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*the President*



I would like to extend my sincere congratulations and deep appreciation to SBA President Vinny Vallelong and the SBA Board for their outstanding leadership and dedication in successfully settling the recent contract agreement. On behalf of our entire organization, we thank him for his exceptional efforts and look forward to continuing our shared work toward long-term success. The contract settlement does affect our members who have recently retired.

As we welcome the warmth and promise of summer, I want to take a moment to extend my deepest gratitude to our membership. Your years of dedicated service to the NYPD helped build the foundation of safety and trust that our communities rely on today. Even in retirement, your legacy continues to inspire and guide those who now wear the Shield. Thank you for your unwavering commitment and continued support—this nation is stronger because of you. May this summer bring you well-deserved peace, joy, and time with loved ones.

The RSA has been very busy, On April 23rd, we held our General Membership Meeting in Staten Island at Nansen Park. I want to thank Monsignor Romano for joining us and giving us his spiritual guidance, his support of our organization is vital to us. On April 25th, Baseline Health did free Heart Screen testing at Eisenhower Park in Long Island, NY. Please take advantage of future Baseline Health screenings, it saves lives. On June 25th, we will be holding our next General Membership Meeting at the NYPD Police Academy in College Point, NY at 12:00 Noon. Our Annual Golf Outing will be held on October 7th, at Harbor Links Golf Course in Port Washington, NY.

At our June meeting we will be drawing our Jet Blue Raffle winners and our Scholarship winners. Thanks to Jet Blue for being

a big supporter of the RSA and all Law Enforcement and the generosity of all our members, makes this possible.

I am deeply saddened to announce the passing of Joe DiGennaro, our former Vice President. He served our organization with dedication, vision, and integrity, leaving a lasting impact on all who had the privilege to work with him. His leadership and commitment to our mission will be remembered and honored always. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and loved ones.

Our organization is experiencing exciting growth, with membership steadily increasing as more issues arise for us retirees and the impact we're making. With this expansion comes a greater workload, and we are now in need of dedicated individuals to help us meet the rising demands. We're calling on ambitious, reliable volunteers who are passionate about making a difference and available to contribute their time and energy. If you're ready to step up and be part of something meaningful with the opportunity to advance, we'd love to have you on board! Please contact us by phone (718) 605-0272.

Thank you to the membership for giving me the pleasure to serve as President of this organization.

Fraternally,

Bobby

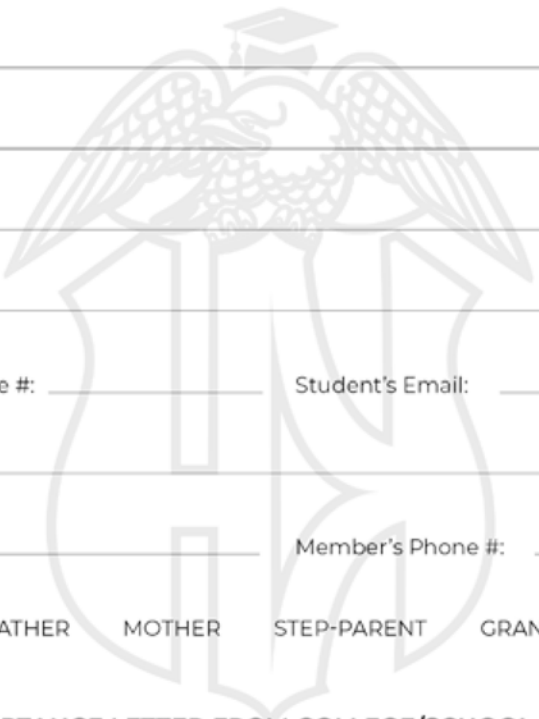
The RSA will be awarding three (3) \$ 6625.00 scholarships and an additional \$ 3000.00 scholarship for the 30th Anniversary of the founding of the RSA. The \$ 3000.00 scholarship will be in honor of our past Vice President Joseph DiGennaro who passed away on April 23rd, 2025. Past Vice President DiGennaro was one of the founding members of the organization and held many Board positions for over 20 years.

The RSA sponsors a 50/50 Scholarship raffle during the year to help fund the scholarship awards. This year the two lucky winners were 1st Prize winner Samuel Perez \$14,910.00 and 2nd Prize winner David Legaz \$ 4,970.00.

