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From the desk of

*the President*



Greetings to all! The summer months are fast approaching, and I am happy to report that the RSA membership is at an all-time high. We have approximately 400 new members. Congrats on your retirement and welcome to our RSA family. In addition, we have over 200 members who have come back after taking a few years off. The RSA welcomes you back and appreciates your support and giving this board the opportunity to serve as your voice of retired sergeants as well as our promise to keep you informed.

Congratulations to SBA President Vincent Vallelong and the entire SBA Board Officers and Directors for retaining their positions for another four-year term. The RSA and the SBA Frontline Team have worked hard to form an alliance. For the past few months, I have been personally meeting and speaking with Vinny on a regular basis, discussing how we can both better serve each other. We are both excited of the things to come. I assure you, that I will always have the best interest of our retirees. Also, we cannot forget where we came from, by backing our brothers and sisters of the SBA. I can tell you that he hears our concerns and takes them very seriously. One of which is our Dental plan. He is working on a new Dental plan and has asked for my input on it. I will keep you updated on this improved upcoming benefit. We are committed in keeping our members informed and are always looking for ways to better serve the membership.

Thank you to all who attended our April General membership meeting on Staten Island. Unfortunately, we were unable to have it at the usual Staten Island location, but I want to thank Nick Canepa, Corresponding Secretary, for securing us a location and putting this meeting together with the help of the Board. There is a lot of planning and work that goes into having these meetings and I am thankful for having a Board that cares and is willing to give up their personal

time for the membership. I have spoken with a few of our Staten Island members who would like to assist us in finding a new location. I would like to thank Vinny and the Frontline Team, along with Errol Ogman, SBA Fund Administrator, for attending and speaking at our meeting. I would also like to thank Staten Island Borough Commander, Chief Gin Yee, for stopping by. I believe that it is important for us to maintain a relationship with the leadership of the NYPD.

I would like to update our members regarding the status of the City's Medicare Advantage Plus Plan. As of the writing of this newsletter, the City has filled for a hearing of appeals. They requested it to be put on the calendar for the June 2022 Term with a request for an expedited decision on the appeals. Here is the Supreme Court of the State of New York Appellate Division's response:

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It is ordered that the motion is granted to the extent of directing the Clerk to maintain the appeal on this Court's calendar for the September 2022 Term, to which Term the perfected appeal is adjourned.

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Even if a decision is rendered in September, we don't expect the City to make any Plan changes to be effective prior to January 1, 2023. I cannot stress the importance of staying on top of these issues. It is expected that the City, OLR, will start going after the non-Medicare retirees' and the actives' medical coverage. There is talk of the possibility of tiering hospitals and steering members to newly created medical programs/Drs.

Hope to see you all at our next meeting.

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# PROTECT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

Dear Brothers and Sisters if you responded to September 11th 2001 Please see below.

It has been twenty years since the September 11th attacks and our response to those attacks. Laws have been passed over the past twenty years to help protect us, to monitor our health, and to compensate us or our families should we become sick from 9/11 related illnesses. In order to protect yourself and your family, you need the knowledge of the laws and programs as well as which ones you qualify for and how to apply for them.

One such law, which is paramount to NYPD Officers is the NYS World Trade Center Presumption Law. Passed in 2005 and updated several times, the law allows for members to file for a 3/4s disability pension if active or 3/4s disability pension reclassification if retired and permanently disabled due to a 9/11 classified illness. The law also provides LOD death benefits for your family should you pass away from a 9/11 classified illness.

In order to file for the above  $\frac{3}{4}$  WTC disability pension and/or WTC LOD death benefits if you have not yet filed, the law requires that all members file a Notice of Participation (NOP) with the NYC Police Pension Fund (NYCPPF) on or before September 11, 2022. If you have not filed your NOP yet, you can access the form at the NYCPPF website under forms. Form#250. You may have already filed your NOP. In order to confirm that you are filed with the NYCPPF you can visit their website:

[www1.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/html/wtc\\_information/wtc\\_information.shtml](http://www1.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/html/wtc_information/wtc_information.shtml)

**YOU MUST file with the Police Pension Fund before 9/11/2022.**

You protected New York City for 20 plus years. Shouldn't you also protect your family and YOU?

# AED TRAINING

We have acquired an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) through a generous donation made to us by The Louis J. Acompora Memorial Foundation. This AED will be present at all RSA events.

