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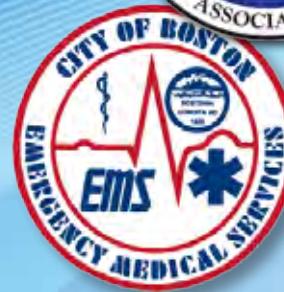
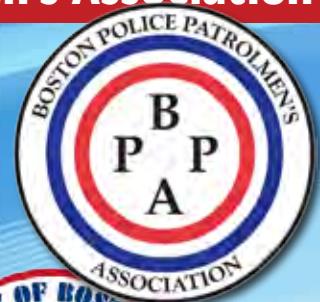
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## New BPPA Building Open For Business!

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# It's time to get into meaningful negotiations for our next contract

March is here and with it comes more sun shine, warmer weather and hopefully better moods. We'll start with some positives; we have moved into our new 'digs' at 295 Freeport Street. It'll probably take a month of Sundays to get fully moved in and functional, but it'll be well worth it. This is your Union Hall, you now have a place that you can be proud of, to invite out-of-towners to, a facility that properly represents you and a place that you can hang your hat anytime, it's your hall, so drop by. We hope to have our old property up for sale within the next couple of weeks and have had many inquiries concerning that property. We don't believe it will be on the market very long. The Detectives' long-awaited contract has finally been settled, with the Arbitrator awarding them (*basically*) our contract. What's this mean to us you ask? Now we can finally get down to business and enter into meaningful, legitimate negotiations with the City and work towards a new collective bargaining agreement for us. It's no secret that our contract expires

on June 30, 2016. One of our goals is to bring back a negotiated contract to you, our members, to ratify. We have a good plan and we hope that the City will sit down and become a legitimate partner in this round of negotiations. None of us want to 'roll the proverbial dice' in arbitration again. We want to sit down and earnestly negotiate a fair contract for both our members and the taxpayers of this great City. However, we will always follow the path that is best for our membership! We continue to whittle away at all of the outstanding grievances, attempting to settle as many as possible. For those that we can't, we have already arbitrated a few and scheduled many more for arbitration. We continue to approach the City managers with an open mind and a positive attitude, because we believe that is the way to conduct business, (*as difficult as that can be at times*). We always keep in mind that this is about you, the membership.

There have been some stumbling blocks. We don't always agree with the

administration concerning what's in the best interest of the Patrol Officers and there have been some long and arduous discussions concerning discipline matters, but we continue in our attempt to point the ill-informed onto the path of truth and in the direction of fairness. We firmly believe that all of our members are equal, should

be treated equally and with respect due their position. We believe that our members take enough '*crap*' on a day-to-day basis without it being piled on by a select few within the administration. This is a very dangerous world that we live in and I don't think it's asking too much for our members to be treated with some amount of respect and dignity (*that they deserve*) especially from individuals that make their living from **our** (*dangerous and life threatening*) work! Sadly it appears that there are still those within the safe and comfortable confines of 1 Schroeder Plaza that feel their sole function, their

job, their career, exist to upset as many lives as humanly possible. We could pontificate for pages on the inequities within our own department, suffice it to say we will continue to point out the truth and identify those that seek to destroy the good work done on a daily basis by our members.

With that said, we are looking forward to continuing in our efforts to build bridges with those that wish our department and City to be a success. As I have pointed out many times, the majority of us, have been born and raised in this City and continue to reside in this City. With that in mind, it should never be forgotten that we have a vested interest in this City.

Enough said, time to get off of the 'soap box.' It continues to be a very dangerous job, please remember that we only have each other, back each other up and get home safe and sound to your family!

That should always be your number one priority and responsibility. God Bless and Stay Safe!



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# Notes and thoughts from all over... Arbitration, mandatory OT, and current events

We're in like Flynn and cookin' with gas! The new BPPA building is finally opened and occupied. The process of moving in is gradual and slow, as every desk, chair, file cabinet and shelf that was moved from the old building has to be set up in a new place. Bulletin boards, pictures and other fixtures are being screwed and hammered into place, largely by ourselves, so please excuse the chaos if you stop by for a visit. It will take months to find the best place for the desk or chair and to get comfortable, so please be patient. 295 Freeport St. is a great facility, and most of the membership has been very pleased with the new site. The possibilities for facility improvement and expansion are being explored with an eye towards 10 or 20 years in the future.

As we're moving, we're also trying to stay ahead of a hectic grievance and arbitration schedule. There are many grievances which have aged (*and not gracefully...*) awaiting an arbitrator to be assigned, and other arbitrations which have required rescheduling due to situations beyond our control; i.e., attorneys or arbitrators having to re-schedule, sickness of witnesses, etc., etc. – a wide variety of factors. Scheduling an arbitrator is not easy and can sometimes extend many months into the future, which impacts (*once again*) witness availability, vacations, etc. etc. Some grievance hearings and arbitrations have had to be combined because they relate to similar issues. Arbitrations can be costly too; remember that our Attorneys' fees and one-half the arbitration costs are borne by the BPPA. (Example: In a recent termination-arbitration case, BPPA (½) costs for *arbitrator alone* (not including our Attorney fees), were \$8,750.00) We're doing the best we can to hold the City's feet to the fire when it comes to these hearings, but sometimes scheduling conflicts can't be avoided.

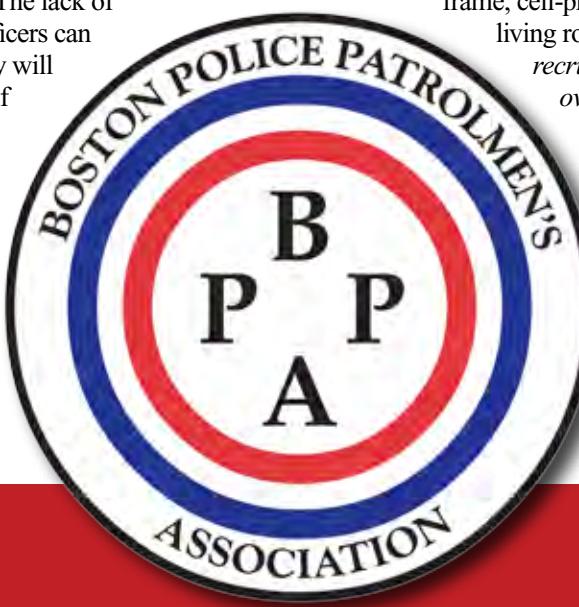
Many an officer is consumed with dread for the approaching spring/summer season, anticipating copious but unwanted tours of mandatory, ordered overtime. Most normal people look forward to the warmer weather and the lazy, hazy days of summer. But over the past few years, summers for BPD officers have been misery, and this one is shaping up to be another doozy. The lack of manpower has created a situation where officers can almost expect that every regular tour of duty will be followed by a mandatory, ordered shift of overtime. Officers often find themselves in the position of "working in order to avoid being ordered to work," in other words, making sure that they work a *voluntary* detail or overtime shift before their regular tour in order to avoid being ordered for an unwanted mandatory tour afterwards. Coming into work like a "virgin," for lack of a better term, almost ensures that, during the summer, you'll be staying overnight...

It's nice to have overtime when you need it to help pay the bills, but it has really gotten ridiculous here in Boston. Officers, too, have personal lives; weddings, graduations, birthday parties, barbeques and social events they would like to attend. *Even in November and February*, officers I talk to report being ordered for mandatory overtime due to short-staffing – and sometimes *three tours in a row... even in winter!* Many officers report being denied an accrued day off on an obscure Tuesday in January or a Sunday in February. It is downright dangerous to have officers driving cruisers and responding to calls with little or no sleep, but the department seems incapable or unwilling to admit to, or deal with, this situation. In summer, our workload increases exponentially, with marches, road races, special events and our own vacations which need to be backfilled and covered by other officers. *Hiring 50 or 60 new recruits a year simply isn't cutting it.* All I can say to my fellow officers is this: remember what's important. Graduations, weddings and birthday parties come only once in a lifetime. Moving your freshman daughter or son entering college into their dorm room may very well occur during Caribbean festival week, or during the March against this, or the Road Race for that, but you'll never forget one and never remember the other. Plan ahead, for sure, but remember what's important...

Officer **Ashley Guindon** was killed in the line of duty in Virginia on her very first day on the job, responding to a domestic violence call. She was 28 years old, and her family hailed from Merrimac, N.H. and the Springfield, Mass. area. It is sad, and infuriating at the same time, that yet another police officer has been killed in this country, and to what amounts to a collective shrug of the shoulders from many in the general public and the major media. A sick attitude, a demented mindset has taken hold of many in this country who believe that they have a right to confront police officers, both verbally and physically to challenge their authority.

Our job has been made infinitely harder by those who criticize our actions and second-guess our split-second decisions on freeze-frame, cell-phone camera videos from the safety of their living room. (*It may be one reason why so few new recruit officers are signing up and mandatory overtime is foisted upon an aging patrol force.*)

In Chicago, the police force has been castrated by the political establishment, the media and radical groups. They now complain that homicides and shootings have gone up by 100% while street-stops by patrol units have decreased by 80%. Geez, we wonder why????.... Be careful out there, and please, stop over and see us – it's **YOUR** building to be proud of.



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# When is restraint too restraining?



**A**s we are all aware there have been a number of incidents already this year where Officers have showed a great amount of restraint with regard to the level of force they used. When these incidents happened there was a great deal of press, including statements by Department and City Officials, noting the Officers' restraint when confronted with what was potentially deadly force against them.

As a husband, father, brother and son I truly want to know that police will use the least amount of force necessary. That is the trust we all put in the police. Part of that trust is that if officers are put in a position to use force it will be the least amount of force necessary, regardless of who the person is that put the officer into that position or regardless of where that situation takes place.

I think the Department and the City do a great job in making clear to the public that the officer did what they had to do and no more. I think their ability to do that is a direct result of the work the women and men of the Department do every day. The trust is not only established in meetings between community leaders and members of the Command Staff. The trust starts at ground zero. It starts with the way our members respond to 911 calls, treating people with compassion and dignity regardless of the circumstances. It starts with the way our Community Service Officers and other members interact with the community through different Department events. It starts when members of this Association volunteer their time to roll out the canteen truck to support community events. It starts when the community sees John Smith coaching their daughters' hockey team or leading their sons' scout pack and realizes that John Smith just finished up a last half, and then he gave a few hours of his time for the children.

Let me try to bring the train back on the tracks and bluntly say what I want to say. We should no more be commanding officers for using restraint than we should be condemning officers for using deadly force. Each and every situation is different. There are never going to be two exact fact patterns, whether it is the people involved and their current state of mind, environment, weather, lighting or any of the limitless factors of every distinct situation. As citizens we have to have trust that officers did exactly what they need to do in every situation with regard to the factors they encountered and how they perceived them. As police officers, who work alongside one another each and every day, we have to know that we will do exactly what we have to do and that the officers standing beside us will too. We cannot be worried about public opinion when the moment comes for us to act. We cannot consider political factors when the moment comes for us to act. I am sure there is not one of us who hasn't run the scenario through their mind of "what would I have done" when sisters and brothers are forced into these situations. That is the time to do it. Not when it is happening to you and your partners. Trust your instincts. Trust your training. Trust your partner's training and instincts and protect your partners with those instincts.

To close this out let me say this... If you are confronted with a situation that you are forced to make a decision to use force, be just, be prudent, but be decisive. If the least amount of force necessary is the amount of force you used and you believe that you acted justly and fairly at the moment you are put in a particular situation, the BPPA will stand with you in articulating that. We

have a responsibility to assess every situation and maintain the public trust while doing our job. We have an even bigger obligation to our families. They trust that every day we will go to work; we will do everything we can to help those that need help and we will do our part in holding those accountable who prey on good people. Most importantly we promise them we will come home. Using these promises to our families as our guiding principles we can do our jobs effectively and safely.

If you are forced to use the Lamb Method on the 92 year old great grandmother who won't remove her gnome garden off her neighbor's lawn it is going to be hard to convince the public you acted righteously, but if the fact pattern as a whole justifies it, and you did it right, the BPPA will stand with you, no matter what public opinion is.

## National Association Of Police Organizations Top Cops Honorees

**I**t is with great pride that we tell you Officers **John Moynihan, Brian Johnson, Jamie Conley, Dennis Medina, Janet Lewis, Greg Bowden, Detective Brian Ball** and Trooper **Bill Cameron** have been selected as honorees of NAPO's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual TOP COPS. Their case will be one of ten cases selected from a multitude of nominations from every state. The presentation will be made at the TOP COPS Dinner, which will be held on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the J.W. Marriott in Washington, D.C., in conjunction with Police Week 2016. If anyone is interested in attending the event tickets are available directly from NAPO ([NAPO.org](http://NAPO.org)) or the BPPA will gladly assist in coordinating. Hotel options are available through the [policeweek.org](http://policeweek.org) hotel link. Rooms should be available at the J.W. Marriott for those that are attending the Dinner. There were a number of incidents involving our members that we thought worthy of nomination in 2015, as there are every year, but we chose this case for what we believe are obvious reasons to send as a nomination.

More information can be found on [NAPO.org](http://NAPO.org) regarding the Event or [policeweek.org](http://policeweek.org) for the events surrounding police week in general.

## Uniformed Officers Armed In Courtrooms

**A**s many of you that are required to appear in Boston Municipal Court are already aware there is a new policy/practice of one particular Justice to not allow officers inside the courtroom with their Department-issued firearm. Recognizing that this is a common practice in Suffolk Superior Court, the question is why? Why in BMC and why in Suffolk Superior? As officers made us aware of this issue we voiced our concerns on the many surrounding safety concerns to the Department. We had hoped that there would be a simple resolution reached when there was dialogue and communication between the BPPA, the Department and the BMC. Well as they say "the best laid plans of mice and men often go awry". Please know that this is a serious concern for the BPPA and we will continue to work with the other parties to resolve it, as well as exploring other mechanisms that can correct this policy/practice.

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*Within 3-5 years of retirement???*



# BPPA RETIREMENT SEMINAR

**Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**  
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**W**e are in!! The new BPPA building located at 295 Freeport Street is open for business. The process of moving is gradual and slow as all the furniture, file cabinets and shelves have to now be set up and relocated. Bulletin boards, pictures and other fixtures are being put up and hammered into place, largely by us so at times it can be a little chaotic. Please excuse the chaos. It will take months to settle in and get comfortable so please be patient.

That being said I welcome you to stop by and see **YOUR** new union hall. Many of you came to the last open meeting and toured the building before the renovations. Since then there have been many improvements including removal and replacement of walls, plastering, painting, carpeting, wiring and plumbing. Come back to see the finished product. We will be having an open house in the near future once the weather gets warmer. Like last time we will get the grills going and you can have lunch.

I know many people are wondering what is going to happen with 9-11 Shetland Street. That decision will be made collectively by the leadership, the building

committee, the House of Representatives and ultimately the membership. The BPPA is working with real estate professionals. The property on Shetland Street and that entire area is very hot right now. When to sell the property and for how much is not a decision we take lightly. Financially we are in very good shape. We just completed our annual audit and things are looking great. It is our goal to put Shetland street on the market at the right time and get the maximum price. Due to our financial standing we are in a good position because we are in no rush to sell.

As I am writing this article we just returned from the funeral for another officer killed in the line of duty. **Officer Ashley Guindon** was killed on her very first day on the job in Virginia. This twenty-eight year old officer was killed while responding to a domestic violence call. She and her family hailed from Merrimack, NH and the Springfield, MA area. Ashley was laid to rest on Monday March 7<sup>th</sup>. Next

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**Ashley Guindon**

## Congratulations to some of the 2015 BPPA scholarship winners. Thanks to those who took the time to come in or provided a photo.



**Andrew Brown** – son of Tab Brown, Harbor Unit



**Lillian Joyce** – daughter of Terrence Joyce, CBU



**Nicholas Marino** – son of Gary Marino, A-7



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**Devin Rideout** with his father Michael Rideout, E-18



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# New BPPA building is open for business!

## 295 Freeport Street, Dorchester, has 28 offices, meeting and conference rooms; will house BPPA, EMTs and possibly other unions in the future

By James W. Carnell, Pax Editor

The new BPPA offices located at 295 Freeport St. in Dorchester, just off the 93N Freeport St. exit 13, is now open for business. The new office contains 68 parking spaces and 28 offices, conference and meeting rooms and (*eventually*) a large rear hall which will be remodeled over time and transformed into a facility which the membership can be proud of.

Member services and BPPA representative meetings (*including the executive board*) will all now be held at Freeport St., even as gradual renovations continue upstairs and offices are occupied. A deceiving building from first observation at street level, the building contains ample space for all BPPA needs envisioned for many years to come. We join numerous other unions who currently maintain offices on Freeport St., (*AKA "Union Row"*) a convenient, centrally-located destination.

Some work remains to be done, specifically the rear hall, and determining what type of facility will best serve the needs of the membership in years to come. Also to be decided is what will become of the old BPPA Hall located at 9-11 Shetland St. in Roxbury. That property was purchased at a public auction in the early 90's for a mere \$210,000. It is now worth well above that purchase amount, with property speculation in the Newmarket Sq. area attracting much interest from prospective buyers. There were those who thought purchasing such a property in that particular area was another "Seward's folly;" they are eating their hats today. (*Not blaming anybody who held that opinion... Hell, in 1989, I was driving a cruiser around Charlestown wondering aloud "Who the hell is going to pay \$5,000.00 for that vacant lot!" That's why I'm still doing details today....)*)

When and for how much the property should be sold is a decision the BPPA will make with advice from the real estate professionals in our employ. We'll keep the membership updated. Our phone number remains the same: 617-989-2772, as does our Fax number 617-989-2779. Contact us on-line at [www.bppa.org](http://www.bppa.org). Members are encouraged to sign up on-line for info updates, just follow the directions for a quick sign-up. Members are welcome to stop in between 9:00 am-5:00 pm, Monday thru Friday, and take a look around. Upcoming open meetings will also be announced and will allow an opportunity for members to inspect the progress.

For posterity's sake, we have reprinted some photos from "the Great Flood of '98." For several years, a damaged flood gate near the Shetland St. office would snap shut during heavy rainstorms flooding the entire, low-lying neighborhood. On at least two occasions, the entire basement and parking lot flooded with several feet of water, destroying all of the contents, furniture, etc., until the floodgate was finally repaired by the BWSC. Thankfully, the Freeport St. building is located on a hill with good drainage. And instead of the basement, the meeting hall is now located on the second floor, out of an abundance of caution and experience....



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**Another view of the Grievance/Arbitration Conference Room**

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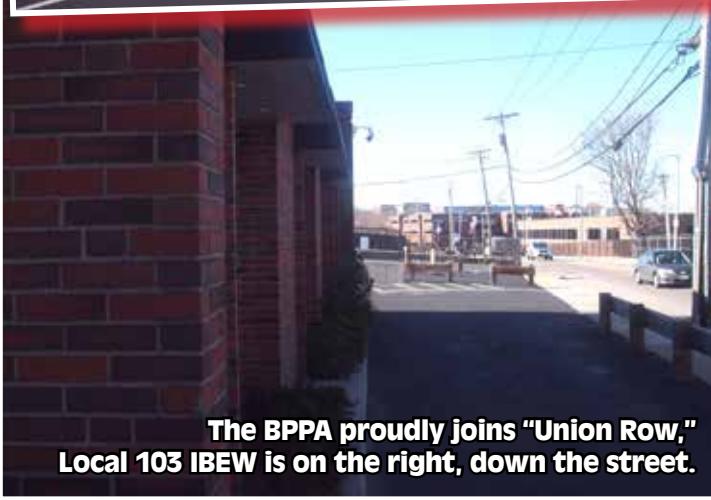


**Smaller Meeting Areas**

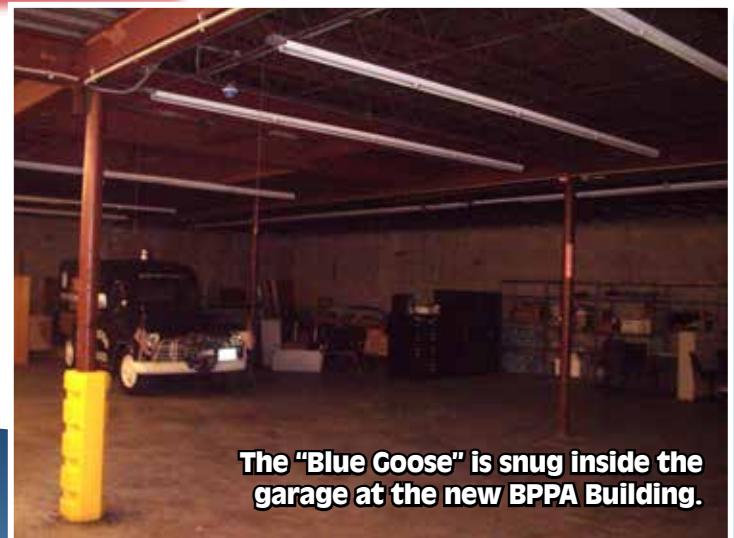




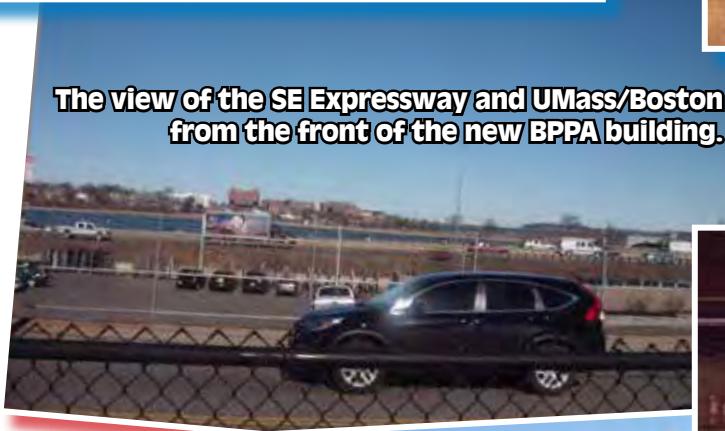
**The size of the new BPPA building is deceiving, it fills a full block.**



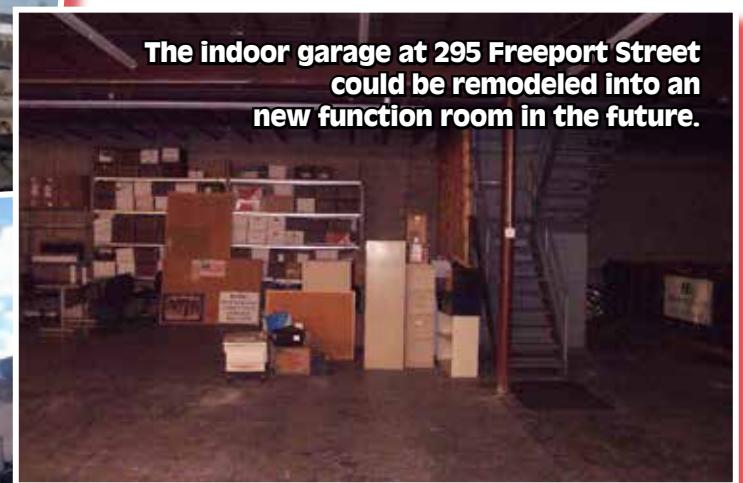
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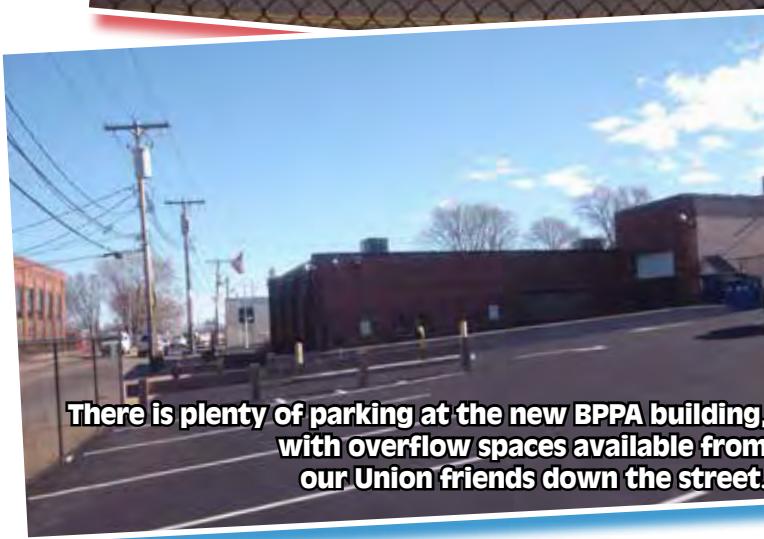
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## **Elect our friends in the City of Boston Credit Union Election Thursday, April 7, 2016**

The City of Boston Credit Union elections are coming up on April 7, 2016 at City Hall, 5th floor 9:00 am-6:00 pm. I am up for re-election. I am asking for a little help. The AFSCME union is looking to push the police off the board and put their own members on the Board. I can't tell you how important it is to have police representation on this Board. The Police make up a large percentage of depositors and deserve to be represented. I personally take calls every day from police officers looking for help. If we are gone, help will still be there, just harder to find.