To be eligible, candidate must be a child, stepchild, or grandchild, of an RSA member in good standing for 2023, 2024, 2025. Candidate must be a 2025 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 2024 and 2025 and join the RSA in the same year are also eligible.

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## *Tribute to*

# JOE DIGENNARO

*one of the founding fathers of the Retired Sergeants Association*

by Dominick Petrucci

The RSA was first started in 1995 in the basement of Joe DiGennaro's home under the leadership of then president Harold Kamien along with several other Retired Sergeants. What started as an ad hoc committee blossomed into a bona fide Retiree Organization, thanks to the fortitude and commitment of Joe DiGennaro and the rest of the board he incentivized and guided. Joe DiGennaro's home was birth place to the RSA. The board members always happily showed up to his house eager to stuff envelopes for mailing to members joining the RSA. Laughter was abound as food and beverage was gleefully provided by our gracious host and Recording Secretary. Joe DiGennaro advanced to Vice President and remained in that position of leadership and responsibility for approximately 15 years. The war stories, the laughter and the exceptional camaraderie we all shared working together in his home will be eternally remembered. On April 23, 2025 Our Beloved Brother Joseph DiGennaro returned home. He will be missed.



## *In Memoriam*

### **SGT. MICHEAL DELGARDO**

End of Watch - 03.06.25

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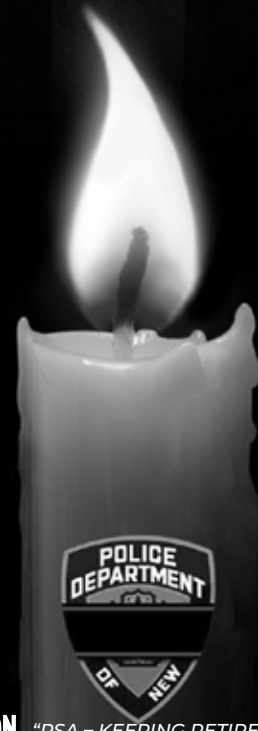
End of Watch - 04.23.25

### **SGT. MICHAEL J. COLLINS**

End of Watch - 04.05.25

### **SGT. THOMAS C. THOMPSON**

End of Watch - 04.28.25





# Legislative CORNER

The legislative session has been delayed in starting due to budget talks. Although this is common, this year's budget talks have taken a lot longer than usual.

Below are the bills that we are supporting this year. You will notice that several bills have not been numbered for this year's session, budget talks are one of the issues holding that up. We have been working to get these bills numbered and with the budget talks being over soon, this should start happening. You can check for new numbers on this web address: [www.nysenate.gov/legislation](http://www.nysenate.gov/legislation). Click on the SEARCH BILLS and put in the old number under the PRINT NO and press SEARCH. Then click on the bill number for that year and that bill will come up. Halfway down the page you will see the current bill numbers listed. You can click on the current number and the appropriate bill will populate.

Description	YR	Print #	Legislative Sponsor	Committee	Co-sponsors
health ins protection	25	S03607	Harckham	Civil Service & Pensions	46
	25	A04639	Pheffer-Amato	Government Employees	36
veterans supplement	25	S7115	Scacella-Spanton	Civil Service & Pensions	
	24	A7821A	Jean-Pierre	Government Employees	10
reduces eligibility from 62 to 55	24	S6160A	Jackson	Civil Service & Pensions	2
	24	A6640A	Pheffer-Amato	Government Employees	2
5 year add look back for older retirees	25	S3414	Jackson	Civil Service & Pensions	5
	25	A5307	Pheffer-Amato	Gov Employ	3
COLA 50% to 100% of cpi			Gounardes		
			Abate		
raise CPI 3% to 5%	24	S6158A	Jackson	Civil Service & Pensions	1
	24	A6341	DeStefano	Gov Employ	4
raise survivor spouse COLA from 50% to 100%	24	S5809D	Gounardes	Civil Service & Pensions	4
	22	A10037	Abate	Gov Employ	
increase cap \$18k to 21K	25	S6631	Jackson	Civil Service & Pensions	1
	25	A5875	Pheffer-Amato	Government Employees	0
Prohibits lowering health benefits	25	S4732	Sanders	Civil Service & Pensions	15
	24	A3768	Pheffer-Amato		
Temp variable TF	25	S1181	Addabbo	Civil Service & Pensions	27
	25	A6041	Kay	Government Employees	2
Extend VSF	24	S4158	Sanders	Senate Cities 1	1
	25	A6389	Hyndman	Government Employees	0
COLA bill to increase the 18k base by the amount of the yearly COLA	25	S6631	Jackson	Civil Service & Pensions	1
	25	A5875	Pheffer-Amato	Government Employees	1