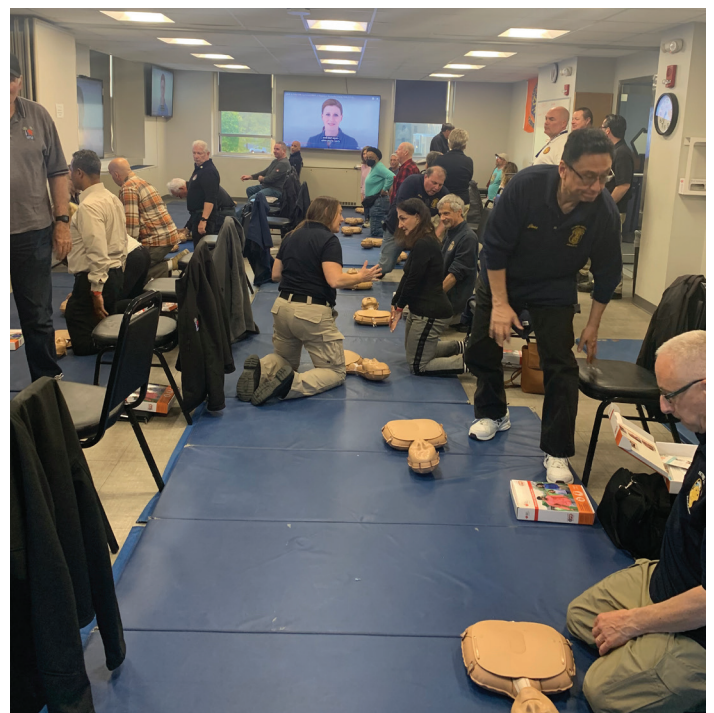
The Nassau Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of Nassau County provided the training to the Board and members of the RSA, at no cost.

Training consisted of AED/CPR and a certificate was given out upon completion of course.



Training was given in basic life support, how to perform the 2 steps of CPR and how to use an AED machine.

I am happy to report that the three training sessions were filled to capacity. I want to thank all those who participated in this invaluable, lifesaving training. We will attempt to do more training in the future.





# WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF A MEMBER'S DEATH

*From the desk of the Vice President*

By: Tony Amato

The RSA received many emails in regards to who to notify in case of a member's death. I hope you find this updated information helpful.

### STEP 1: SBA NOTIFICATION

Please call the SBA Health and Welfare office at 212-431-6555 and ask for a retiree counselor. If the call is made after 4:30 PM, call the SBA main line at 212-226-2180. It would be very helpful if the person making the notification has the deceased member's Social Security Number and/or Tax ID # available. The counselors are extremely helpful and sympathetic. They will advise of any SBA benefits and will answer any questions you may have.

Shortly thereafter, if the deceased was a Plan A retiree, the beneficiary will receive a personal condolence letter directly from the SBA President, Vincent Vallelong. Enclosed with the letter will be an SBA Health and Welfare Plan A Beneficiary Claim Form. Plan A retiree beneficiaries are entitled to a \$5,000.00 death benefit. The beneficiary must complete the form, have it notarized, and return to Health and Welfare Fund, along with a certified Death Certificate. If the retiree was a Life member, the beneficiary will also receive a condolence letter from the SBA Recording Secretary. Enclosed with this letter will be a SBA Mortuary Beneficiary Claim Form. Life retiree beneficiaries are entitled to a \$4,000.00 mortuary benefit. The beneficiary must complete the form, have it notarized, and return to the SBA Recording Secretary, along with a certified Death Certificate.

SBA Health and Welfare benefits (prescription drugs, optical and dental) will be offered at **no cost** to widows/widowers and dependents of Life members who do not have coverage from other sources. This is financed by the annual car raffle as well as other various SBA fundraisers. The widows/widowers of non-Life members will be offered coverage under SBA COBRA rates.

### BE SURE YOU PERIODICALLY CHECK AND UPDATE YOUR BENEFICIARY INFORMATION, INCLUDING THOSE WITH THE SBA!

### STEP 2: NYPD OPERATIONS UNIT NOTIFICATION

When wake and funeral arrangements have been completed, call the NYPD Operations Unit at 646-610-5580. The PAA or PO answering the phone will ask for the deceased member's information including date of appointment and date of retirement. It is a good idea for members to leave that information with your instructions (see "RSA Member Worksheet"). You should know that the department will provide pallbearers (FREE OF CHARGE) for your loved one. Please let the Operations Unit know that you wish to have them. Funeral directors are aware of this and are more than happy to assist you with this

request. Please note that this benefit only applies to funeral services that are being held in the city's five boroughs, as well as the following counties: Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Rockland, Orange and Putnam. The Police Relief Fund provides a NYPD flag that can be mailed to you. Please let the Operations Unit know that you would like one.

