickly pointed at the police. A bunch of compassionate liberal administrators, welfare advocates, drug counselors and others who make their living from the burgeoning homeless industry (and make no mistake, it is very much a self-perpetuating, taxpayer-supported *industry*) decided that Newmarket Sq. would be a good place to locate services for their clients. Then, they express shock and surprise when the area resembles a sequel to “Dawn of the Dead”. Their answer? Dump the problem on the police! Of course, due to liberal policies and court decisions, there is little, if anything, the police can do. Arrest them? For what? Sauntering and loitering? Vagrancy? A city ordinance violation? Disorderly? Those charges have either been completely thrown out by the courts many years ago or are simply a complete waste of the police’ and the courts’ time and effort. And Lord knows, using any amount of force to remove the poor dears from the intersections will result in immediate cellphone-camera videos from the very people who complain about the problem in the first place! In this day and age, none of us want to be accused of excessive force.

And where would we bring them? Back to the shelters that just discharged them to the streets? From which many are repeatedly barred? To the local hospitals, which are already overwhelmed with the results of “Free medical care for all”? Day after day, thousand-dollar wheelchairs, purloined from Boston Medical Center, trundle down Southampton St., occupied by the non-ambulatory being pushed by the brain-dead to pick up their daily methadone. Hamid Barakat, owner of an auto body shop on Mass. Ave., finds groups of homeless men camped out in his parking lot, leaving “mangy blankets, refuse and human waste”. Are you likely to leave your car for repairs at that poor guy’s business?

But thankfully, City Councilors like Ayanna Pressley, “appreciates” the business owners’ concerns. “I’m worried as much about the shelter

See **Homeless** on page 40



Crime on rise following arrival of homeless

Newmarket businesses seek to maintain safety; police say area monitored

By David Abel
GLOBE STAFF

An influx of services for the homeless in Boston's Newmarket area has been accompanied by a sharp increase in some crimes and has raised concerns about knots of men and women who loiter, take drugs openly, and discard needles throughout the area.

The Best Western on Massachusetts Ave

Saying goodbye to a friend

By **Mark A. Bruno**

Recently, former fellow Officer **Deborah Flaherty** passed away. All who were fortunate to have known and worked with her would agree: she was a special person. I worked with her on several occasions and she was not afraid to mix it up. She also would show empathy and attempt to help those who would ask. If you got her mad enough, she could also make a truck-driver blush with her language! Any veteran officer from Area C would tell you they were never worried when they rode with her, or if she rolled up on a call. I always respected her opinions and suggestions on calls which she assisted me with. She was a great cop!

Like many of us in this profession will tell you, the job can take its toll mentally and physically. Much as we try to hide our angst and uncertainty at times, for some of us, it is written on our faces. This job can twist you up inside, chew you up and spit you out. Not only do we deal with the public's negative opinion of us, but we also deal with the politics of the job, and sometimes our home problems. It is the nature of the job and you need a good supply of antacids and a cast-iron stomach to deal with it. The smile we wear sometimes only serves to

mask what we are really going through inside.

Debbie certainly had her demons to battle but they didn't change the kind person she was. Many reached out to help her in those moments of despair, but like most of us, we try to deal with our problems on our own terms which is not always a good decision. Some of us take on extra loads to avoid dealing with these problems. Debbie, I was told, took care of her sister's kids. She would care for them and keep them in line, which for her was a labor of love. Below our hard exteriors we all have a soft side when it comes to caring for family and friends. We unfortunately could care for everyone else but ourselves. Such was Debbie's load to bear. It is the long dark road some of us journey on never to return. We can feel it coming like a freight train and we find ourselves unable to get off the tracks. Like being dropped in the middle of an ocean with nowhere to go, you are left to tread water till you can't anymore. I'm not sure Debbie could have pulled herself off this path, or if any of us could have helped her from her decision to take her own life. I can only tell you this: she was a good person who found herself in a dark place with no way out but the way she chose. Rest in peace, my good friend.



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Proud to honor BPD heroes

On September 29, 2015, I had the honor to represent the BPPA at the Trooper George L. Hanna Awards for Bravery at the State House. I'd like to take the opportunity to recognize the heroism displayed by these Boston Police Officers and congratulate them once again for their bravery. They make all Boston Police Officers proud to wear the uniform and report for duty on a daily basis.

Boston Police Officers **John Burrows, Joseph Connolly, Brian Delahanty, Christopher McCarthy, and Michael Szegda** were recipients of **Meritorious Recognition**. This is awarded to a police officer who demonstrates actions above and beyond the call of duty.

Boston Police Officers **Paul Dok and Pamela Wilson** were recipients of the **Medal of Valor**. This is awarded to a police officer who demonstrates actions above and beyond the call of duty, disregarding the potential for danger to him/herself.

Boston Police Officer Burrows, Connolly, and Delahanty are members of the Youth Violence Strike Force and are responsible for over 100 arrests, 1600 Field Interrogations, and the removal of more than 25 guns from the city streets and have conducted multiple operations which have reduced gang violence throughout the city.

Boston Police Officers McCarthy and Szegda are Officers assigned to District A-1. On October 22, 2014, they responded to a call for "jumper" at the Sudbury Street Parking Garage. Upon arrival, the officers observed a female crouched over the ledge on the floor getting ready to jump. Boston Police Officer Paul Dok (also on scene) jumped over the ledge, lowered himself down, and grabbed the victim to prevent her from jumping. Officers McCarthy and Szegda immediately grabbed Officer Dok's belt and body securing his safety. Officer McCarthy then jumped out onto the ledge as well; further securing Officer Dok and the victim. Together, the three Boston Police Officers pulled the female victim safely back into the garage.

Boston Police Officer Pamela Wilson is assigned to District C-11. On Friday, April 11, 2014, Officer Wilson responded to the area of the Shawmut T Station for a "shots fired" call. Upon arrival, Officer Wilson observed two males in the lobby of the T Station matching the description broadcast over the radio. Fearing that they may attempt to flee, Officer Wilson notified Operations and entered the T Station. As she began "pat frisking" the first suspect, she immediately recovered a firearm from his waistband. While shouting verbal commands to the second suspect not to move, she continued to frisk the initial suspect where she now recovered a second firearm from his person. Officer Wilson, still alone at this time, physically secured two firearms and suspect number one. While at the same time, was able to use her presence and verbal commands to keep the second suspect on scene as help arrived from other Boston and MBTA Police Officers.

Once again, Congratulations to all of you! You make us all proud! The Legislature is running back at full capacity after the summer

break. First thing taken up on our behalf was HB 2339, The Boston Police Detail Retiree Bill. Once again, this law gives the Boston Police Commissioner the authority to appoint retired Boston Police Officers as Special Officers, thus allowing them to perform "paid details" after retirement. Although there was a minor setback due to The Federal Department of Labor's concerns on "unemployment compensation Language," the Bill is alive and working its way through the process. With the support of the Governor, House, Senate, and the Mayor, I expect to report positive news on this piece of legislation shortly.

There are many Bill Proposals filed on the Hill that could affect our members. Here is a short list of some that I am paying close attention to in the House:

HB 1162 – Establishing penalties for filing false police reports against police officers (*filed by Rep. Ayers*)

HB 1227 – Maintaining the integrity of the Judicial System (*Rep. Carvalho*) this title is NOT what it seems. It is clearly written giving authority to the Attorney General initially, but then mandates the

Appointment of a special prosecutor in all police involved deaths.

HB 1243 – Access to Public Records (*Rep. Collings*)

HB 1526 – Impersonating a Police Officer (*Rep. Orrall*)

HB 2106 – Uniform use of Deadly Force Guidelines (*Rep. Carvalho*)

HB 2107 – Concurrent Jurisdiction on Massport Properties (*Rep. Collins*)

HB 2113 – Critical Incident Intervention by Emergency Service

Providers (*Rep. Coppinger*)

HB 2170 – Promoting the use of body cameras by law enforcement personnel (*Rep. Provost*)

HB 3467 – Public Safety and Public Health Worker Protections (*Rep. Collins*)

HB 3480 – Establishing an Independent Review Board for Police Shootings (*Rep. Gentile*)

Please keep in mind that this is short list of some the issues we are paying close attention to on the House side. In our next issue, I'll provide a list and description of some of the Bills filed by the Senate that pertain to law enforcement. Please feel free to contact me directly if there's a specific Bill you're interested in or if there's a rumor of a proposal you heard. Please keep me informed of anything you might hear on the street.

In closing, I'd also like to thank all of the members that showed up to Representative Michael Moran and City Councilors Tim McCarthy and Michael Flaherty's events over the last couple of months. Our presence is appreciated and has been noticed by others. We need to stay involved with all of our Elected Officials. We need to support those who support us. The BPPA plans on being heavily involved in the upcoming City Council Elections on November 3, 2015. Please join me in showing others our unity and strength!

Thank you and be safe!



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Around the BPPA...

From **Secretary** on page 7

ning and we are on the verge of launching a Facebook page. The goal will be to have these different mediums available to update members and help educate others about the great work, both on and off the job that our members are doing.

BPPA Open Meeting

The BPPA recently held the Annual Open Meeting at our new Union Hall at 295 Freeport St. Over 200 members came by, had lunch and toured the building. We also had about 70 members stay for the meeting. It was, in my opinion, historic. It was the first open meeting that I can remember that had so many members involved when there wasn't a "hot button" issue. There was a lot of positive discussion and some great ideas for our Bargaining Team going forward with contract negotiations. It was great to see members engaged in the BPPA.

BPPA Events

I would like to note the work that went into the recent BPPA Events. On August 27th the BPPA held our Annual Golf Tournament. Though always a great time this year's outing was fantastic. There were a number of people helping out to make this a success. I would like to recognize **Mike Leary, Tommy Noto** (YVSF), **Mike Murphy** (B2) and of course **Anne Morley** and **Annmarie Daly** from the Union Hall, as well as everyone that helped out and played. The only down side was too many golfers and not enough holes. I know we will fix that going forward.

On September 11th we held our 50th Anniversary Celebration combined with our Annual Retirement and Awards Banquet. This was an incredible success. Truly an evening to remember. Having the opportunity to recognize our most recent retirees, as well as bringing past BPPA Presidents and Vices to be heralded for their leadership over the last 50 years joined by an original signer of the BPPA Charter was impressive to say the least. Again, the success of this event was not by accident. Anne and Annmarie went above and beyond in their work for the members. **Pat Rose, Bobby Anthony** (BPPA/BPD Historian), **Bill Flippin** and **Bill Carroll** (Family Support Unit) put a great deal of work in for this event. If one man stood out in his efforts to make this a success it was **Jim Carnell** (A1). As the Senior Representative in the BPPA HOR Jimmy worked tirelessly and selflessly on the 50th.

BPPA Supplemental Life Insurance

The BPPA has and continues to provide every members' family with a Life Insurance Policy of \$95,000. The \$95,000 policy is part of the benefits provided to you as a BPPA member and has no additional cost. The current company that insures our members is Amalgamated Life Insurance. Amalgamated also offers a supplemental policy for members. There are different options and rates offered to members and their families depending on different factors. Please see the flyer provided by Amalgamated Life and the current rates for Supplemental Policies on Page 15. If you have questions please call the BPPA Hall at 617-989-2772 or ask your Rep. Whether you choose to get a supplemental policy, continue a supplemental policy, increase or adjust a supplemental policy please make sure your beneficiary information is up to date. It is incumbent on you as the policy holder to be sure the paperwork is accurate. If you choose not to have a Supplemental Policy the BPPA still needs a record of who your beneficiary is for the \$95,000 policy. Please call the Hall or stop by to verify/correct any information.

Pilgrims: the first socialists

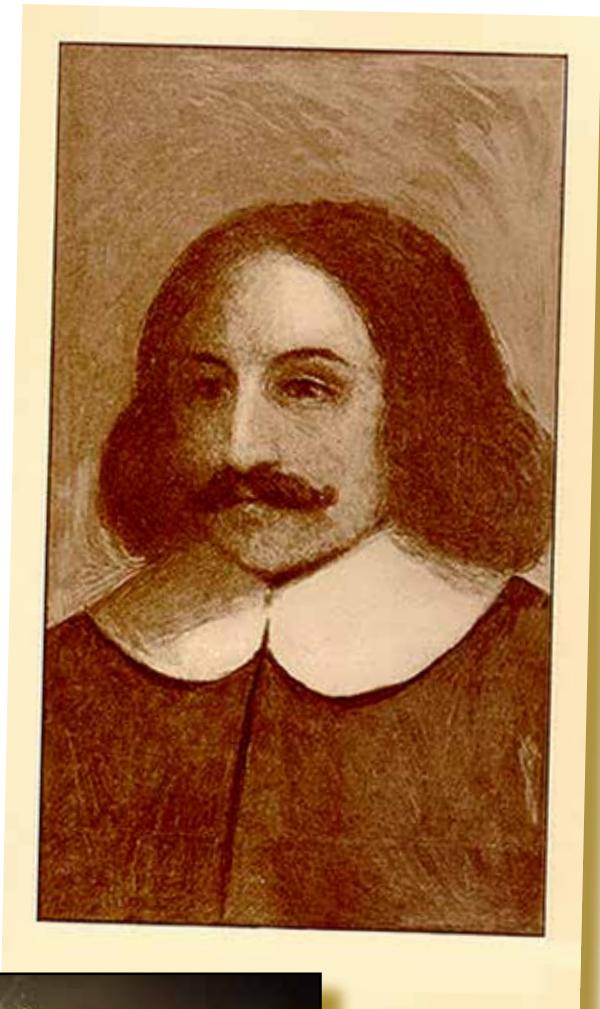
It didn't work then, it doesn't work now

By James W. Carnell, Pax Editor

SEEING THE THRONGS of starry-eyed college students and gray-haired hippies with granny glasses going gaga at **Bernie Sanders'** rallies, I could only shake my head at the naiveté... no... the gross stupidity... of those who are currently idolizing a man who has openly stated that it is his intention to take up to 90% of the income of "the rich." (Ahm, for those of you who might be unaware, the current income of an average Boston Police Officer makes us "rich," according to Sanders' definition. Make sure you tell that to your college-age astronauts whose student loans you're paying before they head off to a Bernie Sanders rally....)