The health care protection bill S3067 is still receiving opposition from the AFLCIO. DC37 is a member of the AFLCIO. We continue to speak to politicians and other organizations while working with Marianne Pizzitola and her group (NYCOPSR) to push this bill forward. We will be in touch with political action requests when it is appropriate.





## APRIL MEETING RECAP

On April 23rd, 2025, the RSA held its General Membership meeting at Nansen Park. Please keep in mind that the SBA Family Picnic will be held at Nansen Park on June 27th 2025, The RSA board will be in attendance, it's a fun day for all family members.

Once again we had many guest speakers and the SBA board. The evening was all about our mental health and challenges that retiree's face on a daily basis.

Don Kipp, SBA Health & Welfare Secretary and Errol Ogman, SBA Health & Welfare Administrator discussed our healthcare benefits.

Inspector Mark Wachter, Commanding Officer of the Health & Wellness Section discussed the many programs available to the RSA.

POPPA Representative John Petrullo and Michelle Kemp discussed that POPPA is available to us. Please call the Retiree HOT LINE @ (800) 599-1085.

Bernie Novins from 103 Tactical and Ammo, explained that all NYC Pistol License holders must have a current HR 218 to renew or will be subject to a (2) Two-hour training course.

Mayoral Candidate Jim Walden addressed the membership on his run for Mayor and his support of Law Enforcement.

The Police Officer Edward Byrne Foundation and the restoration of the RMP in which Officer Byrnes was assassinated in was explained to the membership. The RSA has donated \$1000.00 to the restoration. Also contributing \$1000.00 each was Mayoral Candidate Jim Walden and Member Michelle Kemp, their dedication to this cause is deeply appreciated. Anyone interested in donating please see flyer on pages 9 and 10.



# SBA HEALTH AND WELFARE LATEST NEWS

by Donald Kipp - SBA Health and Welfare Secretary

## **Re: Non- Medicare and Active Members Only Hospital/Medical Benefits**

Currently there is a Request for Proposals (Negotiated Acquisition) being reviewed, evaluated and negotiated between the Office of Labor Relations (OLR) and the Municipal Labor Committee (MLC) and two finalists. This initiative is looking to find savings in the Active and Non-Medicare PPO healthcare plan (GHI-CBP) and at the same time correct a critical shortage of providers in states outside the current Emblem Health service area and create a long-term funding solution for the NYC PICA Program.

The finalists are:

- **Aetna**
- **United Health Care/Emblem Health Consortium**

The earliest target date for implementation of the new plan is January 2026.

The benefits of the plan update are the creation of a National Network of Providers and a long-term disposition for the PICA Drug Plan (specialty injectable + Cancer medications administered by Express Scripts) by possibly folding PICA into the Medical Plan or creating long term funding from accrued plan savings.

The negative impacts are potentially “tiered hospital networks”, new deductibles, higher co-pays or a tightening up of local providing networks.

## **Expanded Provider Availability**

Currently our members, residing in many states across the USA specifically North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida, are suffering from an extreme shortage of medical providers and specialists. Pending settlement of the current Request for Proposals (NA) we have been pressing OLR to authorize Emblem Health to expand available providers by using “rental provider /specialist networks”. Emblem Health was requested to and has provided OLR and the MLC with a cost assessment for correcting the inadequacies our members have been facing for decades. Predictively their report disclosed that out of service area provider reimbursement schedules would have to be increased, and services expanded. Due to an insolvent Stabilization Fund, no present funding for the \$500M PICA program and a breakdown in OLR/MLC communications the OLR underwriting of the necessary additional costs has been clearly denied.

## **Fake Network Providers**

As an alternative action the SBA has been working to address the “fake network providers” that populate Emblem Health’s rosters of providers and specialists. Our member provider inquiries have revealed deceased providers, retired providers, terminated providers, out of network providers or the most frustrating scenario providers not taking any new Emblem Health patients.