### STEP 3: POLICE PENSION FUND & NYC HEALTH BENEFITS OFFICE NOTIFICATION

Operations should notify the Police Pension Fund. If you wish to make a backup call, you may call 212-693-6887. They will need the deceased member's Tax ID #. If deceased is a service retiree, the widow/widower is entitled to the Defined Benefit (\$12,000/year) up to the member's date of death. The Defined Benefit is predicated on twelfths, i.e. if a retiree passes away in June, the widow/widower is entitled to \$5,000.00.

The Pension Fund will notify the NYC Health Benefits Office (Office of Labor Relations) and you should receive a Continuation of Coverage for Life (COBRA for Life) application from them. There is a premium for this continuation of coverage, which can be found on OLR's website at: [www1.nyc.gov/site/olr/health/retiree/health-retiree-cobra](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/olr/health/retiree/health-retiree-cobra) page. If you wish to make a backup call, you may call 212-513-0470. Calling them may be problematic and you may be kept on hold for a long time. It may be a good idea to alternatively make notification in writing to:

**NYC Office of Labor Relations  
Retiree Health Benefits  
22 Cortlandt Street, 12th Floor  
New York, NY 10007**

or by email at

**healthbenefits@olr.nyc.gov**

It is suggested that you send it certified mail, return receipt requested. When writing to them, include the deceased member's Social Security number and Pension number. Remember, the widow/widower is entitled to the full Medicare reimbursement for both the member and spouse, if eligible, up to the date of death. Therefore, a widow/widower is entitled for the full year prior to death of member and up to the month of the death of member. A request in writing or email should be made to OLR for reimbursement.

Final reminder: In any case, if a widow/widower needs any information or assistance, do not hesitate to call the SBA Health and Welfare office. Tony Amato (RSA Vice President), Health and Welfare Fund Manager is always available to help.

I strongly encourage you to complete the "RSA Member Worksheet" below. Note that your Pension number can be found on your Pension Check or Pension Quarterly Statement (Pension Key # starting with a P). You should keep this article with all your important documents and include a copy of your marriage certificate.

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

SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Pension #: \_\_\_\_\_

NYPD Retirement Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NYPD Appointment Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SBA Life Member? (y/n): \_\_\_\_\_

SBA Plan A member? (y/n): \_\_\_\_\_

Beneficiaries last updated/checked on date:  
\_\_\_\_\_

## IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

RSA	718-605-0272
SBA Health & Welfare	212-431-6555
SBA Union	212-226-2180
NYPD Operations	646-610-5580
NYPD Pension Fund	212-693-6887
NYC Health Benefits Program	212-513-0470

*In Memoriam*



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SP INV | End of Watch - 003.17.22

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I.A.B | End of Watch - 05.05.22

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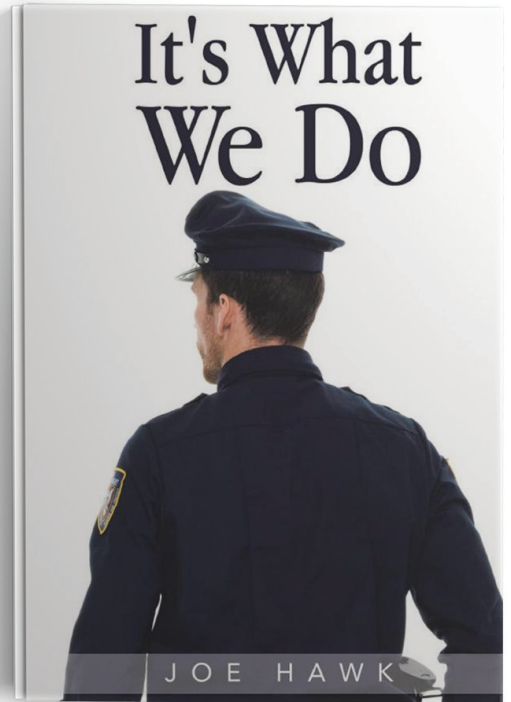
with Mike Fahy