On election day the right lane of Congress St. is blocked, so there is parking to go vote. No parking tickets on this day on Congress St. We hire details to ensure this.

Also Detective Cecil Jones from the BRIC is running. Timothy Smyth from the Retirement Board is running. He is the person I call to help with loans when members need help.

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# Congratulations all around ...and upcoming bills we will be watching closely

**C**ongratulations to West Roxbury resident **Rosemary Connolly** and **Joseph Leighton** of Cohasset. Both attorneys have been nominated for seats on the Massachusetts Superior Court by Governor **Charlie Baker**. Connolly, civil division chief at the U.S. Attorney's office in Boston, previously worked for eleven years in the attorney general's office, including six years as chief of the trial division. Leighton has been a partner at the Boston law firm Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker since 2002 and has practiced almost exclusively in front of the Superior Court, according to the governor's office. We wish you well.

We would also like to congratulate and welcome the winners of this month's special elections to the House of Representatives.

Representatives **Gerard Cassidy** of Brockton, **Stephen Hay** of Fitchburg, and **Thomas Walsh** of Peabody were all sworn in by Acting Governor **Karyn Polito**. We look forward to working with all of you in the future.

We are into the second year of this Legislative Cycle (2015-16) with many hot topics on Beacon Hill. Governor Baker, the House of Reps, and the Senate have been working tirelessly on a bill aimed at curbing the rise of opioid abuse in the Commonwealth. Hopefully, the House will approve and send a bill to the Senate and then to the Governor's desk for approval over the next few weeks.

Another bill that is gaining a lot of attention is H 4049, this is an act relative to the ride for hire industry (Lyft, Uber, etc.). This bill has many "moving parts" and very complicated to put together. Although there are many benefits from these companies, stuck in the middle, are all of the taxi cab owners and operators who rely on this business to support their families as well. There has been over thirty-two amendments filed on this bill from creating a state division of overseers, the right to organize and collectively bargain, background checks and fingerprinting of drivers, and even giving them the ability to pick up fares at Logan Airport. One of my favorites is the creation of a "panic button" in their apps to allow riders to immediately notify the police and others in the case of an emergency. But again, there's a lot of material to cover and issues to be worked out in this one. We'll follow the changes and this bill as it moves through the process.

We're also working very hard on bills that in some cases would be beneficial and in other instances, would have a negative impact on our members. At this time, the following bills are being closely monitored:

**H 2106** - An Act relative to uniform use of deadly force guidelines which mandates the publication of police department guidelines on the use of deadly force.

**H 2107** - An Act to provide concurrent jurisdiction for Massport occupied properties basically allows concurrent jurisdiction for police organizations on any properties owned or occupied by Massport, except those exclusive to aviation and port operations.

**H 2170** - An Act promoting the use of body-worn cameras by law enforcement. In short, this bill forms a committee to make recommendations to the Governor, Secretary of Public Safety,

General Court, state, municipal, college or university police, and other law enforcement entities on data collection, setting standards, and having access to audio/video footage by all law enforcement who would be mandated on the use of body worn cameras during all police functions.

**H 3278** - An Act establishing a committee to study post-traumatic stress disorder in law enforcement officers.

The commission would identify and analyze methods, practices and programs, to prevent and treat post-traumatic stress in police officers.

**S 1250** - An Act to establish regional lock up facilities allows the sheriff of each county to establish a regional lock up facility for persons arrested with or without a warrant or any person arrested under any civil process. A city or town may become a member of a county regional lock up facility at their discretion.

**S 1307** - An Act establishing the Massachusetts Law Enforcement Memorial Fund sets up a separate fund to be used to memorialize and honor Massachusetts law enforcement personnel killed in the line of duty. It will be funded through the sale of registration plates under section 2G of chapter 90.

**S 1325** - An Act relative to the University of Massachusetts Police essentially gives full police benefits (Ch. 32, 41 s 111F, and 150E) and powers to UMass Police Officers on University of Massachusetts campuses and properties.

We will keep you posted on these and any other bills that could possibly affect our members as this session progresses. As the spring weather gets warmer, please try to spend time with your families and stay safe!!



# Boston Police Academy class loses about 25 recruits in first few months of training

## Level Two Exams still ahead... natural attrition causes real need for increase in BPD street-level manpower

By James W. Carnell, Pax Editor

*(Editor's Note: This article is in no way, shape or form a criticism of our very fine, outstanding BPD Academy instructors, staff or BPD management itself. It is reflective of a dangerous trend in law enforcement recruiting and a negative public attitude towards law enforcement in general.)*

**I**t appears that the current BPD Academy class has lost up to about 25 new recruits in the first few months of training, before the final academic (AKA "Level Two") exams have been given. The class originally numbered 90 recruits, but began actually with 89, (70 Boston/19 other depts.) as one accepted candidate apparently decided at the last minute simply to not show up. (...Perhaps s/he knows something the rest of us don't????)

As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, there were 53 remaining Boston police recruits and 14 remaining from outside departments, a rate of about 25% lost for a variety of reasons. That's probably par for the course. After level two academic testing, continued physical training, and other issues that sometimes occur with certain recruits; the BPD will probably gain about 50 recruit officers.

In 2016, that's not even replacing for attrition...

The BPD is an aging department, with many officers hired in the 80's and early 90's getting set to retire. And as increasing scrutiny and added duties are placed upon us, older and older officers are bearing the burden. It is, without a doubt, a younger-man's job. Fifty and sixty-year old officers should not be expected to be rolling around on Boylston St. or Tremont St. or State St. after the bars let out at 2:00 AM with 23-year old, jacked-up, drunk and high muscle-heads. Or chasing gang-bangers-through the projects. Or answering domestic violence calls that occur at the same house over and over again. And yet, that's what's happening... Apparently, the Boston Fire Department Academy graduated ALL 50 of their recruits, some of whom

belonged to neighboring Quincy, ALL of whom were veterans, and nine of whom were former cops who left to take the firemen's position. Good for them!!!.

Some of the prospective recruits dropped out of the BPD Academy within days or weeks, for a variety of reasons, ranging from physical injuries, academic difficulties or simply being overwhelmed at their *personal perceptions* of the police job versus the *actual reality*. Sadly, we can only be assured that others will fail or drop out before the end of their training in late spring/early summer. These new recruits will be sorely needed, of course, but will do little to stem the annual summertime onslaught of ordered, mandatory overtime shifts (not only double-shifts, but triple-shifts.... and even during this past winter).

Society itself has placed unreasonable demands, enormous pressures and withering scrutiny upon the shoulders of police officers. No wonder recruiters across the country report difficulty attracting qualified, interested, suitable candidates. From body-cameras to use-of-force issues to the fact that if you hurt someone's feelings or say something that another person misinterprets, the police officer is, in today's upside-down world, presumed wrong. No wonder the Fire department has no problem attracting quality candidates while police departments do.

The BPPA will, of course, welcome with open arms all who graduate from our Academy. We thank the staff of the BPD Academy for their hard work and commitment, and realize that there is little they themselves can do to deal with the issues that society itself has created. But it is a sad commentary that we will be welcoming only about 50 recruits when, back in the 80's, Academy classes consisted of 120 and even 150 recruit officers.

And back then, people were fighting to get on the job, not off it...

## Letter to the Boston Globe, Re: "War on cops" (1-12-16)

**I** realize that you are in the business of writing stories to sell newspapers or possibly get some type of response. I am however, a bit surprised that in conducting research for your article you didn't bother to pick up the phone and call me to at least ask for a comment, especially considering your article is based on my statements made in the aftermath of yet another Police Officer shot. After reading your article I will offer you my unsolicited comments anyway.

Insofar as what constitutes an "assault," I believe associate professor and ex-Lt. **Tom Nolan** should go back and do a little research on the English language and the Law. Just because a Police Officer is not murdered by gunfire or a bullet actually hits them during an 'assault,' that does not negate the 'assault.'

The FBI tracks Officers actually struck by bullets, or other objects resulting in death or injury, **NOT** all assaults against Officers. Simply pointing a weapon at someone is considered an assault, firing a weapon at someone is considered an assault, striking the individual with the bullet is the 'battery' thus you have an assault & battery or assault & battery with (or by means of) a dangerous weapon, (in the case of

a gun).

So if we're going to play with words, as ex-Lt. Nolan always has and continues to do, let's try and keep to the facts. He and our ex-commissioner are correct, the FBI stats speak for themselves insofar as, 'assault & battery' committed against Police Officers, because that is exactly what those stats reflect and track, **NOT** assaults, the FBI does not tract all assaults. I stand by my statement;

"It's far too common for people to take shots at police officers, (which once again is the assault), in this country, this has become a daily occurrence... and people should be outraged."

Furthermore, I will attribute Officer's survival rate after being shot with the simple fact that more Police Officers now wear bullet resistant vests today than years ago and quite frankly our EMT's are the finest in the world.

I sincerely hope that you, ex-Lt. Nolan or anyone else is not suggesting that a Police Officer need be shot and killed or wounded for it to be considered an "assault!"

— Patrick M. Rose, President, BPPA

# The Academy Corner

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

**H**ere at the Boston Police Academy we have several missions. Obviously, recruit training is the main focus of what we do. Professional development and support for all department members is another major part of our operation. In addition, we produce training for other law enforcement agencies and for portions of the private sector.

There is one question, however, that is constantly asked of the academy staff (and, honestly, it drives us a little crazy). That question is, "What do you do when there is not a recruit class in?"

In June of 2015, we graduated Recruit Class #54-15. In June and July of 2015, we conducted a Sergeants Advanced Leadership Training (SALT), while concurrently providing training for newly hired Boston Park Rangers. Throughout the summer of 2015, a teen academy, led by Police Officer Darryl Owens, was held in our building. Seventy middle school and high school students went through the program, taking classes, training in physical fitness, and performing community service. Since the inception of the program, the total number of participants is now up to two hundred and twenty.

Beginning in September of 2015, the academy staff conducted daily in-service training. These one day courses included subjects such as legal updates, FIOE updates, and Narcan/tourniquet classes. When that training was completed in November, the academy staff had trained 1,256 police officers and superior officers.

Academy staff members are on hand to answer questions related to the focus of their training specialties, but remember that we are an outfit that works the day tour on the administrative schedule. If you need help outside of those hours, we cannot answer your calls, but we can provide assistance in the form of our eLearning program.

The BPD's eLearning program, which has been in place since 2009, is constantly changing and growing. Since 2014, the academy staff and the eLearning staff have added many course materials to eLearning, in order to keep the patrol force up-to-date and informed. To find those books, go to the eLearning site and look under the heading entitled "Reference Material" and then "Academy Books." The books stored there include: Constitutional Law 2015, Criminal Law Books 2015, Domestic Violence 2015, Ethics 2015, Field Sobriety Training, Harassment Policy, Juvenile Law, Motor Vehicle Law 2016, Municipal Law 2016, Patrol Procedures, Use of Force 2016, and several others. Additional resources on the eLearning site include both the 2013 and the 2015 In-Service materials, Detective Training, Characteristics of an Armed Gunman, the Drug Recognition Chart, LED Drug Training, Legal Updates, the Academy Newsletter, OUI information, and the Sergeant's Promotional Training information.

The academy gym and weight room are open for department employees. The hours run from 9:30am-7:00pm every weekday when a recruit class is in the building, and 6:30am-7:00pm when there is no recruit class. Remember, department employees can always bring a family member with them to work out, as long as that family member is accompanied by that department employee while in the gym or the weight room.

We know that people will keep asking about what we do when a recruit class is not in the building ... probably more now that we've mentioned it ... but when we smile and answer, remember that we are keeping very busy so that the department, as a whole, can run just a little more smoothly. Be safe!

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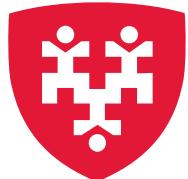
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# FBI Director James Comey lambasted... for telling the truth

## Criticism and second guessing of police has caused “chill wind” throughout law enforcement community, said Comey

By James W. Carnell, Pax Editor

**F**BI Director James Comey, *an appointee of the Obama administration* who was once hailed by liberals for his “fierce independence” (*Ed: Obama’s words, not mine...*), has recently fallen from grace and been hastily summoned to the White House... basically for telling the raw truth about policing in America today.

Comey committed the sin of truth-telling in a Chicago speech in which he asserted that police officers in America have retreated from aggressive policing following several recent highly publicized incidents. This tactical retreat has emboldened criminals and weakened police efforts, due to an onslaught of criticism and second guessing from the media, self-appointed community activists, radical groups, and the general public. This did not sit well with the administration or their handmaidens in the liberal media, who want to believe that police officers are tin soldiers and mindless idiots and will do as they are told by their chiefs, commanders, and politicians. Despite withering criticism, hostile anti-police rhetoric, and even violence and murder directed at the police, the administration seems to believe that the police should just grin and bear it, suck it up and run the gauntlet like the Australian soldiers at Gallipoli. It appears that Comey’s words have sent the White House liberals off the proverbial Richter scale, as it flies in the face of the gross propaganda being put forth regarding how happy police officers are with the “support” from the current administration.

The *Pax Centurion* has reported on this understandable phenomenon before, known as “de-policing,” specifically after the Cincinnati, Ohio, riots in April, 2001. (*TIME* magazine and many other publications focused on this matter in lengthy, multi-page articles.) Writing in *Capitalism* magazine (August 30, 2001), Walter Williams writes: “A Seattle policeman explained de-policing as ‘Parking under a shady tree to work on a crossword puzzle is a great alternative to being labeled a racist and being dragged through an inquest, a review board, an FBI and U.S. Attorney investigation and a lawsuit.’” Following the civil disorder, the intense scrutiny and second-guessing directed at the police resulted in a “*laissez-faire*” (“hands-off”) approach by street-level cops and their supervisors who were rightly concerned about aggravating an already-tense and fragile situation. Spineless politicians adopted a “shrinking violet” attitude, pandering and kowtowing to self-appointed “community activists” and radical groups. Criminals and gang-bangers, naturally, filled the void and took advantage of this tactical retreat, much as ISIS did in Iraq when the President quickly removed U.S. military

troops from strategically important towns and cities. Law abiding citizens, businesses and taxpayers were, as always, the ultimate losers. The ever-hypocritical media soon did a 180-degree “about face”, questioning why the police *weren’t* making arrests or enforcing the law, when only days earlier, they had been criticizing the “heavy-handed, overly-aggressive, racist” police *for* enforcing the law. Evil and violence festers and multiplies within a vacuum of power. One need only witness the murder rate skyrocketing in Baltimore in the aftermath of those recent riots.

IN A SCATHING *ad hominem* editorial (“Political Lies about Police Brutality,” Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, page A26), the *New York Times* savaged Comey, (whom it had previously *gushed over* when Comey had adopted an anti-wiretapping stance during the Bush administration) and accused him of racially insensitive, “incendiary” comments. “*Mr. Comey’s speculations about alleged pressure on officers to stand down shows that he hasn’t begun to grasp the nature of the problem,*” said the haughty, repugnant *Times*’ editorial board.

It is this disgusting remnant of failed liberalism, the elitist frauds and high holy hypocrites of the

*N.Y. Times* editorial board (soon followed editorially like Pavlovian dogs a few days later by their poor cousins and red-headed stepchildren on the panting, fawning editorial board of the sad *Boston Globe*) who “don’t grasp the nature of the problem.” Like the paternalistic racists they truly are, they pretend to know and understand the struggles of the poor and oppressed and dismiss any humanity on the part of police officers who are second-guessed, scrutinized and criticized for the very problems which, by and large, *were actually created* by the liberal frauds who feign solidarity with the masses during the day and then flee to their mansions in the Hamptons at night (...or, locally, to Brookline, Newton, Weston and Wellesley).

Actually, several of the *Times* favorite liberal politicians have already admitted the obvious. **Michael Goodwin**, writing in the *New York Post* (Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015) said that “*Baltimore’s Mayor admitted her cops were ordered to “stand down” and give “those who wished to destroy, - ...space,.. to do that” [destroy property, loot, riot, burn, etc.] during riots last April.*” And, according to Goodwin, “*Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, another liberal Democrat, attributed soaring murder rates to cops going “fetal”. “They have pulled back from the ability to interdict... They don’t want to be a news*

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# Learning compassion

By Mark A. Bruno

**B**eing a police officer in a major city like Boston has its moments. We learn – in the academy when we first start out – all the laws, rules, and procedures we need to follow. We learn how to deal with domestics, crowd control, psych patients, and many other scenarios. What we don't learn is how to show empathy and have compassion for others. We often learn compassion quickly when one of our own succumbs to an untimely death due to in-the-line-of-duty, or by suicide. No one really likes to talk about it, but it is a reality for many of us. We take an oath and out on the street we go. Our lives become consumed by the task of being peace keepers. We make decisions everyday which will affect many individuals. The ability to revoke someone's freedom can weigh heavily on the conscience of many of us. Sometimes justice is blind, but these are the laws that we all must abide by. This is the basic nature of our job.

Many of us will go through our careers without ever having to draw our weapon, while some of us constantly seem to be on the edge of making that split-second decision. For the latter, it is what inevitably shortens our life span when we retire. The ebb and flow of the job where one minute you're calm and the next your adrenaline is rushing. We chose this profession for many reasons, but for most, it has been to serve and protect. We see things as officers that most others will never see in their lifetime. The horrible car crashes with twisted metal and body parts spread out. The murder scenes in which the victim was hacked up or shot beyond recognition. We become desensitized each time we respond to these scenes which would make the average person puke or pass out. It hardens us to the realities of how cruel life can be. We are wired differently according to many psychologists. The



average citizen does not think or act like us according to these studies.

What we do have is a softer side that most of the public rarely gets to see. We do **actually care for people**. Our acts of kindness go unnoticed most times. We may help an elderly person cross the street, or give a homeless veteran a meal or money to buy one. Many of us are charitable and give money to many organizations or individuals in need. The newspapers and media hardly ever report these good deeds, rather they expound on the mishaps. We are **not perfect**, nor do we profess to be. Every now and then, one of us strays and pays the penalty. But to paint us all with a broad brush is wrong.

Mentally, the hardest calls most of us deal with are those involving children. We've been to domestic calls where you look at the children and see the anguish in their eyes, as they feel like they

have no way out of their living hell. For some of these children, it is mental abuse, and for others it is physical or sexual. These are the pictures and stories that stay with us forever, embedded in our minds – a constant reminder of the dark side of society.

We are also tasked with making notifications much like the military used to do when they notified families that their loved ones have died. The grim reapers of society knocking on doors at any given hour to relay bad news. Sometimes we escort them to the hospital because the news of a loved one dying has left them distraught and unable to function. It is worse when the loved one is young. Most of us have children and understand how hard this is to lose a loved one. All we can do to console these grieving individuals is hold their hand and offer our sincere condolences. You walk away with a saddened heart, but you **learned to show compassion**.

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# Commissioner Evans testifies in favor of joint State/Boston jurisdiction in Seaport District

By James W. Carnell, Pax Editor

**O**n February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, Boston Police Commissioner William Evans testified before the State Legislature's Joint Committee on Public Safety offering his support for a bill which would give Boston Police concurrent jurisdiction with the State Police in South Boston.

As it currently stands, Boston Police cannot respond to calls in South Boston's Seaport District as the State Police maintain exclusive jurisdiction with Massport. There is no logic or rational reason for this situation to exist. The Seaport District is part of South Boston; always has been, always will be, despite the fact that instead of vacant lots and dive bars, (which the State Police had – in the past – gladly ceded to the Boston Police for "routine" call response – i.e., homeless congregating, bar fights, etc., etc. – when the area was depressed, as some of us still remember....) the area has been developed into Boston's new Mecca for big money development, hotels, and booming business. Of course, when there is a need for fire services or medical help, the **BOSTON** Fire Department and **BOSTON** EMS respond. So what is the rational, logical reason for excluding the Boston Police from a part of Boston?

