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# 2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES

The Retired Sergeants Association (RSA) was formed in 1995 under the leadership of Harold Kamien. This year is our 30th Year of "Keeping Retirees Informed". The RSA, which started with a handful of members, has grown into the thousands. Our members reside in 49 states, as well as Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Sweden, Ireland, New Zealand, and Thailand.

The RSA is dedicated to keeping our membership informed via phone, emails, and our website. We provide many services and communicate with the membership on a daily basis. We are at the forefront of providing current and accurate information to our members. We are proud to offer you a one on one service when you contact us via phone, email or Facebook.

Each year, the RSA publishes a quarterly informative newsletter and holds four general meetings in the metropolitan NYC area and Florida. The Executive Board of the Sergeants Benevolent Association attend each of our general membership meetings and answers all our members concerns and questions.

On behalf of the RSA Executive Board, I want to personally thank you for your membership. Your interest strengthens our organization and further helps to provide a forum for new ideas. The RSA Cruise, trainings and golf outing gives us a chance to give back and meet our membership. As we move forward, we will continue to work closely with both active and retired law enforcement groups. If we can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact us with questions and concerns.

PLEASE, PLEASE! Submit your application, print clearly, make sure you provide an email address, and don't forget to send in your scholarship raffles. We sent two separate envelopes for your convenience, to be used as marked, **APPLICATION** and **50/50 RAFFLES**. Last year we were able to provide three (3) **\$6625.00** scholarships to children or grandchildren of our members. The 50/50 Raffle also awarded the 1st Place winner with **\$14910.00** and 2nd Prize winner with **\$4970.00**. This year we have enclosed two raffles for your convenience. Feel free to pass them along to family members. If you would like more raffle tickets, please contact us. Stay safe and may God bless you all and your families.

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This time of the year, I would like to wish our members and their families a very Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Happy Kwanza and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. As we get older time seems to move much faster. It was nice seeing everyone at the SBA Holiday Luncheon on December 19th, 2025 at Russo on the Bay. I can't thank Vinny Vallelong and the entire SBA board enough for their support of the RSA.

If you have not paid your 2026 dues, please do so at your earliest convenience, this will help us reduce the rising cost of postage. As you all know we retirees have been dealing with a lot of issues regarding our Health/Hospital coverage and Concealed Carry Weapon policies/laws. We will continue to work closely with the SBA and political leaders regarding these and other issues and will continue to keep our members informed. However, starting January 2026, you must be an active (paid) member of the RSA to receive our informative email blasts and Chevron Newsletter. You can pay your dues by mail or via Pay Pal, please visit our website at [WWW.RSANYPD.ORG](http://WWW.RSANYPD.ORG).

The Scholarship 50/50 raffle is available and once again at a record high. Last year we were able to award three scholarships in the amounts of \$ 6625.00 and the 1st Prize raffle winner took home a handsome \$ 14910.00. If you would like additional raffles tickets, please contact us at (718) 605-0272 or by email at: [RSA@RSANYPD.ORG](mailto:RSA@RSANYPD.ORG). The drawing will be held at our Florida General Meeting. The 2026 meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel Boca Raton on January 28, 2026 at 12:00 noon. We will have many guest speakers, including the SBA Frontline team and a representative from United HealthCare, who will discuss the new medical plan. The RSA has secured a very reasonable room rate, which includes a suite and breakfast, so please see Pg.11 for additional information. Once again the event is selling out so BOOK NOW!!

Our Golf Outing was completely sold out. The NYPD Ceremonial Unit conducted the opening ceremonies with the National Anthem and benediction from Monsignor Cassada. I would like to thank our sponsors and Jeanette Dice, Director of Health & Wellness for her dedication to making the day events run smoothly. I would like to acknowledge Jonathan Schwartz, Recording Secretary, for his devotion in the restoration of the Police Officer Edward Byrne's RMP. If you would like to make a donation, please visit PO Edward Byrne's "Fund the First" website. This Board works tirelessly to aid and assist our members and all police officers.