This portal/customer service misinformation has exasperated what is an inadequately available roster of health care providers. This shortcoming puts our members and their family’s health in jeopardy. It severely impairs and prevents preventative care and treatments that forestall severe illnesses/hospitalizations.

The “good news” is Emblem Health has terminated its prior provider credentialing firm, as of January 1, 2025, and created a partnership with a firm, Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare, Inc. (CAQH), a national industry leader in validating and updating provider information.

The CAHQ is a not-for-profit organization that provides a centralized online system for healthcare providers to store and share their credentialing information with health plans and other healthcare organizations. CAHQ is used by all major health plans, and allows a universal, up to date roster of network providers and their correct status to allow members finally to have access to accurate provider information.

With the implementation of a new health plan, in the near future, Emblem Health’s joining with a successful credentialing firm will hopefully serve as a “stop gap” to the current misinformation. Hopefully it will add some integrity to the limited roster of providers available to our members in states outside of the metropolitan area of New York.





# BUYING OR SELLING YOUR HOME 101 IN 2025

by The Butner Schwartzberg Team

On August 17, 2024 the Real Estate laws in New York State changed dramatically. If you thought you knew how to buy or sell before you need to forget everything you think you knew. Hopefully the simple explanation that follows will shed light on what's happened in NYS in Real Estate.

The first change would require all buyers working with agents to enter into a written contract before seeing a property. The contract is designed to inform buyers that they are responsible for paying their own agent's commission, if a seller is not paying commission. This is a big change, but in reality, most sellers are offering commission to realtors when they sell their home. If for some reason, the seller is not offering commission to the agent at the time of sale, the agent can just add on the commission rate that they desire to their offer when they present it to the seller.

As to the contract that buyers are asked to sign with their agent, that contract is either an exclusive contract or non-exclusive contract. It might sound a bit scary or confusing but this can be explained very easily. If you know and trust your agent, you will most likely sign an exclusive contract with your agent. This means that you are not going to use any other agent to buy a home. If you are meeting an agent for the first time, you might consider signing a non-exclusive contract for the day of the showing or possibly for a week, or a month. This means that that you are working with that agent only for that length of time.

Since most of the changes are about how commissions are handled let's now look at the selling side of the

picture. When a seller signs a contract with their listing agent, they have two decisions to make regarding commission. They will need to negotiate the commission with their listing agent, which is called the listing side of the sale and then they need to decide the commission they're offering for the selling side, to agents. They need to stipulate the commission that they are offering to buyer's agents. Sellers are now in the driver's seat when it comes to commission. The reality is most sellers offer commission so this has basically become a non-issue. But, if the seller decides to offer 0% commission, then agents will generally add on their commission when they present an offer.

The last change that occurred in 2023 was to The Property Condition Disclosure. In the past, sellers could offer prospective buyers \$500 at the closing table for any unseen repairs that may occur in the house after closing rather than filling out the lengthy Property Condition Disclosure. The change that has occurred here is that the seller must now fill out this lengthy questionnaire accurately and honestly, and have it attached to the contract. The reality of this is that after the house is sold, the seller can still be held liable for things that might go wrong that he attested were functioning in The Property Condition Disclosure.

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## POLICE OFFICER EDWARD BYRNES E.O.W FEBRUARY 26, 1988

by Johnathan Schwartz

February 26th, 1988. Do you remember where you were that day? If you were working, and doing a Midnight, especially in Queens, the chilling words of Central announcing "Confirmed Police Officer Shot, in the confines of the 103 Precinct". All of sudden the Radio traffic ceased for several moments, before the Units on Patrol started asking for more information. Questions were more forthcoming than the answers. If you were on the SOD Channel, Highway was notified, ESU was notified, and the Blood Bank was put on notice. 103 RMP's started marking themselves 84 at the corner of 107th Avenue, and Inwood Street. "Put a rush on the Bus!".. "Have the Sergeant Respond, Central".... "Is the Squad notified?" Then all was silent again.....

