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Your board continues to perform daily functions and most board members are doing more than their share of labor and negotiations for the club. The response to requests and suggestions for club improvements has been good. But in addition, I'd like people to step up and join and/or head committees. There are more NYPD products coming in, and we'd like some ideas for new places to sell them. We expect another presentation from Aetna reps at the next meeting and a prominent local defense attorney will speak at our April or May meeting regarding HR218 and Concealed Carry responsibilities and I'd like our members step up and get involved in the running and support of our club? The election/candidate committee will be taking nominations to replace our vice-president Alan Berkowitz. Alan is stepping down after many years of service to the club a long for health reasons. Please attend to nominate and vote ... it's your club. What you do has a tremendous effect on the viability of the club. All members will be checking memberships of all other members at future meetings. Only paid members who are active or retired NYPD, NYTPD or NYHAPD can vote or hold board positions. Anyone can serve on an appointed or created committee except for the nominating election committee. Only members and guests may attend with permission of the president ... that's in the by-laws. Membership needed to be paid by Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> so there shouldn't be any unpaid members present at the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. I'm always amazed by the generosity of our senior members and associate members who not only pay their dues, but they make additional donations and support the club. It's great when they say that we are doing a wonderful job, and they tell me they are very happy to pay their way. For most of this season we have had good attendances at our meetings. We get a few new members at each meeting.

Be diligent to recruit new members and bring back former members, too. Florida Chapter 856 has some very good "catch all" definitions about suspicious criminal activities. Get involved by calling local law enforcement to report Loitering or Prowling. You all have the instinct and are better prepared, than civilians, to articulate what looks suspicious ... tell them what's wrong and let the uniforms decide what to do. The law enforcement agencies really need qualified intelligence to help keep us safer. And yes, you can remain anonymous. If you don't make the call, you're part of the problem. Wishing all of you, health, safety and more happiness .... 10-13 !!! -

*Martin*

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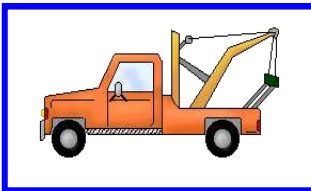
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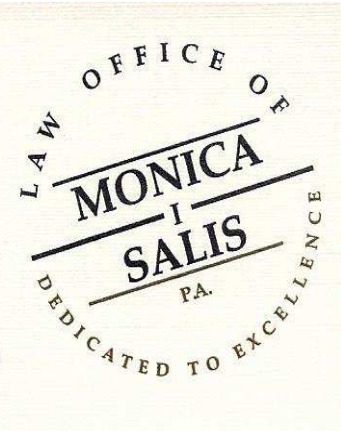
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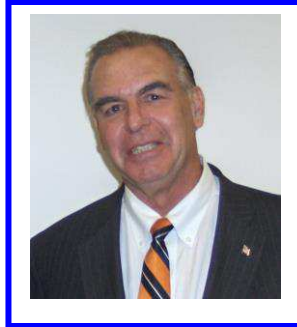
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# ***PBA TV ad calls on Mayor to fire CCRB Chairman....courtesy “PBA Beat”***

*This month the PBA released a TV advertisement calling for the firing of compromised Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) Chairman Richard Emery, who attempted to defend his blatant financial conflict of interest by calling police officers “pigs” in a recent interview. The ad, which ran from March 8 through March 14 on NY1, CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, and News 12 features pictures of police officers and a voiceover asking the mayor to show respect for police officers by firing Emery.*

*Media reports revealed last month that Emery’s law firm, Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady, had taken over representing the plaintiff in a nearly three-year old civil rights lawsuit against the City and several NYPD members.*

*The lawsuit concerns a 2013 incident that was also the subject of a CCRB complaint prosecuted in the Trial room by CCRB attorneys during Emery’s tenure. CCRB investigations and prosecutions often play a significant role in later civil suits, and Emery, as a partner in the firm, stood to benefit financially from a judgment in favor of the plaintiff.*

*After the PBA and other police unions objected to Emery’s conflict, a CCRB spokesman said that Emery had received a waiver from the Conflicts of Interest Board allowing his firm to represent plaintiffs in lawsuits against the city. In the PBA’s view, however, even requesting such a waiver is evidence that a potential conflict exists, and the granting of one does not remove the underlying conflict. It is also yet another example of CCRB’s failure to live up to its City Charter mandate to investigate complaints “fairly and independently.”*