Anyway, this being the Thanksgiving season, the thought occurred to me that maybe the little skulls-full-of-mush who we're paying thousands of dollars to "educate" (or is it indoctrinate?) at Faber College and associated Institutions of higher learning might be interested to discover that socialism and Bernie Sanders are nothing new. No, not at all. Socialism has failed before, as it will always fail. As you're eating your Thanksgiving turkey, paid for from your hard work, explain to the young brain surgeons that when the Pilgrims began their first full year in Plymouth in 1621, after a brutal winter, the agreement was for all to share equally in the food that was raised by the entire colony (the so-called "Mayflower Compact"). No matter how much each individual raised through his/her own hard labor, all food, clothing, meat, supplies etc. were to be shared equally. That first year, the crops failed miserably. The workers greatly resented waking before dawn and working the fields until after sunset while the lazy, indolent, mendicant sloths of Plymouth Colony lay about, secure in the knowledge that regardless of their non-efforts, they would still receive a "fair share" (sound familiar???) of the other worker's labors. This was socialism in actual practice- "From each according to his means, **to each** according to his needs." (*Karl Marx*)

The next year, Gov. **William Bradford** decreed that each colonist would till their own fields and keep the majority of their own produce, with a small tithe going to the common good to take care of the truly sick, infirm and elderly. The indolent sloths soon got the message: grow your own crops, work your own fields, or you won't eat! Simple! That year, the colony bloomed and became self-sufficient and resulted in the first Thanksgiving, giving thanks to the Native Americans who had helped them survive their first tough winter in America. Thanksgiving is truly a celebration of capitalism and individual effort. Your "feast" will be as big – or small – as you are willing to work for and provide for your family. While all understand



Massachusetts Gov. William Bradford and U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders – two socialists – one learned, one won't.

the need for charity for those who truly need it, charity does, indeed, begin at home.

Socialism will always fail because it takes from one group, who get up in the morning and work all day and pay taxes, and gives the results of that labor to those who have decided to sit on their fat butts and let the government provide them with housing, food, health care, transportation, education, and all other needs and wants. A society where a few pull the wagon while many climb into the back and demand to be transported to their next meal will fail of necessity. It cannot survive. But that is the demented world occupied by Bernie Sanders and his followers. The Pilgrims discovered the failure of socialism in 1621. Tell your college-age nitwits this true story while they're scarfing down your turkey and stuffing and telling you how Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren want to make everything "equal" and "fair."

Beaten down at the Dominican Fest

By Mark A. Bruno

To say I am shocked at how much hatred is actually out there for our profession would be an understatement. Every time something happens across the country involving police, it seems CNN or FOX News are there to report it. *If it bleeds it leads!* I don't care that they report it but it's slanted to show police officers as the bad guys. It seems any yahoo they can get in front of a camera to rant and rave about how they are being persecuted by police shows up and makes a spectacle of themselves. The sad part is the general public in urban areas are buying it. It gives them a reason to justify burning the town down and looting any stores along the way. In Baltimore, the Mayor let the crowd run wild in order to be politically correct. It is reminiscent of Nero playing the fiddle while Rome burned to the ground. Is there any surprise why crime is up in these particular areas?

We are Boston Police!

When other cities and towns were figuring out how to handle protesters at their Democratic and Republican Conventions, we were boxing them in and infiltrating their ranks. Boston Police have many times been the role models on how to handle large events and crisis situations. Just look at the Boston Marathon and how well all our agencies like EMS, Boston Fire, and all surrounding local and federal agencies rose up on this occasion. I'd like to think that Boston and all of its political leaders understand the importance of maintaining order rather than letting chaos reign. It is not always about being politically correct. We should not have to be constantly walking on eggshells in order to maintain the peace. A soft approach at major events can't be an option when officers are being pelted with rocks and bottles by crowds

that are surrounding our wagons because we have prisoners in them. Such was the chaos that ensued on City Hall Plaza. Arresting individuals may not always be the preferred method in order to maintain calm, but if you let it go, it sets a bad precedent. If we do nothing and someone gets hurt, we are liable. *Damned if we do and damned if we don't!*

It seems everyone wants to get up in a cop's face and test their resolve in light of events going on around the country. I applaud Boston Police Commissioner **Billy Evans** and Mayor **Marty Walsh** for standing behind their officers and drawing a line in the sand when it comes to bad behavior of brazen individuals that want nothing but to injure cops. It can't and should not be tolerated! I expect nothing from our current President whose silence has led to the general public's hatred for our profession. We have been hung out to dry but have managed to still do our jobs regardless!

What really bothered me at the Dominican Fest was how young the arrestees were. To be indoctrinated with hatred for authority at such a young age makes me cringe. The direction this country is heading in worries me. This bad behavior obviously starts at home. Children will learn what their parents teach them. If they instill good morals and values, they will end up with a respectful, law-abiding citizen. If they bring them up to hate authority figures and law enforcement, they will probably find these individuals incarcerated or dead. You can agree to disagree and do it in a civil manner. Pelting cops with foreign objects and being belligerent is a reflection of how ignorant and misinformed people can be. No one is saying all cops are perfect. We are human like everyone else and occasionally we may falter, but that does not give license to bad behavior, allowing people to pillage and plunder!



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Book Review:

“The Police Revolt of 2016”

by author

Lawrence C. Mackin, Sr.

A n outstanding novel based on current events by Larry Mackin, a true conservative writer. Indeed, it is, as Larry himself says, “Thinly veiled fiction”. If the reader is a police officer, law enforcement professional or family member, he/she will immediately recognize the frustration and anger building in the law enforcement community which this book is based on. **This book will make a great Christmas gift/stocking stuffer for all members of law enforcement, family and friends!**

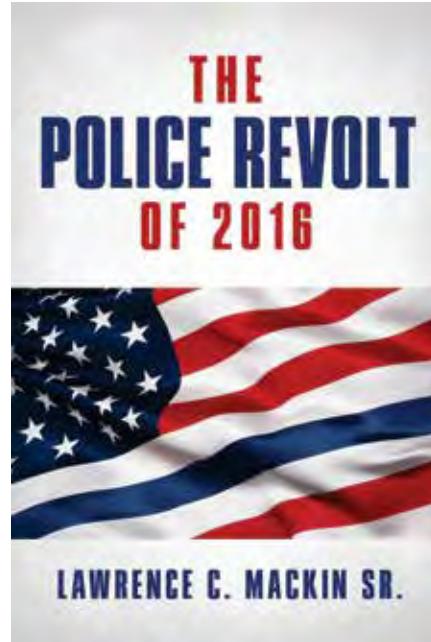
— James W. Carnell, PAX Editor



*The Book that has people talking and is making waves from the Streets of Boston to the Halls of Congress.
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Notes and thoughts from all over

By James W. Carnell, Pax Editor

Seems that Dunkin Donuts franchises in Providence, RI and West Hartford, CT, have recently had instances where uniformed police officers were either refused service by surly, rude clerks who stated “We don’t serve cops here” or in the Providence case, wrote “#Black Lives Matter” on the side of the cop’s coffee cup. Management supposedly apologized and offered “a free cup of coffee”. Personally, hearing those stories and also that the employee(s) weren’t immediately fired, I’d have told them what they could do with their free cup of coffee. (No telling what else may have been added to the coffee along with the sugar????...) I have made it a practice to get my coffee either from home or at a local Tedeschi’s or convenience store where at least I know what went in the cup because **I** made it. And Senator Warren calls BLM a “civil rights” group? I don’t think so...

Speaking of BLM, Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone hung the BLM banner from the front of City hall, and ordered Somerville officers not to arrest protesters, no matter what the offense. This is truly the sickness of liberalism: it fosters and tolerates a climate where police officers are afraid to enforce the law because of the consequences of discipline or losing their job. If liberal politicians are inclined to

climb into political bed with BLM activists, go right ahead. Want to know why cops are reluctant to enforce laws or don’t want to do anything more than the minimum required? Liberals: look in the mirror.

Speaking of which, during the recent Hemp-fest “Freedom Rally” on Boston Common, an unenlightened liberal couple approached me and asked why the “No smoking” ordinance wasn’t being enforced, since signs were clearly posted at the Common entrances informing all that smoking was strictly prohibited. (Remember the two Park Rangers who were seriously stabbed a few years ago by a crazy nut when they tried to stop him from smoking?) Quizzically, I looked at them and asked if, indeed, they were being serious, and they assured me they were. I pointed at the stoned crowd 100 yards away. “Folks”, I said, “the citizens of Massachusetts have voted to decriminalize possession of less than an ounce of marijuana (and who am I to tell exactly “what” constitutes an ounce? I don’t carry scales.) Not only that, I can’t search anyone based on smoking marijuana alone, since it’s only a civil infraction, and nobody even has to give me a correct name or address, since people aren’t required to carry a valid ID.

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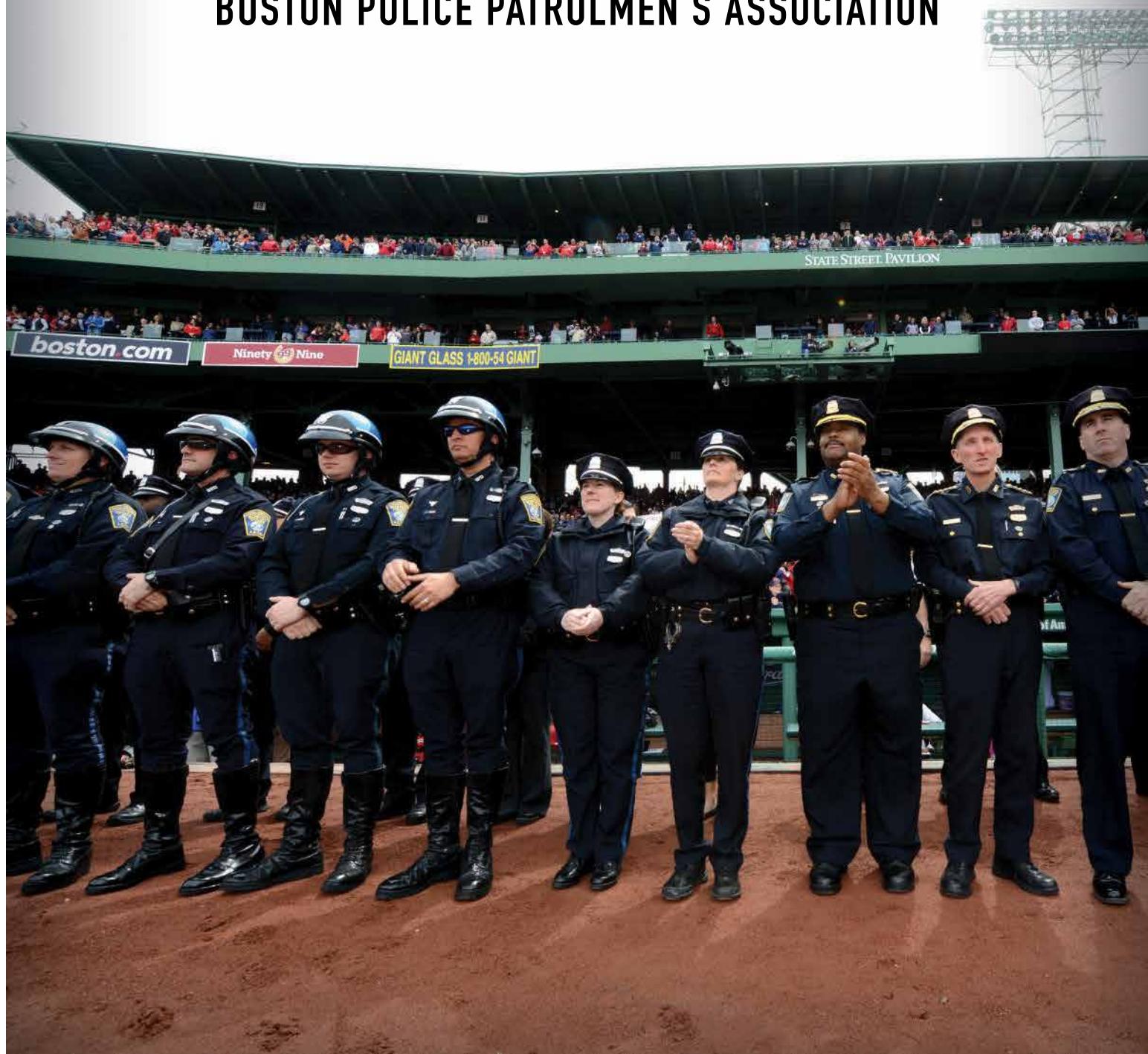
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A brief history of the Boston Police Department – 1631-1865

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

April 12, 1631

The local court ordered that "Watches be set at sunset, and if any person fire off a piece after the watch is set, he shall be fined forty shillings, or be whipped."

April 14, 1631

A Court of Guard was created. "we began a Court of Guard upon the neck, and between Roxburie and Boston, whereupon shall always be resident an officer and six men." This was an organization of the first Boston Watch; and although it partook more of the character of a military guard then, it was well adapted to the wants of the people, as all police arrangements should be; and was probably continued, with greater or lesser numbers, till the organization of a watch by the selectmen.

September 1, 1635

The Town of Boston, MA records the name of William Chesebrough as a Constable.

February 27, 1636

The Town assumed the prerogatives of appointment and control of the Boston Watch.

1639

Edward Palmer was employed to build stocks (a place in which to set criminals for punishment); when completed, he presented his bill for his services. The bill was thought to be exorbitant, and Edward Palmer got placed in his own stocks and was fined five pounds.

1692

A cage and watch house is built near the market.

1701

At town meeting "Watchmen are enjoined to be on duty from ten o'clock till broad daylight. They are to go about silently with watch bills, not using any bell, and no watchmen to smoke tobacco while walking their rounds; and when they see occasion, to call to persons to take of their light."

1703

John Barnard built a watch-house for the town at North End, with a sentry box on top of it; and another near the powder-house on the common.

1707

Three hundred pounds appropriated to support the watch. Twelve watchmen were employed at 40 shillings a month. James Thornby and Exercise Conant, overseers of the watch. Watch rules and regulations adopted.

1709

Watch increased to fifteen. They also petition for leave to prosecute those who abuse them while on duty.