Answer: There is none. It makes no sense. It is strictly a matter of power and control by the State Police. Commissioner Evans has already said it is not a matter of trying to grab paid details; Boston already has thousands of unfilled details, the State Police can keep the details, if they really need them. Additionally, liquor licenses in the Seaport District are issued by the City of Boston's licensing board, concurrently with Massport. As such, State Police are not "agents" of the City's Licensing Board, only Boston Police Officers are. Again, ask any representative of the State Police why it's OK to use the city's EMTs and Firemen to respond to the Seaport district, but its police are excluded. They will not give a logical answer... because they cannot.

Residents and businesses pay their taxes to **the City of Boston**, and **NOT** to Massport or the State. Residents vote – in **the City of Boston** (Northern Ave. condo-owners, for example, are in Ward 6, Precinct 1.) So other than issues related purely to power and control, what logical reason is there for the State Police to lay claim to this area of the city? Construction permits and licenses are issued by **the City of Boston**. The upcoming (August 2016) "Indy Road Race," which plans to use a portion of the Seaport District, is being negotiated and planned – **by and large** – between the Mayor of Boston and the event organizers.

Many years ago, the City of Boston, for lack of a better term, "dumped" stewardship of the property on Massport, during times of economic hardship for the city. At the time the city, apparently, thought they would save millions in snowplowing, upkeep, hazardous waste removal, etc., etc. by having land ceded to Massport for development. **The area itself NEVER stopped being a part of the City of Boston.** Over the last ten years, development of the area has exploded. Hotels, condominiums, businesses, restaurants, and nightclubs have sprung up everywhere. What were once vacant parking lots have been replaced by glittering glass towers. Those achievements are credited to a booming local economy and a pent-up demand for hotels, offices and residences, and not to Massport's marketing genius. (*Although they'll certainly take credit.*) My former

next-door neighbor, Southie's own **Thomas J. Butler** (God rest his soul) was a Massport employee in charge of community relations; he would have been a strong advocate for locally-controlled, Boston Police jurisdiction. Indeed, crime statistics for the Seaport area must be next to zero – the BPD doesn't keep them and the State Police charge news outlets exorbitant fees for "copying and research time" (the subject of an ongoing lawsuit by the media, by the way). But again, it is still a part of the **City of Boston**. If **Boston** Firefighters and EMTs respond and **Boston** issues licenses and permits and the residents and businesses pay taxes and vote in **Boston**... then please... Mr. State Police... The logical reason for excluding the **Boston Police** from policing a huge portion of the **City of Boston** is:

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## Letter to BPD Office of Labor Relations Deputy Steven Whitman: Re: Pilot Program for Body Worn/Dashboard Cameras

Dear Deputy Whitman,

This is in further follow-up concerning the above-named matter. Although you have acknowledged the Union's position that any pilot program for body worn cameras and/or dashboard cameras is a mandatory subject of bargaining and that any such bargaining must be part of the main table bargaining for a successive collective bargaining agreement, as explained in our November 19, 2015 letter (enclosed), you appear to be disregarding this position.

In your January 6, 2016 letter on this topic, you reference "input from the BPPA," with the implication that the BPPA has bargained with the Department on this issue and has in fact reached some agreement. This approach will do nothing but inhibit any dialogue on this topic short of formal main table collective bargaining.

Although the Department has claimed to understand that the topic of body worn cameras and dashboard cameras are critical issues for the BPPA bargaining unit employees, who will likely be the primary users of any such technology, you continue to be dismissive of the Union's position that this matter must be fully bargained **BEFORE** any implementation of any cameras including any pilot program.

The BPPA continues to believe that there are many significant issues concerning body cams and dashboard cams which must be fully discussed and investigated through bargaining before there is any utilization of any cameras.

Contrary to the claims in the media and elsewhere, such cameras are not a panacea for all the wrongs in our society, but are, rather, a distraction from the real issues of proper support for the men and women of the Boston Police Department who risk their lives everyday protecting the citizens and visitors of the City of Boston.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,, Patrick M. Rose, President, BPPA  
cc. BPPA Bargaining Committee, Susan F. Horwitz, Esq.

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# Does the First Amendment cover First Responders too?

## Do sensitive feelings and political correctness trump-card free speech for police, fire & EMTs?

By James W. Carnell, Pax Editor

**"CONGRESS SHALL MAKE NO LAW....ABRIDGING THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH, OR OF THE PRESS..."**

—First Amendment of the Bill of Rights, U.S. Constitution

(2016) - Amendment 1.A, subsection 643, paragraph 2,094, proposed by legions of those who desire to stamp out the first amendment —(for all but themselves...)

**“...EXCEPT IF SOMEBODY’S FEELINGS ARE HURT BY WHAT SOMEONE ELSE SAID, OR IF SOMEBODY DISAGREES WITH THE WORDS OR OPINIONS AND THEN CHARACTERIZES THE SPEAKER AS A “HATER” AND THE WORDS AS “HATE SPEECH”, ESPECIALLY IF THE SPEAKER OF SAID HATE SPEECH (AS DEFINED BY HASTILY-ASSEMBLED COMMITTEES OF POLITICALLY CORRECT PERSONS AND THEIR ALLIES IN THE MEDIA) IS A POLICE OFFICER, FIREFIGHTER, EMT, MEMBER OF THE MILITARY, OR ANY OTHER FIRST RESPONDER...**

**THEN THE FIRST AMENDMENT MAY BE ABRIDGED...**

**I**N THE NAME OF GOD (*OOOPS, now that will get me in trouble, too...*) what has become of this country? Certain basic,inalienable rights, promulgated by our Nation’s founders and adopted into law in the United States Constitution in 1789, are under attack, and especially for first responders. Several recent cases have shown us that speaking one’s mind and expressing one’s opinion, even in private, can have devastating consequences for first responders who don’t have the resources – legally, monetarily, or intestinally, to fight the current climate of political correctness consuming our most basic liberties.

In Weymouth, Mass., a firefighter posts on his Facebook page (*the wisdom of posting ANYTHING on Facebook notwithstanding and subject to heated debate...*) his frustration and anger with repeatedly responding to drug overdose calls and administering Narcan, an antidote to opioid injection, sometimes repeatedly to the same people. (*Not for nothing, but FOX-25 TV recently ran an investigative piece on this very subject, so-called “frequent fliers” who think that Narcan’s availability has made them invulnerable to accidental death by overdose, and so continue tempting fate by using heroin*). He is subsequently excoriated by the media and the general public, even though he has not taken any negative action and has simply expressed his opinion on social media. He is suspended for three months without pay, abandoned by his own firefighters union, and will be “re-educated” (*geez, what other government does that? Hi, Kim Il-Sung!.....*) and reassigned to desk duty.

In Detroit, a police sergeant posts a tongue-in-cheek opinion on his Facebook page comparing Beyoncé’s performance at the Super Bowl, mimicking the racist Black Panthers and insulting to police officers, to a theoretical appearance of the Ku Klux Klan at next year’s Super Bowl. “If this is OK” (*showing a photo of Beyoncé’s dancers in Black Panther costume*), then is this OK for next year’s Super Bowl?,” asks the Police Sergeant facetiously, showing a photo of robed Klansmen. Sparking calls from outraged people calling for his head on a platter,

the Detroit police chief launches “an investigation” and restricts the Sergeant to administrative duty pending the outcome.

The first amendment is a strange thing, isn’t it? Some people seem to believe that it applies only to their mouths and not to their ears. It is there to protect not only what you want to say —*but more importantly — what you may not want to hear*. Keep in mind that the first amendment does not require you to agree with the speaker or even to *listen* to the speaker, it simply protects the speaker’s right to speak. It is subject to very few exceptions, such as the proverbial “you can’t yell “FIRE” in a crowded theatre,” nor you can use “fighting words” to provoke an incident or incite a riot. Most of us understand that. Unfortunately, today, we are increasingly ruled by liberal elitists and college professors; a tyranny of the minority. The modern-day, politically correct liberals have indeed learned from their communist professors that “he who controls the language controls the message and controls the people.” George Orwell’s famous book “1984” was only a few years ahead of its time. “Thought Police?” Sound familiar? The liberals may be calling it by a different name and deny that “it is what it is,” but what Orwell warned about exists today.

In today’s “victim nation/hurt feelings” climate, some people seem to believe that *they* have a right to say whatever *they* want, (“*Pigs in a blanket, fry ‘em like bacon*,” or “*What do we want, DEAD COPS, when do want ‘em, NOW!*” Geez, what group marched down the streets chanting that little ditty? Hmm...”) but that speech or opinions they don’t like is labeled as “hate speech” and as such, should be silenced. Worse than that, the person or persons who advocate differing opinions that the politically correct don’t like should be subjected to penalties, punishment, loss of job etc., etc. and have their reputations sullied. Those who advocate such positions are indeed today’s fascists. They usually call themselves “progressives” or “liberals” in order to cover their true agenda.

In my office, I keep a prominent, page-one headline from the *Bay State Banner* dated January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013, celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King’s impact on free speech. The headline contains the following excerpts from **New York Times v. Sullivan** (1964). In that case, Justice William Brennan (a liberal), writing for the majority, wrote the following:

*“...debate on public issues should be uninhibited, robust and wide-open, and that it may well include vehement, caustic and sometimes unpleasantly sharp attacks on government and public officials...”*

Today, the liberal Justice Brennan would be considered a conservative. Certainly, while on-duty in uniform and in the public forum, police, fire, EMTs and military, have to be very careful about what they say, follow orders from superior officers and maintain neutrality on most public issues. And even in one’s private life, opinions — whether written, spoken or electronically conveyed—should be tempered by common sense and avoid extreme positions or language which *most* people would consider to be racist, sexist,

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homophobic, crude, lewd, pornographic, etc. (*As one Supreme Court Justice famously said about pornography “I don’t know how to define it, but I know it when I see it.”*) The problem arises when somebody who doesn’t like your personal opinion – or harbors a personal grudge – begins to wag the fickle finger of racism, sexism, or any other of a host of “ism’s” and claim their hurt or offended feelings should result in the censoring of the speaker’s opinion and some form of punishment be enjoined to ensure the speaker’s future submission to politically-correct authority.

An officer in Area A told me that he was accused of being a “racist” when he spoke out in the station negatively about former Gov. Deval Patrick. A Sergeant had to interject to end the argument. It appears that opposition to legislative policies of Deval Patrick – (many of them anti-police) – alone and in and of themselves – begat the nefarious charge of racism. That is sad, especially amongst police officers, but the story is becoming all too common.

This editor is all too familiar with attempts to silence the *Pax Centurion* by those who believe that police officers should be submissive, meek, and acquiesce to political correctness and political authority. The *Pax* has existed since 1968 as the lone vehicle for Boston Police Officers to express our collective frustrations and opinions. To say that we are a thorn in the side of the politically correct and politically wired is a mild understatement. We have been attacked by politicians, community activists, radicals, hackers and major media sources such as the *Globe*, *Herald* and the *Phoenix*. Both the *Globe* and the *Phoenix* frequently raised the red-herring charge of “racism!” against the BPPA and the *Pax*. Of course,

when asked to provide specific examples, they cannot; because such examples of racism exist nowhere except in their own biased attitudes. (The *Phoenix* went out of business, the *Globe* is the red-headed stepchild of the *New York Times*, and the *Pax Centurion* is still printing, thank you very much....)

Those who are calling for the head of the firefighter in Weymouth or the Police Sergeant in Detroit would do well to take a step back and think. Tomorrow, your opinion may be out of favor, and if current trends continue, ***YOU*** could be the target of the censor’s fickle finger. History repeats itself, over and over. In Salem, Mass. in 1692, a group of hysterical young girls began accusing neighbors and enemies of being witches. Fear silenced otherwise good people, who wondered whether they would be next if they confronted their accusers with truth and facts. Many people were hung or banished before the hysteria ended, and that happened only when the Massachusetts Governor’s own wife was targeted. Then, and only then, did people stop and ask, “What if it were me?” Today’s politically-correct “Crucible” bears many similarities to 1692 Salem. Change the accusation of “witch” to “racist”: how does one defend oneself from this “Have you stopped beating your wife?” type of charge?

We’re heading down a dangerous road; censoring and punishing first responders who express their opinions while off-duty and not in the performance of their duties. I forget at the moment who said it, but “I may not agree with what you say, but I will fight to the death for your right to say it.” (*I’m paraphrasing*). Be careful what you wish for, those who advocate for restrictions on first-responder’s speech rights: the slope is slippery.

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# A new Newhall? Why police policy changes may have deadly consequences

*Today's law enforcement and civic leaders would be wise to heed the lessons of the Newhall massacre*

By Lt. Col. (Ret.) Mike Wood

In the opening minutes of April 6, 1970, a thick cloud of gunsmoke hung in the air above the parking lot of a Standard gas station in Newhall, California. As the echo of screeching tires and a final volley of gunshots faded away, the fluorescent lighting of the service station shone down upon the bodies of three slain highway patrolmen and a fourth who would be dead within a half hour.

The "Newhall Incident" was the worst murder of law enforcement officers in modern history. In the years that immediately followed, tactics, training and equipment would be scrutinized to see how they contributed to the loss and critical changes would be implemented.

The four officers slain at Newhall were youngsters. The most senior officer present had but 20 months on the job – the most junior, only 12. All of them had been raised in an agency culture that placed a premium on public relations at the sake of officer safety.

## Putting officers in danger

In the California Highway Patrol of 1970, officers were routinely punished by their chain of command for "sins" that might harm the public's favorable view of the agency. When the indignant recipient of a ticket lied about an officer's "unprofessional" behavior, overzealous superiors sometimes punished the officer without verifying the claims.

When a patrolman made a solo approach to a carload of suspiciously-acting people with his hand near his holstered weapon, he ran the risk of getting days off without pay for his "aggressiveness."

It took the patrol almost 40 years to issue shotguns, because the agency believed officers with long guns appeared "too martial" and might scare the public. When they were finally authorized, they were "sealed" with an empty chamber by placing a paper seal around the barrel and forend which would break if the action was racked.

An officer who found it necessary to load his gun and break the seal was required by policy to justify it to a sergeant and document his reasons in a written report as the sergeant unloaded the gun and applied a new seal. Inevitably, the policy (and irritated sergeants) discouraged officers from accessing this vital piece of safety equipment, even when the tactical circumstances demanded it.

It's impossible to measure the influence of this culture on the actions of the Newhall officers, but it's undeniable that they served in an agency that conditioned officers to avoid offending the public and second guess their every action, lest they be accused of unwarranted aggression. Could this have affected the Newhall officers' mindset, tactics, or "officer presence?" Were the hardened predators they stopped that night emboldened to resist when they detected this vulnerability in their armor?

To its great credit, the California Highway Patrol made giant strides to improve their officer safety culture in the days which followed Newhall. Many other agencies throughout the nation followed suit, because Newhall was a wakeup call for more than just the CHP — it was the birth of the profession's "officer survival" movement, which influenced every agency in America.

## The ghosts of Newhall

Fast forward four-plus decades and the ghosts of Newhall are rising to haunt us again.

As the widespread negativity directed towards LE drives a wedge between the public and the police who serve them, a legion of intimidated police chiefs, sheriffs, and civic leaders are getting pressured to make changes in department policies, tactics, training, equipment and culture.

In doing so, police departments risk a return to the culture that may have contributed to the deaths of the Newhall officers. In Los Angeles, the chief has decided to celebrate and award officers who potentially place themselves, their fellow officers, and the public at risk by refraining from using force when it was otherwise justified.

The "Preservation of Life" award will occupy a space previously reserved only for the Medal of Valor, the department's top honor. Such an action seemingly indicates a tacit acceptance of the fiction that officers use unnecessary force too frequently, and need a "carrot" to encourage better behavior. It's also likely a signal of coming policy changes, because an award for "good behavior" today can easily morph into penalties for officers who act otherwise in the future.

In San Francisco, the chief has dictated a shift in tactics and policies intended to reduce officer-involved shootings by a stunning 80 percent, as if he somehow believes that four out of every five are unwarranted and avoidable. Under the revisions, officers will be prohibited from shooting at moving vehicles, even though officers are regularly killed and injured in vehicular assaults each year.

Tactics for dealing with suspects armed with edged weapons have been radically revised by people who apparently don't understand the dynamics and realities of these situations, as officers are now expected to engage these suspects with soon-to-be-issued gloves and long batons – countering deadly force with less-lethal tools.

In a page straight out of the Newhall playbook, pointing a gun at a suspect will now be considered a "use of force" that requires a written report by the officer and mandatory supervisor intervention. Welcome to the modern day "shotgun seal," San Francisco.

## Conclusion

Officers George Alleyn, Walt Frago, Roger Gore, and James Pence gave their lives in a Newhall parking lot almost 46 years ago to teach us – among other things – that we cannot allow politics to take priority over officer and public safety. Today's law enforcement and civic leaders would be wise to heed that lesson, before ill-conceived changes lead to more police funerals.

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# Trustafarian protesters laugh at legal system... and why not?

By James W. Carnell, Pax Editor

**R**EMEMBER THE ALLEGED PROTESTERS who blocked traffic on the expressway, I-93, both northbound in Quincy and southbound in Somerville back in January of 2015? If you were caught in the several-hours long traffic mess they intentionally created, you sure as hell do. But do you know what punishment they received from our alleged “justice” system a year later? A big “go to your room – no supper tonight!” And the trustafarians were totally unapologetic for the inconvenience and delay they intentionally caused for thousands of working stiffs. Some even said they’ll do it again, and the public “didn’t understand or appreciate the magnitude of their great cause supporting BLM (Black Lives Matter).”

Yes, once again, the alleged justice system provides another reason why most of us have absolutely no faith in it. It’s a joke, a farce, a system that rewards the evildoer with leniency and punishes the taxpayer and the cop. The sentences handed down by different judges in Somerville and Quincy district courts were virtually identical: six months of unsupervised probation and a mere 60 hours of “community service.” (*And I’m reasonably sure that the “community service” will be served at either an aging communists nursing home or a homeless shelter serving anarchists.*)

The spokesman for the group of self-professed BLM protesters was one **Noah McKenna**, who was identified by talk-show host/columnist **Howie Carr** as living in a “mansion on Moss Hill in Jamaica Plain.” A picture of Noah appeared in the *Herald*, with the victim of oppression (a white male) sporting the requisite dreadlocks, immediately identifying him as a **“Trustafarian”** – (*my definition*): noun – “The trust-fund endowed, spoiled and angry offspring of wealthy parents consumed by white, liberal guilt who try to identify with the alleged oppressed and downtrodden members of society by adopting hairstyles, fashions and political opinions similar to those individuals. This attitude includes identifying themselves as victims and claiming solidarity with radical causes that are in total juxtaposition to the privileged lives they have been entitled to. Trustafarians often lead double lives: pretending to fight the establishment and law enforcement on one hand while on the other hand, after their day of solidarity with the poor and oppressed is over, returning to reside in comfort and luxury under the umbrella of their parent’s domicile.” (Go ahead; see if Webster’s Dictionary will give you a better definition than mine! Harrumph...)

Noah McKenna and his unkempt crew of former members of Occupy Boston don’t care about working people trying to get their jobs and earn a living because.... **THEY** don’t have to! They either live in their rich parent’s basements or live off the taxpayers through Section 8 housing vouchers, welfare, EBT cards, food stamps, free medical care, WIC vouchers, etc., etc., **THEIR** “cause-du-jour,” their political opinions, are so far above you, man... don’t you get it? We stupid plebeians simply don’t appreciate their great intelligence, their fortitude, their bravery in “fighting the power. Ironically, the police, whom the trustafarians hate because we are (*in their sick minds*)

the protectors of the oppressors, were actually in the unenviable position of protecting the trustafarians from the wrath of the motoring public, who were stuck in their cars for hours while police tried to remove the idiots from blocking traffic, chained to barrels of concrete requiring heavy equipment to cut and remove. Imagine what the motorists, truckers and workers would have done to the protesters if the police had not been there? Yeah, right....

History buffs will recall that one of the first trustafarians was **Patty Hearst**, the wealthy newspaper heiress kidnapped from her college dorm at Berkeley, CA by members of the Symbionese Liberation Army in 1973. The SLA was also a self-styled black-liberation organization. (*Why they wanted to “liberate” the Symbionese, a mythical people who did not and never existed, is a mystery, but quite frankly my dear, who gives a damn?....*) In fact, its only black member was escaped convict **Donald “General Cinque” Defreeze**. The other members were white, disaffected liberals. Hearst began shilling for the SLA shortly after her alleged “captivity.” She produced tape recordings ranting against “the man” and “the establishment.” She denounced her family, her wealth, and her fiancé. She participated in the bank robbery of the Crocker National Bank in Carmichael,

CA on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 1975, during which a customer, **Myrna Opsahl**, was killed. (*How many people remember poor Myrna, except her family?....*) After her capture in September 1975, her family hired the best lawyer at the time (**F. Lee Bailey**) who claimed poor Patty had been brainwashed, even though she had numerous opportunities to escape her captors. She was found guilty and sentenced to seven years in prison, but then freed by President Carter and later pardoned by President Clinton. (*Truly, a case of liberals covering up for their own, to hell with poor Myrna Opsahl....*)

Today’s trustafarians are cut from the same bolt of cloth. Spoiled, rotten rich kids who, instead of being grateful, are consumed with guilt because of their parent’s wealth and fortune. From social media, music and MTV, they envision themselves as victims of oppression, desiring to be seen as being “down with the struggle,” speaking truth to power, yadda, yadda, yadda, harrumph, harrumph, etc., etc., and so on.... When Occupy Boston was in town, we discovered that one of the poor oppressed protesters went home to her wealthy suburb on the weekends and engaged in steeple-chases at a horse farm in Hamilton, MA. Others resided in Wellesley, Newton and Brookline, communities far removed from the food pantry. But how urban-chic to play and pretend we’re oppressed victims, especially when we can go home at night and drink a magnum of Moet on Moss Hill!

But the point is, at least Patty Hearst was actually convicted of a crime and sentenced before the liberal Presidents pardoned and excused her. Today, in 2016, the liberals sit on our courts dressed in black robes and excuse the trustafarian’s gross, obscene, anti-social behavior before they even get a conviction. So of course they laugh at the system of ‘justice.’ Do you blame them? We might as well laugh too! It’s not worth crying about....



