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PAUL G. BABAKITIS

President's Message

As your President, I am pleased to report that over the past year we have continued to enhance our proud tradition of professionalism and standing within the investigative community. We have accomplished this through our hosting of continuing educational meetings with captivating and informative speakers, the acquisition of new equipment, and by provided unprecedented support to other organizations. In so doing, we have effectively doubled our membership and revitalized our organization.

Most importantly, we have made a meaningful impact on our community, both during the holidays and throughout the year, positively affecting the lives of those around us.

As we celebrate our 66th anniversary, we pay tribute, as our Person of the year, New York City Police Department, Chief of Staff Raul Pintos and the recipient of our President's Award, Board member and Secretary Michael Graziano.

I express my ongoing gratitude to our dedicated board members, whose invaluable time and selfless commitment have contributed to the greater good of our organization. SPI's continued success and growth is a direct reflection of their efforts and the work we have undertaken together.

I am proud of our collective achievements over the past year and eagerly anticipate the exciting future. As we celebrate our 66th year, I share my vision that together, we will make our upcoming 66th year the best year ever!

Sincerely yours,



Paul G. Babakitis, LPI
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PAUL G. BABAKITIS President

Paul began his venerable career with over two decades of distinguished service with the NYPD. Throughout his tenure, he undertook a variety of assignments, including Patrol, OCCB, and other investigative and supervisory roles. Along the way, he garnered many accolades and is proud of his numerous accomplishments.

As the technology advisor to the Chief of Personnel and Deputy Commissioner of Technology, Paul pioneered the introduction of numerous groundbreaking technologies to the NYPD, most notably, a handheld computer device that revolutionized the Force. This device granted field officers instant access to critical information from a variety of local, state, and federal law enforcement databases, and in so doing, significantly increased efficiency and enhanced public safety. For his vision, innovation, and introduction of this new technology and its impact, Paul was honored by the New York City Police Foundation, receiving the prestigious Dale Hemmerdinger Award for Police Excellence. This recognition marked a historic moment for the Foundation, as no other member of law enforcement had been recognized for having such a profound impact on improving the effectiveness of law-enforcement.

After serving 22 years with the Department and retiring from the NYPD in 2004, Paul became a licensed private investigator in 2006 and established a leading-edge Private Investigations firm that harnessed new and emerging technologies to capture and preserve credible evidence. The Wall Street Journal recognized Paul's innovations for bringing credibility to video technology to the Housing Court. His firm quickly expanded, and he obtained licenses to provide private investigative services in New York, New Jersey, and Florida. During this time, Paul joined the Society of Professional Investigators, actively participating and contributing to the organization's monthly meetings.

Paul has always been motivated by innovation. He is credited with being the first to recognize the need for officers to access law-enforcement databases in the field and on the fly. Since that time, several law enforcement agencies have expressed interest in utilizing his device, showcasing the impact of Paul's ability to integrate new technology in furtherance of advancing new investigatory techniques. While Paul's career is chock full of interesting cases, perhaps none is as well-known as the harrowing incident on a commercial airline when a deranged pilot made a concerted effort to crash the plane. Paul's skill set and exercise of good judgment were put to the test as this potential tragedy unfolded before him (he was a passenger on the flight). Paul assessed the situation and leaped into action, assisted by two other passengers, to stop the person who happened to be the pilot. Paul's actions were credited with averting disaster by keeping all 130 passengers safe while the plane made an emergency landing. For his actions, Paul garnered worldwide attention, attributing his training with the NYPD for enabling him to tactically handle the situation.

In September 2021, Paul ascended to the presidency of the Society of Professional Investigators, marking the first time in over 20 years that a former member of the NYPD took the helm of one of the World's most prestigious private investigation organizations. As president, he rebranded the organization and implemented innovative strategies to attract qualified members who could collaborate on compelling cases and form valuable connections.

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DANIEL QUILES

Vice President

Daniel is a Senior Detective with the New York City Office of Special Narcotics Prosecutor, which investigates Major Case Drug Trafficking organization throughout New York and there ties to the cartels. His vast knowledge in narcotics investigations and ability to conduct multiagency operations led him to be the recipient of the Investigator of the Year Award for 2021.