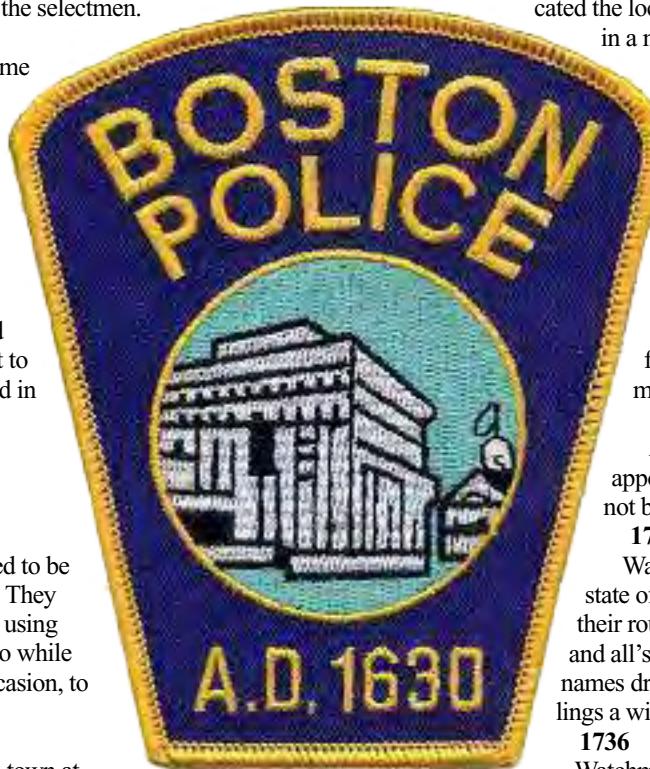
1710

Fortification rebuilt on the neck, composed of brick and stone, across Washington at Dover St. as now named, extending to the sea on the east, and south to where is now Union Park, having a parapet on which to place a cannon, with gates for teams and foot passengers at the street. Watch-boxes set up in various parts of the town.

1714

Watch increased to seventeen. The watchhouse near the townhouse to be removed, "and set by the schoolhouse in Queen Street, and that a cage be added." Also ordered, that "the whipping-post be removed thereto."

1715



There were four watchhouses; one in Clark Square, one near the schoolhouse, Queen Street, and one at South End, with about four watchmen at each. The watch went on duty at nine p.m. in the winter and 10 p.m. in the summer remaining till daylight next morning, at forty shillings per month. There were two overseers.

1722

Boston population stands at 10,670. The watch is reduced to twelve men; the south watch is discontinued.

1723

Five divisions of the watch established, and called the "Old North, New North, Dock Watch, Townhouse Watch and South Watch. The names indicated the locality. The South were supposed to be located in a narrow, one story brick house in Orange Lane.

There were five watchmen at each house. They were ordered "to walk their rounds slowly and silently, and now and then stand still and listen."

1730

Boston cast 530 votes. Among the town officers are sixteen constables and twenty-five watchmen.

1732

Selectmen authorized to award faithful watchmen "not exceeding ten shillings a month."

1733

Application was made to have Mathew Young appointed watchman, "that he and his children do not become town charge."

1735

Watchmen "Ordered to cry the time of night and state of the weather, in a moderate tone, as they walk their rounds after 12 o'clock – One o'clock, clear, and all's well." Boston divided into twelve wards, names dropped, and numbers used instead. Thirty shillings a winter allowed each watchhouse for coal.

1736

Watchmen reduced to sixteen and watchhouse reduced to four. The badge of the overseers to be "a quarter pike;" one watchman to attend each watchhouse door all night, to inspect persons.

1740

The overseer of the watch petitioned to have a coal-hole door to a watchhouse repaired. The watch ordered "to look out for disorderly Negroes and Indians."

1748

Able-bodied watchmen allowed seven pounds, ten shillings per month, but fined twenty shilling for getting asleep on duty.

1749

Written rules prepared for the government of the watch.

1754

Thomas Williston appointed Captain of the Watch.

1765

Captain Semmes, of the South watch, reported that "Negro Dick came to the watchhouse and reported rowdies under his window. Watchmen were sent, and met a gang of rowdies, one of which drew a sword. The watch cried murder and fled to the watchhouse, and the rowdies escaped."

A brief history of the Boston Police Department...

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1769

In consequence of existing difficulties, the watch were ordered "to patrol two together", "to arrest all Negroes found out after dark without a lantern." Sheriff Greenleaf was ordered to "cause a new gallows to be erected on the Neck, the old one having gone to decay."

1785

A code of Town Laws is published. Captain John Ballard, William Billings, Christopher Clarke, and Mr. Webb, appointed Inspectors of Police.

1793

Colonel Josiah Waters, the newly appointed Inspector of Police, gave notice that he "enters upon the duties of his office with much diffidence, and he asks the assistance of the citizens in executing the by-laws."

May 14, 1796

The legislature passed a code of laws relating to Watch and Wards of Towns, under which the Boston Watch was soon reorganized. Under the new regulations, the selectmen, or the constable, were to charge the watch, to see that all disorders and disturbances are suppressed, to examine all persons walking abroad after ten o'clock at night, who they have reason to suspect, to enter houses of ill-fame, to suppress disturbances, and to arrest all violators of law or disturbers of the peace. Watchmen are to walk their rounds once an hour, to prevent damage by fire and to preserve order." Constables, to superintend the watch were to be appointed for each house, and the Selectmen were the appointing and supervising power. Under the new organization, there were five Watchhouses: One on Ship near Lewis Street, one at Town Dock, one at Town House, one on Orange, near Eliot Street, and one near where the Revere House now stands, with one Constable and about six watchmen at each house, at a salary of sixty cents per night for the Constable, and fifty cents for the watchman, while on duty. The watch went out at nine o'clock evenings in winter, and ten o'clock in summer, remaining on duty till sunrise, one half going out alternately every other night, carrying with them their badges of office, a hook with a bill, and the rattle, an appendage added this year.

1800

Among the town officers were One Inspector of Police, Twelve Constables, Four Constables of the Watch, and Twenty Watchmen. The watchhouses have been reduced to four, One on Ship Street, one near Market, one in Orange Street, one near the State House.

March 12, 1801

Charles Bulfinch, Esq. chosen Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and soon after Inspector of Police.

March 10, 1807

The town was divided by State and Court Streets into two police districts, each under the supervision of an officer.

March 21, 1810

The Town of Boston selected one Inspector of Police, two assistant police officers, seventeen constables, and thirty watchmen. Watchhouses at Ship Street, at the Market, Mount Vernon Street, and the corner of Elliot and Washington Streets. Boston had 33,234 inhabitants.

August 31, 1812

The town appointed one hundred special watchmen to patrol the town. "In case of riot, they are to toll the bells, and in case of alarm, all well-disposed citizens are requested to place lights in all their front windows, and all military companies, magistrates, and constables will hold themselves

in readiness; and all boys or apprentices who do not wish to be considered rioters, will remain in doors." The permanent watch was also increased to forty-six, consisting of three divisions; the North, Centre, and South, as follows: at the North, fourteen men; Centre eighteen men; South fourteen men, and two constables at each house. A Captain was also appointed, whose office was at the centre house, and who had general supervision. One constable and half the watch being on duty alternately every other night, all night. "Watchmen are not to talk loud, or make any noise, nor suffer any one to enter a watchhouse without a certificate from a Selectman." Constable's pay seventy-five cents per night; watchman's pay, fifty cents per night.

1819

A committee of the Selectmen made several visits to the watchhouse in the night time, and reported as follows: "January 5. Visited several watchhouses, and found them in good condition." January 12. Another visit. Find too many watchmen doing duty inside." January 20. One o'clock, night. South watch doing good duty, but the two constables are asleep. At North Watch constables awake. At Centre Watch, found an intoxicated man and a abandoned female in the Lockup." February 3. Another visit made by the Inspector of Police. He said, "At one o'clock, visited South Watch; constable asleep. One and one-half o'clock, at Centre Watch found constable and doorman asleep. Two o'clock at North Watch found constable and doorman asleep, and a drunken man kicking at the door to get in." The Inspector recommends "that the doorman be required to wake the constable when necessary." Constable Reed arrested several persons for keeping a gambling houses. One was fined \$150.00 for keeping "a new French game called Quino."

May 31, 1819

At Town Meeting, the watch and their friends remained at the polls till near the close, till others had left, and then passed a vote to pay watchmen seventy-five cents instead of fifty cents per night. The vote was rescinded next Town Meeting.

June 17, 1819

Freeman Backhouse was sent to State Prison for three years, for picking the pocket of Flavel Case, a watchman.

March 13, 1820

The North watchhouse, for many years in Ship Street, was removed to Fleet Street, near Moon Street. The Centre watchhouse was in the east basement of the Town House. The South was at the place long occupied on Washington, near Eliot Street. West watchhouse, corner Temple and Hancock streets. Number of Watchmen 55. Constables of the Watch, 8. Captain, 1.

May 25, 1820

Watchmen were served with a certificate of appointment.

May 23, 1821

A new Captain of the Watch appointed, and a long list of instructions given. "Watchmen are not to walk or talk together on their beats. They are to go to their rounds, and return to their box, and there wait till the time arrives to go around again. They are not to cry the time of night in a vociferous voice."

May 1, 1822

The Town of Boston became the City of Boston at the stroke of midnight this day.

June 20, 1822

The new Police Court held its first session. Honorable Benjamin Whitman, Henry Orne, and William Simmons, Judges; Thomas Power, Clerk; William Knapp, Assistant. They held criminal sessions each day, and civil sessions twice each week.

May 13, 1823

The Office of Superintendent of Police abolished, and Benjamin Pollard appointed City Marshal, and James Morgan, Captain of the Watch. The North Watch was removed to the Hancock Schoolhouse, in Middle Street. The Centre Watch was at the Town House, the West at Derne Street, and the South at the Old House on Washington Street. There appeared to be little alteration in watch regulations, except that they were increased to about sixty.

May 1, 1824

Watch appropriation \$8,800.00.

March 26, 1825

The city voted the following "Watchmen found asleep, to be discharged."

June 4, 1825

The City Marshal gave notice that he should execute the laws

December 12, 1825

Watchman Jonathan Houghton killed on State Street, by a ruffian named John Holland.

January 29, 1826

James Morgan, Captain of the Watch, died, and Flavel Case was soon appointed.

March 3, 1826

John Holland hung on the neck for the murder of Watchman Jonathan Houghton, on the Boston Common.

May 6, 1826

The Mayor of Boston fined for fast riding.

November 4, 1828

The Centre Watch petition for beds, but don't get them.

January 19, 1829

The pay of the watch increased to sixty cents per night.

February 15, 1830

The Franklin Schoolhouse having been sold, was repurchased, and the South Watch soon removed thereto. The watch detailed as follows: North Watch, house in Hancock Schoolhouse, 2 Constables, 25 men; Centre Watch, in Kilby Street, 2 Constables, 25 men; South Watch, Franklin Schoolhouse, Common Street, 2 Constables, 22 men; West Watch, Derne Street, 2 Constables, 24 men; 2 men at South Boston. Flavel Case, Captain of the Watch.

May 1, 1830

City Marshal's salary \$1,000; Captain of the Watch, \$800.00; Watch Appropriation \$11,400.00.

February 27, 1832

Centre Watch removed from Kilby Street, to basement of Joy's Buildings.

May 1, 1832

Hezekiah Earl appointed Deputy City Marshal.

June 11, 1832

The watch to be set at ten o'clock the year around.

August 9, 1832

A constable to patrol South Boston on Sunday.

June 3, 1833

A fight between constables and gamblers on the Common.

June 17, 1833

House of Corrections, South Boston, opened.

Boston Police Department Commissioners since 1878

1. Henry S. Russell..... July 8, 1878 - March 1, 1880
2. Samuel R. Spinney..... July 8, 1878-May 3, 1880
3. James M. Bugbee July 8, 1878-May 5, 1879
4. Henry Walker..... May 5, 1879-April 21, 1882
5. Edward J. Jones March 26, 1880-April 21, 1882
6. Thomas J. Gargan May 3, 1880-April 21, 1882
7. Thomas L. Jerks April 22, 1882-July 23, 1885
8. Nathaniel Wales..... April 22, 1882-July 7, 1885
9. Benjamin D. Barley April 22, 1882-May 6, 1883
10. Michael P. Curran..... May 7, 1883-July 23, 1885
11. Albert T. Whiting..... July 2, 1885-May 6, 1895
12. William H. Lee July 23, 1885-May 28, 1894
13. William M. Osborne July 23, 1885-April 30, 1893
14. Robert F. Clark May 1, 1893-May 4, 1903
15. Augustus P. Martin..... May 28, 1894-May 1, 1899
16. Charles P. Curtis, Jr. May 6, 1895-May 1, 1905
17. Harry F. Adams May 1, 1899-June 4, 1906
18. William H.H. Emmons 1903-1906
19. Stephen O'Meara 1906-1918
20. Edwin Upton Curtis 1918-1922
21. Herbert A. Wilson..... 1922-1930
22. Eugene Hultman..... 1930-1934
23. Joseph J. Leonard..... 1934-1935
24. Eugene M. McSweeney 1935-1936
25. Joseph F. Timilty November 25, 1936-March 27, 1943
26. Thomas S.J. Kavanagh (Acting) ..March 27, 1943-June 5, 1943
27. Joseph F. Timilty June 5, 1943-November 25, 1943
28. Thomas F. Sullivan..... November 26, 1943-August 27, 1957
29. James F. Daley (Acting).... August 27, 1957-September 4, 1957
30. Leo J. Sullivan September 4, 1957-March 15, 1962
31. Francis J. Hennessy (Acting)..... March 15, 1962-April 6, 1962
32. Edmund L. McNamara April 6, 1962-May 1, 1972
33. William J. Taylor (Acting)..... May 1, 1972-November 1, 1972
34. Robert J. DiGrazia..... November 1, 1972-November 15, 1976
35. Joseph M. Jordan (Acting) ...November 15, 1976-July 19, 1977
36. Joseph M. Jordan..... July 19, 1977-February 1, 1985
37. Francis Roache (Acting)..... February 1, 1985-March 13, 1985
38. Francis Roache March 13, 1985-June 30, 1993
39. William J. Bratton June 30, 1993-January 10, 1994
40. Paul F. Evans (Acting) January 10, 1994-February 15, 1994
41. Paul F. Evans February 15, 1994-November 14, 2003
42. James Hussey (Acting) November 14, 2003-February 19, 2004
43. Kathleen O'Toole February 19, 2004-May 31, 2006
44. Al Goslin (Acting)..... May 31, 2006-December 5, 2006
45. Edward F. Davis, III December 5, 2006-November 2013
46. William B. Evans (Acting) November 2013-January 5, 2014
47. William B. EvansJanuary 5, 2014-Present

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June 28, 1833

New Watch arrangement; the men to go out, one division one half the night, the other division the other half, commencing at six o'clock winter, and seven o'clock summer, remaining out till sunrise. The force increased eighteen men. Constable's pay one dollar. Watchmen seventy-five cents.