# Be alert for attacks from ISIS and other terrorists

By P.O. Dennis Murphy, D14

In September of 2014, the international terror group ISIS released a message instructing its followers to "rise up, kill intelligence officers, police officers, soldiers, and civilians." The threat named the United States, France, Australia and Canada specifically as targets.

This message was recently re-released and it is a threat we should take seriously. We make a fatal mistake if we, as police officers, make the same false assumption that these attacks are random, unrelated events. To assume that these are "lone wolf" attacks, independent of each other and uncoordinated is folly.

In the War on Terror, today's battlefield is an asymmetrical and non-traditional one. The most effective tactic of the enemy is dispersion. Osama bin Laden stated long ago that the ultimate goal of al Qaeda was to inspire autonomous groups of fighters to take up the fight they were waging worldwide. He told us so and it is obvious we were not, and are still not, listening.

We are fooling only ourselves in believing the Tsarnaev brothers were working alone. That they were "homegrown," lone wolf terrorists. It is incomprehensible and defies logic that these two conceived, planned, financed, and conducted this operation without support. They had to have access to, and the support of, a vast network both at home and abroad. A network that is still in place.

Our most likely threat as police officers is the ambush. In October an Islamic convert called for Jihad against police stating on his facebook page "*They are weaker at home. We are scattered and decentralized, we can use this as an advantage,*" before he attacked police in NYC with an ax. In Ottawa that same month, Zehaf-Bibeau killed a soldier, standing guard at public monument, then shot up Parliament. In December 2014, two NYPD officers were gunned down sitting in their patrol car by Ismaail Brinsley, another convert who answered the call to raise up and strike. There is a clear and present danger but even if the media and national political command structure chooses to ignore it, we do not have to.

We are our only defense, our only support, and unfortunately our only back up. It is upon us as individuals to take charge of our own lives. The most important course of action in an ambush is to get off the X. Remove yourself from the kill zone. Sometimes this means going on the offensive, assault through to the attackers, turn on them with as much violence as you can bring. Placing them immediately on the defensive breaks the advantage they already have over you.

There are two types of ambush. The near ambush, and the far ambush. The three ambushes discussed earlier are examples of the near ambush. Fighting your way off the X is your only chance at survival and understand even that chance at survival is small. Your attacker has all of the advantages. He has picked the place, the time, and the manner of attack. Reaction to it becomes our only advantage.

For the far ambush, like a sniper attack, the distance from the kill zone of the attacker makes assaulting the attacker impractical. However it allows the option for us to break contact. To fire and maneuver, to seek cover, and remove ourselves from the kill zone.

But those offensive tactics are only for when you are already in an

ambush. The best defense is obviously to avoid one. As Mr. Miyagi said in "The Karate Kid," the best way to avoid a fight is "not to be there." This of course is easier said than done.

We must first accept the fact that this threat is upon us. That it is real, very likely, and we should conduct ourselves accordingly. These types of assaults on police officers have been on the rise. Our basic patrol procedure training from the Academy is a great basis in which to plan our daily activities. The vehicle stop is still the most common means of ambushing officers, so keep distance, remember to make sure you are far enough away from the car in front of you to see the back tires.

Proper patrol procedures are sound, but ramp it up a few notches. A little paranoia, when people are out to get us, is a healthy thing. Observe the people around us and the attention they pay to us, and even more telling the attention they are avoiding. Watch their hands, where they stand, what they are doing and not doing. When receiving a call, especially one from an unknown caller in an out of the way

place, for a seemingly innocuous reason, it should be treated like we would the suspicious package. That one with too much postage, the odd addressing, and no return address.

Approach the scene twice. That is, pass by before stopping. Go around a few times and take note of the area and activity. Then approach from the least likely way. Walk to it from further away, from the odd angle. Be cognizant of the fact that not all

ambushes will occur immediately. Assume that the intent to attack is present, but that you have not been brought into the desired kill location.

A foot chase is another great opportunity to draw an officer into a near ambush. Suspects escaping on foot can lead officers then wait for officers to turn a corner. Counter ambush tactics include utilizing cover on the move, not following the same path as the suspect, and rounding corners wide.

When attacked in a vehicle, **GET OUT.** A vehicle is a nice box in which to trap and slaughter a victim. Sometimes you can't get out so whether stationary or otherwise, throttling it out of the kill zone maybe your best course of action. Ducking low and watching the overhead power lines on the telephone poles can guide you out of the kill zone when you can't see the road.

If the attackers are forward of your position. Backing away is a difficult task when someone is not shooting at you. So reversing into a yard, driveway, or smashing between two parked cars then turning and driving away in the opposite direction is often a better option than driving forward into plunging fire. Always avoid hitting the front bumper since an airbag in the face makes things more difficult.

Remember that deadly force is deadly force and if there is a clear path to the shooter. Aiming that one-ton car and running them over is easier than removing your pistol from a level III holster, and hitting them with well aimed .40 rounds, all while the suspect is shooting at you is often a better choice for survival.

If you lucky enough to be assigned with a partner. **ALWAYS**

See **Attacks** on page 28



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## Be alert for attacks from ISIS and other terrorists...

From **Attacks** on page 27

at a minimum, practice 50% security when outside the station. One of you should have your head on a swivel, looking at everyone approaching your vehicle. Avoid stopping in the open, avoid sitting in a parking lot to read the MDT, especially at the station. Being among large concentrations of potential targets, like outside police stations, are terrible locations to be. Stay inside, deep within the secured areas away from windows, or far from the station in the first place. Become a difficult target to reach. Avoid routine.

Another key to your survival is learning self-aid, now, don't wait for someone to teach it. Not only for yourself, but the officer beside you. Proper application of tourniquets, direct pressure bandages, wound assessment. You can not rely on H&H getting there quick enough. The Israeli Battle Dressings are available from various online sites for under \$10 and are small enough to carry in a pocket. Staying sterile and available for a very long time.

However the **MOST** important aspect for your survival is proper mental conditioning and the survival mindset. Prepare yourself for the worse. Don't let it consume you, but be ready for it. Plan your if/then scenarios in your mind before you encounter a threat. Like all actions, they must become second nature so as to occur without conscious thought. This can only happen with training and practice. Practice, not to the point that you get it right, but to the point that you can not do it wrong.

They are planning right now, planning against us.  
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# Homicides rise in Chicago; illegal gun seizures fall

By Dan Baldwin, Associated Press

**C**HICAGO — Homicides and shootings have doubled in Chicago so far this year compared with the same period in 2015, and police have seized fewer illegal guns — more possible signals officers have become less aggressive in the aftermath of a shooting video released last fall.

Interim Police Superintendent **John Escalante** said Tuesday that he was so concerned about officers possibly holding back that he filmed a video for the department in which he encouraged them to do their jobs and assured them that a federal probe of the force was not aimed at individuals.

"We are aware that there is a concern among the rank and file about not wanting to be the next YouTube video that goes viral," Escalante said in the video before introducing a segment of his own to remind viewers "why we took this job and swore this oath of office."

The statistics come almost exactly three months after the city on the orders of a judge released the video of officer **Jason Van Dyke** firing 16 shots at **Laquan McDonald**, a black teen killed in 2014. Since that day, Van Dyke has been charged with murder, and Superintendent **Garry McCarthy** has been fired. The Department of Justice launched a civil rights probe of the police force, and Mayor **Rahm Emanuel** has sought to regain public trust in the department and his own leadership.

The vast majority of the bloodshed in the nation's third-largest city occurs in neighborhoods on the south and west sides, away from the Loop business district.

In the first two months of the year, authorities recorded 95 homicides,

compared with 48 for the same period last year. Thus far, there have been 406 shootings, or more than twice as many as the 180 reported in the same two-month period in 2015.

The McDonald case raised concerns that officers, fearful of attracting negative attention, may be becoming more passive. Quietly, officers say they are not going to take chances that might land them in legal trouble or threaten their jobs and pensions.

"I'm hearing that police are standing down because they're afraid what might happen to them, that when they get a call, they wait to see if someone answers it first," said the **Rev. Michael Pfleger**, a prominent Roman Catholic priest and activist on the South Side. "I get really angry about that. If they are not going to do police work, they need to get out."

Evidence of a pullback starts with an 80 percent decrease in the number of street stops that the officers have made since the first of the year. Escalante said he believes that decrease is largely tied to the fact that since the first of the year, officers have been required to fill out far lengthier forms than the brief "contact cards" they used to use.

The new forms were the result of changes in state law and an agreement between the department and the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois that required Chicago police to more thoroughly document and monitor street stops.

Escalante said he hopes the newer and simpler forms the officers started filling out on Tuesday will help bring those numbers back up.

(Reprinted from the *Boston Globe*, March 2, 2016)

## FBI Director James Comey lambasted... for telling the truth...

From **FBI** on page 19

*story themselves, they don't want their career ended early, and it's having an impact," Emanuel told a recent audience. Although Mayor Emanuel meant that statement as a criticism and an insult of his own Chicago police force, there is a perverse truth to what he said. In this day and age, it simply isn't worth "sticking your neck out." (Ed.: Thankfully, here in Boston, we have several experienced police commander-staff members who have worked the streets and support the troops in the field. Recent officer-involved shootings have been handled in a manner that quickly tamped down any brewing anti-police sentiment and diminished openings for self-appointed activists to gin-up trouble and rouse troublemakers.)*

In yet another perversion, current attitudes toward law enforcement have actually turned the theory of "community policing" upside down. When any and every police interaction or comment, whether said in jest or taken out-of-context can "hurt someone's feelings" or cause them to be "offended" and consequently result in a "tab" (*IAD complaint*), some police officers may avoid ancillary contact with the public out of a justifiable desire to avoid trouble and controversy. The opportunities for misinterpretation or involvement in unwanted conflict — short of an actual radio call — have become a real threat for an officer's future. As one wise, retired veteran officer put it succinctly, "You don't have to find trouble on this job, it will find you."

Again citing the *Post's* **Michael Goodwin** (Oct. 28, 2015), the *Times* sneeringly asserted that "*there was no data to support [Comey's statements].*" Goodwin: "*Actually, there is a ton of data. It's called the rising murder rate, and the Times itself noted the frightening trend in a compelling news article last August.* It reported that more than 30 cities had seen big spikes, with

*Milwaukee's murder rate up 76%, St. Louis up 60%, Baltimore's up 52%, Washington, DC's up 44%, New Orleans' up 22%, Kansas City's up 20%, and on and on...*"

"A society that makes war on its police... had better be prepared to make peace with its criminals." "We sleep safe in our beds at night because rough men stand ready to visit violence upon those who would do us harm." (Quote attributed to George Orwell). These quotations are found on the backs of T-shirts distributed by the BPPA. They are as true now as they were when they were then. Back in the 1990's, famous *Chicago Tribune* writer **Mike Royko** wrote an article entitled "When Police are handcuffed, violence is unleashed." The article was written about the death of nine-year old **Laketa Crosby**, shot down during a gang war in Chicago's infamous Cabrini-Green housing projects. To bring police pressure and publicity to the raging crime at Cabrini-Green, then-Mayor **Jane Byrne** personally moved into the housing project, and police rousted the gang members. A strange and wonderful peace broke out, but was short-lived. Civil-rights activists and assorted radicals complained about "heavy-handed" police tactics, and the cops were soon forced to back down. Mayor Byrne moved out, and Cabrini-Green soon returned to "normal," which meant that law-abiding tenants locked themselves in their apartments and the gangs controlled the projects.

FBI Director Comey will soon undoubtedly find himself reassigned to a non-controversial position before he is eventually shipped off to a gulag for "re-education." As a very wise old detective with a stuttering problem used to say — "T-t-t-tell the truth... G-g-g-go to jail." (Or in Comey's case, soon-to-be transferred to the Pyongyang, North Korea regional FBI office.) People don't like the truth....



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## **Letter to the Boston Globe, Re: “FBI Director James Comey damages his credibility” (10-29-15)**

Dear Editor,

On October 29, 2015, the *Boston Globe*'s editorial board lambasted FBI Director **James Comey**, parroting a similar *N.Y. Times* editorial, for daring to expose the plainly evident truth that American Police officers – for reasons of self-preservation – have pulled back from aggressive policing in the post-Ferguson era. (“*FBI Director James Comey damages his credibility*”). May I suggest that you edit your own newspaper to ensure that the Associated Press does not distribute mundane facts which tend to fly in the face of your pompous editorials. (“*Homicides soar; seizures of guns plummet in Chicago*” “*Some say fallout of shooting video made police timid,*” *Page A13, Boston Globe, March 2, 2016, Don Baldwin, AP*) The interim Chicago Police Superintendent is quoted as literally begging officers to return to proactive policing. Homicides and shootings have increased 100%. There has been an 80% decrease in the number of street stops. Rev. Pfleger, a Catholic priest and vitriolic police critic, complains that “If they are not going to do police work, they need to get out.” Bestow a high hypocrisy award upon his holy head, for Rev. Phleger and Co. have simply gotten what they wished for: “A society that makes war on its police, had better be prepared to make peace with its criminals.”

The *Globe* and the *Times* editors criticized Comey for “not having facts to support his contention that a chill wind had blown through American law enforcement.” Now you do. Just read your own newspaper before publishing them.

—James W. Carnell, Editor, *Pax Centurion*  
*Boston Police Patrolmen's Association*

## **When is restraint too restraining...**

From **Secretary** on page 7

### **Main Table Bargaining 2016**

**O**n June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the BPPA will expire. As we have said before The BPPA Bargaining Team, including our labor lawyers, looks forward to positive and substantive discussions with the City’s Bargaining Team, which will be made up of personnel from the City, the Department and the City’s Private Counsel specializing in labor matters. Those discussions are tentatively set to begin during the second half of this month. The Bargaining Team will keep you updated as the process evolves. We are probably all in agreement that a fair CBA reached in a reasonable amount of time that can be agreed to by both Bargaining Teams and **ratified by the membership** is the goal. Ever an optimist, I believe that we can do it if there is a willing partner across the table. The Bargaining Team thanks the membership for their input, suggestions and counsel. We will continue to look for that and your support through the process.

### **BPPA Raffle To BC/GT Game In Dublin, Ireland**

**H**opefully you have seen the posters and flyers around about the BPPA Scholarship Raffle Sports Package Giveaway. The raffle is being run to provide the funds for the forty \$1,000.00 BPPA Scholarships given to members’ eligible children each year. The

package includes Round Trip tickets to Dublin, Ireland, 4-Star Hotel accommodations for 3 nights (two rooms) with a full Irish breakfast (insert 6 pack and potato joke here), Tickets to the Boston College Eagles vs the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets, as well as transportation to and from the airport and the game, a welcoming event at the Guinness Storehouse, and a Dublin Pass, which allows you access to the sightseeing trolley while you are there. The entire package is set up for four people. Raffle tickets are \$100 each and there will only be a maximum of five hundred tickets sold. A great strategy is to grab three friends, each buy a ticket and make a pact. If you and your three friends are on the frugal side you can always share a ticket, but your odds drop dramatically. This is open to anyone so please spread the word to friends. The Winner Take All ticket will be drawn at the BPPA Annual Golf Outing Lunch at Florian Hall on June 6<sup>th</sup>. You don’t have to be present to win but I’m sure the golf and lunch will be a good take too.

### **BPPA Email**

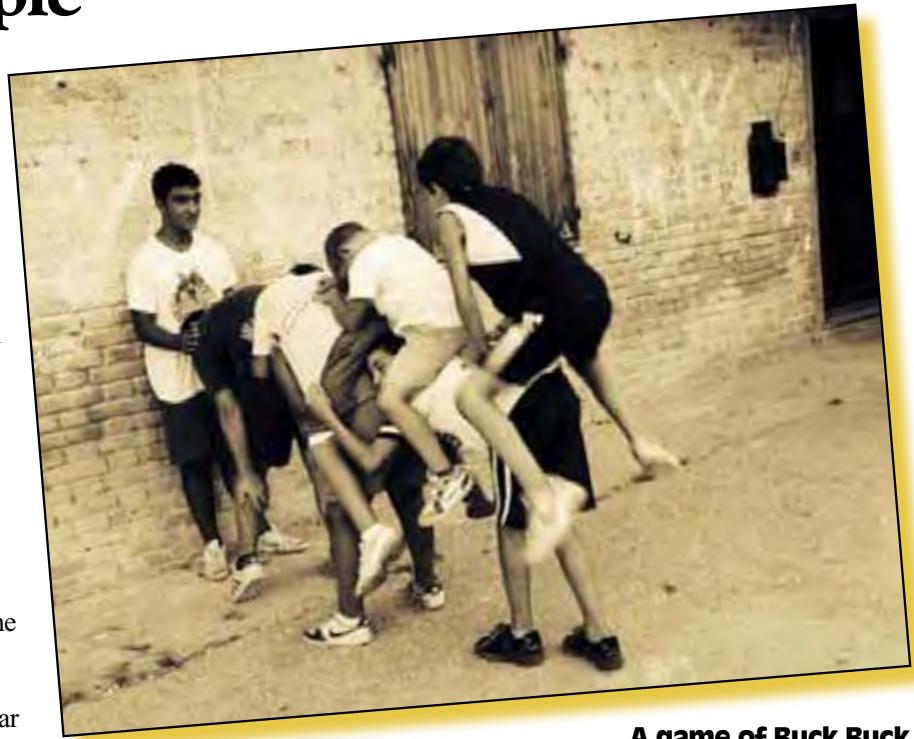
**F**or anyone that hasn’t read my last four articles please remember that the BPPA has an email system set up for the membership. To activate your email simply log onto the website BPPA.org and follow the instructions. It is a great way to stay informed of current events and get bargaining updates. If there are any problems please call the BPPA at 617-989-2772.

# When life was simple

By Mark A. Bruno

**B**efore technology took over the world, we lived in simpler times. There were no iPhones, only rotary phones on the wall or on a table. They had cords on them, granting you the ability to travel the entirety of three feet. When you were done, you put the phone back on the receiver. You had shows on television like Dialing for Dollars and Boomtown starring Rex Trailer. The "rabbit ears" on your television sets had the power to give you about seven good channels. If you had a colored television, you were lucky. There were no remotes to change the channel; you actually had to get up off the couch and change it yourself. Some shows, like Star Trek, were telegraphing the future to come with their communicators, phasers, and dilithium crystals. Now we have cell phones, tasers, and lithium batteries. You had WMEX and WRKO for radio stations. I really can't believe how far we have come from when I was a kid back in the sixties and seventies. When your Mother wanted you, she need only to shout out the window and God forbid if you were not within ear shot!

Back then, we played board games like checkers, chess, and Monopoly for entertainment. Now, we have Candy Crush, Farmville, and Facebook. We played with marbles on sewer covers, flipped baseball cards on sidewalks, and actually enjoyed it. Who remembers Buck Buck? We'd play tag, off ground tag, and manhunt. One of my favorites was Blue Blade, where you would hide the belt and whoever found it, would whip the other players until they got back to a safe zone. Oh, the revenge I extracted on some bullies in this game – the number is too high to count. I would wind up from Detroit with that belt, like I was whipping a tiger. The nuns probably thought our parents were keeping us in line when they saw the welts. Of course, if you played this game today, you would be charged with A&B D/W!



**A game of Buck Buck.**

We would gamble our lunch money pitching quarters against a wall to see who got closer, or we played Glummy, where you pitched the quarter to a sewer cover first and then try getting it close to the other guy's coin to win. We would play all kinds of card games, but Heaven help you if the nuns caught you! The priest at our parish would scoop up the money, make the sign of the cross, and walk away. We would all look at each other like "holy crap (no pun intended) what just happened!?" Father Dominic just jacked up the game!" I'm sure it all went into the collection box; NOT!

We would build all kinds of club houses out of pallets and line them with cardboard boxes for insulation. We actually learned carpentry at a young age. Most kids today have probably never swung a hammer. My favorite project was making a scooter out of a produce box, a 2 x 4, and a roller skate. We were creative and didn't have the distractions of today.

One pimple-ball would provide many hours of endless entertainment. We would play Errors, Hit the Point, ball tag, and of course my favorite – stick ball. You could either use the whole ball or cut it in half when the air went out and play half-ball. Some of my friends could get the ball to move really well. Of course, you needed a stick-ball-bat which was usually provided by a broom stick stolen from one of our homes. Mothers were not happy about this! It was an incredible time of youthful innocence when life was simple.



**Scooters were made out of produce boxes and roller skates.**

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# The Tower of Babel: “Press One for English!?!?”

## When will the insanity of liberalism end?

By James W. Carnell, Pax Editor

I recently received some information from an insurance company in the mail. About to throw this drivel away, I noticed that an enclosure contained the following (*reprinted here*) “helpful” translation bulletin, written in six languages, including Tagalog (Filipino) and Navajo (American Indian). I do not know how many Navajo Indians or Filipinos that this enclosure helped: I am reasonably certain that Tagalog or Navajo-speaking people probably threw this crap from the insurance company away, too. (Question: was this envelope that the material was sent in also printed in Navajo informing the recipient that it was T’A’A’I’YISI I’LI’? (**IMPORTANT**). If not, the recipient may have missed his **IMPORTANT** insurance information telling him to call 1 (866) 374-6060. If it was printed in Navajo, then how the hell did the U.S. mailman Di’i’ naaltsoos nich’ i’ a’lyaa’ i’gi’i’ daats’ i’yinitahgo bi’i’mi’ghah? (*Can you read this letter?*)

Contrary to popular opinion, I am not *complaining* about this letter. Oh, no, no, no. No, I want **MORE** of it! I’ve decided, “If you can’t beat ‘em, join ‘em!” Why stop at just six languages? Aren’t we discriminating against those who speak Italian, Greek, Russian, Arabic, Japanese and Burundian? (I do not know if Burundian is an actual language, but I assume that those from Burundi speak it.) How about Gaelic, Norwegian, Polish, Cambodian and Portuguese? I am willing to wager 10-1 that there are more Polish and Cambodian speaking individuals in the Boston area than there are Navajo-speakers. And why stop at Navajo? Don’t the Sioux, Cherokee and Wampanoag have their own languages?

In all seriousness, have we all gone off the deep-end? In the name of political correctness and in the name of accommodating all, we accommodate and satisfy none. We stoke the fires of parochialism and victimhood. French-Canadians are very protective of their language and their culture, yet this letter does not recognize their language as being as important as Tagalog. So why would I buy insurance from a company that didn’t feel my language was important?