*Shortly after Emery’s conflict came to light, the PBA sent a letter to Mayor Bill de Blasio and Police Commissioner Bill Bratton demanding Emery’s immediate removal from CCRB. The Worth, Longworth &*

London firm, which represents PBA members at CCRB and in other criminal, civil and disciplinary proceedings, wrote Emery to remind him of his ethical obligations as an attorney, calling on him to resign from either CCRB or his law firm. The PBA later participated in a conference call with the Department and the other police unions. During that call, the Department informed the unions that the City's current position is that Emery's conduct is permissible according to the Conflicts of Interest Board, and all MOS who are scheduled to appear at CCRB must do so and must answer questions, or face immediate suspension. While PBA members have been appearing at CCRB as scheduled, the attorneys from Worth, Longworth & London have prepared a preamble to be read into the record at the start of each CCRB interview. The preamble states that the member is at CCRB involuntarily and objects to the questioning in light of Emery's continuing conflict of interest, as well as preserving the police officers' rights in any future action against Emery or his law firm.

Emery eventually compounded the problem through his insulting and inflammatory statements in the media, telling one reporter: "I'm not going to deprive the public and people who are abused by police officers of having access to excellent lawyers because some union is **squealing like a stuck pig.**" Emery later issued a half-hearted apology for the statement and announced that his firm would forego some, though not all, of its CCRB-related cases, including the case that triggered our complaint. In the PBA's view, however, these concessions do not fully address the issue. Emery's statements have made it clear that he is anything but impartial, and that he considers it a point of pride to punish police officers. Such a person obviously should play no role at CCRB.

We will therefore continue to press for Emery's removal and will update you on those efforts as they progress

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# De Blasio aide busted for obstructing cops from making arrest....**NY Post**

**Joe Tacopino and Amanda Woods**

An adviser to Mayor de Blasio was arrested for disorderly conduct Tuesday night for allegedly obstructing police officers who handcuffed an emotionally disturbed homeless man.

Five Omar Mualimm-ak, 40, who has worked with the Mayor's Office on corrections issues and police interactions with the emotionally disturbed, said he was at Broadway and West 57th Street Tuesday night with his friend and fellow activist Joseph "Jazz" Hayden, 74 — trying to help a man with mental issues — when the situation turned violent.

"Two cops jumped out with their nightsticks and started roughing [Hayden] up," Mualimm-ak said.

He said he also took issue with the way the homeless man was treated.

"I'm not gonna allow officers to be abusive with people with mental illness," he said. Cops had a different rundown of the incident. Officers were trying to "establish dialogue" with a 42-year-old "apparently disoriented" man who was yelling in the street at about 8:40 p.m., police said. The man eventually sat on the sidewalk and calmed down but became riled up once again when he spotted a group, including Mualimm-ak and Hayden, recording him and the officer, cops said.

The man took off his shirt, threw it to the ground and began to bang his head against the building, cops said. Officers handcuffed him for safety, walked him to an ambulance that had arrived and requested additional units for his aggressive behavior, police said. An NYPD spokesman said that the incident is under investigation.

Mualimm-ak and Hayden were returning from a book-launch party when the incident occurred.

Hayden documents police activity on video for the web site All Things Harlem.

Both were charged with disorderly conduct, harassment and obstruction of governmental administration. Hayden was also charged with resisting arrest.

## High-speed chase through Bronx and Westchester ends in crash. **NY Post** Tom Wilson

A high-speed chase from the Bronx spilled into Mt. Vernon and ended in a crash, critically injuring a female passenger who was holding a 2-year-old girl in her lap. The chase started when officers from the 47th precinct tried to pull over a white 2014 Nissan Maxima they saw speeding west down Nereid Ave in Wakefield around 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, police said.

When the driver refused to pull over or slow down, cops say they gave chase until the car crossed over into Westchester, then notified the Mt. Vernon Police Department.

The chase came to a violent end about three blocks from the county line in when the vehicle plowed into a row of parked cars in front of Greater Centennial African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church at 4th St. and 8th Ave. in Mt. Vernon, authorities said.

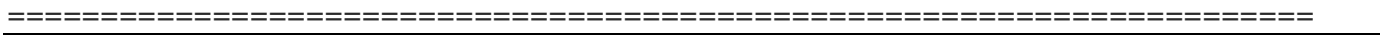
The NYPD took custody of two uninjured men, the driver and a front-seat passenger, at the scene of the crash. It was not immediately clear what their relationship was.