February 4, 1834

Constables detailed to attend fires.

September 19, 1834

Hair beds furnished for the watch.

June 30, 1835

Special Constables appointed for July Fourth.

December 31, 1835

Watch Appropriation \$27,210.00. Special Constable Appropriation \$3,630.00.

December 20, 1836

Benjamin Pollard, who had been City Marshal for fourteen years, died, and Daniel Parkman was appointed in his stead.

May 11, 1837

Ezra Weston appointed City Marshal.

August 21, 1837

A watch of four men detailed for East Boston.

February 3, 1838

The City Marshal made a descent on gamblers in Milk Street, arresting twelve men.

May 21, 1838

The Legislature having passed a law giving the Mayor and Aldermen of Boston power to appoint "Police officers with any or all of the powers of Constables, except the power of executing a civil process." The Board this day organized a Police force for day duty, to be under the direction of the City Marshal, and six officers were appointed, drawing pay when on actual duty, the new department having no connection with the Watch. There were four watchhouses in the city proper. North Watch, Hancock Schoolhouse, 2 constables, 23 men; East Watch, Joy's Building, 2 Constables, 28 men; South Watch, Common Street, 2 Constables, 22 men; West Watch, Derne Street, 2 Constables, 28 men. The South and East Boston Watch were combined, having 2 Constables, and 9 men, with temporary accommodations at each place. Watch Appropriation, \$30,000.00. Police Appropriation \$3,637.00.

December 31, 1838

The Police force increased to thirteen during the year.

May 1, 1840

James H. Blake appointed City Marshal, James Barry, Captain of the Watch. Police Appropriation \$4,500.00; Watch Appropriation \$40,000.00; Marshal's salary \$1,000.00; Captain of the Watch \$1,000.00; 14 Police, 110 Watchmen. Police pay \$1.75 per day; Watchmen's pay 90 cents per night.

March 28, 1841

Davis and Palmer's store Washington Street, robbed of \$20,000.00 in jewelry. Constable Clapp afterwards recovers the property.

December 31, 1841

The Municipal Court docket for the year showed 569 cases, Judge Thacher having been on the bench 166 days during the year.

November 30, 1843

Centre Watch removed from Joy's building to City building, Court Square. The Captain of the Watch fined for smoking in the street.

July 2, 1844

The South Watch "ordered to be divided, the southern branch to be in Canton Place."

September 19, 1844

A Watchhouse built at South Boston during the fall.

June 23, 1845

Ira Gibbs appointed City Marshal.

June 22, 1846

Francis Tukey appointed City Marshal. During the year under the direction of Marshal Tukey, the Police Department was reorganized. The force numbered 22 during the day, and 8 night officers. The former on duty from eight a.m. till nine p.m. Detailed throughout the city, reporting to the Marshal at eight a.m. and two p.m., at \$2.00 per day. The latter a night force,

particularly for the detection of thieves, at pay of \$1.25

per night. Police Appropriation \$12,000.00. Under

Captain Barry, the watch numbered about one hundred and fifty, going out half of each night, one half the force alternately, first and last watch at a pay of \$1.00 per night. The North Watch was in Cross Street, the Centre under the Court House, the West in Derne Street, Boylston, in Common Street, South at Canton Street, South Boston in Broadway, and a new house building at East Boston.

June 5, 1847

Ship fever raging at Deer Island; large Police force detailed there

January 7, 1848

Marshal Tukey recovered \$1,100.00, stolen from Hughes & Co., by digging in the Public Garden.

April 27, 1848

Watchman David Estes shot on Sister Street, while on duty. Night Policeman James S. Kimball narrowly escaped the same fate at the hands of burglars.

May 2, 1848

Marshal Tukey fined for fast driving.

June 16, 1848

General order to complain for all persons smoking in the streets

December 27, 1848

The Police number 22 day officers, 20 night officers, and 9 specials for Sunday. A Police Clerk appointed. Police appropriation, \$29,000.00; Watch appropriation, \$58,000.00.

May 21, 1849

Marshal Tukey showing up pickpockets at his office.

January 1, 1850

Francis Tukey, City Marshal; James Barry Captain of the Watch. There are 50 Police Officers, 225 Watchmen, the beat of each man averaging over a mile. The expense of Police and Watch, \$113,000.00 per year.

January 1, 1851

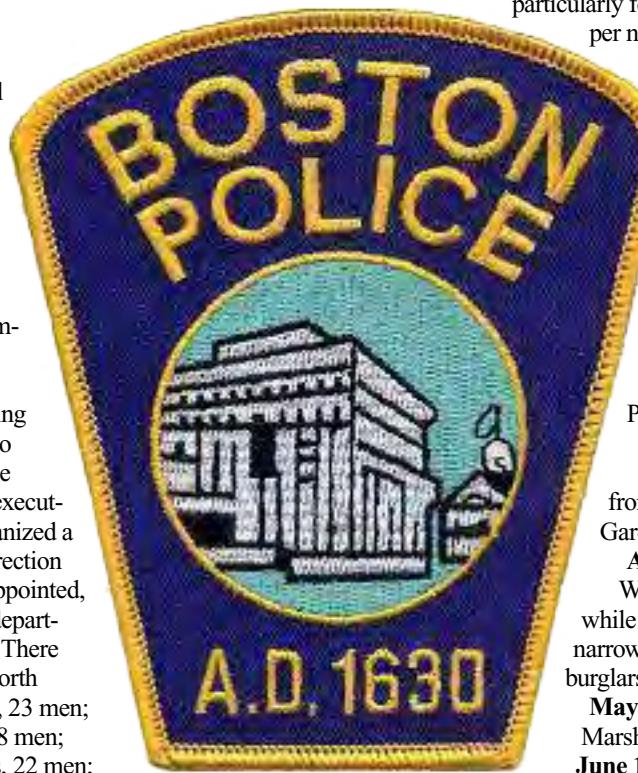
Francis Tukey, City Marshal; James Barry Captain of the Watch. City Marshal has one Deputy City Marshal, one clerk, one superintendent hacks, one superintendent trucks, one superintendent of swill, and one superintendent for intelligence. Day officers were paid \$2.00 per day. Night officers were paid \$1.37-1/2 per night.

April 23, 1851

Police raid on Ann Street resulted in the arrest of 160 bipeds, who were punished for piping, fiddling, dancing, drinking, and attending crimes.

June 24, 1852

Office of City Marshal abolished in Boston and Francis Tukey appointed Chief of Police.



July 19, 1852

Mayor Benjamin Seaver removed Chief of Police Francis Tukey and the whole night force along with part of the day force. Gilbert Nurse, Esq. was appointed Chief of Police.

January 1, 1853

Gilbert Nurse, Chief of Police, with two deputies, the usual number of office men, and 52 day patrolmen. No night police. The Chief's salary was \$1,800.00 and the Police appropriation, \$44,200.00.

April 11, 1853

A oblong six-pointed brass star is issued to the entire police department. This badge is designed to be worn on the left lapel of the coat

June 1853

A Harbor Police is organized, consisting of a Captain and ten men; House at head of Sergeant's wharf. They were furnished with row boats, and armed with Colt's revolvers.

December 29, 1853

James Barry who served 14 years as Captain of the Watch resigned his office. William K. Jones was appointed new Captain of the Watch

May 26, 1854

At 6 PM, the Boston Watch and Police ceased to exist and the Boston Police Department came into being. The new department was under the supervision of a Chief of Police, subject to the direction of the Mayor, and consisted of about 250 men, with the following divisions:

Office at City Hall: Chief, 2 Deputies, 1 Clerk. Superintendent, Hacks, Superintendent, Teams, 5 Detectives.

Station No. 1 - Hanover St.: Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 33 Patrolmen.

Station No. 2 - Court Square: Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 44 Patrolmen.

Station No. 3 - Joy St.: Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 23 Patrolmen.

Station No. 4 - Boylston Mkt.: Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 43 Patrolmen.

Station No. 5 - Canton St.: Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 24 Patrolmen.

Station No. 6 - Broadway St., South Boston: Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 25 Patrolmen.

Station No. 7 - Meridian St., East Boston: Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 19 Patrolmen.

Station No. 8 - Sergeant's Wharf: Captain, 10 Boatmen/Patrolmen.

Chief of Police Robert Taylor, Esq. \$1,800.00 per year; Captains \$3.00 per day; Patrolmen \$2.00 per day.

October 23, 1854

2nd Issue badge introduced; Silver octagon with an attached five-point star with the words "Boston Police" and rank if required.

January 1, 1855

Robert Taylor, Chief of Police; Police appropriation \$188,000.00.

April 9, 1855

Mayor Jerome Van Crowninshield Smith required the Chief of Police to report the "name, age, nativity, residence, time of residence in Boston, former occupation of each member of the department, or applicant for office, and to keep a copy of said list in his office." A Police Committee is also formed consisting of four aldermen.

April 9, 1856

Daniel J. Coburn appointed Chief of Police, with a salary of \$2,200.00, and a horse and chaise. Police appropriation \$198,000.00; The Police Committee reduced from four members to three. An Assistant Clerk is appointed this year.

March 30, 1857

25 year veteran Deputy Chief Hezekiah Earl passed away. Also this date as an act of courtesy the Police Committee appointed members of the Common Council as Police Officers. The Police Force numbers 266 men. A City Prison created at the court house and a Superintendent appointed.

October 18, 1857

Police Officer Ezekiel W. Hodsdon murdered by two burglars in East Boston while attempting their arrest.

December 31, 1857

Police appropriation \$205,500.00. A new station house on East Dedham Street was built for Station No. 5, at a cost of \$17,000.00.

June, 1858

3rd Issue badge introduced; Silver octagon with the numbers cut through the middle of the badge.

August, 1858

Police Telegraph is established.

November 1, 1858

Police uniform created. Blue coat, police buttons, blue pants, and a black vest, dress coat for Chief and Captains, and frock coat for Deputy and Patrolmen. Police appropriation \$214,000.00.

February 28, 1859

Sergeants of Police appointed, two to each station, except the Harbor Police. A new station house for No. 7 is built on Meridian Street, East Boston, at a cost of \$16,000.00, and old Hancock Schoolhouse on Hanover Street, is enlarged and improved for Station No. 1, costing some \$6,000.00. Police appropriation \$229,700.00.

1860

The Police Force increased to 292 men. A Captain of Detectives appointed. A sailboat is purchased for use by the Harbor Police. Police appropriation \$228,000.00.

April 15, 1861

Civil War begins. Josiah L. C. Amee, Chief of Police. Rogue's picture-gallery created.

March 1, 1862

Boston Police Relief Association established, it was dissolved by the members within a year. Police Force increased to 317 men.

August 31, 1862

After the Union defeat at the second Bull Run Battle medical supplies, food, and 20 policemen were dispatched to Washington, DC.

December 1862

New Station House No. 3 on Joy Street is built for \$28,000.00.

March 3, 1863

Colonel John Kurtz appointed Chief of Police.

April 6, 1863

Annual Police appointment ordinance is abolished, and all police officers are sworn into their office.

July 14, 1863

The Great Conscription Riot occurs in the North End.

August 17, 1863

A club two feet long carried in a leather belt is issued to all members of the department.

1865

Colonel John Kurtz, Chief of Police. Police Force numbers 360 men. Civil War ends.

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

A look back to the early 1950's in the BPD

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

Early 50's

BPD The day shift was ten hours: 7:45 am to 5:45 pm. The night shift was divided into two parts, known as the "first half," or evening shift and "last half," the midnight shift. First half went from 5:45 pm to 12:30 am. The last half was 12:30 am until 7:45 am. We worked six days followed by two days off. Every fifth and sixth week we got an extra day off. The pay was low. We were making \$51 a week in 1951.

We traffic officers participated very little in the actual workings of the police department. We were actually looked down upon. I discovered this one day when I answered a call on the police callbox. Before walkie-talkies, the callbox was the way beat officers communicated with the station. If a light flashed on the callbox, there was an emergency and someone from the station was trying to contact an officer in the area. The Department had a total of about 2,800 sworn officers, 300 of whom were in the Traffic Division. Traffic was commanded by Deputy Superintendent Hinchey, plus two captains, O'Brien and Petite. They were assisted by a few lieutenants and a large group of sergeants.

Many officers were content to stay in Traffic, with the exception of the captains who were anxious to command their own stations. We worked rotating shifts, starting with an evening shift from 4 pm to midnight. We returned the next night at midnight and worked a last half until about 8 am. Then we had to be back to work later that afternoon for another evening shift, or first half.

Often that short break was taken up by a required appearance in court, so that we were lucky to get an hour or two of sleep in a twenty-four hour period.

1954

Roll calls were formal. A typical roll call at District 16 consisted of 16 to 24 patrolmen, a lieutenant and one or two sergeants. At the sound of the roll call bell we lined up into two or three rows according to height.

The sergeants would inspect us, checking to see if every officer had the required equipment: a street directory, revolver, ammunition, police baton and callbox key. Also required was your pocket notebook called a filler, in which you wrote of incidents that came to your attention during your tour of duty. One important entry to include was the time and place you met the sergeant during your tour. The lieutenant occasionally collected these pocket fillers and read them.

At roll call we waited at attention for the lieutenant to enter, take his place on the rostrum and read off the assignments for the tour of duty. At the time, there were only men in our station. A typical distribution of the platoon consisted of four men in two cars, two men in the wagon, two men held in the station for clerical duties and the rest on walking routes. There was a priority in filling these assignments: the vehicles were filled first, clerks next, business routes and residential routes last.