At the corner of 107th Avenue, and Inwood, the unimaginable had happened. A newly minted Police Officer named Edward Byrne had been shot and killed, while assigned to a Fixer, and was guarding a witness who was testifying against some Drug Dealers in his neighborhood. The Witness, a Guyanese Man who simply went by the name of Arjune, was standing up to the Criminals in his neighborhood. For the Police Officer assigned to the Midnight tour, Eddie Byrne was 4 days past his 22nd Birthday. He was sitting in 103 Precinct RMP No. 1041. That RMP was the Precinct's K9 Vehicle. The only reason that vehicle was on post, other than to give shelter to Officer Byrne on that February Night, was because the Power Steering Pump was bad, and the RMP was put out of service the day before.

We all know the story is a very sad one. Mother and Father lost a son; three brothers lost their brother. Eddie Byrne's death, served as the point of the spear attack, on the newest drug scourge slamming NYC and the rest of the country. Four people were charged initially, with Eddie's Homicide in State Court, and the person who ordered the "hit", because that is what it was, was arrested, tried and Convicted in Federal Court. I won't even describe them as Men, because they were not, and still are not. They are scum of the Earth.

Over the years, I would see 103 Precinct RMP No. 1041 languish at the Pier in Manhattan, then at the College Point Pound, sitting Outdoors, wide open, and unprotected from the elements.

After the College Point Pound was being closed up, somehow, RMP 1041, escaped being crushed up, and was moved over to the Columbia Street Pier in Red Hook, Brooklyn. The RMP was back inside, out of the elements. That is, until Hurricane Sandy came through, flooding the Pound, and RMP 1041, right up to the light bar. If that wasn't bad enough, the RMP nearly burnt up in the Fire that hit the Property Clerk Facility in 2022.

Long before the Hurricane had hit, then Police Officer Jason Caputo, working at the 75 Precinct, got involved in building a 1989 Chevrolet Caprice NYPD Tribute RMP. He dedicated the vehicle to the memory of Eddie Byrne, and started displaying the RMP at different Police Department functions. He started to park his RMP at the Corner of 107th Avenue, and Inwood Street every February 26th, to give remembrance to Police Officer Byrne, on the night of his passing. He made it his mission to try



and get permission to restore RMP 1041. It was a continual struggle, filled with red tape and road blocks every step of the way. Then Eddie's father, Matt Byrne passed away. Then Eddie's oldest brother Larry Byrne, who had recently retired as the Deputy Commissioner of Legal Matters, suffered a Fatal Heart Attack. This is where I got involved. Detective Caputo could not do it all himself. Between the two of us, we enlisted the aid of several people who were able to open doors, and have the conversations that were needed, with the right people who could make it happen.

Fast forward to March 6th, of 2025. We finally got the permission we needed from the people involved to be able to remove RMP No. 1041 from the Erie Basin Pound. RMP 1041 was in pretty bad shape, filled with Animal remains, and waste, wide open to the elements for nearly 35 years, and had suffered significant damage from Hurricane Sandy, and heat damaged from the 2022 Fire. We made arrangements with Fleet Services to provide a Flat Bed, and under escort from the Highway Patrol, and several vintage Blue and White RMP's from the NYPD Vintage Fleet, the vehicle was transported to an undisclosed location near where Police Officer Byrne grew up. It is there that we have started the massive undertaking of stripping the RMP down, cleaning it, and starting the process of restoring and preserving as much of the RMP that can be saved. There are two main goals here. The First

one, is to restore the car to the condition that it was in, at the crime scene, on the night of Homicide. Why? Because we want this RMP to be put on display inside, at the Police Academy for all newly hired Police Officer's to see. They need to see this car, use it as a learning moment, and really understand the sacrifice that was made. They need to be understanding of Situational Awareness, and to Never Forget. This will remain true of Veteran Officer's and visitors to the Police Academy. Two, it is our fervent hope, that after we restore the RMP, and have it placed inside the Academy out of the elements, that we can continually give back, and establish a Scholarship Program at the High School where Eddie Byrne attended. It is our way of giving back to a deserved individual who displays the Intestinal Fortitude that is needed to move forward in their life.

The Police Officer Edward Byrne Foundation was established on March 6th, 2025 to help obtain our goals. We are on Facebook at the "Police Officer Edward Byrne Foundation" page, on Instagram, as well as raising donations through the PO Edward Byrne, "Fund the First" website.





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# GUN CORNER

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## PRIVATE SALES

### **What types of private handgun, rifle or shotgun sales or transfers are subject to background check requirements?**

All private handgun, rifle or shotgun sales or transfers (with the exception of those sales or transfers to and between certain family members) require a background check of the buyer.