In his almost 19 years in law enforcement, he has played many roles. Some of those have been, Street Narcotics, Plainclothes Anticrime, Field Training Officer, Firearms and Tactics Instructor, and K-9. In addition to his vast assignments, Daniel has earned several certifications which include, Police General Topics Instructor, Master Firearms Instructor, FBI Firearms Instructor, FBI Carbine Instructor, Active Shooter Instructor, Interview and Interrogation, Social Network Investigations, Officer Survival Tactics Instructor, FBI Crime Scene Photography, FBI Surveillance School, FBI Photography School, FBI Crime Scene Investigator School, Dignitary Protection Training, Tactical Medic, Identification and Handling of Illicit Narcotics Training, and he is a Master Armorer for all the major law enforcement firearms manufactures.

Daniel has also worked with various private investigation firms throughout his career. He has utilized his extensive knowledge in covert surveillance investigation, and dignitary protection to complete his assignments given by these firms. He has also implemented his skills in the creation and installation of technical covert electronic surveillance equipment. Daniel is also a successful private firearms instructor to civilians, active and retired members of service. He is a state certified HR-218 instructor, Security Guard and Armed guard instructor in addition to his many police instructor certifications.

In addition to being a SPI board member, Daniel is also a member of the NYPD Hispanic Society, AAPLE, and The Fraternal Order of Police.

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EILEEN GORDON

Treasurer

After having been a supportive "S.P.I. Spouse" for over thirty years, in 2018 Eileen R. Gordon assumed the positions of treasurer and webmaster of the Society. As a retired school administrator and adjunct professor, Ms. Gordon now utilizes her managerial and organizational skills to assist in serving the Society's membership. Additionally, when not occupied with S.P.I. matters, she assists her husband, S.P.I. Board member Charles-Eric Gordon in his investigative law practice. Ms. Gordon holds a Bachelor of Science degree from S.U.N.Y. Albany, a Master of Science in Special Education, and a Certificate in Administration and Supervision from Queens College.



MICHAEL GRAZIANO

Secretary

Michael Graziano is a retired Detective who worked at the Suffolk County Police Department. Michael Graziano worked with the Suffolk County Police Department for 25 years. Michael began his career as a Patrol Officer. Due to his extensive computer and programming skills, along with his ability to implement these skills to his police work, he was promoted to work in the department's C.O.P.E Unit and then the department's I.T. Section. During his work in these units, he was responsible for creating programs that tracked gang members, stolen items, and patrol checks. Michael had been awarded several department recognitions for his arrests resulting from his police investigations. Michael was promoted to Detective and assigned to the Computer Crime Unit. During his almost 12 years in the Computer Crimes Unit, Michael was responsible for forensic analysis of digital evidence, including computers, mobile devices, DVRs, and other digital media, in such investigations as homicide, narcotics, white color crimes, and child exploitation. Michael was responsible for starting up and heading forensics investigations in the Megan's Law task force. Michael had been awarded several recognitions for his hard work in child exploitation cases that resulted in protecting children from sexual exploitation. Michael finished his last year with the Suffolk County Police Department as a Detective in Criminal Intel, where he was responsible for forensic investigations involving homeland security and gang investigations. Michael is the co-owner, with his wife, of Executive Digital Group. Executive Digital Group offers services that include Digital Forensics, Cybersecurity along with I.T. Technology strategies and support.

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CHARLES ERIC GORDON

Membership Committee

Charl-Eric Gordon, a thirty seven year member of the Society of Professional Investigators is a former New York City Administrative Law Judge and Special Investigator. He is a graduate of SUNY Cortland and Brooklyn Law School and is admitted to practice before the New York State and Southern and Eastern U.S. District Courts. Gordon's practice as investigative counsel concentrates in locating missing people, especially those absent for an extended period of time and about whom little information is known.



LOUIS BARBERA

Sergeant at Arms

Louis Barbera is a retired NYPD Sergeant, having been assigned to commands in both Brooklyn and Manhattan.

Since his retirement in 2009, Louis has worked in several general management roles in the private security sector, including a role as a senior security specialist with Federal Express Corporation (FedEx). Louis is presently a security director for a private client in the retail industry in New York. Since joining SPI Louis has been an active member in excellent standing, having assisted in the arrangement of multiple past guest speakers. Louis is an avid aviation enthusiast with approximately 100 flight hours towards a commercial license. In addition to aviation, his interests include food, wine and travel.