I would like to take this time to explain to our members the mission of the RSA. We were established in 1995 by Ret. Sergeant Harold Kamien so he could be the voice to right wrongs and inspire unions and others to "do the right thing". We are a fraternal organization, made up of retired NYPD Sergeants. Our mission is "Keeping Retirees Informed." This Board is here to protect and improve the conditions which are related to retired Sergeants. We have worked very hard to develop a partnership with the SBA, all active units in the NYPD, and other fraternal organizations. We are very fortunate and thankful for having a voice regarding changes and improvements to the Health & Welfare programs for retirees. The RSA is very active politically, as we endorse many candidates and consistently lobby the Albany legislators, on behalf of bills which may benefit our membership.

To our incredible membership—thank you. Your trust, engagement, and support has made this journey meaningful and easy. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve as your president and watch this organization's growth and success.

Fraternally, Bobby



## RETIREES NON-MEDICARE SBA PHARMACEUTICAL DRUG PROGRAM- PRIMARY PROVIDER

Non-Medicare retirees and their eligible dependents receive most prescription medications through the **SBA Health and Welfare Pharmaceutical Plan**. Members must use their SBA-issued **Optum Rx ID card** and at all pharmacy settings (retail, mail order, or specialty).

### Key Contacts

- **SBA Health & Welfare Office:** 212-431-6555
- **Optum Rx Customer Service:** 877-559-2955
- **Optum Rx Mail Order:** 800-356-3477

### Other Sources for Medication

Select medications are also available through the your medical carrier ie: **EmblemHealth** (GHI-CBP, HIP HMO, Vytra HMO, GHI-HMO, HIP-POS) or through **Express Scripts** for PICA drugs.

### Medications Provided Through Your Medical Carrier (**EmblemHealth** → **NYCE PPO**)

These categories generally come from your health plan rather than the SBA pharmaceutical plan:

- **ACA Mandated (Preventive) Medications**
- **Diabetes treatment medications**
- **Select specialty medications (e.g., infusions)**
- **Medications administered in a physician's office**

## ACA MANDATED (PREVENTIVE) MEDICATIONS — \$0 COPAY

- Opioid treatment drugs
- Select statins
- HIV PREP
- Salicylates (Aspirin)
- Smoking deterrents
- Vaccines and related immunologic products
- Oral contraceptives
- Bowel preparation medications (colonoscopy related)
- Vitamins (e.g., prenatal or pediatric vitamins)

## HEALTH PLAN CHANGE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

- The **non-Medicare retiree health plan** is changing from **GHI-CBP** to the new **NYCE PPO (Emblem Health/United HealthCare)**.
- Medications previously processed under the health plan through **Express Scripts** will now be processed by **Prime Therapeutics**.
- **This change “does not “ affect PICA program medications**, which will continue to be administered through **Express Scripts**.

**Prime Therapeutics - Customer Service:**  
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## PICA Drug Plan

(Express Scripts – Independent Program with Individual ID Card)

The PICA Program is provided by OLR for active and non-Medicare retirees and requires its own Express

### PICA Covers Two Drug Categories Scripts PICA ID card.

#### 1. Self-Injectable Medications

- Most injectables that do not require a healthcare professional to administer.

#### 2. Chemotherapy Medications

- Drugs used to treat cancer
- Drugs used to treat certain chemotherapy related side effects

#### **IMPORTANT:**

The January 1, 2026, move from GHI-CBP → NYCE PPO and from current PBM Express Scripts → Prime Therapeutics **“DOES NOT” affect PICA medications.**  
PICA drugs will continue to be processed through **Express Scripts** and its affiliates.

### EXPRESS SCRIPTS (PICA) AFFILIATE PHARMACIES

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**877-895-9697**

**Freedom Fertility Pharmacy**  
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The WTC Health Program provides prescription coverage, free of charge, for WTC Health Program enrollees who have been diagnosed and certified with WTC-related health conditions and are under treatment with prescriptions medications prescribed by 911 WTC providers. **Express Scripts** serves as the Pharmacy Benefit Manager.

- You can present your WTC Health Program Prescription ID card to a pharmacist to have the prescription billed exclusively to the Program.
- For a 90-day supply, you can use Walgreens/Duane Reade pharmacies or the Express Scripts Home Delivery service.
- For a 30-day supply, you can use other retail pharmacies in the Express Scripts network.

Note: Please make sure if you receive medications authorized by the WTC Monitoring Unit that the claims are processed to the WTC Health Program and not billed to you SBA Optum Rx ID Card.