### **What family members are exempt from the private sale/transfer provision?**

Sales or transfers to and between spouses, domestic partners, children and step-children, are exempt from the private sale/transfer provision.

### **As a private individual seller/transferor, how do I conduct a background check on a buyer or transferee?**

The background check must be performed by a dealer. Federal law and guidelines govern the process that dealers must follow if they choose to conduct a background check for a private sale.

You, the seller/transferor, bring the weapon to any dealer that agrees to facilitate the sale or transfer. The dealer

conducts an instant background check of the buyer/transferee—the same check run for all retail firearm sales. The dealer may not charge more than \$10 for this service.

You may visit the dealer along with the buyer/transferee and complete the sale or transfer together, or you may leave your firearm with the dealer to complete the sale or transfer on your behalf.

### **Do I need to get a background check if I am selling or transferring the firearm to a relative?**

No background check is required for sales or transfers to spouses, domestic partners, children and step-children.

### **What if I fail to comply with the background check provision?**

Failure to comply with the provision is punishable as a class A misdemeanor.

### **Can I carry at Yankee Stadium or Citifield?**

Yes, retired or active NYPD may enter both Stadiums with their proper ID, and carry license. Yankee Stadium use Gate 4 and Citifield use the Stengel Gate.

## **NOTE:**

Effective July 1, 2023, when you qualify with a Semi-Auto or a Revolver your HR 218 Card will now read “Law Enforcement Type of Weapon”

You will be able to carry a concealed Semi-Auto or Revolver under HR 218, no matter what type of weapon you qualify with. The Federal Law permits this and you no longer have to qualify with two weapons.

New York State residents should obtain HR 218 as it may qualify for the 2 hour pistol license renewal requirements in many NYS counties. Please note that NYC has stricter requirements. Please check with the jurisdiction in which you are licensed.

## **THE IMPORTANCE OF CLEANING AND MAINTAINING YOUR FIREARM FOR CONCEALED CARRY**

Regular cleaning and inspection of your firearm is essential for ensuring reliability, safety, and longevity, particularly when your weapon may one day be called upon in a life-threatening situation.

A concealed carry firearm often experiences unique conditions compared to other firearms. Being worn daily, it is subject to sweat, lint, dust, and moisture, which can accumulate inside the action, magazine, and barrel. Over time, this buildup can hinder performance, increase the risk of malfunctions, and even lead to corrosion.

Maintaining your concealed carry weapon also provides an opportunity to inspect for wear and tear, check the integrity of your holster, and ensure all components are functioning properly. It reinforces your familiarity with the mechanics of your firearm and builds confidence in its performance.



## BASIC FIREARM CLEANING CHECKLIST

- Before you begin:**
- **Unload your firearm** completely—double check the chamber and magazine.
  - Work in a well-ventilated area with good lighting.
  - Have your cleaning kit ready (brushes, patches, cleaning rod or bore snake, solvent, lubricant, and a microfiber cloth).

### 1. Field Strip the Firearm

Follow your firearm manufacturer's instructions for safe disassembly (usually slide, barrel, and recoil spring).

### 2. Clean the Barrel

- Apply solvent to a bore brush or patch and run it through the barrel several times.
- Let the solvent sit for a few minutes to break down fouling.
- Use dry patches to wipe out loosened debris.
- Repeat until patches come out clean.
- Run a lightly oiled patch through to protect the barrel.

### 3. Clean the Slide and Frame

- Use a nylon brush or cloth to remove carbon buildup and debris from the slide, rails, and internal components.
- Pay attention to the breech face and extractor.
- Wipe down all areas with a dry cloth or patch.

### 4. Lubricate Key Points

Apply a small amount of gun oil to:

- Barrel lugs and slide rails
- Contact points between the slide and frame
- Any manufacturer-recommended spots
- Avoid over-lubrication, especially on carry guns, as excess oil attracts lint and dust.

### 5. Reassemble and Function Check

- Reassemble firearm per manufacturer instructions.
- Perform a function check:
- Rack the slide
- Test the trigger reset (with no ammo!)
- Ensure slide locks back when appropriate

### 6. Wipe Down and Store

- Wipe exterior with a silicone cloth to prevent rust.
- Check your holster for debris and structural integrity.
- Store in a clean, dry environment if not immediately holstered.