After roll call came the commands, "Right face, forward march." We marched out the front door of the station to our assignments. There could not be much stalling because the officers still on duty from the previous shift could not leave until we took their places.

After our group left the station the officers on duty came in to be checked off by the sergeant before they could go. If an officer failed to check off after his tour it was considered a very serious matter and a search immediately was made. We had no communication with the station after we walked out the door, except through the callboxes located around the district. If the station wanted us, lights would flash on top of the callboxes and we were expected to respond within 20 minutes.

The wagon we used was called a Black Maria, no one was sure why, though it was black. We all took our turn at being the rear-end men on the wagon. The rear-end man sat in the back of the wagon with the prisoners up near the front, sometimes handcuffed and some-



times not. This job was one of the least desirable because you would have to go to court with those arrested for drunkenness during your tour. This was before alcoholism was recognized as a medical issue. For this duty there was a \$3 stipend.

The wagon served as an ambulance as well. We carried a filthy blanket and a canvas stretcher between two wooden poles along with a couple of crude splints. It also did duty as a truck carrying police barriers and oil lanterns to mark a hazard or street defect.

We had no facilities for women in any station so after women were arrested and booked, they had to be taken to the 'tombs.' This was the city prison located in the basement of the courthouse. It had a male and female section and when station lockups became full, the overflow was sent there. If prisoners became irrational or out of control, they would be sent there as well and put into "the pads" – a padded cell. Both male and female sections of the tombs had padded cells. The prisoner was stripped naked before being locked up in the pads, including females. A matron was present but often she needed assistance and we officers had to help out.

There was a stable in the basement of the station and a small exercise yard for the horses. Twelve to 15 horses were stabled there and the holsters, civilian employees of the department, were kept busy with them. Weather permitting the day men, the ones who could ride, took their horses out on their routes. They made a splendid appearance and it was great for public relations. They were also used for parades and other ceremonial duties. The original purpose of the horses in District 16 was to allow officers to ride down the numerous public alleys in Back Bay and to see over the fences. The plus side of having horses in the station was bringing your kids in to see them when you came in to pick up your pay. We got paid in cash at that time and you had to pick up your pay envelope and sign for it. The down side was that the station always smelled of horse shit.

It was forbidden to take your personal car to your route, so we would sometimes get a ride in a patrol car or the wagon, but most of the time we walked. Good routes were highly sought after. Some officers stayed on the same route for their whole careers. Mine was Route 5, running from Clarendon to Exeter Streets and from Boylston to Beacon Street. It was a mix of commercial and residential and I enjoyed working there. It had several restaurants, the Darbury Room and the Algonquin Club, among others. These restaurants fed the police. I sometimes joined the officer on an adjoining route and we had dinner together at the Ritz-Carlton. In some restaurants we ate in the dining room, but most of the time we ate in the kitchen.

Walking routes, particularly in the summer were very social. This was an early version of what came to be known as community policing. The beat officers were required to call in from a different callbox every 40 minutes. These calls, or hits, were recorded by the officer on the signal desk. Nobody followed this rule. An officer would make one or two calls during his tour and the signal desk officer would record them as required by regulation. We took turns on the signal desk to cover ourselves.

The police at that time had a great deal of discretionary power. An arrest could be made if the officer believed that an individual may have committed a felony. It did not take much to reach that threshold of belief, so a citizen could be arrested and charged with being a suspicious person who may have committed a felony. If after a day or



two it turned out that he did not commit the felony, he was released. No harm, no foul. The release was at the officers' discretion, so it was no fun being locked up on suspicion. It was not unknown for the arresting officer to take his days off with his prisoner still in a cell. This power was not abused but it was available and used as a last resort. It did have the effect of deterring a lot of housebreaks and street crime.

We had other arrest weapons in our arsenal as well. Being abroad in the nighttime without being able to give a good account of yourself was an arrestable offense. The officer determined what constituted a good account or reason for being out and about at night. Sauntering and Loitering could also get you arrested.

Each week we had a light test. The lights atop the callboxes were set flashing and the lieutenant sat at the signal desk and awaited the response. Every officer on the street had 20 minutes to answer. Once the first officer answered and found that it was a test, the word was passed and we all answered. Woe to any officer who missed a light. The wagon drivers were a special lot. When the wagon was not rolling these officers would sleep on cots and stretchers that they set up in the wagon house. Prisoners at that time were treated differently than they are in the present day. If an arrest had been made of a notorious offender, (a child molester or a cop fighter, for example) that individual was brought out to the cell block and displayed to all officers at roll call. "Take a good look at this guy. If you see this guy around, bring him in" was the invariable comment. The prevailing feeling was that this worked because the offender would take pains to stay out of the district once he got back out on the street. Another practice long since abandoned was the line-up that was held every morning at police headquarters. Each station transported all who were arrested for any significant offense to headquarters for the occasion. The line-up was held in a large room designed for this purpose, complete with a stage where the suspects were paraded against a white backdrop marked with horizontal height lines. Bright lights illuminated the suspects while witnesses and police sat in the darkness. Lt. Crowley generally ran it.

Crime on the rise following arrival of homeless...

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guests...as I am about [the business owners and residents]." Of course, Councilor Pressley didn't want the shelter moving to her Roxbury district when that proposal was floated. And who can blame her or her constituents? Would you? Would the compassionate, tolerant liberals of "Sanctuary Cities" like Brookline or Newton put up with panhandlers in Coolidge Corner or in Newton Centre? Of course not, but in Boston, they give them spare change on their way to work in the office buildings so they can "feel good about themselves" when they drive home at night. And it is the police, the business owners and the employees of the hospitals and hotels who are left to deal with the consequences of "compassionate liberalism." My solution? There's a huge piece of property on Morrissey Blvd. that's not being used for printing newspapers anymore. It's located next to public transportation and a highway, and could easily be used to house hundreds of homeless people and their service providers. And it's across the street from UMass, where thousands of compassionate college students could donate their time to care for, feed and educate the homeless and drug-addicted. Even better, the building itself is filled with good liberals who care for the homeless and would love to share their extra space with the less fortunate before they drive home to Hingham and Dover and Wellesley; maybe even take a few homeless with them? I'm sure that they won't find any "traffic-safety concerns" or "zoning issues" that would preclude the use of the property by the homeless, or claim that it's going to be sold for luxury housing development or anything like that.... D'ya think???

Names and thoughts from all over...

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And the Massachusetts SJC says I can't stop them from driving a car based on detecting marijuana smoke in and of itself. (But if I see them drinking a beer on the Common, I can arrest them immediately for drinking in public, right SJC?) And you people think I'm going to wade into a crowd stoned out of its mind armed with cellphone cameras and enforce a "no smoking" ordinance"? In that fleeting moment, I thought I saw the "Oh my God, what have we done" look on their faces as they realized that civil disorder and decay was now the norm, and that they, as good liberals, had aided and abetted the very situation they were now complaining about. The police are powerless. Light dawned on Marblehead, in that moment. People, you got what you paid for. Don't wish too hard for what you think you want, because you just might get it. Colorado is learning that lesson now, and Massachusetts will to, as marijuana will soon be available for recreational sale here, too.

Forced, mandatory overtime shifts due to short-staffing across the city among the patrol force has taken a toll. Many officers report working in a fog of 18-hour days, going home for a few hours only to drag themselves back for another double-shift. It's almost funny – but it's not – to know that you have to work a voluntary detail or overtime shift in order to prevent yourself from being ordered to work on another undesirable shift, whatever that may be. (I'd rather work a day detail than a morning watch downtown on a Friday or Saturday night...) Many officers report domestic discord, fatigue and an increase in the use of sick time just to have a day off with the family or get some R & R time. Some officers report being ordered

The Parable of the Birdfeeder

ONCE UPON A TIME a man lived in a beautiful community filled with beautiful homes, beautiful lawns, and beautiful people. Beautiful, beautiful, beautiful. But the man decided that there weren't enough beautiful birds in his beautiful neighborhood. "Oh, however shall I attract more birds", he thought. "I know", he said. "I will hang a bird-feeder and fill it with free birdseed! On the first day, beautiful swans came to eat. On the second day, cardinals and robins and bluebirds arrived. The man was very proud and felt good about himself providing free birdseed for hungry birds. But on the third day, pigeons and sparrows and starlings came to eat and chased away the swans and the cardinals and the beautiful birds. And then came hawks and vultures and wild turkeys and flying Wallendas and gliding aardvarks and abacus and anteaters (*the editor's ornithological knowledge is limited, so he opened the dictionary, went to "A" and took a guess. Give him a break...*). And the bad birds dive-bombed the houses and pooped everywhere and created noise and filth and disorder. "Oh my," cried the man, "however will I get rid of the bad birds?" "Take down the birdfeeder, you idiot," said his neighbor. And the man did so, and the birds went away, and then they rested because it was the seventh day or something and they danced and sang and rejoiced and had 72 virgins and they saw that it was good...

And the moral of the story is: If you don't want people taking advantage of you, don't give them free stuff. They'll go away and find suckers elsewhere. **The End.**

to work 24-hours in a row, simply because there's no one left to order for another shift, so the DS is forced to order whoever is physically in front of them to fulfill minimum manning. Many officers hired in the mid-80's are reaching retirement age, so attrition is becoming a real concern. Hiring classes of 45 or 62 officers is simply not helping a tired, beleaguered patrol force, not when classes in the 80's numbered 120 or even 150 recruits. Of course, come January, when the overtime \$\$\$ numbers come in, the media will again embarrass officers and point fingers at "how much" officers made during the past year. "How much I made" doesn't matter when the money is going to a divorce lawyer....

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What happens when everyone is watching?

John Wooden, the famous men's college basketball coach, once said that "the true test of a man's character is what he does when no one is watching." There are some people who do the right thing only when others are watching. And there are others who do the right thing all the time. John Wooden also said "be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are." In this age of policing, are there still times when no one is watching you? What happens when we live in a world where people are watching you all of the time? And what happens when these people are armed with cell phone cameras to record everything you do? Images of police officers are posted to YouTube faster than you can bat an eye, and in your profession, you must always act like someone is watching.

Many years ago, a prisoner was found dead in the District Four suicide cell. An officer came to awake the prisoner in the morning so he could be brought to court, finding only a lifeless body laying on the bench. Over the midnight shift that preceded this discovery, the sergeant had let the inside personnel split the shift as it was a quiet night. During this shift, the prisoner had not been visited on fifteen minute intervals as required by G.L. c. 40, §36(b) and Rule 318, §13. The story I was told by the responding homicide detectives was that the prisoner in the cell across from the dead prisoner claimed that the prisoner was in medical distress before his death. This prisoner acted out for the homicide investigators what he allegedly saw in the cell across from him: he got on his knees, clenched at his throat, and begged for medical help. The prisoner who spoke to the homicide detectives claims that he banged on the bars of his cell and screamed for someone to come help the dying prisoner, yet no one came to aid him. If what this prisoner said was true, someone would have lost their job over this incident. And maybe their house too. Fortunately, what was seen on the video of the suicide cell showed that the dead prisoner spent the entire night laying in a sleeping position on the bench in his cell. Even if he was inspected every minute, it was impossible to tell when his heart stopped beating. In this case, the cameras saved an officer's career, and likely saved the City an expensive pay out. Cameras can hurt us, but they can also save us.

Very shortly, the Boston Police Department will be implementing a pilot program where some officers will be equipped with so-called body cameras. As with everything else, these cameras can help us, but they can also hurt us. In this anti-police climate that we live in, the public expects nothing less than perfection from you. The bar has been set so high that even the most well-intentioned officers are bound to fail when every step they take will be monitored by a camera. Setting aside the absurd Monday morning quarterbacking you will have to endure, you will be working with technology that is not perfect. What happens when you can visually see something with your eyes, yet the camera affixed to your chest fourteen inches lower than your eyes does not offer the same perspective? What happens when you see something in your peripheral vision that is not caught on the camera? Or what happens when you hear things behind you that are not captured on a microphone? And what happens when the report you wrote based upon your memory of a stressful call does not line up perfectly with what the camera captured? We all know that in stressful situations, people not only perceive things differently, but they also recall things differently. Now, your imperfect perception and your imperfect memory will be measured with imperfect technology serving as the plumb line.

Recently, a junior high school classmate of mine (*who was much smarter than me*) posted the below images to Facebook:



one perspective taken from a police body camera rather than having no video taken at all, because at least you will have something other than your own word to support your actions. But what happens when that one image does not tell the full or complete story? What happens when your eyes see something the camera does not? Where will you stand with this unforgiving, anti-police public?

Just before writing this article, I saw some compelling footage of police in Grafton County, New Hampshire shooting a knife wielding suspect that was captured by a body camera. If you have not seen it, check out this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMl3Jw9qck>. It truly was a "shoot or be stabbed" situation with a deranged, knife wielding person charging at the police. When viewing this video, there can be no doubt that the shooting was justified. Without body cameras, we are stuck in a world where the haters out there will inevitably find a reason to believe that the officers in question did something wrong. Let's just hope that when things do not look perfect on the body cameras, that people understand that a body camera is not the be-all and end-all. A picture may not tell the true story. Just ask any first year radiology student. Whether you are wearing a body camera or not, keep in mind that no matter what you do, someone will be watching. Your character will be on display whether you want it to be or not. Unfortunately, John Wooden also said the following: "If you are not making mistakes, then you are not doing anything. I am positive that a doer makes mistakes." We all make mistakes. It's going to happen. Just remember that in this age of policing, everyone is watching.

Keep safe, watch out for each other, and don't forget to smile for the cameras.

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The truth about lying

From the point of view of your BPPA reps and attorneys, the hardest thing to defend is a lie. When a police officer engages in misconduct and lies when confronted or questioned about it, either orally or in writing, or leaves damaging facts out of a report in a situation when they normally should be recorded, the officer has made the job of the BPPA and its lawyers many times more difficult and has jeopardized his (or her) job security that much more. It is always easier to defend the misconduct than to defend the officer's decision to lie about it. Many arbitrators agree with the oft-repeated refrain of management that a police officer's credibility is essential to his ability to do his job, which involves testifying in court. So, while arbitrators may apply normal principles of progressive discipline and disparate treatment to most misconduct cases, they are more likely to use a higher standard for a case of police untruthfulness.