Hope all is well with you and yours. By the time this newsletter is published, the legislative session has more than likely ended. I would like to thank everyone who made the calls when Bob and Tony sent out the legislative action requests. Your calls were verified by the reactions that we received from legislatures and the movement that happened in the bills we

are pushing. Truly the old saying, "the squeaky wheel gets the oil", applies to political action. I do not have any news for this session to share, other than people are listening. Please continue to take action when these email blasts are sent, and involve your family and friends in the process. As the legislative session ends we are moving into the 2022 elections season. The next legislative corner will include the actions taken, on our behalf, by our elected representatives. We will remember our friends.

Enjoy your summer.



This book is about the day-to-day encounters that police officers face on a daily basis, it emphasizes the good and evil that lurk about every day. Some fall victim to the mayhem, others are just lucky to avoid conflict, or escape the fatal blows that others fall victim to. All gave some, some gave all. They are the ones that are honored. Their names are on the police wall, Washington DC. 10% of all sales of this book will go to the fallen, so that they won't be forgotten. Their names will be placed on the granite wall for all to see.

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The RSA is proud to have made the following donations:

- \$500 – Emergency Medical Squad/Police Relief Fund
- \$250 – Louis J. Acompora Memorial Foundation
- \$250 – POPPA



The Retired Sergeants Association is pleased to offer three (3) \$1,000.00+ scholarship awards to graduating high school students who are going on to further their education in 2022. As in every year, the scholarship award is enhanced by the proceeds of our 50/50 Scholarship Enhancement Raffle, and on occasion, generous donations from RSA members. Awards in 2021 were in excess of \$4,200. Actual award amount is calculated upon completion of 50/50.

To be eligible, the candidate must be a child, stepchild or grandchild of an RSA member in good standing for 2020, 2021 and 2022. Candidate must be a 2022 High School graduate who is enrolled in an institution of further education (i.e. College, University, Trade School). The course of study must be for a minimum of one (1) year. Sergeants who retire in 2020 and 2021 and join the RSA in the same year are also eligible.

Please complete the application below and forward it, along with a copy of the letter of acceptance from the school, to:

**Second Vice President Anthony Nostramo**  
**6 Redwood Drive, Dix Hills, NY 11746**

*Please do not send certified, we will not pick it up at the post office. Regular U.S. mail reaches us.*  
**Winners drawn by lot in June 2022. Questions should be directed to Second Vice President Anthony Nostramo at 917-750-6486.**

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Email: \_\_\_\_\_


College/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Freshman Yr Starts: \_\_\_\_\_ Member's Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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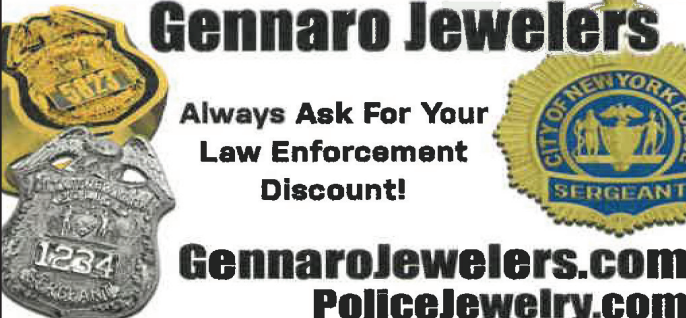

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**392 Colon Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10308.**

For additional raffles, please copy this page and follow the above directions. The raffle drawing will be held in June of 2022 so this is your **last chance** to enter!



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## Health & Welfare Fund

by Errol Ogman

The following enhancement have been made to the Pharmaceutical Benefit Plan provided by your Sergeants Benevolent Association.

The **PICA Drug Plan** is administered by the Office of Labor Relations and provides coverage for active and non-Medicare retirees requiring specialty and non-specialty injectable medications, prescription treatments used to treat cancer and medicines used to treat the side effects of chemotherapy. This prescription program has a \$100.00 annual deductible, per person, and an additional member out of pocket co-pay per claim. In the past this out-of-pocket cost has been realized by our sickest members requiring these customarily high-priced treatments.

