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Our February meeting featured Gene Lowey, updating about national and New York News. He also helped clarify the problems with the retiree ID card renewals. (thank you Gene) For those not present at the meeting, the problem with renewing the ID cards through the 10-13 became an issue when the ID card photos were purged at headquarters. When the photos were purged, it left a gap in the integrity of the valid identification and verification of the applicant. There may be a viable solution in the future and Gene will keep us updated.

On another note, lately it has become painfully obvious that there has been an increase in people slamming police and posting bad videos and pictures that portray police in a negative light. I say we should record good police encounters and flood social media and all media with good police stories and encounters. There has to be a point that good police stories can overshadow the bad ones. While we're on the subject, please come to the meetings with stories and/or photos to talk about with the group. Most of us appreciate war stories and especially the accompanying photos.

Our RMP fund and honor guard fund are starting off well, so keep donating what you can. With your help we can keep these traditions which exemplify the 10-13 club, alive and well.

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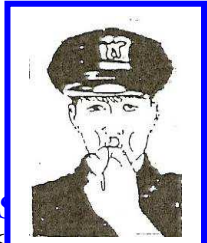
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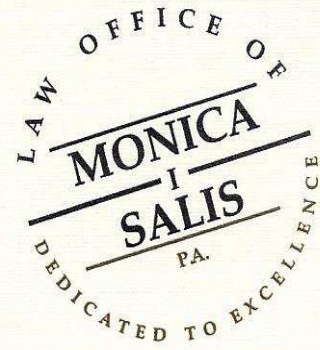
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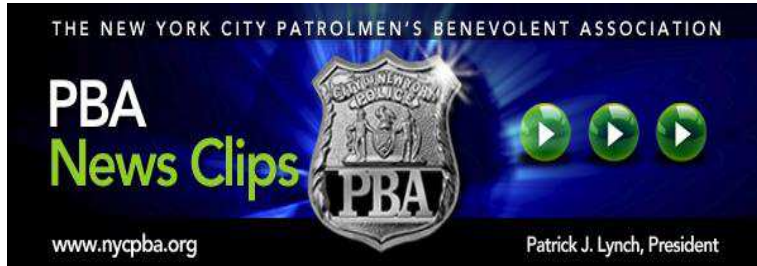
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From Pat Lynch...

On September 11, 2001, this country (and City) experienced the single greatest attack on its soil in our history. This attack led to, among other things, the destruction of the World Trade Center and surrounding areas. Immediately after the attacks, our members – NYC Police Officers – and other first responders arrived at the World Trade Center and were responsible for the single greatest rescue effort in this nation's history. Thereafter, they participated in the recovery and other efforts at Ground Zero and other sites. Our members responded without regard to whether they were on duty or off duty, whether they were paid for their efforts or not, and whether or not they were provided with adequate safety equipment. As a result of this tremendous response, one that as a country and a City we would like to see repeated in the event of another catastrophe, our members most of whom are in their 20's, 30's and 40's are now strongly believed to be suffering with illnesses and sicknesses caused by their exposure to the toxic chemical mix at Ground Zero and other locations.

That toxic mix included such deadly agents as asbestos, benzene, mercury, freon, PCB's, lead and other carcinogens. Standing alone, these agents are known to be deadly. Because of the unprecedented nature of this catastrophe neither the medical nor scientific community can adequately predict the consequences to our responders of being exposed to these deadly compounds when mixed together. Despite millions of dollars in various monies being targeted for monitoring and treatment, our members have received precious little information as to what specific types of health consequences our members are experiencing and reporting, other than vague references to sinus, breathing and mental health issues -- all of which are serious, but we believe do not represent the full range of illnesses our members are experiencing. The purpose of this website is to gather information currently available regarding illnesses responders are experiencing as a result of 9/11 and related exposures, including self reports by members and others, which will be reported in the PBA World Trade Center Health Registry, as well as to make available other published literature on WTC- related illnesses. We also will post Department Directives, laws and other authority concerning WTC- related health issues, and provide information relating to existing federally funded monitoring programs.

We invite our members to respond and report illnesses they are experiencing to aid other officers experiencing symptoms. In this way, our members who are experiencing symptoms, and have not yet sought treatment, will take the steps necessary to seek treatment so as to facilitate early treatment and to prevent the development of more serious health conditions.

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WHY WE CAN NEVER FORGET







Quentin Tarantino's 'The Hateful Eight,' boycotted by the NYPD, has been a box-office dud so far

BY THOMAS TRACY

The Quentin Tarantino Western boycotted by the NYPD after the controversial director called cops "murderers" has suffered a royal with cheese-sized beating at the box office, officials said Thursday.

Tarantino's "The Hateful Eight" has only earned \$41 million in the first three weeks since its release, according to the website Box Office Mojo — far less than the director's previous film, "Django Unchained," which earned more than \$125 million during the same time period in 2012.

The Patrolmen's Benevolent Association called for a boycott of "Hateful Eight" after the acclaimed director of "Reservoir Dogs," "Kill Bill" and "Pulp Fiction" railed against the police last October during a rally against police brutality in Washington Square Park.