# RSA GOLF OUTING 2025

By Jeanette Dice, Director of Health & Wellness

We were fortunate to have a beautiful fall day for the RSA Golf Outing on October 7th. Once again, the event was sold out and took place at Harbor Links Golf Course in Port Washington, a new location for this year. I would also like to extend my thanks to the NYPD Health & Wellness Section for coordinating the ceremonial unit and arranging for our special guests. The new course offered both a fresh setting and a challenging layout that made the day enjoyable for golfers of all levels.

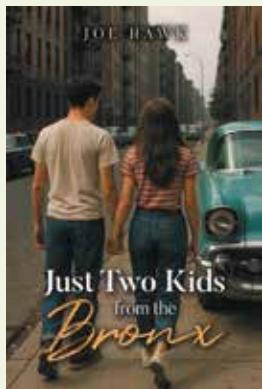
The feedback from our members has already been overwhelmingly positive. Our sponsors and volunteers also played a key role in the event's success, ensuring everything ran smoothly from start to finish. We couldn't do it without them.

Beyond some friendly competition, it was a wonderful day for our members to come together and enjoy each other's company. Many took advantage of the chance to reconnect with colleagues, share laughs, and spend time outdoors in a relaxed atmosphere. Whether seasoned golfers or just there for the camaraderie, everyone appreciated the opportunity to unwind, have fun, and strengthen and maintain the bonds that make the NYPD and our Association so special.

We look forward to building on this success in future outings and continuing to provide our members with enjoyable opportunities to connect both on and off the course. Thank you to everyone who participated, supported, and helped make this event memorable. We can't wait to see you all again next year!



## NEW BOOK BY RSA MEMBER JOE HAWK



Dick and Mary met in the summer of 1958. They were introduced to each other by a mutual friend, Suzanne, on the corner of 172nd Street and Ogden Avenue. Dick was on his way to see his present girlfriend at the time. A year later, early summer 1959, at the same corner, he met Mary once again. This time, Dick was on his way home for his 5:00 p.m. dinner with his family.

Mary said, "I have to go home too."

Dick said, "I'll walk with you."

Mary lived one block south of Dick. Dick and Mary exchanged phone numbers.

Two weeks later, Mary asked Dick if he wanted to join her on a school trip to Rye, New York.

Dick said, "I really can't. I have a geometry test to take." Then he asked, "Will you go steady with me?"

Mary said, "Yes."

That was the start of a relationship that would last for more than sixty years. He was almost seventeen, and she was fifteen and a half.

This is a story of two people from the Bronx who lived one block from each other. This story is not unique, but it is, in fact, a Cinderella love story.

Dick and Mary went through some hard times. Dick's parents were not the parents of the year. Mary's mom raised two daughters alone as she was widowed. She worked in Midtown Manhattan and moved into her present neighborhood, a step up from the East Bronx. Dick's family were superintendents of a twenty-family building on University Avenue. They didn't have much. His parents had to support seven children.

But the two kids from the Bronx were like the phoenix. They rose from the ashes, facing obstacles head-on, always putting family first. They moved well into middle-class status by working hard, saving and investing, and always putting family first.

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# Scholarship raffle

We are happy to report that this years returns for the Scholarship Raffle are coming in at a record pace. We anticipate the 1st Price to be higher then last years \$14910.00.

If you are holding tickets, please mail them in and if you need additional tickets, please contact us. Remember, this raffle helps our members' child or grandchild

attend their college of choice. Thanks for the great response.

SEE BACK COVER FOR SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION AND APPLICATION



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**“Your support and genuine concern helped me to get through one of the darkest storms of my life.”**

- NYPD Sergeant -

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## PAUL'S PROJECT

By John Schwartz, Recording Secretary

On Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at approximately 0930 hours, myself, retired Sgt. Richie Lombardi along with another of our NYPD Vintage Fleet member's, Lenny Portello, were present at Higbie Collision located in West Islip, as part of a vehicle escort for an NYPD Flatbed that was loaded with Sgt Paul Tuozzolo's restored 1990 Mustang GT Convertible, otherwise known as "Paul's Project".

To give some background on this event, Sgt Tuozzolo was an avid "Car Guy". He'd spend hours working on his Mustang, hoping to get it back to as original condition as he could get it. All the while working fulltime in the 43 Precinct, being a good husband and a great Dad to his two sons, Joe and Austin. All of that changed nine years on November 4, 2016.