Who determined that these six languages were important enough to include in a letter explaining insurance benefits? Who, in our government, our schools, our workplaces, makes these determinations? Who makes us “**PRESS ONE FOR ENGLISH, PRESS TWO FOR SPANISH**” at every ATM or on every recorded phone call? I know this is going to sound radical, perhaps even racist, but let me throw caution to the wind: **AHEM... “THE LANGUAGE OF AMERICA IS ENGLISH.”** There, I said it. Let the critics attack. I hope the good liberals in Cambridge and Brookline are wringing their hands at tie-dye class and swooning at Yoga. **THE LANGUAGE OF AMERICA IS ENGLISH!!!** There I said it again, and with exclamation points at the end!

Here’s a novel idea: Instead of “Celebrating Diversity,” let’s “Celebrate Sameness.” Yes, a common language, a common culture, a common history (the good, the bad and the ugly, all of it, together, but facts please, no opinions). For your information, the state language of Mexico is Spanish. **NOTHING** official

from the Mexican government is printed in anything **BUT** the Spanish language. Good for them! They have that right as a sovereign country. **AND SO DO WE!** So why do handwringing, guilt-ridden liberals feel that they must pander and kowtow to every culture, every country, every language *except our own?*

In days gone by, immigrants (*legal*) to America made a point of learning English as a way to assimilate. Many were proud to learn English and actually forbid the native tongue from being used inside the house, out of a (*misguided?*) sense of shame in their past. ESL (English as a second language) classes are a disgrace in and of themselves; English immersion should be the “first language” priority, not maintaining the native tongue. We are quickly becoming the biblical Tower of Babel, a land where no one understands each other and babbles in a foreign tongue. Personally, I will purchase insurance only from those who speak primarily English. Does that make me a racist...or a langu-ist? Well English is MY a’dooly’i’i’. And that’s T’A’A’I’YISI’ I’LI’ to me. So there. And I’m not translating it for you, either, you can look at the stupid insurance letter translate it yourself, you Ama’dan.... (*gaelic – simple, stupid, foolish person*)

### English

**IMPORTANT:** Can you read this letter? If not, we can have somebody help you read it. You may also be able to get this letter written in your language. For free help, please call right away at 1 (866) 374-6060.

### Spanish

**IMPORTANTE:** ¿Puede leer esta carta? Si no, nosotros le podemos ayudar a leerla. Además, usted puede recibir esta carta escrita en su propio idioma. Para obtener ayuda gratuita, llame ahora mismo al 1 (866) 374-6060.  
(Spanish)

### Chinese

**重要事項：**您是否能閱讀此信？如果無法閱讀，我們將能為您提供專員協助。我們也能將此信翻譯成您所使用的語言。欲洽詢免費服務，請立即致電 1 (866) 374-6060。  
(Chinese)

### Tagalog

**MAHALAGA:** Nababasa mo ba ang liham na ito? Kung hindi, maaari tayong humingi ng tulong sa isang tao para mabasa mo ito. Maaari mo ring makuhang liham na ito nang nakasulat sa iyong wika. Para sa libreng tulong, tumawag agad sa 1 (866) 374-6060.  
(Tagalog)

### Vietnamese

**LƯU Ý QUAN TRỌNG:** Quý vị đọc được thư này không? Nếu không, chúng tôi sẽ cho người giúp quý vị đọc thư. Quý vị cũng có thể nhận được thư này bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị. Để được giúp đỡ miễn phí, xin quý vị gọi ngay cho chúng tôi tại số 1 (866) 374-6060.  
(Vietnamese)

### Navajo

**T’AA’IYISI’ I’LI’:** Di’i naaltsoos nich’i’ ályaa’igíí daats’i’yinitahgo blinighah? Doo blinighahgo éi’ ta’ nikáh adoolwoi nich’i’ yidooltah. Áádóó áldó t’áá ni’ nizaadkebjí bil’i ashchiijgo naaltsoos nich’i’ ádoolyiíí. T’áá jílk’eh ákáh a’yeed biniiyé, t’áá shiqodi t’áá hooshch’i’ hodílmih kojj’ 1 (866) 374-6060.  
(Navajo)

# We're in and open for business...

From **Treasurer** on page 9

year, Officer Guindon's name will be etched onto the National Police Memorial Wall of Remembrance like so many others who have gone before her.

I would like to thank the officers who went to the funeral. We had twenty-eight officers go on the bus and other officers went in their personal vehicles.

These deaths are becoming too common place. In many instances we only read about them on the Officer Down Memorial Page (ODMP) or when other officers we know from out of state post it on Facebook. According to ODMP as of today there have been eighteen line of duty deaths so far this year. Twelve from gunfire, which is up three hundred percent, five in automobile accidents, which is a fifty percent decrease and one attributed to a training incident... and we are only ten weeks into 2016!

## Scholarships

**C**ongratulations to our 2015 scholarship winners. Some of the recipient's photos are on page 9. I would like to thank all of you who sent in a photo of your child and those who took the time to come into the House of Representatives meeting and be photographed. I would like to remind those of you who have not yet claimed your scholarship, you must do so by April 15<sup>th</sup>. After this date alternates will be drawn.

## Upcoming events, important dates and a little guess who

### BPPA Golf Tournament

Monday, June 6, 2016

George Wright Golf Course & Franklin Park Golf Course

### Drawing of the Trip to Ireland

BC vs. Georgia Tech

This drawing will take place at the dinner following the golf tournament. You do not need to be present to win.

### BPPA Retirement Dinner

Friday, September 9, 2016

Get your tickets early to this great night and come honor our retirees @ Venezia Restaurant

### Dental Open Enrollment - April 1<sup>st</sup> thru April 30<sup>th</sup>

**I**n this edition of the *PAX* you will notice baby pictures throughout the paper. These baby pictures belong to active duty BPPA officers. If you think you know whose baby picture it is email me at [rcolburn@bppa.org](mailto:rcolburn@bppa.org). The first person to email me correctly identifying the photo will win a \$50.00 gift card. If no one guesses by April 15<sup>th</sup>, the BPPA member in the photo gets the \$50.00 gift card.

If you would like to take part in a future edition, please email me your baby photos. You are only eligible to win once in each edition of the *PAX*.

In closing, I wish all of you and your families a Happy Easter. Take care of yourselves and stay safe.

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# 10 limitations of body cams... A study from the Force Science Institute

By Dr. Bill Lewinski / Submitted by/commented upon by Matt Carey, Area A-1, Last Half Representative

The idea is gaining momentum that once every cop is equipped with a body camera, the controversy will be taken out of police shootings and other uses of force because “what really happened” will be captured on video for all to see. There’s no doubt that body cameras—like dash cams, cell phone cams, and surveillance cams—can provide a unique perspective on police encounters and, in some cases, are likely to help officers. But like those other devices, a camera mounted on your uniform or on your head has limitations that need to be understood and considered when evaluating the images they record. Certainly, a camera can provide more information about what happened on the street. But it can’t necessarily provide all the information needed to make a fair and impartial final judgment. There still may be influential human factors involved, apart from what the camera sees.

## 1. A camera doesn't follow your eyes or see as they normally see.

At the current level of development, a body camera is not an eye-tracker like FSI has used in some of its studies of officer attention. That complex apparatus can follow the movement of your eyes and superimpose on video small red circles that mark precisely where you are looking from one microsecond to the next. “A body camera photographs a broad scene but it can’t document where



within that scene you are looking at any given instant,” Lewinski says. “If you glance away from where the camera is concentrating, you may not see action within the camera frame that appears to be occurring ‘right before your eyes.’ Likewise, the camera can’t acknowledge physiological and psychological phenomena that you may experience under high stress. As a survival mechanism, your brain may suppress some incoming visual images that seem unimportant in a life-threatening situation so you can completely focus very narrowly on the threat (AKA “Tunnel vision”). You won’t be aware of what your brain is screening out. “Your brain may also play visual tricks on you that the camera can’t match. If a suspect is driving a vehicle toward you, for example, it will seem to be closer, larger, and faster than it really is because of a phenomenon called ‘looming.’ Camera footage may not convey the same sense of threat that you experienced. “In short, there can be a huge disconnect between your field of view and your visual perception and the camera’s. Later, someone reviewing what’s caught on camera and judging our actions could have a profoundly different sense of what happened than you had at the time it was occurring.”

## 2. Some important danger cues can't be recorded.

You can usually tell when you touch a suspect whether he or she is going to resist. You may quickly apply force as a preemptive measure, but on camera it may look like you made an unprovoked attack, because the sensory cue you felt doesn’t record visually.” And, of course, the camera can’t record the history and experience you bring to an encounter. “Suspect behavior that may appear innocuous on film to a naïve civilian can convey the risk of mortal danger to you as a streetwise officer”. For instance, an assaultive subject who brings his hands up may look to a civilian like he’s surrendering, but to you, based on past experience, that can be a very intimidating and combative movement, signaling his preparation for a fighting attack. The camera just captures the action, not your interpretation.”

## 3. Camera speed differs from the speed of life.

Because body cameras record at much higher speeds than typical convenience store or correctional facility security cameras, it’s less likely that important details will be lost in the millisecond gaps between frames, as sometimes happens with those cruder devices. “But it’s still theoretically possible that something as brief as a muzzle flash or the glint of a knife blade that may become a factor in a use-of-force case could still fail to be recorded”. Of greater consequence is the body camera’s depiction of action and reaction times.

## 4. Your body may block the view.

How much of a scene a camera captures is highly dependent on where it’s positioned and where the action takes place.” Depending on location and angle, a picture may be blocked by your own body parts, from your nose to your hands. “If you’re firing a gun or a Taser, for example, a camera on your chest may not record much more than your extended arms and hands. Or just blading your stance may obscure the camera’s view. Critical moments within a scenario that you can see may be missed entirely by your body cam because of these dynamics, ultimately masking what a reviewer may need to see to make a fair judgment.”

## 5. A camera only records in 2-D

Because cameras don’t record depth of field – the third dimension that’s perceived by the human eye – accurately judging distances on their footage can be difficult. “Depending on the lens involved, cameras may compress distances between objects or make them appear closer than they really are,” Lewinski says. “Without a proper sense of distance, a reviewer may misinterpret the level of threat an officer was facing.”

## 6. A camera may see better than you do in low light.

When footage is screened later, it may actually be possible to see elements of the scene in sharper detail than you could at the time the camera was activated. “If you are receiving less visual information than the camera is recording under time pressured

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circumstances, you are going to be more dependent on context and movement in assessing and reacting to potential threats. In dim light, a suspect's posturing will likely mean more to you immediately than some object he's holding. When footage is reviewed later, it may be evident that the object in his hand was a cell phone, say, rather than a gun. If you're expected to have seen that as clearly as the camera did, your reaction might seem highly inappropriate."

## 7. The absence of sophisticated time-stamping may prove critical.

The time-stamping that is automatically imposed on camera footage is a gross number, generally measuring the action minute by minute. "In some high-profile, controversial shooting cases that is not sophisticated enough," "To fully analyze and explain an officer's perceptions, reaction time, judgment, and decision-making it may be critical to break the action down to units of one-hundredths of a second or even less. "There are post-production computer programs that can electronically encode footage to those specifications, and the Force Science Institute strongly recommends that these be employed. When reviewers see precisely how quickly suspects can move and how fast the various elements of a use-of-force event unfold, it can radically change their perception of what happened and the pressure involved officers were under to act."

## 8. One camera may not be enough.

"The more cameras there are recording a force event, the more opportunities there are likely to be to clarify uncertainties. "The angle, the ambient lighting, and other elements will almost certainly vary from one officer's perspective to another's, and syncing the footage up will provide broader information for understanding the dynamics of what happened. What looks like an egregious action from one angle may seem perfectly justified from another. "Think of the analysis of plays in a football game. In resolving close calls, referees want to view the action from as many cameras as possible to fully understand what they're seeing. Ideally, officers deserve the same consideration. The problem is that many times there is only one camera involved, compared to a dozen that may be consulted in a sporting event, and in that case the limitations must be kept even firmer in mind.

## 9. A camera encourages second-guessing.

According to the U. S. Supreme Court in *Graham v. Connor*, an officer's decisions in tense, uncertain, and rapidly evolving situations are not to be judged with the '20/20 vision of hindsight,' " Lewinski notes. "But in the real-world aftermath of a shooting, camera footage provides an almost irresistible temptation for reviewers to play the "coulda-shoulda" game. "Under calm and comfortable conditions, they can infinitely replay the action, scrutinize it for hard-to-see detail, slow it down, freeze it. The officer had to assess what he was experiencing while it was happening and under the stress of his life potentially being on the line. That disparity can lead to far different conclusions. "As part of the incident investigation, we recommend that an officer be permitted to see what his body camera and other cameras recorded. He should be cautioned, however, to regard the footage only as informational. He

should not allow it to supplant his first-hand memory of the incident. Justification for a shooting or other use of force will come from what an officer reasonably perceived, not necessarily from what a camera saw."

## 10. A camera can never replace a thorough investigation.

When officers oppose wearing cameras, civilians sometimes assume they fear "transparency." But more often, they are concerned that camera recordings will be given undue, if not exclusive, weight in judging their actions. "A camera's recording should never be regarded solely as the Truth about a controversial incident," Lewinski declares. "It needs to be weighed and tested against witness testimony, forensics, the involved officer's statement, and other elements of a fair, thorough, and impartial investigation that takes human factors into consideration. "This is in no way intended to belittle the merits of body cameras. Early testing has shown that they tend to reduce the frequency of force encounters as well as complaints against officers. "But a well-known police defense attorney is not far from wrong when he calls these cameras 'the best evidence and the worst evidence.' The limitations of body cams and



others need to be fully understood and evaluated to maximize their effectiveness and to assure that they are not regarded as infallible 'magic bullets' by people who do not fully grasp the realities of force dynamics." As always guys and girls stay safe out there.

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*The Force Science Institute was launched in 2004 by Executive Director Bill Lewinski, Ph.D. – a specialist in police psychology – to conduct unique lethal-force experiments. The non-profit Force Science Institute, based at Minnesota State University-Mankato, uses sophisticated time-and-motion measurements to document – for the first time – critical hidden truths about the physical and mental dynamics of life-threatening events, particularly officer-involved shootings. Its startling findings profoundly impact on officer training and safety and on the public's naive perceptions.*



# Socially awkward

For those of you that don't know me, my name is Peter Pasciucco. I joined Byrne & Anderson as an Associate Attorney last May after 4+ years as a Suffolk County ADA. I met a lot of you during my time in the DA's office as I circulated through four of the District Courts and finished off my run in Suffolk Superior. For those of you I haven't yet had the pleasure to meet, I look forward to crossing paths in the weeks, months and years ahead. Below are just a few thoughts I have on the personal use of social media by police officers.

**A**ccording to a recent study, seventy-three percent of the adult population in the United States (ages 18-64) have social media profiles on applications such as Facebook, Twitter or Instagram. Of that seventy-three percent figure, the average person spends approximately 1.75 hours a day accessing these apps, either posting or tweeting their own material or browsing that of friends and followers. I knew the numbers were high but had no idea they were at that level. As Yogi Berra once said "The future ain't what it used to be."

Along with the rising and seemingly here-to-stay usage of social media amongst people in this country has come an alarming wave of disciplinary action taken against public employees for their behavior on these sites. It has almost become routine to see headlines such as "Officer Terminated For Facebook Post" or "Cop Suspended for Racist Tweet" or "Teacher Being Investigated For Crude Photo." For example, some of you may have heard about the Weymouth firefighter who was suspended 90 days without pay last month after writing a Facebook post directed at the addiction and overdose problem that is plaguing most cities and towns across the Commonwealth. The unidentified firefighter's comments that "*Narcan is the worst drug ever created, let the d-bags die...you use you should loose (sic)*" went viral. Even the President of the Weymouth Firefighters Local 1616 felt the need to make a public statement describing the remarks as "*disappointing*" and declaring that he "*believe[s] these comments are an isolated situation that not at all represent the hardworking men who risk their lives every day.*"

The Weymouth incident is really nothing new. A Minnesota police officer made national news a few weeks ago after posting a drawing of a vehicle running over a group of people with a caption below it stating "Nobody cares about your protest." The post came two days after an African American man was fatally shot by Minneapolis Police and Black Lives Matter protesters flooded a busy interstate. Similarly, in August 2014, an Elgin, Illinois Police Officer was fired for a Facebook post he made about the events in Ferguson, Missouri. Officer Jason Lentz, an eighteen-year veteran of the Elgin Police Department commented on Michael Brown's death saying "*Hmmm...innocent victim my ass. Did Society a favor.*" The Department claimed Lentz's firing was appropriate as his conduct undermined the city's credibility and was in violation of the police department's social media guidelines. Lentz vigorously fought his termination, arguing that the post was protected by the First Amendment because it was on a "private" page and was aimed at a matter of public concern. An arbitrator ultimately reinstated Lentz but avoided deciding the case on the merits of the First Amendment privilege, rather justifying the reinstatement by ruling that the Department erred in releasing



confidential information to the public while the investigation was pending, thus violating the collective bargaining agreement.

Before I wrote this article, I admittedly had to look up whether the Boston Police Department had an official social media policy for its employees. After quickly perusing the rules and regulations, it became obvious that they do not. Police Departments in many big cities, including New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, have implemented written guidelines over the last few years to help its workers understand what is appropriate and what isn't. The Seattle Police Department, run

by a couple familiar faces, followed suit and instituted their own policy in 2015 that mirrors all the others. Seattle Police employees, for example, are barred from "making, sharing or commenting in support of any posting that includes harassment, threats of violence, or similar inappropriate conduct." Employees also cannot "make, share, or comment in support of any posting that ridicules, maligns, disparages, expresses

bias, negative connotations, or disrespect toward any race, religion, sex, gender, sexual orientation, nation-

ality, or any other protected class of individuals." If formal policies are the new norm, then why is Boston lagging behind? For one, social media behavior can easily fit into a number of Rule 102's respectful treatment and/or public integrity catch-all regulations. But also, after reviewing the policies of other cities, I have come to the conclusion that apart from putting personnel on notice that they can be disciplined for social media outbursts, these policies don't really add much. Opinions as to what fits into the so-called prohibitions will always differ. If a Boston Police officer tweeted out a similar drawing to the Minnesota one discussed above, would he or she be suspended? It's hard to say. With the public outrage across Massachusetts following the Route 93 protesters last year, I just don't know. The tweet might actually set the record for "likes". If an officer posts something in opposition to gay marriage, will that be grounds for termination? If an officer makes a joke about a woman in the oval office, what will happen? There's a huge gray area and apart from an outright prohibition on personal use of these apps, no policy will change that.

As public employees, police officers have always been held to higher standards than those in other professions. That is nothing new. Additionally, the First Amendment rights of police officers, as it relates to both on and off duty speech, has been curbed considerably in recent years. Public statements that police officers make, no matter what the forum is, will continue to be scrutinized with a fine tooth comb. A Facebook and Twitter user myself, albeit of the backseat variety who browses much more than comments, I can't help but notice how "political" my newsfeeds have become recently. If I sign onto Facebook right now, I guarantee that alongside someone's post about their first snap-dog of the season at Sully's on Castle Island will be a post or a tweet about email servers, feeling the Bern or trying to make America even greater. With the election season kicking into high gear as we head towards the summer and the debate over issues such as immigration, national security, government spending and gun control heating up amongst the candidates, I anticipate

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# You need to know your rights to protect them

The volume of coverage regarding law enforcement and the rights of police officers over the last year has been remarkable. The policy byproducts of this coverage are now manifesting.

In Massachusetts, Governor Baker has proposed a bill that will more readily allow municipalities to leave Civil Service. It is pending at the Joint Committee on Public Service and it could result in the further erosion of police officers' rights in the Commonwealth.

Nationally, whether Police Officers should even have just cause protections under statute or collective bargaining agreements is a topic of debate.

Each Patrol Officer in Boston has an individual right at Civil Service to challenge discipline above a written reprimand and to address other violations of the Civil Service statute. BPPA members are also protected by the just cause provision in the collective bargaining agreement which allows the Union to challenge any discipline issued to a Boston patrol officer or other violation of the contract before a neutral arbitrator. Similarly, the Union also holds a right to file prohibited practice charges at the Department of Labor Relations (DLR) if the Employer refuses to bargain in good faith about the terms and conditions of employment (i.e., working conditions, wages, etc.)

Most basically:

- Civil Service appeals can cure violations of the Civil Service laws;
- Grievances can cure violations of the collective bargaining agreement; and



- Prohibited practices charges can cure the failure by the Employer to collectively bargain with the Union in good faith, impermissible interference by the Employer with the Union and any other violations of the public labor relations statute (M.G. L. c. 150E).

These rights were created to undermine patronage and create union security. If a Police Department could terminate officers for any reason (i.e. without just cause), keeping public sector management honest will become more difficult. The type of changes being proposed would return us to these type of scenarios:

- Don't like the Employer's wage proposal? The negotiating committee gets reassigned to nights.
- New Mayor gets elected? Officers who supported the other candidate start having a very hard time on the job.

### • Support the Union? Time to get your résumé together.

The notion that a Police Officer with rights and a good salary equates to a social problem is a fallacy. Society is not somehow made fair by treating any group of working men and women less fairly or by stripping anyone of economic justice and fair process. This is true regardless of whether you're talking about a shop clerk, a porter, a farmer, a nurse, a firefighter, a teacher or a police officer.

Be vigilant – preserving your rights will take work and attention. Stay focused and, as always, stay safe.

## Affordable Care Act's Cadillac Tax on High Cost Health Plans has been Delayed Two Years

By Amy Laura Davidson, Esq., Sandulli Grace P.C.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) (a/k/a "Obama Care") contains a provision that would impose a 40% non-deductible tax on higher cost health plans. The tax was scheduled to go into effect in 2018 on plans whose total annual cost exceeds \$10,200 for individual and \$27,500 for family coverage. Insurances carriers would be responsible for paying the tax but the burden ultimately would fall on employers and individuals with high cost plans. The Kaiser Foundation predicts that by 2018 26% of employers would be assessed the Cadillac Tax on at least one of their health plans if plan design remains the same. This is why many employers have indicated a reluctance to agree to any collective bargaining agreement beyond 2018.