Accusations of lying, or 'untruthfulness' as bureaucracies have renamed it, have always been a concern for public safety employees, but such allegations became even more dangerous in 2005, when the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) decided to rewrite the rules for courts reviewing arbitration decisions. The case in question is *City of Boston v. Boston Police Patrolmen's Association*, 443 Mass. 813 (2005) and it involved allegations against a Boston police officer and BPPA member. The officer was accused of alleged misconduct during an encounter with two citizens who were in a double-parked car. The two individuals left the car and there was an altercation with the officers. Arrests were made. In the aftermath, the officer stated that the individuals had assaulted him and he brought charges against them. On the other hand, the occupants of the car alleged that the officer used excessive force against them. After an internal investigation, the BPD concluded that the officer had used excessive force and had been untruthful about the encounter. The officer was discharged.

The BPPA filed a grievance over the discipline, which eventually went to an arbitrator. BPPA attorney Alan H. Shapiro was able to demonstrate that the officer did not use excessive force and that the alleged victims were not credible. Shapiro and the Union also put on evidence of serious misconduct by other officers that did not result in termination. The arbitrator's ruling was a mixed bag. On the one hand, she agreed that the officer did not use excessive force. She also agreed with the Union that the evidence (especially the comparative discipline of other officers) did not justify a termination. The arbitrator ordered the officer reinstated with a one-year suspension. But the arbitrator also found that the two citizens did not assault the officer, and so, according to her, the officer was lying about that aspect of the case. In the course of her award, the arbitrator repeatedly stated that the officer had lied – first about the assault by the citizens, then when he wrote his report, then when he filed assault charges, then in front of the Department investigator and finally while under oath at the arbitration hearing. The problem was this: the facts as found by the arbitrator cannot be overturned by any Court. While we were thankful for the findings that the officer did not use excessive force and should not have been fired, we were stuck with



a very unpleasant finding – that the officer had lied.

Although the arbitration award was a 'win' for the officer, the BPPA, and attorney Shapiro, the repeated language about lying was a red flag that attracted the attention of all who read the decision. Not surprisingly, the BPD appealed the decision to court – both the Superior Court and Appeals Court reluctantly upheld the arbitrator based on the very broad deference that courts traditionally give to arbitration awards. The theory goes that unions and employers have bargained to have an arbitrator, not a judge, resolve their disputes. This is good because: (1)

it puts labor disputes in the hands of experts who know how to interpret collective bargaining agreements; (2) it reduces the number of cases that the courts have to handle; (3) arbitration is usually faster than Court; and (4) it promotes labor peace between the parties. Because of this policy of broad deference, it was almost unheard of for a Court to overturn an arbitration decision.

Unfortunately, there was a weak link in the chain holding back the courts, and that link was called the "public policy exception." Years earlier, the SJC (and other courts around the country, including the federal system) had created a loophole for those who wanted to challenge arbitrators' awards (those challengers are almost always employers, by the way). Even though the arbitrators' facts and interpretation of the contract were essentially untouchable, if an employer could show that an arbitration award violated a strong public policy, the Court would overturn the award. The Court put caveats on the exception: (1) the strong public policy had to be articulated in laws and regulations, not just generalities; (2) the Court cautioned that it wasn't good enough for the award to violate the public policy, it had to really violate it (or legalese to that effect). Employers latched onto this loophole as a life preserver to save them from drowning in the seas of judicial deference. They used it most frequently in cases where an arbitrator had ordered the reinstatement of an employee who had been discharged. In such cases, the courts stated, the question was not whether the misconduct violated the public policy, but whether reinstating the employee would violate that policy.

Despite the existence of this loophole, time and again, the courts who examined the public policy exception found that it did not apply. *City of Lynn v. Thompson*, 435 Mass. 54 (2001), was probably the high-water mark for judicial deference. In the case, a police officer had attempted to remove a woman from her home pursuant to a commitment order and in doing so, broke the woman's arm. The officer was fired for using excessive force, but the arbitrator found that the force was commensurate with the circumstances and the unexpected breaking of the arm was not the result of any wrongdoing. The employer cited a public policy against using excessive force, but the Court dismissed the claim, saying that it could not change the facts and the arbitrator found no excessive force. But the tide began to turn in the next case, *School District of Beverly v. Geller*, 435 Mass. 223 (2001), in which an arbitrator found that a

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teacher had used force to push a student against a wall. Two justices found that the public policy exception applied, even though there was no evidence that the reinstatement of the teacher would violate a specific public policy. 435 Mass. at 236-237 (Ireland, concurring in the results).

After the BPPA won the case of the “lying” officer at the Appeals Court, the BPD asked the Supreme Judicial Court to review the case, which only happens in about 1 or 2 of every 10 cases. So, when the SJC agreed to take the case, we knew we were in trouble. The SJC found that it violated public policy to force the City to reinstate this officer – this was the first time a Massachusetts appellate court had used the public policy exception to overturn an arbitration award. The Court noted that lying on a police report, filing criminal charges and lying under oath are all felonies and there is a law saying convicted felons cannot be police officers. So, even though the officer was never charged with any felony, the court said that reinstating him would violate a public policy against allowing someone who commits these kinds of acts from working as a police officer.

In a devastating footnote, the SJC threw out all the disparate treatment evidence, saying it was irrelevant how the BPD treated other officers. Unless you have evidence that the BPD discriminated against the officer because of his race or sex or some other protected category, you could bring in two dozen cases of officers getting less punishment for similar or more serious offenses, and it would make no difference. Similarly, if you could somehow produce witnesses who could testify that they had committed misconduct, that the BPD knew about it and they received no discipline at all, that, too, would be irrelevant. Cases like these, the Court said, are evaluated on their own and without regard to what happened to other officers in the past.

The case was shocking to many – particularly arbitrators. Most observers agree that what so angered the court was the fact that the case involved a police officer who, according to the facts found by the arbitrator, had lied again and again. (It is important to note, by the way, that all through this ordeal, the officer contended that he was being punished for telling the story the way he remembered it. Recent studies on memory support the idea that different people in the same situation can have very different memories, yet none of them is consciously lying.) In the 10 years since this case was decided, the repercussions have been felt throughout the labor community, but especially in police departments. Untruthfulness is now the ‘go-to’ allegation of misconduct for employers looking to discharge an officer. There have also been attempts – some successful – to use the language in the case about felonious conduct to lead employers on a hunting expedition through the language of an arbitration award to find the elements of a felony (assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, for example). Those findings of fact may be enough to trigger the public policy exception, at least for police officers

It would be wrong to generalize too much from the case – it does not mean that every termination for untruthfulness will be upheld on appeal, nor does it mean that every allegation of acts that could be the basis for a felony charge will lead to a discharge. But the case does mean that when a police officer is disciplined for misconduct that involves untruthfulness, arbitrators and courts are going to be much more likely to uphold the discipline. So if it was hard to defend a lie before, now it will be even harder.

The Psychology of Lying

Psychologists tell us that everybody lies. But most of the lying we do falls into the category of ‘white lies.’ Charles V. Ford, Ph. D., an expert on lying, describes five categories of lies:

White lies are used to make social interactions more comfortable. They include self-protective lies (“Sorry, I can’t go to the party, I’m feeling sick”) and altruistic lies (“Nice haircut”; “You’ll be fine.”)

Humorous lies are harmless exaggerations used to embellish a story or joke. In these cases, what matters isn’t the truth, but whether the story is funny or not.

Defensive lies are the most dangerous lies and are almost never harmless. “I didn’t do it.” “I wasn’t there.” “I didn’t see anything.”

Aggressive lies are the stuff of rumormongers and bad guys in the movies – you’re not just defending yourself, you’re attacking someone else. “I saw him do it.” “Did you know that he is a [fill in the blank].”

Pathological lies are those told for no rational purpose, but just because the person can’t seem to stop himself. “They’re going to build a movie theater in that lot – sometime next summer.”

There is a sixth category – lies of omission.

Although the experts don’t like to call these lies technically, they are just as dangerous for your job. When you have an obligation to speak up and you remain silent, that is a type of untruthfulness. These can be divided into at least two categories – silence on your own behalf (you did it but you aren’t admitting it) and on behalf of someone else (you know who did it but you won’t say). Both types of silent lies can subject you to disciplinary action.

Note that lies that seem harmless in some contexts can turn serious when told in an employment context. “I can’t go to the party because I’m sick” may be a white lie, but “I can’t come to work because I’m sick” can subject the officer to disciplinary action. Exaggerations when you’re describing the fish that got away are fine, but work-related exaggerations or downplaying can lead to discipline (“he was yelling at the top of his lungs” “she hit me several times” “the car was going about 90 miles an hour” “I barely touched it” “I did not raise my voice”).

The time to stop the lying is at the beginning, because the more you lie about the misconduct, the harder it is to tell the truth about it. The psychologists tell us that liars are often trying to convince themselves that they did not commit the misconduct – it is much easier to lie convincingly to others if you’ve already convinced yourself that the lie is true. According to Doctor Ford, “the lie facilitates self-deception; people lie to others in order to lie to themselves.” If you find yourself telling people, “I know it’s hard to believe, but ...” take a step back and ask if maybe it’s hard to believe because it’s not true. If you filter everything you say through a “Will this make me look bad?” filter, make sure you are not filtering out the truth from your statements. Don’t become the victim of your own deception.

Knowing that many of us have a tendency to lie in our own defense when we do something wrong is not an excuse. Instead, knowing this fact about human nature should put us on notice that, when we engage in misconduct, the temptation to lie will be strong. We should be prepared to fight it. Remember: almost no one who tells a lie believes that they will be caught, yet think of how many lies are exposed on a regular basis. Knowing the wrongdoers have a tendency to lie in their own defense also means that those investigating the misconduct will be looking for signs of lying and self-deception, just as you do when investigating crimes. So, if you screw up, ‘fess up. You may take a hit, but your union and your union attorneys will do our best to see that you get a fair shake. If you screw up and lie about it too, you’re not avoiding the pain, you’re only postponing it, while making it much harder for us to defend you.

Stats show a drop in gun-related police deaths... but it sure doesn't feel that way

By Danny O'Donnell, District 4

National statistics show a 19% drop in gunfire-related fatalities on police officers in 2015, but it sure doesn't feel like it. What makes this year different? Of course, the fraudulent groups, "Black Lives Matter" and the "New Black Panther Party" are not hiding their sadistic messages.

A video was recently posted showing a large group of the New Black Panther Party chanting that cops/pigs should be killed as a sort of retribution. My opinion, is that Deputy **Darren Goforth** from Texas was a casualty of that type of a call to violence on Police Officers. Throw the media into the mix as well, because, apparently, all you need is a cell phone and a right arm to hold it up, and whammo... you're a journalist.

Evidently, there is no journalistic integrity required from the "reporter" or the news media editors, who eat up this garbage. A recent example of this happened right here in our backyard. We have all seen the video by now, and the ridiculous attempt by local news to ignite a "choke hold arrest" by our department. Everyone knows that was not the case.

The reaction to our Officer's response was an obvious rush to judgment. An attempt that failed as our Commissioner and Mayor both rebutted the charges levied against our Officers. (Scary thought as to what would have become of that incident had Commissioner Davis or New York Mayor DiBlasio been in charge).

What is more frustrating, is that if you really look at the video, and not as a Police Officer or even a newsroom editor with an agenda, but as a human being, how can you not be disgusted with the behavior of the fool talking into the phone, as well as the kid holding it? Is this acceptable behavior now? I take that back. It's not a question; it's a statement of fact.

Somewhere along the line, these types of antics have been just accepted by us as a nation, and not just accepted, but encouraged. It all started from the top.

We have a Commander-in-Chief who never misses an opportunity to hold a press conference when his silent advisors tell him to. This snowball first started, slowly, when he said "Cambridge Police acted stupidly," and continued to grow larger with comments like, "if I had a son, he would look like Trayvon." The ill-informed public and the national media began to catch onto the President's cues and turned a teenager's death, not by the actions of a Police Officer, (it's amazing how many people think Zimmerman was a cop), but a neighborhood watchman, into a nationwide firestorm about race relations and hoodies. Slogans and rallies with an anti-Police action began to be the norm.

From Capitol Hill, to city streets, to NFL football fields, the dialogue grew in size. The rhetoric was fierce; police are racists. "We the Police," are actively looking to harass and kill young men of color. Any claim of police brutality or race-based actions were obviously the truth and exactly what happened according to the media and most elected Officials. The country has been flooded with this type of rhetoric, so that even the rational population has begun to wonder. Police must be the problem, and they are killing our youth.

Just watch all those "unedited" You Tube videos and nightly news reports ... It must be true, right?? Basically, consider the old saying... "if it looks like a duck, and walks like a duck, it's a duck." But, pay

no attention to the fact that it's actually a dog dressed up to look like a duck. Just pull off its mask and see what the truth is... although people usually don't want to go the extra mile for the truth.

Just how ridiculous is the anti-police campaign? Uniformed Officers around the country are being denied service at restaurants and coffee shops. Let me repeat that... uniformed Officers are being **DENIED** service at restaurants and coffee shops. The latest incident involved a Providence, Rhode Island Police Officer who went into a Dunkin' Donuts and was met, immediately, with an ignorant employee who didn't hide the fact that she was not pleased to serve a Police Officer. As he was leaving the store, the Officer noticed that the employee decided to let the Officer really know how she felt. #blacklivesmatter was scrawled on the cup.

This is not an isolated incident; numerous reports are coming in from all over the country. I'm really at a loss for words on this new development.... I'm sure the ACLU is right on top of this story and will have a statement soon condemning these businesses and their employees. I'm just not holding my breath.

Last year, incidents of what people tried to categorize as civil unrest erupted in Ferguson, Missouri and Baltimore, Maryland. The outrageous acts of thievery and violence finally forced the President into action. In the wake of the Ferguson riots, President **Barack Obama** and Attorney General **Eric Holder** systematically began to disarm police departments across the country with stringent rules of engagement. In addition, Federal funding was cut across the board, especially riot-response equipment. Apparently, the sight of a Police Officer in riot gear somehow frightens people into thinking the military is patrolling the streets. I'm sorry, but if we are going to be subjected to having rocks, bottles, molotov cocktails, and in some cases shots being fired at, I think a helmet with a shield might be nice.