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BRADLEY S. SILVERBUSH Legal Counsel

Bradley Silverbush joined Rosenberg & Estis in 2009 and is a Senior Litigation Member who has specialized in all facets of litigation for over four decades. He is one of the most respected trial attorneys in New York City with unsurpassed practice in owner representation in real-estate related issues, particularly in landlord-tenant matters. He is often quoted in the New York Times and other publications that seek the opinion of an expert on a wide range of legal questions and has been called upon by the Manhattan District Attorney's Office to confer on matters relating to illegal use of commercial and residential property.

His vast litigation experience includes the various New York City, State, and Federal courts, arbitrations, mediations, appeals, and administrative hearings before the NYS Division of Human Rights, the NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal, NYC's Commission on Human Rights, NYC's Office of Administrative Tribunals and Hearings, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Mr. Silverbush has an active trial calendar and is particular about the cases he agrees to undertake. While he has an affinity for and enjoys litigating difficult cases, he is equally adept at dispute resolution. Mr. Silverbush represents clients of all sizes, including private individuals, well-known owners, developers, and management companies, and numerous cooperatives and condominiums.

In 2011 NYPD's First Deputy Police Commissioner awarded Mr. Silverbush the Robert Colangelo Man of the Year award, the first civilian to receive that distinction. Mr. Silverbush is currently Legal Counsel to the Society for Professional Investigators and received SPI's 2022 Distinguished Service Award. He is a member of the City Bar, the New York County Lawyer's Association, the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, and the Jewish Lawyers Guild. He is admitted to practice before every court in New York State, including the four Federal District Courts, as well as the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Silverbush is a Manhattan resident who is well-known throughout the real estate industry as well as the courts. He prides himself on diligence, tenacity, integrity, candor, and thinking "outside the box," to find ways to win difficult cases for his clients. Well regarded by the judiciary, colleagues, and adversaries alike, he holds a perfect 5.0 AV Preeminent in Litigation rating based upon ethical standards and legal ability and is recipient of the coveted "Top Rated Lawyer in Litigation" recognition from Martindale-Hubbell.

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BRUCE HULME
Legislative Counsel

Bruce H. Hulme was a Certified Fraud Examiner, Board Accredited Investigator and licensed PI from 1964 until 2006 when he became semi-retired and devoted his efforts to government affairs. In 1994, based on his prior experience in conducting over 400 fraud investigations up to that time, the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners Board of Regents awarded him the designation of Certified Fraud Examiner. He served as a board member of the New York Chapter of that association for several decades.



MICHAEL P. REYNOLDS
Immediate Past President

Immediate Past President Michael P. Reynolds is an Associate Attorney at Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C. in the Tax Certiorari and Condemnation practice group. Mr. Reynolds' practice includes tax certiorari, institutional compliance/risk management and private investigations. In addition to his experience as a tax certiorari attorney, he has extensive experience as a civil trial attorney and investigator, as well as a municipal attorney responsible for internal compliance matters, including State I.G. Investigations. Mike is a former Nassau County Deputy County Attorney and began his career as an Assistant District Attorney in the Nassau County District Attorney's Office.

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ODALYS CUEVAS

Director of Graphic Arts & Social Media

Born and raised in Puerto Rico, Odalys came to New York in her early teens. She tirelessly worked to achieve her education with English as her second language. Despite all her struggles, she managed to achieve a degree in Graphic Arts.

Odalys began pursuing her Law Enforcement career as a New York State Peace Officer, assigned to one of New York's City worst housing projects-where she was assigned to several units, including Bike Patrol and Field Training Officer. Just prior to fulfilling her life long dream of becoming a New York's Finest, Odalys utilized her life experience and training in the NYC Law Department Corporation Counsel, as a Special Victims Investigator. Odalys started her NYPD career within The Bronx, in one of the most challenging precincts in the City. Odalys is currently assigned to The Special Victims Unit.

Her motivation, graphic ability, and visionary mindset have proven to be an asset to SPI. Odalys is also a member of the NYPD Hispanic Society, AAPLE, The Policewomen's Endowment Association and New York Women in Law Enforcement.



JOSEPH IMPERATRICE

Law Enforcement Liason

Joseph Vincent Imperatrice will be going into his 18th year with the New York City Police Department in the rank of Sergeant. He has been assigned to the 70 Pct, 7 Pct, 9 PDU, 1 PDU, The Real Time Crime Center, and is currently assigned to Detective Bureau Staten Island.