In December, the U.S. House of Representatives released a tax bill entitled "Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015."

The bill was ultimately passed by Congress and signed into law by the President. It delays implementation of the Cadillac Tax until 2020. Analysts speculate whether the tax will ultimately be repealed before it goes into effect.

Accordingly, employers may no longer rely on the Cadillac Tax to avoid negotiating agreements that extend beyond 2018. It is likely that they will continue to be reluctant to any agreements extending beyond 2020 when the tax currently is due to take effect.

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that social media will be abuzz more than ever. If I have any advice as we cruise further into 2016, it would be to think before you socially mediate. This is even more important after you've had a few libations. If you'll regret a post the next morning, you can't just sleep late. It will be out there for the world to see. We all have opinions we want to share, but in this politically correct world it is probably best to broadcast those opinions to trusted friends only. In the long run, you'll be glad you did.

Stay safe out there, take care of each other and please don't forget to tip your bartender.



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# No ordinary day

By P.O. Dennis Murphy, D14

We know, more than anyone. That just as there is no such thing as a routine traffic stop. In police work, there is no such thing as an ordinary day. 18 June 2015 was another one of those, extraordinary, ordinary days in the life of a Boston Police Officer.

You did not see this story in any news outlets. Because, of the millions of Citizen – Police encounters that occur annually in this country. Those which do not end up in those sensational incidents plastered all over the news. The sensational encounters that in actuality make up only a tiny fraction of Citizen-Police encounters, but because of the 24-hour news coverage, seem like the rule not the exception. The everyday encounters of great police work are not news.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of June, the K202F was stopped at a red light on Washington St. in Brighton when a person suddenly collapsed in a crosswalk. When this woman was observed to be having an extremely difficult time standing up, Officer **Stephan Borne** exited the wagon and went to render assistance. The young woman told the Officer she fell and hurt her leg.

As Officer Borne bent to help her up, that's when he saw it. A large amount of blood pooling in the roadway under her leg, and it was getting larger by the seconds. The Officer found that the back of her leg had a large laceration by the knee. What neither the victim nor the Officer knew at that moment, was that when the victim fell. She broke her leg, and the shattered bone cut its way through artery, muscle, nerve, and vein as she attempted to stand up.

Officer Borne did know however that this injury was critical, the blood loss was increasing rapidly, and time was not on their side. He immediately contacted Operations and requested EMS. There was no doubt from his voice this was serious. He then removed his duty belt and gave it to his partner Officer **Arthur Lonergan** who by that time had parked the wagon and was clearing traffic from the scene.

Officer Borne took off his waist belt and proceeded to apply a hasty tourniquet to stop the blood loss and held that leg for as long as it took. Several more units from D-14 responded and when this author arrived the amount of blood on the street below the victim was startling.

Boston EMS and Fire eventually arrived and the victim was transported to St. Elizabeth's for treatment. It was reported later that the victim had undergone one 10-hour surgery, a transfer to a second medical facility, and several follow-up operations and treatments. The extent of her initial injury was major.

It was provident that the K202F was stopped in traffic at that exact spot, at that exact moment in time. For it is without a doubt that had those Officers not been there. Had the victim fell and had to rely on the chance passing of a stranger, to stop, to call 911, and to wait for a response. The outcome that day would have been very different. All the medical personnel involved agreed that if not for the quick, calm, professional intervention of a Boston Police Officer. A visitor to our City would have lost her life on a crosswalk in Brighton.



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# Even Clark Kent can be Superman

Submitted by **Sean Broderick** – Dedicated to the brave men and women of the Boston Police Department,  
Especially those in the Youth Violence Strike Force

The following piece was written by my nephew Sean Broderick for a creative licensing class at Saint Michael's College. Just as I was convinced that "this generation" doesn't get it, I found reason to hope again. I recognize that this is written by the son and nephew of police officers who was raised with a certain set of values, as many of the readers' children were raised, but it still gives me hope in our future.

– Christopher Broderick, Secretary, BPPA

'I'm more than a bird, I'm more than a plane. I'm more than some pretty face beside a train. It's not easy to be me.'

– Superman, Five for Fighting

**M**y name is **Mark Moynihan** and I am a police officer in the city of Chicago. Here's my advice for those on the fence about becoming a police officer: Don't. If you're not fully committed to the idea of devoting your life to the service then you're not ready for the emotional, physical, and mental toll this job is going to take on you. Become a fireman, the pay is better and you get to slide on poles all day. Now for those of you who have known since the day they were born what they wanted to be, you have no idea what you're in for. You will become the person people count on to save the day, and society will hate you for that. When you can't save the day they'll call you a failure, but if they don't like the way you do your duty then you're a disgrace to the force, no matter who you save. Your experience may vary from mine, but I can certainly tell you that you will not be the same person within a year of service. I went into the job knowing, or at least thinking, that this was the only career for me, and even then it only took one big incident to shake my identity as a police officer down to the core, and the reality is everybody who puts on a uniform will have that earth shattering experience. I'm lucky enough that I was able to come back from that and create something worthwhile, but I will be the first to tell you it's not for everyone. If you are going to join make sure you join for the right reasons. I didn't, and that was my first mistake.

I spent my childhood like every other child in the early 1990s, with my nose buried deep into any comic book that I could find. Every Saturday I would take my five-dollar allowance and buy five of the one-dollar issues from the comic shop near my house. I typically read classic superheroes such as Spiderman, Batman, The Avengers, and my personal favorite, Superman. By the time high school came around my collection easily numbered in the thousands, which would have been worth a lot of money today had my house not burned down with my precious collection inside. I was fascinated by the concept of superheroes, after all it takes a special type of person (or God-like being, in some cases) to take the gifts that they have been graced with and use them to protect and serve the greater good. Superman

especially stood out to me; the fact that he still felt an overwhelming urge to be the defender of a planet he wasn't even from struck me as particularly noble, and this made him my favorite superhero. Now I'm hesitant to say that I draw my own moral code and sense of morality from the comic book I read when I was ten, but it's hard to deny that they would have an impact on me during my formative years. Comic books gave me my first, most basic definition of a hero: a hero is someone who 1) defends those who cannot defend themselves, and 2) brings justice to those who do wrong. Obviously age and experience changed my exact definition of that word, but for the most part, every definition I'd have could be watered down to that very first definition, and until May 19<sup>th</sup> of my rookie year that definition had never really been challenged. I had always felt the drive to be a hero in my life, which very well may have been the result of immersing myself in superhero culture, and this drive led me to one of the few careers where I could be a hero every day of my life and get paid to do it: Police Officer.

The day I turned 21 I entered a six-month police academy program. I was doing fairly well with all of the written work, but as I was never the strongest person growing up I struggled with the practical training. It's one thing to memorize all of the laws in the rulebook, but when you have to train in full riot gear in the blistering sun your book smarts won't be able to help you. I would train every weekday during our standard training and I would work on building my strength at the gym, but I didn't feel like I was making any progress for the first two months. It didn't help that our training outfits, consisting of an itchy long-sleeve shirt and impossibly tight pants, were literally the most uncomfortable uniform for eight hours of physical exertion. Typical undershirts didn't help the itch so one day I decided to wear a typical cotton tee shirt with a Captain America logo to ease my discomfort. Not only was that the most comfortable I had ever been in uniform up to that point, that day was also the first day I made progress during practical training. I ran a sub-seven-minute mile without collapsing for the first time ever, climbed a 105' ladder

without panicking and retreating, and I was even in the zone during my shooting drills. My training officer asked me what my secret was. I just told him that something must have finally clicked, but I knew that my Captain America shirt was my good luck charm. The next day I wore a Spider-Man shirt, just to test my theory, and my success continued. For the remainder of my cadet course I would wear a superhero themed tee shirt under my training uniform every day, and soon enough I was at the top of my class not just in the classroom but in practical application as well. I would come to find that it's not uncommon for an officer to keep a good luck charm on their person while on patrol, be it a shamrock on the butt of their gun or mismatched socks under their boots, and when I joined the force



wearing a superhero shirt became my good luck charm, much like it had been when I was a cadet.

Now is about as good of a time as any to bring up my ritual for wearing the shirts. When I first joined the Chicago Police Department I had fifteen shirts that featured a superhero symbol or a related design. Four shirts had Avengers-related symbols (Iron Man, Captain America, Hulk, and Thor), four had X-Men related symbols (Wolverine, Cyclops, Deadpool, and Quicksilver), four had DC-related symbols (Batman, Green Lantern, Aquaman, and The Flash), one shirt had the blood-stained smile symbol from Watchmen, one shirt had the Marvel Comics logo, and my last shirt was my Superman shirt (my personal favorite shirt). I had a specific pattern for when I would wear my shirts. On the first day of a new cycle I would wear an Avengers shirt, the next day I would wear an X-Men shirt, and the next day I would wear a DC shirt. When this pattern repeated twice I wore either my Watchmen or Marvel shirt. Working five days a week meant that I would wear all of my shirts in a three week span, besides the Superman shirt. That one, being my personal favorite, I saved for days when I really needed luck on my side, such as my first day as a Chicago Police Officer. That day conveniently was the day of my first arrest, when I chased down a man who was assaulting a young woman when I was wrapping up my first patrol shift. Chicago is arguably the most dangerous city in America, with 450 homicides in a year and street crime beyond control. If any city was in need of a hero it was Chicago, and I was ready to be the hero the city needed.

So why have I been going on about superheroes and shirts for all this time? Well there's two reasons for that. Every police officer carries three things: a badge, a gun, and a piece of their identity. Being a police officer isn't like most other jobs where you can wear a mask for eight hours and clock out. In order to convince the world, and yourself, that you deserve the authority you wield, you have to present yourself to the world as if you're on duty every waking moment. This makes it fairly easy for one to lose their sense of self, because being in "cop mode" all day leaves little room for time for yourself. Part of the reason so many guys have those good luck charms or perform superstitious rituals is because whatever they carry, be it a tangible object or just an idea, becomes a part of themselves that they always carry with them, in theory never leaving themselves behind. My shirts were essentially like that. My love of superheroes defined my childhood, gave me my first idea of a hero, and indirectly led me on the path to becoming a police officer, so it's easy to see how much my identity is tied into superheroes. Every time I had Captain America or Superman under my police shirt I was carrying with me a part of my humanity that I couldn't afford to lose. I felt like it was important to talk about, so that's the first reason I talked so much about the shirts. The second reason was I wanted to



stall, because I'm dreading having to talk about what happened on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

When I first entered the Chicago Police Department I was initially just a patrolman. Six months into my rookie year I was assigned to the CPD Youth Violence Strike Force. The Youth Violence Strike Force is otherwise known as the "gang unit" because most of our duty revolved around investigating and preventing gang related crime in the Fuller Park neighborhood. Our primary targets were the Latin Kings, the largest Hispanic street gang in the country. With 45,000 members nationwide, 25,000 in the city of Chicago alone, it would be impossible to take down the entire operation. However, whenever we can take out one of their high-ranking leaders we pounce on the

opportunity. This time we had the chance to take down Fuller Park Chapter leader **Felipe Mariel**; to give you a short summary of this man, if he were off the streets there would be at least 50 less murders in Chicago, such is his influence as a leader of the Kings. He and his associates were spotted buying \$1,800,000 worth of cocaine over the course of a year, which gave us probable cause for a sting operation. Sting operations on large scale gangs are incredibly challenging because they are always prepared for a sting.

Mariel and his men were holing up in a cul de sac, which can only be raided by coming in through the street, and that kind of openness is not ideal. In addition, the one entrance was heavily surveilled by two guards, and each guard was swapped out at different times so we never had any moment of zero surveillance. We decided our best course of action was to enter late at night, around midnight, when the guard closest to our point of entry would be leaving. That still meant the other guard would have been watching us, which was less than ideal but if we moved quickly and with precision we thought we could have made it. The only way this would have worked was with all the luck in the world, so to me this was the perfect day for my Superman shirt. What I didn't know, what I couldn't have known, was that this would be the second to last time I wore that shirt, or any of my other superhero shirts for that matter, while on duty for the rest of my career.

Looking back at what happened I can tell you that there were two mistakes made that day. Our first mistake was getting spotted by one of the King's guards (though even with all of our preparation we knew that was a likely outcome), and the instant he spotted us he ran back to the main house to alert the rest of the gang. Our second mistake was not retreating once we saw the first King come out brandishing a pistol. Our first instinct was to approach the house and make an attempt to subdue the King, but we were quickly outmanned as twenty gangbangers emerged from the house, including our main target, Felipe Mariel. My partner (Officer Hart), myself, and the driver of the second car barely had enough time to take cover behind

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our cars before their guys opened fire on us, with Mariel firing the “shot heard ‘round the block.” Officer Johnson was not so lucky. The first bullet fired by Mariel struck him right above his eye. It was the first time I had ever witnessed an officer go down, but I didn’t have time to process what I’d seen now that I was in the midst of an active shooting.

I would later find out that the whole incident lasted around two minutes from the first gunshot to the last, but it felt like I was there for two hours. Whenever someone is in the middle of an incident such as this they experience “bullet time,” the state in which an individual’s perception of time will slow down dramatically in the brains effort to process the events that are unfolding, and I knew that I was in bullet time when I was able to clearly read the serial numbers of the bullets coming out of my gun. I was even able to see the bullets my partner was firing, and I distinctly remember my eyes following the bullet that found the center of Felipe Mariel’s chest. Mariel down the rest of the Kings stopped shooting. At the end of it all three people were killed: Officer Johnson, Mariel, and a young boy who just happened to be riding past on his bicycle when he caught one of the Kings’ stray bullets (I would later find out that the boy was out getting milk for his family). Some of them escaped through backyards, but the ones that we were able to pick up were arrested and, as of right now, are awaiting punishment. But for me the arrests didn’t matter, all that I cared about was the fact that two innocent people, a child and one of Chicago’s finest law enforcement officers, were lost to such needless violence.

The ultimate sacrifice that Officer Johnson made is one that we are all too aware of, as he joins 20,267 other heroes whose names adorn the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC. This fact didn’t help us mourn the loss of our brother in arms, but it made it slightly easier to rationalize. Losing the child was much harder to handle for me, personally, because he was an innocent victim who was just enjoying a late night bike ride when his life was taken by Felipe Mariel. Those innocent victims are the hardest to move on from because they’re the ones we’re supposed to “protect and serve,” and it feels like I failed that boy. I can honestly say that the only saving grace from the events of May 19<sup>th</sup> was that Felipe Mariel won’t be around to cause any more harm to this city. Unfortunately, that’s not how the rest of the city saw it, and it’s the reaction the city gave us in the weeks after this incident that hurt me more than the tragedy itself.

It would seem like anybody who could support Felipe Mariel would be an absolute lunatic, considering he was the one who

instigated the shooting and killed two innocent people. Well if everyone who could make that leap in logic is a lunatic then Chicago is **Arkham Asylum**. The next day the *Chicago Tribune* ran an article with a headline that read “Another Day, Another Victim of Police Brutality”. The article was a disgusting excuse for journalism that condemned my partner, Officer Hart, for killing Mariel during the shootout. “Had Mariel been white there is not a doubt in my mind that he would be alive today, in custody to face proper justice for his actions. Instead, Officer Hart felt it necessary to take the life of a man who simply made a mistake.” First of all, the article neglected to mention the child Mariel killed and barely talked about Officer Johnson at all. Second, Felipe was the instigator of the shooting, he led his gang in firing upon three officers, and Officer Hart’s reaction was absolutely appropriate - in fact we are trained for that exact scenario and Hart acted in accordance with everything we were taught.

Lastly, and this is the biggest criticism I have about this article, nothing

that happened on May 19<sup>th</sup> had anything to do with race.

Just because Mariel was Latino didn’t make him a target for police.

The fact is Mariel was a criminal who took the life of two innocent people before he was justifiably taken down.

Now there are plenty of real instances of police brutality that occur around the country, but just because Hart was white and Mariel was Hispanic doesn’t put this on a level such as Ferguson. Unfortunately I would come to find out that the public was on the Tribune’s side in this case.

The people of Chicago vilified Hart instead of seeing Mariel as the villain that he was. “Hart is getting paid leave for the murder of a minority” was a common line that was thrown around. If they only knew that Hart was so emotionally scarred in the weeks after the incident that he didn’t leave his house out of fear for his safety. Meanwhile there’s a memorial on the end of the street for the boy on a bike, who would later be identified as a twelve year old named Ben Delgado, that everyone seems to forget was killed by the worthless waste of life we were trying to arrest. The people demanded a response from us, and we had no choice but to give them a press conference. So on May 26<sup>th</sup>, a week after Johnson was killed and a day after his funeral, our captain hosted a press conference, with me and Johnson’s partner joining him to give our take on what happened.

The press conference was an absolute disaster. Our captain gave the true version of the events that unfolded, but the crowd wasn’t hearing it. They were more content to question our character than hear our perspectives. “How come you shot at him, aren’t you trained to arrest him?” “You just killed him because he’s Hispanic!” “It’s

Ferguson all over again!” It was as if nobody understood that Mariel was a cold blooded murderer. Unable to control the crowd, the captain called the conference off early. Within twelve hours there was a full scale riot in the streets, and the gang unit was assigned to riot control for the first night of the “protest”, which amounted to nothing more than screaming, fighting, and looting.

This is where my frustration turned to anger, anger that they were protesting the wrong thing. Of all the things wrong with Chicago that they could have protested, they chose to defend a man who killed a cop and a child because the person who killed him wasn’t his race. Meanwhile there would probably be 250 more murders over the next six months that wouldn’t be racially motivated, and certainly not the hands of cops. Meanwhile the memorial for Ben Delgado wasn’t even up for a week before a fifteen-year-old boy would be killed in a drive by at that exact location, with that memorial getting replaced by the next murder victim and on and on ad infinitum. Meanwhile kids can’t go to the local parks to play basketball because the local gangs rule that territory, meaning they have to turn to the streets. Of all the things wrong with this city, those are the injustices worth protesting. Instead, they take the true heroes in law enforcement and vilify them. My riot gear (with my Superman shirt underneath for the last time) couldn’t shield me from the verbal abuse, and being forced to hear the community I vowed to protect and serve was too much to bear. The violence of the riots died down but the protests continued, and with them the verbal abuse. I made a vow to never wear my hero shirts while on duty again because, in my mind, these people didn’t deserve Superman. I realized that I joined the force because I wanted to be like the superheroes that inspired me when I was young, but instead I was turned into a villain by the public. Only then did I realize that my shirts weren’t a good luck charm, but a crutch I used to hide the fact that, deep down, I’m Clark Kent who’s only pretending to be Superman. Knowing that I joined for the wrong reasons, I made a plan to retire at the end of June of that year. But before I could leave there was one more event I had to go through, and this one changed the course of my career for the better.

Chicago City Hall likes to host events that serve to build our sense of community, and the police always have to participate somehow. There was one more event that I had to go to before I was set to give my letter of resignation: Junemas in the City. Every June 25<sup>th</sup> the city would pair a disadvantaged child with a police officer, and the officer would take them to Toys ‘R’ Us for a \$50 shopping spree. Normally I enjoy these community building activities but given the month I had I was not looking forward to the event at all. However, thinking that this would be the last thing I would probably ever do with Chicago PD, I was going to at least try to make the best of it. I was matched with a nine-year-old black boy from Fuller Park, the very same neighborhood where my world started to crumble. The boy, Ty Marlowe, could not have been happier to be there, and even with the anti-police sentiment that was plaguing our city he didn’t seem to have any issue with spending an afternoon with a cop. He loved looking at all the different toys they had, especially the Avengers LEGO set (clearly a man after my own heart).

I noticed something strange, however. As much as he loved everything he was looking at, he wasn’t putting anything in the cart. When we got to the video game aisle he told me why he wasn’t buying anything. He told me that he accidentally snapped his brother’s copy of Halo 4 and wanted to use the money from

the spree to replace the game. That this little boy would give up his shopping spree to make things right with his brother was easily the most selfless act I heard in recent memory, and for it to come from someone so young just made it more heartwarming. I told him that he didn’t have to worry about the game, I would pay for it out of my own pocket so he could still get what he wanted. I’ve never seen a smile as wide as the one on Ty’s face when I told him that, and for the rest of the spree he was beaming. As happy as I thought he was earlier, it was that happiness squared when we went back to the LEGO aisle to pick out the Avengers set he really wanted. The total cost was \$100, \$60 out of my pocket for the game and \$40 from his spree money. He wanted to give me the extra \$10 to say “thank you,” but I let him keep it. Right before we parted ways he gave me the biggest hug and said “Thank you, you’re the best cop ever.”

It took all the strength I could muster to not cry right then and there, but even then I lost it when I got to my cruiser. I became a police officer because I wanted to be a hero like the kind I would read about in my comic books, and I always thought that I would perform a grand act of heroism to earn the right to call myself a hero. I had just spent the last month being told that I’m a villain because of what I do for a living, but by doing this small act for this child I became his hero. I am to him what Superman was to me when I was his age, and that’s all I ever wanted. And you know what? That kid is my new hero, because he inspired me. I made the decision right then and there that I had to stay on the police force and remain with the gang unit. But from this one experience I learned that the worth of a hero isn’t measured by the actions he performs, but by the way he inspires those around him to live their life to the best of their ability.

With this in mind, I created “Chicago Saves,” a program which aims to get kids off the streets by inspiring them through art. In the long term, this program will not only lead to a new generation of leaders for Chicago, but we will build a stronger connection between the police and the public so the backlash from the May 19<sup>th</sup> incident wouldn’t be a problem again. The program has been going strong for five years now, with sessions every Tuesday and Friday, and while I no longer wear my superhero shirts while on duty, I make it a point to wear the shirts to every meeting. By the way, remember how I said that a cop carried a badge, a gun, and a piece of their identity? Well now that I stopped wearing my shirts I carry something else. A rubber bracelet with the “Chicago Saves” motto: Even Clark Kent can be Superman. Nowadays I just wear the shirts because they look cool, and do I really need another reason?

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# A cop's memories of the St. Patrick's Day Parade

By P.O. Danny O'Donnell, D-4

For me, the St. Patrick's Day parade in Southie was always a small notch above Christmas Day. When I was young the parade was at the end of a weeklong Celebration of Evacuation Day. There was a sense of excitement leading up to that week. There were events scheduled each day. For the boys there were boxing matches at McDonough gym and hockey skill events at the Murphy Rink, where the best young players (and there were a ton of them). Everyone showed off their best shots, stick handling and skating. For the girls there were Irish Step Competitions and Miss South Boston contests as well as the very popular "Ice-O-Rama" down at the rink.