## REVOLVERS

### 1. Open and Unload

- Open the cylinder and check all chambers are empty.

### 2. Clean Barrel and Chambers

- Run solvent-soaked brush through the barrel and each chamber.
- Scrub cylinder face and rear with a nylon brush.
- Let solvent soak briefly, then run dry patches.
- Repeat until clean.
- Lightly oil bore and chambers afterward.

### 3. Clean Frame and Ejector

- Use a brush to clean around the forcing cone, top strap, and cylinder crane.
- Clean under the extractor star and inside the cylinder.

### 4. Lubricate

- Lightly oil the cylinder crane, ejector rod, and pivot points.
- Wipe off any excess to avoid attracting dirt.

### 5. Reassemble & Function Check

- Spin and close cylinder gently.
- Check trigger and hammer movement without ammo.

### 6. Final Touches (Both Types)

- Wipe down entire exterior with a microfiber or silicone cloth.
- Inspect holster and carry gear for lint, damage, or debris.
- Re-load or store appropriately, depending on your use.

The Smith & Wesson Model 10, originally introduced in 1899 as the .38 Hand Ejector Model of 1899, is one of the most iconic and widely used revolvers in history. Renamed the Model 10 in 1957, it became a staple sidearm for police forces across the United States and around the world throughout the 20th century. Chambered in .38 Special, the revolver is built on Smith & Wesson's medium-sized K-frame, known for its balance of durability and manageable size. With over six million units produced, it earned a reputation for reliability, simplicity, and accuracy. Its widespread adoption, especially during the mid-20th century, made it virtually synonymous with law enforcement side arms, helping to shape the image of the classic American police revolver.

#### • 1957 – Officially Named Model 10:

Smith & Wesson adopts a model numbering system, and the classic revolver is designated the Model 10. Improvements over time include stronger steel, ramped front sights, and different barrel lengths.

#### • 1960s–1980s – Peak Police Use:

The Model 10 remains the dominant police revolver in the U.S. and many other countries. It becomes iconic in film and television, reinforcing its status as the “cop gun.”

#### • 1990s–2000s – Phase-Out Begins:

As semi-automatic pistols become more common in law enforcement (e.g., Glock 19, SIG Sauer P226), the Model 10 sees declining police use, though it remains in service in some departments and private use.

#### • Present Day:

Still in limited use and popular with collectors and revolver enthusiasts, the Model 10 is admired for its historical importance and enduring craftsmanship.



## BARASCH & MCGARRY FIGHTING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS AND THE 9/11 COMMUNITY

Recently, sixteen doctors and nurses responsible for enrolling and certifying 9/11-related illnesses were abruptly fired from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). Even Director John Howard, a champion of 9/11 health care, was removed, before being reinstated under immense pressure. NIOSH administers the WTC Health Program. This injustice sparked immediate action.

Thanks to the fierce advocacy of 9/11 responder champions — including the leadership and members of the Retired Sergeants Association, the FealGood Foundation's John Feal, and Michael Barasch, managing partner of Barasch & McGarry — the layoffs have been **temporarily reversed**. Together, we fought back and won an important battle. But the fight is far from over.

### We need your help.

We are still in Washington regularly, pushing back against attempts to undermine the World Trade Center Health Program, a lifeline for tens of thousands of 9/11 responders and survivors.

Michael Barasch, widely recognized as the leading attorney and advocate for the 9/11 community, has walked the halls of Congress three times this year. Bobby Cotumaccio, President of the Retired Sergeants Association (RSA), Jeannette Dice, Director of Health and Wellness of the RSA, have joined Barasch at many NYPD 10-13 clubs in Florida and the Carolinas to ensure that members are aware of risks to the WTC Health Program and insist that lawmakers honor their promise: "Never Forget."

Unless Congress acts soon, the health program will run out of money. By 2027, new applicants could be turned away. In the following years, even those already enrolled may see their access to life-saving care reduced or denied.

The cost of treating 9/11-related cancers — surgery, chemotherapy, radiation — has soared. And every day, more members of the 9/11 community receive devastating diagnoses.