Paul was killed in the Line of Duty. The Tuozzolo's family's world was turned upside down. The last thing his wife needed to worry about, was Paul's car project. So, it sat for 8 years in the garage gathering dust. A year ago, it was decided that Paul's car project should be completed. So, arrangements were made, and off the car went to Higbie Collision located in West Islip, New York. An Anonymous Donor made sure that this car was completed to the level that Sgt. Tuozzolo was going for in his project.

Not too long ago, several of the Mustang clubs

In 2006, POPPA started its Retiree Program. The program began with 26 retired NYPD uniformed members dedicated to helping meet the needs of fellow retired uniformed members of the service. The mental health and other unique needs of this group are often overlooked. Retired UMOS can use POPPA services for a variety of stress/mental health issues, relationship problems, substance use, or if they feel suicidal. Sometimes, retirees just need to reconnect with a person who can identify as a law enforcement peer.

POPPA is a safe and confidential support system for retired NYPD officers that can help to identify appropriate local resources within various communities.

The Retiree Program has grown to more than 100 volunteers spanning several states across the country in addition to New York.

POPPA's Retiree Helpline is staffed by fellow retired UMOS who stand ready to speak with and assist you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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on Long Island announced they were going to be escorting Sgt. Tuozzolo's Mustang from the body shop back to the family's home, and unveiled to the family for the first time in a year. Leading the escort were to be the NYPD Highway Patrol, and the Suffolk County Police Department's Motorcycle Unit. Accompanying the NYPD Flatbed was also, three restored vintage NYPD RMP's operated by Retired Sgt Richie Lombardi, Lenny Portello, and Retired Sgt. Jon Schwartz. It was our honor to do this.

The Motorcade left the body shop at 1000 hours, and ended up at the Tuozzolo residence soon after. There were a large group of family, friends, UMOS, former Co-workers, various dignitaries, and Press gathered, waiting for the motorcade to arrive. Once at the residence, the NYPD Flatbed backed up onto the driveway. The Mustang was covered.

Police Commissioner Jessica Tisch was present and shared some very nice heartfelt words with everyone, and directed most of her remarks to Lisa Tuozzolo and her two sons.

Sergeant's Benevolent Association President Vincent Vallelong spoke of Sgt. Tuozzollo and the events that surrounded that day, nine years ago, and what Family means to all of us. Some more kind words were shared by PBA President Pat Hendry. Lisa Tuozzollo gave a beautifully worded speech charged with emotion as well as laughter. It was then the Mustang was unveiled for all to see. The car was then lowered to the ground off of the Flatbed, so that Lisa and her two sons could get into the car. "Paul's Project was home. The License plate said it all. "870 HERO".

Rest in Peace, Paul. - Fidelis Ad Mortem.



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# Calling All Trainees!!

**Trainee Uniform - Nameplate - Photos - Other Items wanted for display!**

by Retired Sgt. John Schroeder



- **Dan Wesson** .38 Service Revolver Model 11
- **Ruger P93** 9mm Pilot Project Service
- **1980's Baseball hat** w/ grommet for Cap device & mesh back
- **1940's RMP Roof Sign** that says "POLICE"
- **1940's Square style** Call Box

As the Department is once again used as a political pawn, it struggles to entice quality candidates as many fear a lack of support and future legal woes. This is not the first time the department has faced quality recruitment shortages, so as history once again repeats itself, it is the perfect opportunity to highlight the "Police Trainee Program".

In the early 1960s the department had just begun using handcuffs (June 1, 1958), RMP's recently had gone from 2 door to 4 door (1958), and "Patrolman" walked a beat with-out a portable radio nor a cell phone. It was also a time when Policewomen were not allowed to perform patrol and the department struggled to recruit quality qualified candidates.

One issue with recruitment was the requirement that candidates be at least twenty one (21) years of age when appointed. At that time there were many decent private industry career opportunities which didn't require a college degree, many settled into their life long career right out of high school and those in college didn't want to leave after three (3) years. To help maintain the "21" standard, bridge the 3 year wait gap, and help grab the "cream of the crop", the department instituted the "Police Trainee Program."

Headquartered at the old Police Academy, 235 East 20th Street, the PDNY Police Trainee program officially started on July 15, 1964 when the first class of one hundred (100) trainees were sworn in. Trainees were required to be seventeen (17) to twenty one (21) years old, have a high school or equivalency diploma, pass a "Police Trainee"



entrance exam, pass a thorough "personal history and character study", pass a medical and agility exam, and be at least 5' 7" tall.