In our ongoing effort, to alleviate member out of pocket costs, the Board of Trustees have created **“The SBA-PICA Reimbursement Program.”** Pursuant to this benefit “out of pocket deductibles” and “co-pays”, incurred by members for PICA formulary products, can be submitted to the Health and Welfare Office for reimbursement.

**Effective January 1, 2022**, members incurring PICA related out of pocket expenses can submit a copy of the retail pharmacy “package attachment” or mail order/specialty pharmacy “bill of lading” along with a payment receipt and the SBA will reimburse members for out-of-pocket costs incurred\*.

*\*Members requesting brand medications that have an FDA approved generic equivalent or bioequivalent/biosimilar product, where a PICA program guidelines adds a co-pay penalty, will be reimbursed by the SBA for the generic/bioequivalent/biosimilar product medication rate only.*

*Please forward claims for reimbursement to the SBA Office 155 Franklin Street New York, N.Y. 10013 attention: Belkis Medina-Villaruel or call for information 212-343-5644.*

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- No caps on Expert Witnesses expenses
- All trial fees and costs covered up front
- Firearm Replacement during trial/Loss of Primary CCW Weapon Covered
- Up to \$250 a day work loss while in criminal or civil trial
- Up to 10 sessions (\$150 each) for a licensed counselor
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- Criminal Record expungements

\* Spouses that are also LE Officers can be added through [support@ccwsafe.com](mailto:support@ccwsafe.com)

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- No caps on Expert Witnesses expenses
- All trial fees and costs covered up front
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# Meet the RSA BOARD MEMBERS



**ROBERT COTUMACCIO**  
*President*

Bobby was appointed to the NYPD in July of 1983 and promoted to Sergeant in June of 1990. As a retired Sergeant, Bobby is very active and well known within many Fraternal NYPD & National Law Enforcement organizations. He is the Sergeants Benevolent Association (SBA) LIFE Member Representative and Executive Vice President of NYS Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge 69. He is also a member of the NYPD Honor Legion, Columbia Association, and Retired Detectives and National 10-13. Bobby became a Trustee of the RSA in September 2017 and then held the positions of Marshal, Second Vice President, and Vice President before becoming the RSA President in January 2022.



**ANTHONY AMATO**  
*Vice President*

Tony was appointed to the NYPD in January of 1983 and promoted to Sgt. in February of 1991. He retired in April of 2003 as the Commanding Officer of Patrol Borough Brooklyn South Operations. Upon retirement, Tony joined the SBA and is currently the SBA Health & Welfare Fund Manager. He is a Certified Employee Benefit Specialist (CEBS), has a Group Benefits Associate Designation (GBA), and holds a Certificate of Achievement in Health and Welfare Plans. Tony is also certified as a SQL Server Business Intelligence Professional, as well as a SQL Server DBA Professional. In 2018, Tony joined the RSA Board as Director of Operations. He moved up to 2nd Vice President and now serves as the Vice President.



**ANTHONY NOSTRAMO**  
*2nd Vice President*

Anthony T. Nostramo was appointed to the NYPD in July of 1981, promoted to Detective in September of 1989 and then to Sergeant in March of 1993. He retired in February of 2004. Anthony became a member of the RSA in 2007 and became the Recording Secretary. As of 2022, Anthony is the 2nd Vice President of the RSA. Anthony is a member of FOP Lodge 69.



**MARIA VALDEZ**  
*Treasurer*

Maria was appointed to the NYPD in January 1986 and promoted to Sergeant in July 1993, retiring from OCID. As a full time Florida resident, she has held the position of Treasurer in several clubs in Florida and has also volunteered as a librarian and a mentor to high school students. Maria became the Treasurer for the RSA in August 2005 and held the position until September 2012; which she resigned due to family reasons. She then was reinstated as Treasurer on July 2013 and has held the position since then.



**HERBERT VALDEZ**  
*Director of Operations*

Herb started his career in the 42 Pct. and ended his career in OCCB, Vice, as the late tour supervisor. He retired in 1999 after 20 years of service. He has been volunteering for the RSA for 10 years as Trustee, Sgt. at Arms, and currently is the Director of Operations.



**NORMAN HOROWITZ**  
*Sergeant at Arms*

Norm Horowitz is currently on the executive board of the RSA in the position of Sgt. of Arms and has been with the RSA for the last 10 years. Norm retired from the job after doing 40 years as a Det/Sgt. He was present during the WTC bombing and spent several weeks down at ground zero. It is a honor to work and help fellow retired Sgts. Norm was the Brooklyn North and Detective Bureau Director with the SBA and is currently an active member and Sgt. at Arms with the Fraternal Police Lodge 69 and a Trustee with the Long Island 10-13 club.