The driver, identified as 18-year-old Xavier Wilson, was hit with numerous charges, including reckless endangerment, fleeing officers, endangering the welfare of a child, reckless driving and operating a vehicle while impaired by drugs.

The 24-year-old woman in the back seat suffered severe head trauma, and was rushed to Jacobi Medical Center in critical condition, authorities said. The 2-year-old girl is in stable condition.

“This is a tragic accident and we are hoping that there is no loss of life,” said Mt. Vernon mayor Richard Thomas.

“Mount Vernon extends its full cooperation to the New York Police Department and ask that people pray for the injured backseat passenger and child.”



(You can't make this stuff up)

## Sanitation worker led cops on chase in his sweeper truck....**NY Post** by Shawn Cohen and Larry Celona

A city street sweeper driver led cops on a slow speed chase in his broom-mobile after he was caught on camera chucking trash at a crucifix outside of a Brooklyn church, police sources said.

Sanitation worker Roman Protas, 38, was wearing his green DSNY uniform when he was seen throwing garbage at the statue of Jesus outside of the St. Francis de Chantel Church in Canarsie, the sources said.

Cops confirmed the report with surveillance footage captured outside the church, but when they finally caught up with Protas at Avenue L and East 9th Street, he tried to escape in his street sweeper, according to sources.

“He was weaving in and out of traffic, but they finally stopped him,” a police source said.

Protas was slapped with a slew of charges, including fleeing an officer in a motor vehicle, reckless endangerment and criminal possession of a controlled substance, police said.

Cops found a prescription medication for bi-polar disorder on him, police sources said.

He was awaiting arraignment on Thursday evening.

According to See ThroughNY, Protas made \$75,708 as a sanitation worker in 2015.

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# Don't forget to vote...

## Patrick Lynch

From the NY Post

New York City police officers know what we signed up for. We know that our job is to put our lives on the line to keep our city safe, and to deliver the same public-safety services to each and every New Yorker, each and every day.

We do that job with pride, and all we ask in return is to be treated like professionals: paid fairly, with our backs covered in our mission and with the comfort that if we're injured in the line of duty, we'll be supported for our sacrifice.

Unfortunately, police officers aren't seeing that support, and the result could seriously damage the future of the NYPD and New York City.

Last week, the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association released a scientific survey — conducted by a nationally renowned polling firm — in which we asked our members for their feelings on the NYPD's working environment and their opinions of city leaders. The results were overwhelming, but not surprising.

They echoed exactly what we've been hearing from our members day in and day out. Morale has hit rock bottom, and 95 percent of police officers believe the city is on the wrong track.

Support for the police has decreased during the de Blasio administration, say 92 percent of our officers — and 96 percent hold an unfavorable opinion of the mayor and his policing and public-safety policies.

Equally troubling, 95 percent say they personally feel less safe while on duty. It's no secret that our organization and City Hall have not seen eye to eye in recent years. However, the purpose of the survey was not to assign blame. The goal was to understand the real mood of the officers out on the

streets, and the results show that they generally feel unsupported by public officials. This situation isn't good for police officers, and it isn't good for the New Yorkers we are sworn to serve.

So how do we fix this problem?

There are many ways, including pay raises that lift us up from our current position among the lowest paid big-city police officers in the country.

However, the most urgent need is for city and state leaders to address the diminished disability benefit that currently exists for more than 11,000 of our newest officers.

Most New Yorkers probably don't know that police officers hired since July 1, 2009, are not provided an adequate disability pension if they are injured in the line of duty — in some cases, this benefit may be less than \$40 a day.

Adding insult to injury, they receive a lower level of benefits than every other police officer in New York state.

You can imagine the impact this has on officers, knowing that if they are injured on the job, they may not be able to pay their rent, put food on the table or support their families.

A few weeks ago, an officer with only two years on the job was shot. Had she been permanently disabled and retired, she would have received a disability pension from the city of as little as \$14,760, or \$284 per week, and would not be allowed to supplement it by taking another, less physically demanding job.

The PBA supports state legislation to correct this injustice. Our leaders in City Hall and Albany need to make a clear commitment to honor this moral obligation, with no other strings attached.

The city already expects to save more than \$30 billion over the next 30 years from police-pension reductions made in 2009, so there is no fiscal excuse for forcing injured heroes to live on nickels and dimes.

New York City's health and prosperity rests on the work that police officers do, and our leaders must come together and support them for their sacrifice.

Now is not the time to point fingers. It's time for real solutions, not only for our officers and their families, but also for our entire city.

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