Starting salary was \$4000.00 a year with a scheduled \$240.00 raise after each year of service. Trainees received twenty one (21) vacation days, eleven (11) paid holidays, twelve (12) sick days, as well as medical and welfare benefits, and their uniforms were provided by the city. N.Y.C. Administrative code section 434 provided that trainees were eligible for automatic appointment to probationary patrolman on their 21st birthday. To sweeten the deal even more, Trainees were afforded a basically tuition free 64 credit Associate Degree at John Jay College.

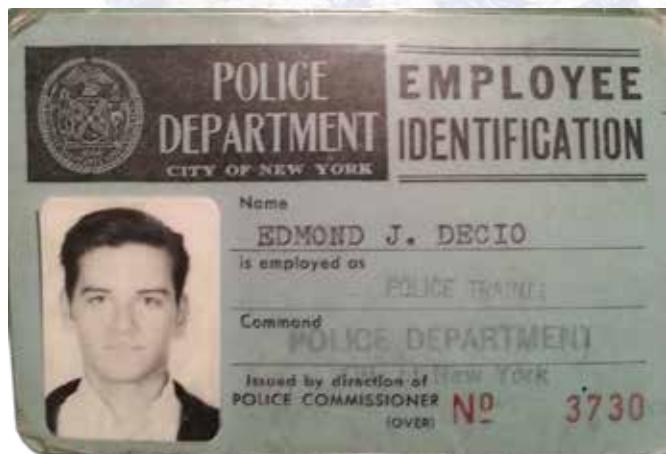
Upon initial appointment, Trainees were required to complete a four (4) month training program at the Police Academy (although that training was reduced over time).



Their issued daily uniform was a light grey shirt with a grey trainee round patch on the left breast and a grey trainee half moon patch on their left shoulder, as well as grey pants with a wide black stripe. Some trainees were issued a dark grey dress jacket, with black buttons, which had a dark grey round trainee patch on the left breast and a dark grey half moon trainee patch on the left shoulder. They were also issued a dark grey garrison style hat with a silver police trainee pin.

Upon graduation, 17 and 18 year old trainees were assigned clerical tasks at a division (precursor to patrol boroughs), a bor-ough unit, or at headquarters. Older 19 and 20 year old trainees freed up uniformed patrolman in local precinct station houses as they were assigned to operate telephone switch-boards, prepare roll calls, and type reports. Ret. Trainee Alfred Smith (1969-72) spoke of his assignment as a "Precinct Service Officer" where he served in a Precinct Community Affairs Role alongside then Trainee - 1st Deputy Police Commissioner Ben Tucker. Trainees also went out to promote the program and conduct their own recruitment. Four to Six months before they hit 21, trainees were transferred back to the academy and received formal probationary patrolman training prior to appointment.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972 afforded police



women equal rights in the work place, and in 1973 the ranks of Patrolman and Policewoman were abolished in exchange for the equal rank of Police Officer. In addition to a new pool of fully eligible female candidates the city began to face fis-cal woes, both negated the need for the police trainee program. It is believed that the program ended in November of 1972.

Over its tenure the Police Trainee Program netted a phenomenal 92% success rate, with a 8% loss due to drop outs, medical

issues, and disciplinary issues. It netted many dedicated and successful professionals including one of the most legendary Chief's of Department – Joseph Esposito. To this day the program is revered by those who lived through it and are left with fond memories of a different time, a different uniform, and a different department.

Special Thanks to Ret. Trainee Victor Grillo, Ret. Trainee Alfred Smith and Ret. Trainee Edmond J. Decio for their assistance with this endeavor.

We are in the process of creating a historical Trainee Display. If you have any Trainee Uniform items - a Nameplate - Photos - or other trainee related items you would be willing to part with please reach out to the RSA! Thank You!



Prob. Patrolman

Police Trainee

# FLORIDA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 28, 2026 AT 12:00 NOON

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661 NW 53RD STREET, BOCA RATON, FL 33487

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**January 5th, 2026 @ 11:30 PM is the last date to make reservations**

OUR MEETING WILL BE A LUNCHEON, WE URGE ALL TO ATTEND. **OUR RSA WIDOWS/WIDOWERS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY ARE WELCOME AS OUR SPECIAL GUESTS.** AT THE CONCLUSION OF OUR MEETING, LUNCH AND DRINKS WILL BE SERVED .