I know I'm forgetting other popular events, but the weeklong celebration ended on Sunday with the annual Breakfast hosted by Senator **William "Billy" Bulger** inside the tiny space at the Bayside Club. The small event was not to be missed if you were part of the political scene. It was an honor to get invited. You better have had a thick skin as the political gloves came off, although it was all in good fun. Congressmen, Senators, City Councilors, even Presidents called in via telephone. The event was always televised on local television, and it was always playing loudly in the background at my house in the morning, and after each politician took the microphone, my father would rip them to pieces in his own Irish way.

The historic parade that the Allied War Veterans put together every year was extraordinary. It was South Boston's day to shine, way before the bright lights of Hollywood turned Southie into a punchline.

Almost every family, whether you were on the parade route or not, had an open house.

During my time growing up in South Boston I lived in four locations. Bookending them was G and 6th St. and Fourth Street. What was special about them was that both houses were on the parade route. I have many

fond memories of my young days running around the streets with my friends trying to catch up to the parade. In my teen years we would hide beers in someone's backyard the night before and then head out behind the library on Broadway and responsibly have one or two (*sorry, I know my mom is still judging me*).

But with everything, things change. Slowly the events that were held the week of the parade were phased out. Maybe because we were older and there weren't that many kids interested or simply there was not enough money to sponsor the event, who knows.

The morning breakfast also went through some changes. Gone was Senator Bulger with his quick wit and powerful guests. **Steve Lynch** took the stick and held the position admirably. Unfortunately, in my opinion the breakfast came to a screeching halt when Representative **Jack Hart** took over the breakfast and looked about as confident with a microphone telling jokes as I do with a hairbrush.

Then starting in the late 80's into the early 90's the parade became a punching bag for political movements and protests.

I believe my thoughts on the parade began to change around that time as well. The parade organizers and residents in the neighborhood were once again under attack and were being accused of insensitivity and bigotry. As teenagers, we didn't really fully understand all that was being said, but we found ourselves defending what was once a special event that we all looked forward to every year.

I think the defining change came for my mother as well when one year I stood on the parade route with her when a group that had fought for their "right" to be a part of the parade came by our location. I still remember it very well, the sight of a grown man dressed as a baby wearing a diaper and nothing else throwing condoms into the crowd. There have been many stories written about that time in the early days of the court cases, but that's just my lasting memory.

Was the parade always the good ship lollipop? Everyone getting along happily? Of course not. There were always fights; sometimes

*large* fights. Young kids, "old" kids, had drunken battles during the parade and late into the evening.

But from those years on, the parade was always clouded in controversy. Instead of events and festivals leading up to the parade, there were City Council meetings and court cases. It didn't matter what your opinion was.

It was not a fun week leading up to the parade because there was always tension. In time, the court cases went away and the controversy slightly dissipated. After one year when the parade was completely canceled things began to quiet down. The parade was held again and it grew stronger. Although, the last 10 years or so, the parade has turned into what I can only describe as amateur hour.

The demographic of the neighborhood has changed. I

was never one to bitch and whine and complain about the "yuppies" invading South Boston. They were young couples, sometimes families that wanted to start their lives in a safe neighborhood. I can get over the dog parks that sprung up, coffee shop lines, Becky's and Bros and skinny jeans. Change happens. All neighborhoods change, some even disappear. Just ask the last of the "West End" residents about their forgotten piece of the city.

The change I'm talking about is the "spring break" mentality that the parade has turned into. 10 hours on a Sunday in March where mostly college-age guys and girls (*mostly girls*) walking around the parade route looking like the St. Patrick's costume aisle at I-Party threw up on them, and throw up they did. Did me and my friends drink and run around and act like fools on parade day? Of course we did. But there was a neighborhood unwritten morality, where if you did act up somebody's older brother or cousin would quickly identify you and

threaten you, not with bodily harm, but with the threat of telling your parents what you were up to. Unfortunately, the concept is now long forgotten. But I digress.

What is poured out on the parade route these days is a cross between Mardi-Gras and Panama City beach. A bunch of A-holes gathering to drink, puke and urinate openly on the street. A few years back the operational plan for the BPD changed dramatically. “Zero-tolerance” for public drinking, disorderly conduct and other “minor” violations. Initially, it was difficult to understand why we were walking up to people on their own steps and confiscating cups and handing out city ordinance violations. But the clientele that flood the street now? No problem. It’s embarrassing to see what happens in Southie on parade day. We can discuss why operations plans for each parade in the city are dramatically different another day.....

I remember during the height of the parade controversies; Mayor **Thomas Menino** would subtly hint that he would like to move the parade to downtown Boston. At the time I couldn’t imagine South Boston without a parade on St. Patrick’s Day. It was a ridiculous notion in my mind.

Today? Go ahead with the late Mayor Menino’s plan and move it tomorrow. Sorry to my friends in A1 as it probably will be on your district, but hey, being in D-4 we have our share of weekend inconveniences as well!!

Earlier this week the city announced that the parade would be cut short. One straight line from Broadway station to Farragut Rd. Look, have I been a fan of the parade in the past few years? No. Mostly because I’ve been ordered to work it and forced to watch the ridiculous side-show of drunks that pretend they are Irish for a day.

And in the interest of full disclosure, I don’t live in Southie anymore and last December officially severed all ties to the neighborhood when our family sold the house on 4th Street. That house became a prime spot on the route as my neighbor **John “Wacko” Hurley** would annually host a Commander of a naval ship at his home. That meant

most of the marching bands and bag pipers would stop and perform right in front of our house.

But this year the route has been cut short, castrated if you ask me.

What was special about the parade was that it **DID** go through the small streets of the neighborhood, uphill, downhill, and around Thomas Park. If it’s not going by Dorchester Heights, what the hell is the point of the parade? The parade was a celebration of Evacuation Day, where George Washington drove off the British from Boston by placing cannons, which were seized from Fort Ticonderoga by Col. Henry Knox and his troops, on top of Dorchester Heights. The cannon had been transported by oxen-cart through the snow and ice from New York (*there were no roads*) over the winter, surprising and shocking the British ships who were now sitting ducks in Boston Harbor, leaving them no option but to flee. The fact that this occurred on St. Patrick’s Day was happenstance, but the correlation between March 17<sup>th</sup> (“*the luck of the Irish*”) and a British defeat were forever linked in Boston. Sorry for the quick history lesson there, but if history is what we’re talking about and the parade ignores that history, then it is not the South Boston St. Patrick’s Day parade anymore.

It’s not the parade that the Allied War Veterans have put on for over 100 years. It’s not the parade that John “Wacko” Hurley painstakingly planned every year down to the finest minor details. Wacko is not around anymore to defend the parade; he was the heart and soul of the parade and he will be missed.

This latest change in the parade has taken away its identity. Maybe a change to downtown Boston will be good? As far as the St. Patrick’s Day/political breakfast? Keep it going. From what I hear, Representative **Linda Dorcena Forry** has injected life back into the event as its host. Let the parade be the city’s responsibility to organize. End all the controversies, and The Mayor won’t have to decline to march anymore.... We will all still be ordered to work it, so that won’t change much for us, and because sometimes change is good...even if it is forced upon you.

## NAPO Sends Letter to NFL Commissioner Goodell Regarding Beyoncé’s Anti-Cop Halftime Act

**O**n February 8<sup>th</sup>, NAPO sent a letter to NFL Commissioner **Roger Goodell** strongly condemning the NFL’s support of cop-killer “entertainment” during the Super Bowl’s half-time show. The half-time performance by **Beyoncé Knowles-Carter** hit an all-time low, even for a League that already turned a blind eye to its players perpetuating the “hands up, don’t shoot” blood libel on American police.

During the Super Bowl, the League made the jump from slandering police as killers, to celebrating cop-killers themselves. The Black Panther themed half-time show was an obnoxious spectacle of ignorance and malice. NAPO condemns Commissioner Goodell for doing his part to make trendy and acceptable the symbols of kidnapping and murder of American police officers. The black berets and high-fisted salutes were a deliberate tribute to the likes of cop-killers **H. Rap Brown, Joanne Chesimard and Wesley Cook**.

Ms. Knowles-Carter, whose resume includes such all-American items as private performance for the late Libyan dictator **Muammar el-Qaddafi**’s family, cannot pretend that her act was not deliberately designed to glamorize attacks on police. As a consequence, the NFL is now tied to this act. On the same night that hundreds of officers gave up their evenings with their own families to protect the League, the players and the fans, the NFL honor them by promoting song and dance celebrating cop-killers. Any player who displayed such lunacy and lack of touch with reality would be prohibited from returning to the field under the League’s own brain injury policy.

NAPO has called on Commissioner Goodell to either publicly apologize to America’s men and women in law enforcement, or step aside in favor of someone who can recognize just how much the NFL and teams owe to the rule of law in this country.

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# Bill Buchanan, 90; retired *Globe* reporter contributed articles to *Pax Centurion*

## They don't make journalists like him anymore...

By James W. Carnell, *Pax Editor*

With attribution to Boston Globe obituary reporter Bryan Marquard, February 7, 2016

William "Bill" Buchanan, (1925-2015), a retired reporter for the *Boston Globe* and frequent contributor to the *Pax Centurion* in his retirement, passed away Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at a nursing home in Oviedo, Florida, of complications from Alzheimer's disease. Bill was 90 years old.

To say that "they don't make reporters like Bill anymore" would be a gross understatement. He recalled listening to police radio reports of the terrible Cocoanut Grove fire in November, 1945, that killed 492 people. He recalled the dawn of TV in 1950, when people would stand in front of department store windows, mesmerized by even a test pattern. (Anyone under age 50 probably doesn't know what a "test pattern" was....). Bill worked for several different Boston newspapers, as everything from copy-boy to assistant city editor and overnight police reporter. He was also a jazz music writer and reporter, TV-radio editor, and "re-write" man. As re-write man, nothing would irk Bill more than transplanted reporters from New York or elsewhere who would erroneously report a street as a "road" or an avenue as a "boulevard." It showed their ignorance of the city they worked in to have a native New Yorker transplanted to the *Globe* calling Blue Hill Avenue "Blue Hill Road," or Dudley Street "Dudley Avenue."

Bill also reported on events such as the great Brink's robbery in 1950. He loved jazz music, and reported on one of Bob Dylan's first concerts at the Newport Folk Festival in 1964, before wryly noting that "he (Dylan) desperately needed a haircut." He developed working relationships with many Boston Police officers, detectives and commanders over the years, and made it a rule to never violate a trust or demean an officer. Still, he reported on all matters factually, faithfully and fairly, remembering always that journalism was a sacred profession, and writing an art, a skill, and his first love. As such, he was truly among the few left in the profession of journalism to *report* news, and never to create it. He knew that the pen was, indeed, mightier than the sword, and that lives and careers could be destroyed or enhanced by what he wrote and how he wrote it.

After his retirement, Bill moved to Florida, but stayed in touch with many of his old friends and contacts on the Boston Police Department. Now-retired Captain Robert "Bob" Cunningham put me in touch with Bill many years ago. Bill knew far more about computers than I ever did or will, even at his age, and would send me numerous e-mails, stories and photos about days gone by and police-history articles. His enthusiasm for writing was palpable over the phone, and he often inquired, almost giddily, "when was the next *Pax* being published?"

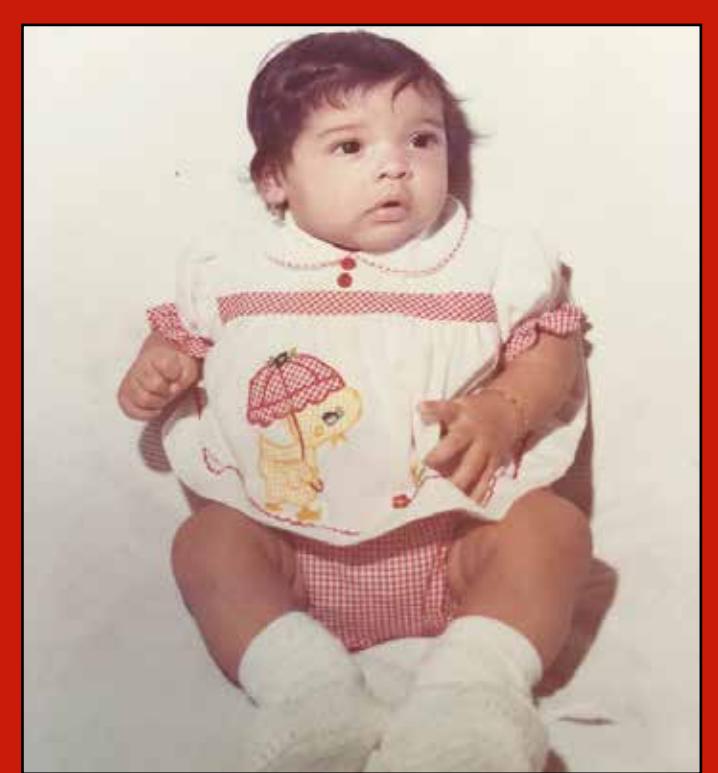


I should have known, when his e-mails and phone calls became less frequent and then stopped altogether, that something was wrong. I only learned recently, through the outstanding obituary tribute of February 7<sup>th</sup> by **Bryan Marquard** in the *Globe*, of Bill's passing of complications from Alzheimer's disease back on November 15<sup>th</sup> of last year. An insidious disease, Alzheimer's; a painful, long goodbye.

I wish I had met Bill in person. Sadly, and with few exceptions, they don't make journalists like Bill Buchanan anymore. To put any reporter on the same plane as a Bill Buchanan would be the highest of accolades. I hope the *Globe* will consider establishing some sort of honor or award in Bill's memory. Today's graduates of Columbia School of Journalism, those privileged, sniveling brats occupying desks and consuming oxygen, should learn what a *real* reporter was and should be.

Bill leaves a daughter, two step-daughters and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Rest in peace, Bill Buchanan, newspaperman and professional journalist.



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# The Watch and Boston Police – the early years

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

**T**he original “Boston Police” force, which was called “the Watch,” was a state institution during its first three years.

During the first six months after the founding of Boston in September of 1630, Boston had no actual “Police Force” to protect the inhabitants.

On April 12, 1631, “a Watch” was established in Boston by the General Court for night duty only, hours were set from sunset to sunrise. The number of men appointed to the Watch was not established, although six of the total number was to guard the gate to the town, near Dover Street. There was no Watch for day duty until 207 years later.

The Board of Selectmen was established in 1634 and took control of the Watch. The Watch served only at night during the summer of 1718. After that it served at night throughout the year and by day on Sundays and holidays.

In the early days every able-bodied citizen was required to do watch as well as jury duty. The chief responsibility was watching chimneys, then often constructed of wood to see that they did not set the house on fire. The Watch also enforced puritanical “blue laws”; religious laws regulating conduct on Sundays. For over 50 years after 1652, every Watchman carried a bell with which to alarm the town in case he discovered a fire. For 160 years a lantern was also carried as street lights did not come along until nearly 1890.

From 1701, the Watch (and later the Police) was armed with billhooks, resembling a short-handled boathook which was used for tripping a suspect, catching him by the collar or giving him a shot to his ribs. The men also carried in their pockets wooden rattles; the noise of which was effective in calling assistance. The billhook and rattle were discontinued in 1860 when the “Billy-club” came into use. Many of the officers also carried a rattan cane. In 1732, the town acquired three horse-drawn fire engines. The hand-operated “pump” was capable of throwing a stream 12 feet high. As most houses were not more than one story high in those days, that was deemed sufficient. Bostonians of 1732 would have stared in amazement and disbelief at modern apparatus capable of throwing water 165 feet in height.

For 100 years beginning in 1735, the Watch were required to make life miserable for light sleepers by calling out the house and the hour (if known) as they went on their rounds, followed by the cheerful assurance “and all’s well.” These officers were paid 50 cents a night.



Naturally, as the members of the force were obliged to have another occupation by day in order to live, complaints of their sleeping, when they should have been on duty, were rife as long as the Watch existed. In 1821, the rule was now that Watchmen must go about in pairs for mutual safety and they must be seen walking and talking on their beats together. They were also warned not to cry the hours of the night “too loudly.”

Boston became a city in 1822. A day Watch was then created for Sunday and holiday only, in an effort to control the “unruly” citizens of Beacon Hill. North Street, at the same time, had the distinction as the first Boston thoroughfare which required a Watch both day and night, year round and was required to see that every cow grazing had the owner’s name on their neck. The following year, the Hancock Girls’ School on Hanover Street became a Watch house, and it later became “Police Station No. 1.” (Still visible on the building located at 152 North St.) A real “Police Force” (non-uniformed) was born in 1838. It consisted of 14 men and served only by day, while 110 men comprising the Watch, continued night duty. The

Police, whose hours were 9:00 am until 9:00 pm were paid \$2.00 a day. Not until 1850 was night duty required of a few policemen.

In 1854, Mayor J.V.C. Smith discharged the entire Watch and Police force for “pernicious activity in politics,” and formed a new police force among who were a few from the former entities (presumably those who were favorably allied with the current Mayor Smith and whose political allegiance was therefore considered “not pernicious”???) All were uniformed and liable to serve day or night. The Watch came to an end. The only insignia worn prior to the adoption of uniforms had been a brass badge and hatband bearing the word “Police” in metal letters.

**Dates of interest:** the “Rogues Gallery” established at Headquarters began in 1800. The Boston Police Relief Association was established in 1862 and ended a short time later and then was re-established in 1871. The custom of reappointing annually the members of the watch or police begun in 1634 gave way to permanent appointment in 1863 (unless, of course, the appointee engaged in “pernicious political activity,” which would have been cause for discharge). The first police ball was in 1870 and the Mounted Police started in 1873 with one man only, whose beat was Beacon Street west of Charles Street.

## Boston's Street History How some of our streets got their names

**S**TOUGHTON STREET, DORCHESTER was named after William Stoughton, 1631-1701. Was in charge of what have come to be known as the Salem Witch Trials, Chief Justice of the Special Court of “Oyer and Terminer” in 1692 and Chief Justice of the Superior Court in 1693. He served as both Chief Judge and prosecutor during the witch trials, virtually ensuring the outcome. He accepted spectral evidence, which was based on demonic visions. He was particularly harsh on some defendants, such as **Rebecca Nurse**, sending the jury back to re-consider its not-guilty verdict, after which

she was convicted. And unlike some other magistrates, he never admitted to the possibility that his acceptance of spectral evidence might be in error.

He was also a major landowner, along with **Joseph Dudley**, for whom Dudley Street, directly opposite Stoughton Street, across Columbia Road, was named for. The town of Stoughton, Massachusetts, where he also owned land, was named for him.

—James W. Carnell, Editor, Pax Centurion

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# You live in a country run by idiots if...

"If we concentrated on the really important stuff in life, there would be a shortage of fishing poles"

-Jurius P. Long



If you can get arrested for hunting or fishing without a license, but not for being in the country illegally, you live in a country run by idiots.



If you have to get your parent's permission to go on a field trip or to take an aspirin in school, but not to get an abortion, you live in a country run by idiots.



If you have to show identification to board an airplane, cash a check, buy liquor or check out a library book, but not to vote who runs the government, you live in a country run by idiots.



If the government wants to ban stable, law-abiding citizens from owning gun magazines with more than ten rounds, but gives 20 F-16 fighter jets to the crazy leaders in Egypt, you live in a country run by idiots.



If, in the largest city, you can buy two 16-ounce sodas, but not a 24-ounce soda because 24-ounces of a sugary drink might make you fat, you live in a country run by idiots.



If an 80-year-old woman can be strip-searched by the TSA but a woman in a hijab is only subject to having her neck and head

## SPORTS TRIVIA

By Bill Carroll

1. Who was the only player in Major League Baseball to play in all of his team's games in 2015?
2. Can you name the two current Major League teams that have never played in a World Series?
3. What Major League team had the highest average home attendance in 2015?
4. Who did former Red Sox outfielder Daniel Nava sign with this offseason?
5. In 1966 Red Sox moved to Winter Haven, Florida for spring training, where did they train prior to that?
6. What former Bruin recently scored his 600<sup>th</sup> career NHL goal?
7. Who was the first Heisman Trophy winner to win a Super Bowl ring?
8. What NBA team holds the record for the best regular season record?
9. What NHL team holds the record for most regular season wins?
10. Who are the only two players to win back-to-back Super Bowl MVP Awards?

See **Sports Trivia Answers** on page 57

searched, you live in a country run by idiots.



If your government believes that the best way to eradicate trillions of dollars of debt is to spend trillions more, you live in a country run by idiots.



If a seven year old boy can be thrown out of school for saying his teacher is cute, but hosting a sexual exploration or diversity class in grade school is perfectly acceptable, you live in a country run by idiots.



If hard work and success are met with higher taxes and more government intrusion, while not working is rewarded with EBT cards, WIC checks, Medicaid, subsidized housing and free cell phones, you live in a country run by idiots.



If the government's plan for getting people back to work is to incentivize **NOT** working with 99 weeks of unemployment checks and no requirement to prove they applied but cannot find work, you live in a country run by idiots.



If being stripped of the ability to defend yourself makes you more safe according to the government, you live in a country run by idiots.



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# A player to be named later

By P.O. Jay Moccia

Swim up bars are cool until you realize the guy next to you has had eight beers and hasn't left his stool...



*Stepping into a clump of seaweed in the ocean turns everyone into a screeching 12 year old girl...*



I came thisclose to starting a fight at a bar in Aruba. They had nothing but soccer on the TV's and I asked the bartender if he could put on some sports...



*OK, I'm certainly not chiseled from stone, BUT despite a muffin top and chesticles, when I go to the beach, I don't wear a shirt (sorry for that visual, but it's for the good of the bit). I get pissed when I see people wearing giant hats, long sleeved shirts and long pants on the beach. I mean, really why bother???*



My Aruban vacation has been like Trump's campaign. I'm smoking those Cubans.



*Leonardo DiCaprio won an Oscar for his role in "The Revenant" (another remake, but more on that later). During his acceptance speech, Leo waved the panic flag of Climate Change, claiming they had trouble finding a place with enough snow to make the film. Hey Leo, you could have used Massachusetts last year we had about ten feet of fluffy white global warming. And by the way, parking your luxury motor coach under a couple of pines trees doesn't make you an outdoorsman.*



Republican front runner Donald Trump got into a war of words with the Pope. It seems Francis believes building a wall is "not Christian." Hmm, last time I checked Vatican City has a wall, and if you don't follow the rules of the church, Heaven may not be your final destination... just sayin'.