No, no, don't condemn citizens who are burning and looting their very own neighborhoods. Complain that the police response to this nonsense is overkill... we need to disarm the police and input strict regulations on the only group that is actually protecting life and property.

This is why slanted percentages of Officers being killed in the line of duty should be thrown out the window. We are faced with a new, nationwide threat of violence and ignorance simply because of the uniform we wear. Talk about regressing as a nation.... Officers being ambushed is becoming more common.

Officers across the country are responding to routine calls for police service, only to be shot at by cowards who "lure" them in with a plea for assistance. In December of 2014, somebody decided to carryout a public execution. After posting his plan to kill police Officers that day on Facebook, two NYPD Officers were murdered while sitting in a cruiser. Texas Deputy Goforth was executed while simply filling up at a gas station. A Police Officer in Cincinnati arrived at a call for a person with a gun. The "911 caller" approached Officer Kim and opened fire killing him...

Is this just par for the course of being a Police Officer? That's what CNN would like you to believe when they say Officer deaths by gunfire are actually down 19%; nope, nothing to see here....

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Daytona Beach Police Chief: “Police should deal with issues of poverty, inequity”

By James W. Carnell, Pax Editor

AT A RECENT PERF (Police Executive Research Forum) conference, police executives and academics from around the country gathered to discuss issues related to “Re-engineering training on police use of force,” in light of several recent, highly-publicized incidents such as Ferguson, MO., and Baltimore, MD.

During the conference, which was held in both Chicago and Washington, DC, police executives offered ideas and solutions about tactics and strategies that have or haven’t worked and some new ideas for these difficult times. As one of the safer and more successful cities in America, Boston was ably represented by **Supt. Kevin Buckley.**

The *Boston Globe*’s columnist Joan Vennochi first discussed this conference in her opinion/editorial dated Sept. 6th, 2015. In that editorial, Vennochi heaps praise upon those who advocate “re-training” of police officers, who are presumed, or so it would seem from her opinion, to be responsible for incidents such as those which occurred in Ferguson or Baltimore. Not once in her editorial is the violent behavior of the suspects mentioned as a proximate cause of the rioting that occurred in those, and other, cities across America. Rather, it is the police who must change, back down, “de-escalate” situations which often occur within split seconds and are thoroughly beyond an officer’s control. The liberal presumption, with benefit of 20-20 hindsight while sitting in the comfort of their office, safe in front of a computer, is that there are magic ways that police officers can control deadly, terrifying situations if they only listen to the wisdom imparted to them by academics and experts sitting in conference rooms in Chicago or Washington DC. (By the way, PERF and the conference attendees might want to take a look out their windows and apply their vast knowledge to their host cities: Chicago and Washington, DC are not exactly paragons of virtue when it comes to crime. I hope they had street cops to escort them to and from their hotel rooms....)

Anyway, Vennochi absolutely gushes over comments attributed to Daytona Beach, Fla. Police Chief **Michael Chitwood** at the PERF conference. Chief Chitwood says (*direct quote from conference report*), “*People are calling us because of poverty, inequity, and all these other issues. And our young men and women have to be able to deal with that.*” HUH? What does that mean? Poverty and inequity, as issues, are now dumped on patrol officers to deal with? As if we don’t have enough to deal with? As the saying goes, (appropriate for Florida) “When you’re up to your arse in alligators, it’s a little hard to remember that your job was to drain the swamp”.

I tried to contact the Daytona Beach Police Dept. seeking clarification or comment, but I was shunted from one voice-recording to the next: nobody seemed to know exactly who was available/authorized to comment. Therefore, I’ll have to let Chief Chitwood’s comments, praised by the executives at PERF and a liberal columnist for their keen insightfulness, stand as quoted. Are street cops now somehow responsible for issues of “poverty” and perceived “inequity?” Isn’t that what President Johnson’s “Great Society” initiatives, begun in 1965, were supposed to deal with? Why is the failure of liberal policies and programs now being dumped on street cops, among everything else? Dump it on the police....

I recall what a long-retired officer once told me in District 2 many years ago: “Kid, you’re all alone, and you’re always put in the middle of other people’s problems. The brass, the stars, bars and feathers won’t be there when you’re rolling around in a project hallway with some crazy junkie on a piss-covered floor. Take care of you and your partners. After that, make sure you go home at night and screw them all.”

Geez, that’s a hell of a lot better advice than Chief Chitwood’s, don’t you think?

Stats show a drop in gun-related police deaths... but it sure doesn't feel that way

From **Gun-related** on page 45

I see it differently; there is a nasty message being broadcast by the media as well as local and national politicians, including the POTUS.

The message is absolutely real and it has been delivered to these scrubs *ad nauseum*. If you have an encounter with Police Officers, act in an aggressive and confrontational manner, and make sure you are loud enough to gather a crowd with cell phone cameras in tow.

There are also individuals who are willing to shoot and kill Police Officers without remorse; all they need is a little push to act. No one will judge them on their actions.... they are just carrying out the message.

Yes, there will be coverage and “outrage” that an Officer was killed simply for wearing a uniform, just as Deputy Goforth was. What won’t be discussed, is why these types of incidents are happening. The issue won’t be dissected because deep down, the mainstream media know where the trail will end. It ends where it all started, from the President’s pulpit. While the President is not hiding the fact that he wants to politicize the mass school shooting in Oregon, gun control activists know they have the White House as its own political

bulldog for disarming law-abiding citizens. Maybe the country would follow him if he would forcefully condemn the mass shootings and lives being lost that happen every week in his hometown of Chicago. Speak out against the violence there and denounce those lives being lost as unfathomable. Tell a grieving family member in Chicago that their son “could be his.” Hell, do it without cameras and just act the way a leader should.

The President has shown countless times he is very willing to comment on a “local issue” when it fits his agenda. How could the carnage that happens in his own home city not infuriate, even shame him to take some action? Unfortunately for us, this would require the President and the media to recognize that this country has lost its ability to hold people accountable for their actions. Personal responsibility is becoming a thing of the past. It is an accepted way of life for certain corners of the country to point fingers and blame everyone else for their actions.

The Greatest Generation that built the structure of our modern world has now been replaced by the blameless generation.



“The Union sucks!”

I hear this a lot. Usually from a disgruntled person who didn't get their way when they had an issue that needed resolving. I also hear it from people who got disciplined for something, and now feel that the union didn't do enough to help or protect them. Others don't like some of the language in the contract, and are looking for someone to blame. Still others have their own ‘pet reasons’. In an ironic twist, none of these people ever participate in the BPPA/EMS, or show up at a Union meeting. But what exactly are these people talking about anyways? What is ‘The Union’?

Well, the simple answer is: The Union is us.

The structure of the BPPA/EMS Division is tiered, much like our BLS/ALS response model.

Everyone in the bargaining unit, from Field and Operations EMTs, Paramedics, Lieutenants and Captains, and on up to people up in training, and a few brave souls in the office tell their elected representatives what they want done, and what they want addressed.

These representatives in turn attend monthly House of Reps meetings, with the Executive Board in attendance. The Reps bring the concerns of the membership to the room, and the E-Board for open discussion. There are some really good productive discussions. There are also arguments and fights. Sometimes it can be quite entertaining. No one gets ‘shushed’. Ever. I hear that complaint a lot too. In years of meetings, I've never seen it happen. Even when a member is bringing something truly bizarre to the floor, he or she is heard out, and believe me, there have been some doozies.

Matters that are discussed in these meetings, and any solutions, remedies, clarifications or fixes decided upon are then carried by the House of Reps members back to their constituents. Similarly, the Executive Board moves to put into motion direction given to it by the membership via the House of Reps. It is the wants and needs of the membership, communicated by the House of Reps that drives the Executive Board. Without direction from the membership, via the House of Reps, the Executive Board does nothing. It sits idle and takes no action. Just from the last meeting alone, the E-Board is actively:

1. sticking up for several members in the discipline arena.
2. engaged in financial discussions with the BPPA.
3. Ironing out how the AEMT program will be implemented.
4. making sure no one gets screwed with health insurance rate hikes.
5. Making sure we get some decent new ambulances to work in, and our voices are heard in their design.

6. Making sure the upcoming Union elections are fair, and conducted transparently.

7. Making sure members understand the intricacies of MOT, and other contract stipulations.

8. implementing a myriad of other smaller issues, and motions brought up in the meeting.

In addition to this, AND everything that has come before in past meetings, the E-Board feels that there are some important issues on the National and State level that they can influence to help make working conditions, and standards better not only for us, but for all EMTs everywhere. They have taken the initiative to fight for some positive changes in our profession, additional benefits for all of us, and greater job security,

safety, recognition, and retirement, just to name a few. The House of Reps has green-lighted all of these efforts.

None of this is unique to the members who currently sit in the positions of the Union Executive Board. Some of this stuff has been going on for a long time. E-Boards of years-gone-by have done the same, fighting for the betterment of the membership. One only has to look at past contracts to realize how hard fought some of our working conditions and benefits are. The Union is the only reason some of us are here at all. “Unity and Strength” isn't just a catchy slogan.

I have heard some folks say that they feel the E-board spends too much time in D.C., and not enough time working on how to make things better day-to-day right here in Boston. Indeed, EMTs and paramedics feel beleaguered with a crushing call load, a roster that looks like Swiss cheese, and an attrition rate that threatens to eclipse academy class sizes. The fix for this is a simple one:

Tell them to stop.

The Executive Board has said it several times during multiple meetings. They feel that some of this National and State level stuff is really, really important. However, if the membership does not want them to pursue an issue, tell them. They'll stop. They'll tell you why it'd be abysmally stupid to abandon some of these issues and concerns, but ultimately, they are beholden to the membership. It was the membership that elected them to those positions in the first place. They've said it repeatedly. As a group. tell them. Tell your Rep. They'll stop.

So, the next time a co-worker is bellyaching about how much the ‘Union sucks’, hand him or her a mirror, and have them ask the first person they see why it sucks, or better yet, ask who can get involved in changing it, or even better, supporting it, regardless of who is in the drivers' seat. Then slap them. Tell them I said it was okay.

Boston Police Softball with a Back to Back Champion

By Ed MacPherson

Eight softball teams gathered together at M Street Park in South Boston on Saturday October 10, 2015 to do battle for the second consecutive year. This tournament began at 9 am with games being played on both fields all day until the finals which ended at 6 pm. Our goal this year was to have an all Boston Police tournament but we fell just short. The gang unit had to drop out at the last minute due to various commitments their players had. We are all very thankful to **Bruce Greim** and the Eversource team for agreeing to fill in with such short notice.

All five Areas were represented as well as Area F with Special Ops. & Headquarters. Area B absorbed any remaining players able to play from the gang unit.

Eversource rounded out the eight teams.

Two divisions of four teams had at it. Division #1 came down to Area A vs Area D with Area D winning in a close game despite the final score 10 - 3. Division #2 was a rematch of last year's final game. Area B vs Eversource. Again, Area B was just too much for the

Eversource team to handle with Area B winning 19 - 9. This set up a final contest between Area D and Area B. Area B ended up with the victory winning 13 - 6. This gives Area B back to back Championships, with a little help from the gang unit that is.

Congratulations to Area B!

We all got together on a beautiful sunny Saturday in October with family, friends, and co-workers to relax and have a little fun. Isn't that what it's all about?

I want to thank the Union for everything they did to make this a great day. Eight members gave up their Saturday on this holiday weekend. They worked hard setting up the food truck and grilled all day to feed everyone. Thank you also to Jonathan Stratton for handling the umpiring duties and Javier Velasquez for providing the shirts. A great job was done by all who were involved. Let's hope we can continue this event every year.

Thanks again to all.





The gatekeepers of chaos

By P.O. Jay Moccia

My kids got me a “Suns Out Guns Out” T-shirt...it was long sleeved.



I visited a “clothing optional” beach this summer. They told me it wasn’t an option...



Somehow I always end up on my brother-in-law’s boat during “Shark Week”. It wouldn’t be so bad, but he calls me Chum.



No one goes to the beach, looks out at the water and doesn’t hear the “Jaws” music.



I won’t say I’m old, but I was at a party and all the younger guys at the table were showing pictures of girls on their phones, no one wanted see my pics of food and my dog.



What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas. What happens in work gets talked about forever...#legends



The Red Sox sucked so bad this year, aerial coverage was provided by the Hindenburg.



Hitting the snooze button on your alarm clock is like drinking O’Doul’s.



Are cops the only profession that works on their vacation?



Kids are your participant trophy for sex.



If you see someone picking their nose in the store or work, it grosses you out. So why is it that when you’re in the car it’s OK? (thanks RT)



I still keep my eyes and ears open at work, even though I can’t see or hear \$#!+.



This summer was so busy more guys got whacked on Friday nights than in all three Godfather movies. #yaordered!!



Some cops are proactive, some reactive, some aggressive, or passive. My policing style is sarcastic.



I got so tanned this summer, I got Casino money.



Two things it is impossible to get rid of. Sand from the beach in your car, and pine needles from your Christmas tree.



Whenever you get in trouble, it is usually for something you did or didn’t do, BUT if you don’t do anything you’ll be OK.



I agree with feminists, Porn creates unrealistic expectations. I mean really have you seen those guys???



It is impossible to cheat on these three: your barber, your dentist, and your dog.



I hate Levi’s not only do they tell how fat you are, but how short, too!



If you choose to kneel, you may never be able to stand.



I’m ready for Hillary...to go to JAIL!!!



Does anyone else see the irony? Hillary kept her server in the bathroom, and her excuses are full of you know what! (Hey, this is a family paper.)



When meeting with an Italian it is mandatory to provide food, come to think of it, when an Italian talks to himself food’s mandatory.



It’s unfair to judge how cops handle EDP’s. We have to figure out in 6 seconds what takes trained doctors months to discover.



People...tattoos are forever! 20 years and 50 pounds will make that Playboy bunny look like Mickey Mouse...



I saw a guy at the Jazz Festival playing air guitar in the crowd, is that like coaching from the sidelines?



I just may punch someone...”Officer I parked my car about three streets that way, is it OK there?”



When an event has more cops than spectators, it should be cancelled.



There is no problem in life that cannot be eased with any of these three things: Money, hugs, or bacon.



I don’t see the glass as half full or half empty, I see it smashed over my head...