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**Once again, we will draw the two (2) winners for our 50/50 SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE.  
It would be fantastic if our winners were present!**

1st prize = 75% of winners portion | 2nd Prize = 25% of winners portion

Last year, 1st prize winner received \$14,910.00

RSA general meetings are open to dues paid members, RSA widows/widowers, and guests approved by the board. Non-member retired Sergeants are welcome to join the RSA at the reception desk outside the meeting room. During the meeting, no video, recordings or photography except those authorized by the Board. There shall be no written materials or promotional items distributed before, during, or after the meeting without prior permission granted by the Board.

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# CAN YOU CARRY?

VENUE/ARENA	ACTIVE NYPD	RETIRED NYPD	NEAREST PRECINCT
Radio City Music Hall	YES	NO	MTS PCT. - 357 W. 39th St.
Madison Square Garden	YES	NO	MTS PCT. - 357 W. 39th St.
Barclay Center	YES - Dean St. Gate	NO	78 PCT. - 65 6th Avenue
Yankee Stadium	YES - Gate 4	YES - Gate 4 (HR218 Required)	Transit District 11 - E. 161 & River Ave.
Citi Field	YES- Stengel Gate	YES - Stengel Gate	109 PCT. - 37-05 Union St.
Beacon Theater	YES	NO	20 PCT. - 120 W. 82nd St.
Kings Theater	NO	NO	109 PCT. - 37-05 Union St.
Prudential Center	YES	YES - HR218 Required	Newark PD
USS Intrepid Museum	YES	YES	MTN PCT. - 306 W. 54th St.
NY Aquarium Coney Island	YES	YES	60 PCT. - 2951 W. 8th St.
American Museum of Natural History	YES	YES	20 PCT. - 120 W. 82nd St.
Ford Amphitheater Coney Island	NO	NO	60 PCT. - 2951 W. 8th St.
Bronx, Central Park, Queens, Prospect Zoos	YES	YES	52 PCT., CPP, 109 PCT., & 78 PCT.
Javitt's Center	NO	NO	MTS PCT. - 357 W. 39th St
Empire State Building	YES	YES	MTS PCT.
Rockefeller Center	NO	NO	MTN PCT.
9/11 Memorial Pool	YES	YES	1 PCT.
9/11 Muesum	NO	NO	1 PCT.
Statue of Libery & Ellis Island	YES - (MUST BE CHECK IN)	YES - (MUST BE CHECK IN)	Park Police
Paramount Theater Huntington, LI	NO	NO	SCPD
NYCB Westbury	NO	NO	NCPD
Nassau Coliseum	YES	NO	NCPD
Jonese Beach Northwell Health	NO	NO	NCPD
Belmont Race Track	YES	YES	NCPD
UBS Arena	YES	NO	NCPD
Resorts World NYC	YES	NO	106 PCT.
Staten Island Mall	YES	NO	121 PCT.
Carnegie Hall	NO	NO	MTN PCT.
Sony Hall	NO	NO	MTN PCT.

**NOTE:** The above list is a guideline provided to the RSA and confirmed with the venues security department. This is their policy which may or may not be followed by certain venues. Please be advised the above venues can change their security policies at any time. It is advised that you should do your own due diligence before going to these venues. You can contact the venues security department to confirm.



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# THE NEW NYCE PPO HEALTH PLAN

By Tony Amato, Vice President



Effective January 1, 2026, the City of New York will be offering a new health plan, replacing the current GHI CBP/Anthem BlueCross and BlueShield plan for active and pre-Medicare retirees, and their eligible dependents under 65. This new plan, NYC Employees PPO plan (NYCE PPO), will be offered by EmblemHealth (Emblem) and United Healthcare (UHC) and would provide an expanded network of healthcare providers without increases in cost for members.

For more information concerning the proposed plan, including the ability to lookup your healthcare provider, visit NYCE PPO. Members can also call (212) 501-4444.

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Effective January 1, 2026, all active/pre-Medicare retirees, and their dependents under 65, who are enrolled in GHI CBP/Anthem BlueCross and BlueShield would automatically be transferred to the new health plan with no gap in coverage unless they chose a different plan during the Annual Fall Transfer Period in November.