**DOMINICK PETRUCELLI**  
*Marshal*

Dominick Petrucelli was one of the original founders of the RSA along with John Foster under Harold Kamien. Dom served as Trustee, Recording Secretary, Chairman of the Board and - currently - Marshal. Dom was the Treasurer of Former Police Trainees Fraternal Organization. Dom was both a PBA and SBA delegate. He retired from service in January 1991. Member of FOP lodge 69, Long Island Shields 10-13, and Columbia Association.



**LARRY KELLY**  
*Past President*

Larry was appointed to the NYPD in January of 1987 and was promoted to Sergeant in January of 1996. As a sergeant, Larry was assigned to the following commands: 28 Pct, 60 Pct, Brooklyn South Task Force, Brooklyn South Gang Suppression Unit, IAB, OCCB Investigations Unit, and the 72 PDU. He retired in June of 2007 with 20 ½ years and in April of 2008 he was appointed as a trustee of the RSA. Larry has held the positions of Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, 2nd VP, Vice President and President. Larry remains an active member of the board as Past President and maintains the Retiree ID Card Renewal program and the the Scholarship 50/50 Enhancement Raffle.



**JOHN FOSTER**  
*Secretary*



John was appointed to the NYPD on March 16, 1957 and promoted to Sergeant on July 30, 1972 and served for 31 years retiring in 1988. John helped in starting up and organizing the RSA in 1995 and has served as Secretary for the past 25 years. John is busy attending many family celebrations and is active in the Cruiser USS Northampton Reunion Association and his local American Legion Post in Southold.



**NICHOLAS CANEPA**  
*Corresponding Secretary*



Nick was appointed to the NYPD in June of 1992 was promoted to Sergeant in October 1998 and retired in July of 2012. Nick became an RSA trustee in 2013. He was later appointed to the board as the Corresponding Secretary, a position he has served in since December of 2015.



**MICHAEL KUSHNER**  
*Recording Secretary*



Michael J Kushner was appointed to department July 1987 and promoted to sergeant September 2001. Upon retirement he continued his commitment to law enforcement training, TSA and Air Marshal's in Counter Terrorism. He is still carrying on as FEMA CDP Instructor assigned to the NYPD. Michael has held several positions with the RSA starting as a Trustee, Sergeant at Arms, Marshal and now Recording Secretary. He remains active in both the Retired Sergeants and the Fraternal Order of Police Executive Boards as well as an active member of the NYPD Police Organization Providing Peer Assistance. Michael has always done his best to give back to his fellow brothers and sisters.



**THOMAS KING**  
*National Secretary*



Thomas J. King was appointed to the NYPD in January 1992 and promoted to Sergeant in July 1998. Tommy was assigned to Manhattan North area for 15 Years and then retired from the Elite Intelligence Division. Tom was the 25 Pct. Sergeant Delegate and was also a Citywide Intel Sergeant Delegate upon his retirement in 2012. Immediately upon retirement, Tommy was appointed to the RSA Board as a Trustee and then Corresponding Secretary. Tom left for a few years as his private sector job required extensive travel but is now back in the capacity of National Secretary. Tom is also a member of the NYPD Honor Legion, NYPD Emerald Society, NYPD Anchor Society, NYS Fraternal Order of Police and a 3rd Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus.



**MICHAEL FAHY**  
*Albany Representative*



Mike is the President of the National 10-13 Organizations and the Legislative Rep. for the RSA. He joined the Transit Police in 1985 and worked the better part of his career in canine. He was the President of the Transit Police Holy Name Society and the Transit Officers Police Societies. He was promoted to Sergeant and worked in Central Robbery. With the merge, he was transferred to Bronx Warrants and retired out of DBBX in December of 2002.



**JEANETTE DICE**  
*Trustee*



Jeanette is a new addition to the RSA team and became a Trustee in 2022. She was a member of the July 1984 Academy class, promoted to Sergeant in December 1989, and retired in 2004. She has been a member of the RSA for over 10 years.