*In NYC, a Craigslist sneaker dealer named Phillip Pierre, arranged to meet a buyer to sell him a pair of Air Jordans. The buyer, Zachary Sam, however had other ideas, whipping out a gun, and robbing the sneaker guy, who not to be outdone, swung his car around and chased down the ARMED robber, eventually running him down, and pinning him to a fence, severing the unlucky mugger's arm. NYPD has charged them both... any bets that Sam's charges are dropped to "unarmed" robbery? Pierre should get a medal. File under: one armed bandit.*



Apple and the U.S. Government are sparring over whether or not the Tech giant will/can unlock the phone of Muslim terrorist Farooq Saeed. You remember him, an adherent to the religion of peace, who along with his wife, was involved in the San Bernadino attack that left 14 dead and more wounded. Strangely enough, I'm siding with Apple, with this caveat: it is a privacy issue that involves us all. This should be decided by a judge, and a set of rules outlining certain criteria/protocols must be established, and which need to be met in order to trigger going around a user's security features. The Fourth Amendment guarantees privacy, and this is after everything else, a privacy case. Now, I'm not saying that this case doesn't meet the criteria. These savages brutally shot people down in the name of allah, and their privacy and rights are null and void, after such an act. Couple that with the fact that they're dead (*and good riddance, I hope they're burning*

*in Hell as you read this*), and it appears on the surface to be a no-brainer, **BUT**, Uncle Sam needs to be reminded, the U.S. Constitution is there to protect the rest of us citizens who don't need a tool like that in the wrong hands. Need I remind you of the IRS targeting of Conservatives?



*FBI informant and murderous Southie gangster Whitey Bulger was disciplined for (ahem) "sexual misconduct" in his prison cell. Talk about trying to beat the rap...*



*A Boston Herald article claims "angry, fast-thinking" voters are going with Trump. Funny, I don't remember seeing a "stupid, non-thinking" voters going for Hillary article.*



*Looks like Boston voters may be mulling a ban on plastic grocery bags soon. A petition is making its way to City Hall, proposing paper bags make a comeback so as to lessen the impact on the environment. Now when I was a kid, I worked in a grocery store. All items were placed in brown paper bags. Then these eco-nazis told us we had to "save the trees" and "paper or plastic" became a punch-line until paper bag use was almost zero. Fast forward 30+ years, and now these same eco-nazis want us to go back to paper bags. So I guess all the trees are saved then? Those hugs have paid off? OR is this just some other silly cause du jour for liberals. I say, it's the law of unintended consequences. As with most knee-jerk reactions, the down the road impact is never looked at until it's stuck in your Japanese Maple or melted into the catalytic converter of your Prius. File under: Fool me once...*



The Oscar buzz this year didn't focus on any one movie or actor, but rather a lack of diversity and a hint at Hollywood racism. During the broadcast, several skits poking fun at the fact there were no black nominees, were humorous but overdone diminishing their message. Studios and lefty performers like to talk a good game, but when it comes down to it, Hollywood is never about black or white, it's always about green. (the money kind not the environment kind) Anyone think those giant egoed phonies would pass up a role for diversity? What else do you expect from a place where everything is make-believe and nothing is original?



*\$3k has been allocated by the City of Boston to provide ashtrays around the city with funny polls. You know like the tip jars in local coffee shops that let you "tip/vote: for your favorite Pokemon or chicken wing flavor. How about this poll: Why is it OK to single out one group to be treated like lepers? 1: I'm concerned about health issues. 2: I'm a bully. I'll vote with my butt, straight into the gutter. And has anyone looked at the impact on the homeless? Sniping butts keeps them from smoking a whole cigarette. I demand a study!*



The contract for Boston Police Detectives has finally been settled, and approved by the City Council, but not without some concern over its financial impact on Boston. I can't recall that esteemed body being so fiscally concerned when they got *their* raise... just sayin'.



*"Welcome to Hamsterdam" is displayed on the revolving marquee at a car wash smack in the middle of what some jokingly refer to as Zombieland. You know, the area near Mass Ave. and Cass Blvd. where junkies and the homeless meet and greet visitors and commuters to our*

fair city with shaking cups, dirty squeegees, and a smell that cannot be described, especially during warmer weather. It's an area that receives constant Police attention, and I'm sure if the numbers were looked at, would show a drain on City services like no other four block spot in the Boston. **BUT** looming over Boston Fire Department HQ is a billboard that boldly states addiction is not a choice, but a disease. OK, I'm buying. If it's a disease, then why are we not putting these folks somewhere until they are cured. You know a hospital (or secure treatment facility if you prefer) so that they are not left on the street to die of OD, be arrested for whatever reason or exposed to the elements, or worse, spread this misery to others. In other words, actually help them! I know you can't catch heroin out of thin air; but there are a myriad of alphabet diseases you can! This epidemic now coined the "Opioid Crisis" has become quite a money maker; so despite all the feel good programs, success is doomed, because greed has replaced good intentions. So here's my solution, as simple as it sounds.

Narcan revival comes with automatic 45-60 day **MANDATORY COMMITTED DETOX** (not the 30 days currently being entertained on Beacon Hill). Needle exchange, **GONE**. Methadone, and suboxone, will only be available through 45-60 day **MANDATORY COMMITTED DETOX**, and finally if you're caught dealing heroin, 25 years Fed time for first offense, Life for second offense, Life without parole for third offense. Why not, somewhere along the line these POS dealers are responsible for an overdose or three, so make them do the time. Add full confiscation of property too, and use the moneys realized to offset the cost of treatment/enforcement. Face it gentle reader, this ain't going away on its own, we need to take drastic action.



Obama has passed an Executive Order on Gun Control. You can see his depth of commitment on this issue, because it doesn't address illegal gun possession, only legal gun ownership. Look no further than the local case of Stephen Silva, who served only 17 months behind bars after "loaning" his pal Dzokhar Tsarnaev an **ILLEGAL GUN** that was used to **KILL** MIT Police Officer Sean Collier, and later in a shoot out with Police. Now my stance on the Second Amendment is well known, but I do think guns need to be kept out of the hands of criminals, and terrorists. So, as with my previous item, let's get serious about this. If caught with an illegal weapon (not license expired or driving through another jurisdiction possession) ten years in prison. Altered/damaged serial numbers, tack on another five years. Use it in a crime, 25 years. Deal illegal guns, 25 years on each count. Go after these straw purchasers, not sit on 100's of cases like Holder's DOJ. (Who appointed **THAT** guy? oh yeah that's right...). Make it uncomfortable on a criminal to use/possess a gun, and maybe Mr. President, you can make an impact, not by harassing **LEGAL, RESPONSIBLE** gun ownership.



*Local heroes Bob Kraft and Tom Brady are catching the heat for their support of friend Donald Trump. Fans claim their backing of the Republican front runner may affect attendance. C'mon, really? If an average ticket price of \$125, parking fees, traffic and \$8 bucks for a small beer; aren't affecting attendance, then I don't think who Tom and Bob are voting for will either.*



Looks like your **PAX** may be becoming a Quarterly, so I don't know when I'm up next, **BUT** if it's after the summer, use your time wisely, spend as much of it as you can not in work. Watch you six, watch out for your brother and sister Officers, and stay safe.

## Sports trivia...

From **Sports Trivia Questions** on page 55

10. The only two players to win back-to-back Super Bowl MVP awards are Bart Starr in Super Bowls I and II and Terry Bradshaw in Super Bowls XIII and XIV.
9. The Detroit Red Wings won a league record 62 games during the 1995-96 regular season.
8. The Chicago Bulls hold the NBA record for best regular season Super Bowl I.
7. The first Heisman Trophy winner to win a Super Bowl ring was Green Bay running back Paul Hornung versus the Chiefs in Super Bowl I.
6. Colorado forward and former Bruin Jerome LeGila scored his 600th career goal this season.
5. Before holding spring training in Winter Haven beginning in 1966, the Red Sox trained in Scottsdale, Arizona.
4. Damiel Navia signed with the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim this off-season.
3. In 2015, the Los Angeles Dodgers had the highest average home attendance averaging 46,479 fans per game.
2. The two current Major League teams that have never reached the World Series are the Seattle Mariners and the Washington Nationals.
1. The only player to play in all of his team's games in 2015 was Orlon's third baseman Manny Machado.





# COMMISSIONER'S COMMENDATIONS

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

—William B. Evans, Police Commissioner, Boston Police Department



A letter was received thanking the Boston Police Department for their support during the funeral services of **Everett Police Officer Glen G. Briley**, a 19-year veteran of the Everett Police Department. The family, friends and colleagues of Officer Briley truly appreciated the presence of the Boston Police Gaelic Column of Pipes and Drums during the funeral service noting, “*They are a credit to your Department*”. The presence of the Boston Police Department provided support during a difficult time.



A letter was received thanking Officers **Richard Litto** and **Jacqueline Sellon** for the Self-Defense Training (RAD) they conducted for a group of teenage girls at the Tynan Community Center, Boston Centers for Youth & Families. The youth worker who wrote the letter noted that “*RAD training was not only beneficial with the physical/defense aspect, but also in the sense that the program provided the girls with healthy, positive role models in Officers Litto and Sellon*”.



Officer **Israul Marrero** was highlighted in the YWCA Boston’s publication concerning his work with the Youth/Police Dialogues, in which a 13 year old boy formed positive relationships with police officers, making a difference in the community he resides.



A letter was received thanking Officers **Ciro Feliciano** and **Oscar Guerrero** for the assistance they provided to a resident concerned about stored fireworks found in the basement of their home.



A letter was received thanking Officer **Daniel Ciccolo** for assisting a family with directions during a visit to Boston and for helping them get to their granddaughter’s baptism on time.



A letter was received thanking Captain **Richard Sexton**, Sergeant **Matthew Kervin**, Detective **Janine Busby** and Officers **Michelle Maffeo**, **Nicole Grant**, **Amy Boudreau**, **Tamara Finley**, **Michael Long**, **Cornell Paterson**, **Stephen Doran**, **Francis Deary**, **Timothy Kelly** and **Timothy Golden** and K-9’s **Loki** and **Saber** for participating in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual First Responders Appreciation Day at the Murphy School.



A letter was received thanking Officers **Nolan Burns**, **David Chaves** and **Vladimir Xavier** for the assistance they provided to a grandmother by preventing a crime from taking place in her home, which involved her grandson.



A letter was received from a member of the Boston City Council and their family thanking Officer **Matthew Burton** for assisting them with car trouble.



A letter was received thanking Officer **Michael Forde** for his courteous and professional manner while helping a driver lost in Downtown Boston and traveling ahead to lead the driver to his destination. The gentleman noted that, “*At a time when it seems that the police are constantly being vilified for one reason or another, I can only say that my experience through Officer Forde was totally positive and impressive, which I thought you should know*”.

Sergeant **Norberto Perez** was thanked for assisting an elderly man and his son while visiting Boston for a scientific conference. Various streets were closed and walking became difficult. The son asked the Sergeant for assistance in locating a cab, however, the Sergeant seeing the problem drove the visitors to their destination. The visitor noted that, “*The Sergeant also treated my father (formerly of South Boston and 86 years of age) with an update of the new construction and other interesting changes in the areas as we passed*”.



A letter was received from former residents of Boston, now visiting the city, in which they expressed their appreciation for Officer **Jason Richardson** for taking time to help them while on Summer Street.



The Chief of Police of Bunker Hill Community College wrote to thank Sergeant **James Blake** and Officers **John Downey** and **Ricky Rabb** for their active shooter presentation at the school noting, “*They did a superb job and since the presentation, I have received many calls thanking them for such a wonderful and informative session*”.



Sergeant Detective **Michael Linskey** was thanked for the assistance provided to our colleagues at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives with a recent funeral. Those in attendance appreciated the Gaelic Column of Pipes and Drums and Mobile Operations Patrol Unit support.



Officer **Charles Moore** was thanked for his participation in the panel of the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Association for Black Cultural Centers Conference, on the positive and negative portrayals for law enforcement in social media. Officer Moore represented the department favorably and was “*relatable, compassionate, sincere, and a man of great integrity*”.



The Principal of the Horace Mann School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing wrote to thank Officers **Darryl Tran** and **Francesco Recupero**. The Principal noted that, “*The officers interacted with faculty and the students who approached the cruiser... in those brief moments they accomplished so much by being interested in those they serve and doing their jobs in an outstanding manner*”.



Officer **Michael Butler** was thanked for following up on a phone call regarding a reckless driver with the driver and his supervisor. Officer Butler was thorough and professional.



Officer **Gregory Joseph** was thanked for helping a person with a sports injury to find her motor vehicle. The resident appreciated the time that the Officer took to assist her.



Officer **Michael Duggan** was thanked for the assistance he provided to a person whose car went off the road on Enneking Parkway, along with several other motorists.



A Charlestown resident thanked Officer **Jay Connolly** for helping him locate his car.

# COMPSTAT Commendations

## Officer David Murray, District E-13

Officers responded to a radio call for shots fired at 208 Hampden Street, Roxbury, which involved a woman and her boyfriend. Officer Murray, listening on Channel 3, heard the suspect's name and informed officers that there had been a similar call earlier that morning. He conducted some research on possible locations associated with this person and officers were dispatched. On arrival they heard yelling and MOP's tactical gun squad made entry into the apartment and found him hiding in the rear hallway where he was placed under arrest without incident. Officer Murray and his knowledge of on-going activity on his district led to this arrest.



## Officer Michael McHugh, District A-1

Officer McHugh was approached by a witness reporting that a man had been stabbed in the area of 34 Boylston Street, who fled. Officer McHugh was familiar with video surveillance cameras in the area that may assist him with further identifying the victim, suspect, or the location of the incident. He observed this person on video with another individual involving an altercation and was able to provide direction of flight information. Officers were able to locate the victim suffering from a severe five inch gash to his left cheek. He was uncooperative. The suspect is a career criminal, with substantial arrests, convictions, and substantial time served. This particular incident likely prevented future acts of violence by this suspect.



## Officers James Giardina and James Warmsley, District A-7

Officers Giardina and Warmsley responded to radio call for an EDP caller who stated he wanted the police to shoot him. The caller refused to give any identifying characteristics to the call taker and there were 70 units in the building where the call originated. Operations was able to trace the call to an apartment and on arrival the officers found the door ajar. They entered and cleared the apartment with no person found. They proceeded back to the lobby where the security guard told them he was just threatened by a man with a knife, who had retreated upstairs. Officers returned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and observed the suspect standing outside his apartment with a knife. He began screaming "Kill me, Shoot me," while raising the knife and moving towards the officers before taking steps back. The suspect refused commands to drop the knife. The suspect began walking toward Officer Giardina with the knife raised and when Officer Giardina drew his firearm he retreated and pleaded for assistance while still holding the knife. When told he would receive assistance if he dropped the knife, the suspect threw the knife down the hallway towards the officers. He was then placed in handcuffs and transported to the hospital for evaluation. Officers Giardina and Warmsley handled a life threatening situation (suicide by cop) with great restraint, foresight and tactics.



## Officers Skye Robinson and Sean Rooney, School Police Unit

Officers Robinson and Rooney while in the Washington Street area, heard the Dispatcher broadcast a call for shots fired in the area of Bower Street in Roxbury. The officers proceeded outbound on Washington Street towards Martin Luther King Boulevard. The officers observed two males running from the direction of Bower Street. Both Officers observed one suspect reach into his waist area and retrieve a black colored object and throw the object over a fence into a vacant lot. The

Officers both observed this object and concluded that it was a firearm. Officers Rooney and Robinson were able to detain two suspects, as additional Boston Police Units arrived. Officers Rooney and Robinson returned to the vacant lot and directed K-9 handlers as well as SWAT and responding officers as to where the suspect threw the firearm. After a lengthy search by over 20 Police Officers, a Black Rossi .22 caliber firearm with 7 live rounds of ammunition was recovered from the overgrown grassy lot.



## Officers Jeffrey Connolly, Michael Holden, Joseph McDonough and Bryan McGrath, District B-2

Officers Connolly, McDonough and McGrath observed three males, familiar to them as gang members, walking down Turquoise Way. Due to the actions of the suspects and the current violent episodes in the neighborhood, officers exited their cruiser to conduct a threshold inquiry. The three men acted nervously, began to change the direction and then ran. Officer McDonough followed one suspect and observed him running with one arm swinging freely, while holding the other arm tight to his waist, as if he was attempting to secure something. Officer Holden observed the suspect run by 75 St. Alphonsus Street. Officers Holden and McDonough were able to detain the man. During a pat frisk the suspect pulled his body away from the officers, however they were able to recover a silver revolver from the suspect's pocket. At the same time Officers Connolly and McGrath followed the other suspect, clutching his waistband. The suspect removed a firearm from his waist area and discarded it. The gun was recovered and responding units located the suspect nearby.

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Guess who? Name this BPPA member – Pictures are scattered throughout this issue of the PAX – first correct response to [rcolburn@bppa.org](mailto:rcolburn@bppa.org) wins a \$50.00 Dunkin Donuts gift card. If **NO** correct responses, the now-grown-up member wins!

## BPPA Retired Patrolmen's Division News

### NEXT RETIRED PATROLMEN'S DIVISION MEETING

Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 • 1 PM at the **NEW**  
**BPPA Hall, 295 Freeport Street, Dorchester, MA 02122**

### **BPPA RETIRED PATROLMEN'S DIVISION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Retirement: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues are \$24.00.

The year runs from March to March.

Please mail this application and

\$24.00 annual dues to the:

**BPPA Retired Patrolmen's Division  
295 Freeport Street, Boston, MA 02122-3513**



Directors of the Retired Patrolmen's Division of the BPPA:

John Murphy  
David Mackin  
Joe Vannelli  
Joe O'Malley  
Billy Flippin

**Dues are Due!  
New Members - Please fill out this form.**

**OPEN ENROLLMENT is coming up for changing your Health Insurance plan!**

**If there is no change required to your plan, nothing needs to be done.**

**The City will inform us of the exact dates of OPEN ENROLLMENT!**



**Police Sergeant  
Robert W. Tonsberg**



**Police Officer  
Charles R. Maginnis**

December 2, 2015

December 8, 2015



**Police Sergeant  
Ernest M. Reid**

December 21, 2015



**Police Officer  
Donald E. Crosby**

December 23, 2015



**Police Officer  
Francis W. Sheehan**

January 7, 2016

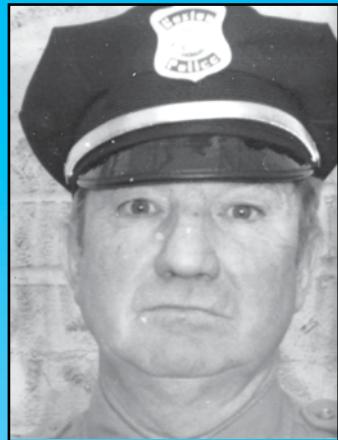
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**Police Lieutenant  
Francis G. O'Neill**  
January 15, 2016



**Police Officer  
Richard E. Walsh**  
January 17, 2016



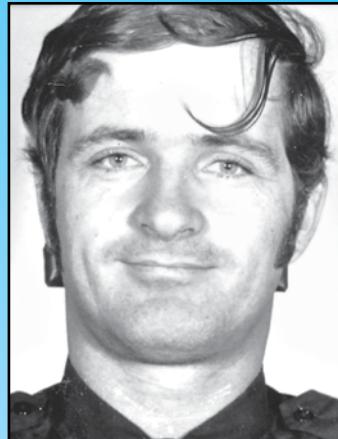
**Police Sergeant  
Thomas P. Kineavy**  
January 22, 2016



**Police Officer  
Philip L. Griffin**  
January 23, 2016



**Police Officer  
Charles E. Harding**  
January 29, 2016



**Police Officer  
Frank T. DiLorenzo**  
February 9, 2016

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# BOSTON POLICE PATROLMEN'S ASSOCIATION

## Scholarship Fund Sports Package Giveaway

(Valued at over \$10,000)



**BC/Georgia Tech Football Game  
in Dublin, Ireland on Sept. 3, 2016**

**PACKAGE INCLUDES  
AIRFARE, HOTEL (3 nights/2 rooms)  
AND TICKETS TO THE GAME  
FOR 4 PEOPLE**



**To be drawn at Florian Hall in Dorchester following the  
BPPA Golf Tournament on Monday, June 6, 2016**

**(You don't have to be present to win.)**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO  
THE ANNUAL  
BPPA SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**\$100/ticket  
MAXIMUM OF 500 TICKETS  
WILL BE SOLD**

Tickets can be purchased at the BPPA Union Hall or by calling the Union Hall at

**617-989-2772**  
or Mike Joyce at  
**617-529-9288**



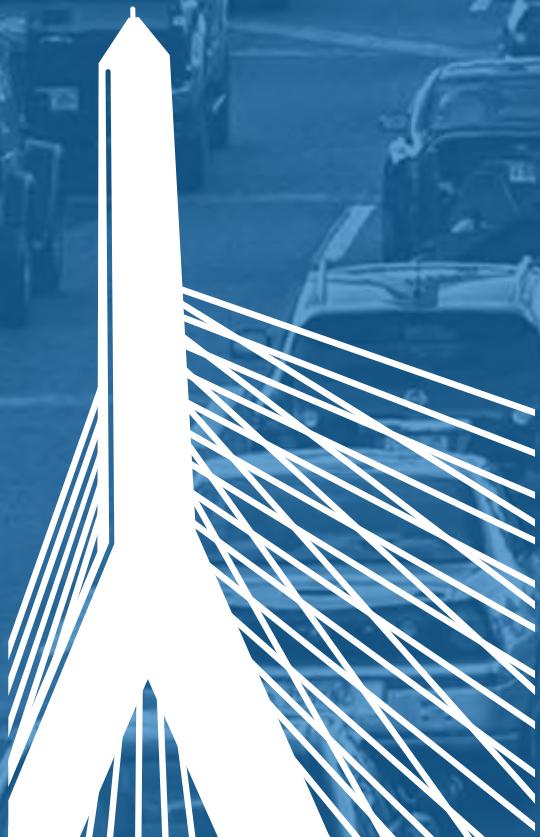
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