We are calling on Congress to **immediately pass the 9/11 Responder and Survivor Health Funding Correction Act of 2025 (S.739/H.R.1410)** to ensure that no responder, survivor, teacher, student, or resident who was in Lower Manhattan during or after 9/11 is ever denied care.

To contact your member of Congress, please visit <https://www.renew911health.org/fully-fund-911-health/>.

Make your voice heard. Urge Congress to fully fund the health program and protect the care the 9/11 community fought so hard to secure.

If you or someone you love was south of Canal Street on 9/11 or during the eight months that followed, you may be at increased risk for **69 types of cancer**, including leukemia, lymphoma, prostate cancer, breast cancer, skin cancer, and more. The **World Trade Center Health Program** provides free, nationwide access to comprehensive care — from cancer screenings and treatment to mental health support.

Barasch & McGarry proudly represents more than **40,000 responders and survivors**, and we were on the front lines of the fight to pass the **James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act**, named in honor of our client NYPD Det. Jimmy Zadroga — and its extensions. We're not stopping now.



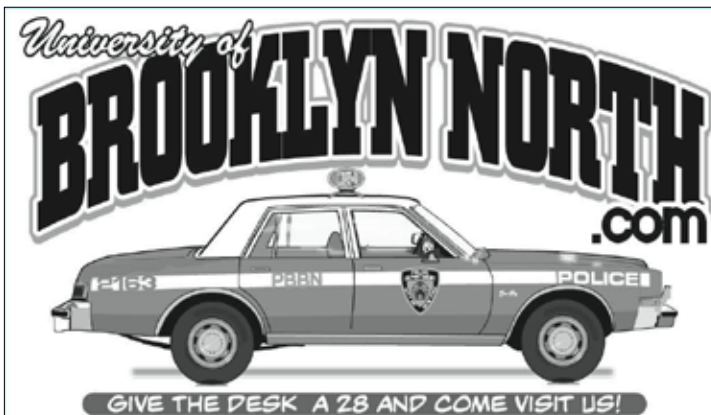
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- MICHAEL BARASCH -

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# HEALTH & WELLNESS

by Jeanette Dice



The Health and Wellness Section of the NYPD has been a constant presence and partner at our meetings for the last year. This unit has many resources for you and your family.

Retired members can contact "Honorary Police Surgeons" throughout the city. Honorary Surgeons can expedite medical appointments and referrals in times of emergencies when other medical professionals may not be as accommodating and also are available for second opinions in cases of more serious medical conditions.

If you are unsure about this referral system please reach out to Jeanette Dice at [RSA.Jeanette@gmail.com](mailto:RSA.Jeanette@gmail.com) or call the office.

To find an Honorary Police Surgeon

NYPD Medical Division at  
(718)760-7626.

The NYPD has collaborated with the American Cancer Society to share resources and fight against cancer. The American Cancer Society offers free transportation to and from treatments as well as a free stay in their Manhattan Hope Lodge for patients who may need housing during their treatments.

The American Cancer Society Hope Lodge program provides a free home away from home for cancer patients and their caregivers. More

than just a roof over their heads, it's a nurturing community that helps patients access the care they need. Please see web site [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) for further information and eligibility.

The NYPD Health and Wellness Section has implemented up to 47 sports teams that retired members may join and participate in. Some teams offer try-outs while many teams simply offer membership and participation.

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Pistol	Tim Kennedy	845-913-6759	<a href="mailto:uespha@optonline.net">uespha@optonline.net</a>
Softball	James Rogers	516-695-7429	<a href="mailto:nypdsoftball@gmail.com">nypdsoftball@gmail.com</a>

For more information, please contact Jeanette Dice at [RSA.Jeanette@gmail.com](mailto:RSA.Jeanette@gmail.com). A full list can be supplied upon request if you are interested in joining a team!

As a Retirement Initiative, the Health and Wellness Section sends out a postcard reminding Retired Members that resources are available for their mental health and well-being, even after separation from the Department. Please visit the Health and Wellness Sections website at [www.nypdhws.squarespace.com](http://www.nypdhws.squarespace.com) for more resources and information.





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## **RSA MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

### **WEDNESDAY 6/25/2025**

### **12:00 NOON**

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130-30 28 th Ave College Point, NY 11354

The SBA Frontline Team & The NYPD Health and Wellness Section will be in attendance. At the conclusion of the meeting, lunch will be served and a tour of the Academy.