"I'm a human being with a conscience," Tarantino said at the rally, which remembered the deaths of Eric Garner, Akai Gurley and Anthony Baez. "And if you believe there's murder going on then you need to rise up and stand up against it. I'm here to say I'm on the side of the murdered."

Police unions in other major cities, including Los Angeles and Philadelphia, joined the boycott before the movie's release on Christmas Day.

PBA President Pat Lynch said there was no way to confirm if the boycott of "Hateful Eight" caused the box office slump.

Several factors like, so-so reviews, the movie's three-hour running time — which means fewer screenings — and a little movie called "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" may have led to the movie's drop in sales.

Still, Lynch would like to think the boycott had an impact.

"Can we take full credit for the stinker's failure?" Lynch asked. "Well, one thing we can attest to is that many, many good citizens have told us that they were offended by Tarantino's ignorant, anti-police remarks and, as a result, have refused to spend their money on this movie."

Ed Mullins, president of the NYPD's Sergeant's Benevolent Association, agreed.

"If I was (Tarantino), I'd be asking myself, 'What did I just do to my career?'" Mullins said. "People don't realize that there are hundreds of thousands of people in law enforcement. Take into consideration their family and friends and all the people who support them, and you have a massive silent majority."

But the movie's slump might soon be over.

On Thursday, "The Hateful Eight" received three Oscar nominations for best score, best cinematography and best supporting actress by Jennifer Jason Leigh — which could mean an uptick in sales in the month to come.

An email to Quentin Tarantino's agent was not immediately returned.

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De Blasio is to blame for the Bratton-Kelly feud

- By [Michael Goodwin](#) DECEMBER 31ST 2015

New Yorkers know that to make it here, you need a skin thick enough to survive a daily gantlet of conflict. Yet some battles still manage to pierce the armor and even draw the blood of innocent bystanders, a prime example being [the bare-knuckle brawl between Bill Bratton and Ray Kelly](#).

They are perhaps the two greatest commissioners in the great history of the NYPD, and their assaults on each other's achievements bring a sour end to 2015. These two fine men, genuine heroes who deserve their national acclaim, are hurting themselves, the police force and all of New York.

Kelly and Bratton have crossed paths for decades and, though never buddy-buddy, only now are crossing swords. Pride and personality are obvious factors, but there is also an instigator who fanned the flames of their feud.

In denouncing Kelly's claim [that some crime stats are fishy](#), Bratton [accused Kelly of "engaging in politics."](#) It was a rare moment of absolute clarity, though probably not in the way Bratton intended.

The "politics" began in 2013, when Bill de Blasio built his campaign for mayor around attacks on the NYPD. Looking to delegitimize record-low crime rates and rally nonwhite voters, de Blasio mounted his soapbox repeatedly to demonize cops as a racist, brutal force in minority neighborhoods. He described Kelly, then the top cop, and the outgoing mayor, Michael Bloomberg, as the commanders of an occupying army.

De Blasio put special emphasis on stop-question-and-frisk, the aggressive and successful tool the police used to get illegal handguns off the street.

In the midst of a federal civil rights trial before a biased judge, de Blasio's charges found favor in the liberal echo chamber.

Never mind that his accusations against the NYPD were false and outrageous — they were political magic. De Blasio, a backbencher given little chance, shot to the top in the Democratic primary and rode his attacks on the police into City Hall.

Al Sharpton played a key role in the toxic triumph, which featured a speaker at de Blasio's inauguration calling New York a "plantation." The new mayor later said he had no problem with that word.

Yet de Blasio, in courting Sharpton and attacking the police, had created the impression that he would be OK if crime made a comeback. He quickly realized that high crime could end his mayoralty, so his solution was to recruit the widely respected Bratton as a character witness and adviser. He followed through with campaign hints and named him police commissioner after the election.

Bratton clearly wanted a second chance to run the NYPD, his first ending abruptly when he and Rudy Giuliani clashed. In fact, he wanted the job enough to echo some of de Blasio's rancid charges.

While there was always far more nuance to Bratton's criticisms — he admitted that the Los Angeles police force he ran used a version of stop-and-frisk more often than New York did — Bratton's role let de Blasio have it both ways. He could slam the cops and still insist that he would keep the city safe by piggybacking on Bratton's credibility.

Kelly felt especially burned by Bratton, believing he was driven by ambition and not facts. And now the tables are turned, with Bratton accusing Kelly of virtually the same thing. It's safe to assume that, once again, de Blasio is egging Bratton on because Kelly's attacks are an attack on the mayor's record as well.

In truth, the dispute over statistics is on the margins, with Kelly questioning whether the number of shootings is being accurately reported. His key point focuses on the fact that two numbers that usually move in tandem are moving in opposite directions. [Homicide by gun is up 22 percent over last year](#), while the number of all shootings has declined by about 2 percent.

Still, Kelly has not quantified any impact of what he sees as manipulation, meaning New York would almost certainly remain America's safest big city under any conceivable recount.

That is what matters most — and that glorious record is to the everlasting credit of both Kelly and Bratton. They share an enormous achievement, one that saved lives and saved the city, and nobody can take that from them.

They certainly shouldn't try to take it from each other.