**JOSE SANTIAGO**  
*Trustee*



Jose Santiago was appointed to the NYC Transit Police Dept. in 1988. Jose was promoted to Detective in 1993, Sergeant in 1994, and SGT/SDS (Supervisor Detective Squad) in 1999. Jose retired in 2014 from the Organized Crime Control Bureau (OCCB). Jose continues to be an Active Poppa Peer Support Counselor since 2007 and became an RSA Trustee in 2017.



**STEPHEN SHERIDAN**  
*Trustee*



Steve came on the job in 1984 and made sergeant in 1989. He was an SBA delegate in the 113 Pct. In 2004, Steve retired and became a member of the RSA. Steve has volunteered his time assisting the RSA and was appointed to Trustee in 2019.

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 PB Revised 12/8/2020

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**Please Indicate:**  New Applicant  Lost ID Card  Renewal, Card # \_\_\_\_\_

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MI:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Apt.** \_\_\_\_\_

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RETIREE INFORMATION ONLY	
<b>Rank:</b> _____	<b>Retirement Date:</b> ____/____/____
<b>Tax #</b> _____	<b>Shield #</b> _____

I certify that the information I provided on this worksheet and on any supporting documentation is true and complete. If I am applying for a retiree identification card, I further certify that since my retirement date, I have not been convicted of a crime.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

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<b>Member Processing Request:</b> _____	<b>Tax #</b> _____
<b>Case #</b> _____	<b>Firearms Code:</b> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<b>New ID Card #</b> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved	_____
<b>Authorizing Supervisor Rank/Name</b>	<b>Signature</b>
<small>(Authorizing Supervisor is to ensure there is a copy of newly issued Identification Card attached to this worksheet)</small>	

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The below article was written by an RSA member. We encourage all members who want to submit an article to please contact us.

## NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM (NICS)

– by: Ret. Sgt. and RSA member Felipe Rodriguez OCID

Retired MOS beware, the next time you purchase a firearm a huge quagmire could await you.

I recently went to pick up a new firearm only to have my life derailed. After the gun dealer ran an NICS check, I was informed that I had failed and the FBI had denied my firearms purchase. I was denied based on name, height, weight and date of birth. My name is Felipe Rodriguez. 2.3% of the population also has this name.

Federal law now mandates that when you fail an NICS check, the gun store must notify the issuing permit. After leaving the gun store, the NYPD Pistol License section called me to explain my incident. In typical cop fashion, I quickly stated, “what incident, that I have a common name.” I had failed an NICS check and I would now have to surrender my guns. The words devastated, dismayed and completely dumbfounded are not adequate words to express my feelings.

I was sent a letter from the FBI stating that I had no arrests. NYPD said not good enough, you must challenge the appeal, yet no one would tell me what was alleged. The FBI does not share the reason why you failed the NICS check and the Pistol section provided no guidance on how I could remedy the situation. How can I fix something if neither agency can articulate why I was denied? I searched how to challenge a negative NICS check. I submitted all sorts of Identifications, my birth certificate and my retired ID. The results - NO ONE cared. The only way to challenge the NICS failure was to submit fingerprints. I called the FBI unit that handles the appeals and stated that I had submitted my prints two days before I had submitted the challenge. I had to then resubmit prints on the old-fashioned



ink prints. Weeks later I was issued a certificate that stated that I was eligible to possess a firearm.

I was very lucky that my new employer did not suspend or fire me from my employment when you are required to carry a firearm. If you are going to purchase a firearm and have a common name, consider submitting your prints voluntarily so they are kept on file. The Voluntary Appeal File requires yet another set of prints. They will issue you a Unique Personal Identification Number or UPIN. The UPIN will hopefully prevent a NICS denial.

After a month and a half of lost income, stress, embarrassment and three sets of prints, I finally got my firearms back. Hopefully this will never happen to you.

At the end of the day, I remembered a sign in the 75th Pct Detective Squad. “In God we trust, everyone else NICS.”



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As you can see there is a lot of thought that goes into purchasing life insurance. But it doesn't have to be that difficult. The life insurance company or its representative should be able to help you answer these questions.

Once you figure out which policy you want, then you will need to see what the premium ( cost of the policy) will be.

There are many factors that will determine the premium:

- Gender (male or female)
- Age
- Height and weight
- Smoker or non smoker
- Family medical history (Mom, Dad and/or siblings -cancer or cardiovascular issues prior to age 60),
- Any medical issues on the person purchasing the life insurance
- Mini medical exam taken prior to purchase

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