If the active/pre-Medicare retiree enrolled in GHI CBP/Anthem BlueCross and BlueShield has a Medicare-eligible dependent, then the Medicare-eligible dependent would remain in GHI/Anthem Senior Care plan.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Information about the plan was mailed to all active and pre-Medicare retirees in October, ahead of the November transfer period. You may have already received, or will soon receive, additional mailings from OLR and/or Emblem/UHC. All active and pre-Medicare retirees currently enrolled in the NYCE PPO will receive a new ID card and welcome kit

from Emblem/UHC in late December 2025. Please note that only one ID card will be issued, as this is a single integrated plan—unlike the GHI-CBP plan, which provided separate cards for Medical and Hospital coverage.

Visit [NYCE PPO](#) for more information, including:

- FAQs
- In-Network Provider search
- [View NYCE PPO Benefit Summary](#)



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# SEPTEMBER MEETING RECAP

## HARTIGAN HOUSE

On September 24th, we held our General Membership Meeting at the Hartigan House in Bethpage, NY. We featured many guest speakers and vendors.

Errol Ogman, SBA Health & Welfare Administrator, and Don Kipp, SBA Health & Wellness Secretary, informed the membership about the non-Medicare and active members insurance changes that are coming as of January 1, 2026.

Debra Pandolfo, from the Law firm of Cullen Dyckman, spoke in regards to Estate Planning and the different Trust Funds.

The vendors were present to answer any questions and concerns the membership has encountered. I would like to thank the following vendors for their support of our organization: Barasch & McGarry 9/11 Attorney, Fourleaf Credit Union, Raymour & Flannigan, POPPA, Grandma's Candy, Family Dental Care, Merrick Financial Group, Blue Wealth, Outta the Blue, Cross Island Roofing, Century 21, Tactical Financial Group, Cullen & Dyckman and NYPD Historian.

**50/50 Winners: Dave Ng, Jake Brown and Dan Buckles.**

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## ATM Skimming

Skimming is an illegal activity that involves the installation of a device, usually undetectable by ATM users, that secretly records bank account data when the user inserts an ATM card into the machine. Criminals can then encode the stolen data onto a blank card and use it to loot the customer's bank account.

### 1 Hidden camera

A concealed camera is typically used in conjunction with the skimming device in order to record customers typing their PIN into the ATM keypad. Cameras are usually concealed somewhere on the front of the ATM—in this example, just above the screen in a phony ATM part—or somewhere nearby (like a light fixture).

### 2 Skimmer

The skimmer, which looks very similar to the original card reader in color and texture, fits right over the card reader—the original card reader is usually concave in shape (curving inward), while the skimmer is more convex (curving outward). As customers insert their ATM card, bank account information on the card is "skimmed," or stolen, and usually stored on some type of electronic device.

### 3 Keypad overlay

The use of a keypad overlay—placed directly on top of the factory-installed keypad—is a fairly new technique that takes the place of a concealed camera. Instead of visually recording users punching in their PINs, circuitry inside the phony keypad stores the actual keystrokes.



-Inspect the ATM, gas pump, or credit card reader before using it...be suspicious if you see anything loose, crooked, or damaged, or if you notice scratches or adhesive/tape residue.

-When entering your PIN, block the keypad with your other hand to

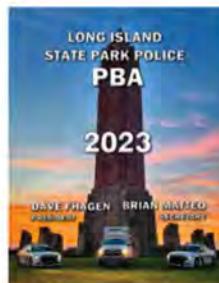
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To be eligible, candidates must be a child, stepchild, or grandchild, of an RSA member in good standing for 2024, 2025, 2026. Candidate must be a 2026 High School graduate who is enrolled in an institution of further education (i.e. College, University, Trade School). The course of study must be for a minimum of one (1) year. Sergeants who retire in 2025 and 2026 and join the RSA in the same year are also eligible. Please complete the application below and forward it with a copy of the letter of acceptance from the school to: **Second VP Anthony T. Nostramo, 6 Redwood Drive, Dix Hills, N.Y. 11746.**

Please do not send it certified, we will not pick it up at the Post Office. Regular U.S. mail reaches us. Winners drawn by lot in June 2026. Questions should be directed to Second VP Anthony T. Nostramo at 917-750-6486.

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