Most men’s dancing ability increases exponentially in relation to the amount of alcohol they have consumed.



Love him or hate him, but Donald Trump is making all the other candidates better.



As a dad, I’m obligated to make “Dad Jokes.” Unfortunately, they do not translate well to other languages/cultures. Case in point: I went to a convenience store to grab ice and half & half. As the clerk placed my two items in the same bag I said; “looks like I’m getting ice cream.” To which the clerk replied in a thick accent: “Ice cream in last chest.”



If you got, God forbid, got cancer of the taste bud, and you were told by your doc that they were sending you to a specialist with 25 years experience in cancer of the taste bud, you would hang on EVERY word that guy said. So why is it that cops with a ton of time on are routinely ignored??



Cops were ordered on an epic scale this summer. And while they were compensated for their time by OT pay, who compensates them for the time they were taken away from their families?



The Massachusetts State Supreme Court has determined that lying

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Area D's Sixth Annual Golf Open a success

On September 21, 2015, District 4 and 14 held their annual Area D Open Golf Tournament at the Wampatuck Country Club in Canton.

This was the sixth year Area D has come together for a excellent day of golf and many laughs. The past two years, the Open has raised money for schools that our Officer's children attend. The Nashoba Learning Group in Bedford, the House of Possibilities in Easton and the Willi-Prader Clinic at the Franciscan Children's Hospital in Brighton.

The Area D Open Tournament Committee would like to thank the Lenox Hotel for their continued support in making our day a huge success. Thank you to Captain Ivens and Captain Lanchester for taking time from their busy schedules and joining us for a wonderful day on the links.

Our tournament is gaining steam, we appreciate all our sponsors, especially the BPPA. Hopefully we will have continued success in future years.

*—P.O. Danny O'Donnell,
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SPORTS TRIVIA

By Bill Carroll

1. What baseball Hall of Famer hit the only walk off home run to win the World Series?
2. Who was the last American League shortstop to win Rookie of the Year honors?
3. Can you name the four Cuban-born major leaguers to win the Rookie of the Year award?
4. Who was the first Red Sox player to hit 30 homers in a season?
5. What two current Red Sox won a Rookie of the Year Award?
6. What Hall of Fame pitcher won the most Gold Glove Awards?
7. Who was the last Red Sox player to have a walk off base hit to win a post season game?
8. Who was the last player to win a World Series game with a walk-off hit?
9. Can you name the only two players to hit a homerun in their first World Series at bat and be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame?
10. Can you name the two Hall of Fame pitchers to win 300 games and never pitch in the World Series?

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No benefits increase expected for Social Security recipients in 2016

By Stephen Ohlemacher, Associated Press

For just the third time in 40 years, millions of Social Security recipients, disabled veterans, and federal retirees can expect no increase in benefits next year, unwelcome news for more than one-fifth of the nation's population.

They can blame low gas prices.

By law, the annual cost-of-living adjustment, or COLA, is based on a government measure of inflation, which is being dragged down by lower prices at the pump.

The government is scheduled to announce the COLA — or lack of one — on Thursday, when it releases the Consumer Price Index for September. Inflation has been so low this year that economists say there is little chance the September numbers will produce a benefit increase for next year.

Prices actually have dropped from a year ago, according to the inflation measure used for the COLA.

"It's a very high probability that it will be zero," said economist Polina Vlasenko, at the American Institute for Economic Research. "Other prices — other than energy — would have to jump. It would have to be a very sizable increase that would be visible."

Congress enacted automatic increases for Social Security beneficiaries in 1975, when inflation was high and there was a lot of pressure to regularly raise benefits. Since then, increases have averaged 4 percent a year. Only in 2010 and 2011 have there been no increases.

"This would affect all beneficiaries. This kind of an increase is unprecedented."

Tricia Neuman, Kaiser Family Foundation, on projected jumps in

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In all, the COLA affects payments to more than 70 million Americans.

Almost 60 million retirees, disabled workers, spouses, and children get Social Security benefits. The average monthly payment is \$1,224.

The COLA also affects benefits for about 4 million disabled veterans, 2.5 million federal retirees and their survivors, and more than 8 million people who get Supplemental Security Income, the disability program for the poor. Many people who get SSI also receive Social Security.

Carol Mead of Montrose, Pa., said she and her husband were counting on the Social Security COLA.

"My husband is working just so we can pay our bills," said Mead, a retired land-use administrator. "He's 70 years old, and he's still working in a stone quarry. He's told me a number of times that he thinks he's going to have to work until the day he dies."

More bad news: The lack of a COLA means older people could face higher health care costs.

Most have their Medicare Part B premiums deducted directly from their Social Security payments, and the annual cost-of-living increase is usually enough to cover any rise in premiums. When that doesn't happen, a longstanding federal "hold harmless" law protects the majority of beneficiaries from having their Social Security payments reduced.

But that leaves about 30 percent of Medicare beneficiaries on the hook for a premium increase that otherwise would be spread among all. Those who would pay the higher premiums include 2.8 million new beneficiaries, 1.6 million whose premiums are not deducted from their Social Security payments, and 3.1 million people with higher incomes.

Their premiums could jump by about \$54 a month, or 50 percent. Those with higher incomes would pay even larger amounts.

States also would feel a budget impact because they pay part of the Medicare premium for about 10 million low-income beneficiaries.

All beneficiaries would see their Part B annual deductible for outpatient care jump by \$76, to an estimated \$223. The deductible is the annual amount patients pay before Medicare kicks in.

"This would affect all beneficiaries," said Tricia Neuman of the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation. "This kind of an increase is unprecedented."

Senate Democrats have introduced legislation that would freeze Medicare's Part B premium and deductible for 2016, but its prospects are uncertain.

White House spokeswoman Katie Hill said, "We share the goal of keeping Medicare's premiums affordable, and are exploring all options."

By law, the cost-of-living adjustment is based on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, or CPI-W, a broad measure of consumer prices generated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The COLA is calculated by comparing consumer prices in July,



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August, and September each year with prices in the same three months from the previous year.

If prices go up, benefits go up. If prices drop or stay flat, benefits stay the same.

The numbers for July and August show that, overall, consumer prices have fallen since last year. Fuel prices are down by 23 percent from a year ago, according to the August inflation report. But prices for some other goods and services, such as health care and housing, are up.

Advocates argue that the government's measure of inflation doesn't accurately reflect price increases in the goods and services that older Americans use.

"The COLA is determined by the buying power of younger working adults," said Mary Johnson of The Senior Citizens League.

Many advocates for seniors want Congress to adopt an experimental price index that seeks to capture the inflation experienced by Americans 62 and older. The Social Security Administration estimates it would increase the annual COLA by an average of 0.2 percentage points — which still might not be enough to generate a COLA for next year.

Lee Marshall of Greenville, Calif., said the current inflation index isn't good enough.

"They have a formula that they use that doesn't reflect the actual cost of living," said Marshall, 68, a retired laborer and casino dealer. "Just because the price of gas is going down, that doesn't mean anything."

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Sports trivia...

From **Sports Trivia** on page 51

10. The two Hall of Fame pitchers who won over 300 career games and never pitched in a World Series are Gaylord Perry and Phil Niekro.
9. The only two players to hit a home run in their first World Series at bat and be induced into the Baseball Hall of Fame are Mel Ott of the New York Giants and Brooks Robinson of the Baltimore Orioles.
8. The last player to win a World Series game with a walk-off hit was of the eleven-time third baseman David Freese who homered in the bottom of the eleventh inning against the Rangers in game six of the 2011 Fall Classic.
7. The last Red Sox player to have a walk-off base hit to win a post-season game was Jarrod Saltalamacchia who singled in the ninth season of game 2 of the ALCs in 2013 against the Tigers.
6. Hall of Fame right-hander Greg Maddux won 18 Gold Gloves during his career.
5. The two current Red Sox that won Rookie of the Year Awards are Hanley Ramirez with the Marlins in 2003 and Dustin Pedroia with the Sox in 2007.
4. The first Red Sox player to hit 30 home runs in a season was Jimmy Foxx in 1936.
3. The four Cuban-born players to win a Rookie of the Year Award are Tony Oliva, Twins, 1964; Jose Canseco, Athletics, 1988; Jose Fernandez, Marlins, 2013; and Jose Abreu, White Sox, 2014.
2. The last Cuban League shortstop to win the Rookie of the Year Award was Angel Berroa of the Kansas City Royals in 2003.
1. Pirates second baseman Bill Mazeroski hit a home run in the bottom of the ninth inning of game 7 on October 13, 1960 against the Yankees to win the World Series.

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NAPO statement on the murder of enforcement officers

The men and women of the National Association of Police Organizations condemn in the strongest possible terms the brutal and deliberate ambush murders of America's police officers. Yet again, persistent and nationwide calls for the killing of officers, coupled with the deafening silence of America's elected and appointed officials, has led to another cowardly assassination of one of our finest.

While we mourn and grieve and commit ourselves to supporting the survivors, we must also stand up and speak out against the dim-witted agitators and craven politicians who helped bring about these murders. Don't think there is a connection? Think again:

Tuesday, August 25, 2015, Participants on the Texas radio program "F**k YoFlag" call for the murder of police officers.

Wednesday, August 26, 2015, U.S. Department of Justice news release headline: "Four Individuals Sentenced for Biodiesel Production Fraud."

Friday, August 28, 2015, Harris County, Texas Deputy Darren Goforth executed, shot in the back of his head while fueling his car in full uniform.

Saturday, December 13, 2014, Marchers in New York City chant "What do we want? Dead cops! When do we want it? Now!"

Friday, December 19, 2014, U.S. Department of Justice news release headline: "New York Man Sentenced to 24 Months in Prison for Odometer Fraud Scheme."

Saturday, December 20, 2014, New York Police Department Patrolmen Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu are assassinated, sitting in their patrol car guarding a housing project.

Saturday, August 29, 2015, Marchers in Minnesota chant: "Pigs in a blanket, fry 'em like bacon!"

Sunday, August 30, 2015, U.S. Department of Justice news release headline: "Department of Justice Settles Housing Discrimination lawsuit Against Owners of Mobile Home Park."

Next date and location?

Starting to see a pattern? Does it seem like it's about time for the Department of Justice and the White House to focus as much energy and attention on the murder of police officers as they spend on who gets to live in which trailer park? This is a nationwide problem, with nationally organized calls for violence against police, and national media coverage. It absolutely requires a response from the highest national levels.

Mr. President. Madam Attorney General, you've got a war on cops on your hands. This administration helped foster the climate that made this war possible. The constant message that America's police need to be reformed, monitored, investigated, prosecuted without any distinction as to the merits and valor of the individual men and women who do this job is beyond tiresome, it is deadly. Tepid responses to these murders do nothing to discourage future attacks, let alone change the culture that becomes increasingly strident in its calls for killings with each officer's death. You have the ability and the platform with which to stem this violence. It shouldn't take us to remind you that stopping the spilling of officers' blood is the first step

without which no other person, business or community in this nation can be safe.

The gatekeepers of chaos...

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during a campaign is not "inconsistent with free speech". So let's get this straight: Politicians can lie, and not be held accountable, but if a cop lies, he's FIRED?



With man power shortages rampant throughout the department, coming to work is like being a schoolboy on Sunday night. #idontwannago



The cost of supporting illegal aliens is constant and ongoing, with the potential to only go up. The cost of deportation is a one-time fee.



Planned Parenthood has come under fire for a controversy surrounding videos exposing the sale of organs from aborted babies. Funny how a baby is an inanimate object, to these abortionists, until they can turn a profit from it. Pro Life, Pro Choice or indifferent, if watching those "doctors" talk about selling parts of a child so they can buy a luxury sports car doesn't turn your stomach, you may be as big a monster. Paging Doctor Mengele...



Tell me if you've heard this one before: A nut job gets a gun and shoots up a school. This time it was Oregon. As even a casual fan of mine knows, I am Pro 2A, and NRA, and agree that people who are mentally unstable should not be allowed near firearms, as I'm sure all of you would agree. So why is it that instead of addressing the issue, Obama and the Liberals want to ban all guns? And does anyone really think that's the answer? Does anyone believe that if the Government confiscated every gun, there would never be another shooting in the US?



Sen. Lie-zy Warren gave a speech in which she sang the praises of "#Black Lives Matter". Senator, all lives matter, and for you to hitch your wagon to a group that encourages assault and murder of police officer is reprehensible. You are a disgrace! I've been a Police Officer for almost as long as you've been a fake Indian, and believe me, 99% of us are not what the media/BLM portrays us as. To the contrary, we are probably one of the few diverse groups that for the most part get along with each other, despite what you may think. When your life depends on your coworker, you tend to treat those folks with respect. We may bicker about politics, or sports, but the "Thin Blue Line" is real and may be thicker than you think. I urge every Law Enforcement Officer who is a registered Democrat to unenroll and let the DNC know why, even if you still vote for those Donkeys.



Well, that's it for now, kids. Don't forget to get informed on all candidates before you vote, but make sure you do vote, it's important to all of us. Stay safe, watch your six.



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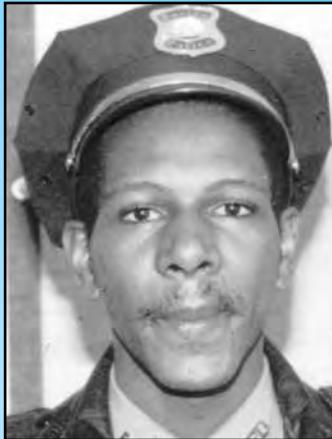
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July 12, 2015



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Russell J. McCormick**
July 15, 2015



**Police Officer
Debra A. Flaherty**
July 16, 2015

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**Police Officer
John F. Fitzgerald**
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July 29, 2015



**Police Officer
James C. Lawler**
July 30, 2015



**Police Sergeant
Brendan M. Craven**
August 12, 2015

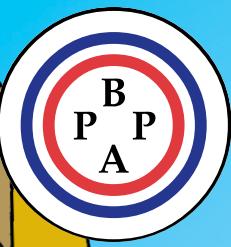


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August 13, 2015

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August 17, 2015



**Police Detective
Yves Dambreville**
August 26, 2015



**Police Officer
John S. Tobin**
August 26, 2015



**Police Officer
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