Joseph, Carlos Delgado, & Christopher Brinkley founded BLUE LIVES MATTER-NYC December of 2014 after the deaths of Detective Liu & Ramos. They became a registered 501 c 3 non-profit organization without any person on payroll.

Joseph often appears on The FOX NEWS CHANNEL & NEWSMAX. He has also appeared on VICE & the NETFLIX Series Explained.

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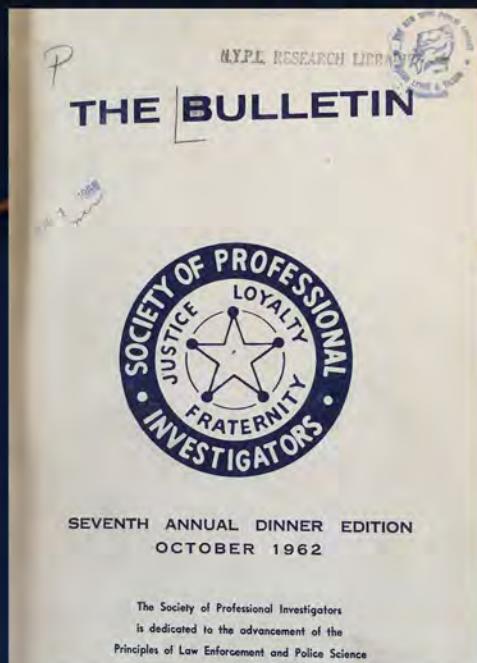
Jason Bass
Membership Committee

Jason is Lieutenant in the New York City Police Department with over 17 years of service. Prior to joining the Department in 2007, he worked for the Defense Department at Fort Meade, Maryland. When he isn't working, he enjoys time with his wife Jodi, his sons, Eric (8) and Nate (5) and their dog, Leche. Jason enjoys sports, (audio) books, staying aware of current trends in Law Enforcement and is always trying to improve himself. He recently won election to his town's school board, where he hopes to help boost test scores and ensure future generations are properly educated. He is a proud member of SPI and wants to see the organization thrive.

SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL INVESTIGATORS HISTORY



On September 8, 1971, Mr. Mauro A. Contrastano, President of the Society of Professional Investigators, Inc., accompanied by Messrs. Theodore F. Donnelly, Joseph Kaitz, and Walter C. Schmidt, Past Presidents of the Society, was photographed with FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover following presentation of a plaque to Mr. Hoover. Shown in the Director's Office, left to right, are: Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Contrastano, Mr. Hoover, Mr. Kaitz, and Mr. Donnelly.



In 1955 in the midst of the Cold War and at a time when crime was adversely affecting the lives of all Americans, several men came together to form an organization dedicated to professionalize law enforcement, especially in the metropolitan area. These men (and they were all male at that time) wished to, among other goals, "cultivate and advance knowledge of the science of investigations, promote the efficiency of the investigator in the services he (sic) performs and develop a spirit of mutual understanding of their respective problems, duties and obligations as professional investigators."

Who were these men? They were former members of the Office of Strategic Services (the OSS), the precursor to the Central Intelligence Agency (the C.I.A.), most of whom had migrated into law enforcement in the post-war years. In July of 1956, the Society of Professional Investigators, Inc. (S.P.I.) was duly incorporated.

As we gather to celebrate our sixty-fifth Annual Gala, we also celebrate how the Society of Professional Investigators has evolved since 1956. Currently, our organization now includes numerous women, among them several serving as officers and directors of the Society. We also have numerous female members, both active in and retired from law enforcement and intelligence agencies.

In addition to those in law enforcement and intelligence communities, our Society's membership includes private investigators, attorneys, certified fraud examiners, certified public accountants, and other highly qualified people. Our membership encompasses not only individuals in the Metropolitan area but many living out of state and outside the United States.

The Society is renowned for the expertise of the various investigative experts to speak at its monthly meetings. These presentations have included topics such as polygraphy, open-source intelligence, the rules of evidence, and other forensic topics. These meetings also provide excellent networking opportunities. S.P.I. also maintains close relationships with numerous other law enforcement and private sector investigative professionals and fraternal organizations.

Although none of our founding members from over sixty-five years ago are still with us, their dedication to professionalism in law enforcement lives on and will continue to thrive throughout the future. The Society's original motto of "Justice, Loyalty and Fraternity" is as



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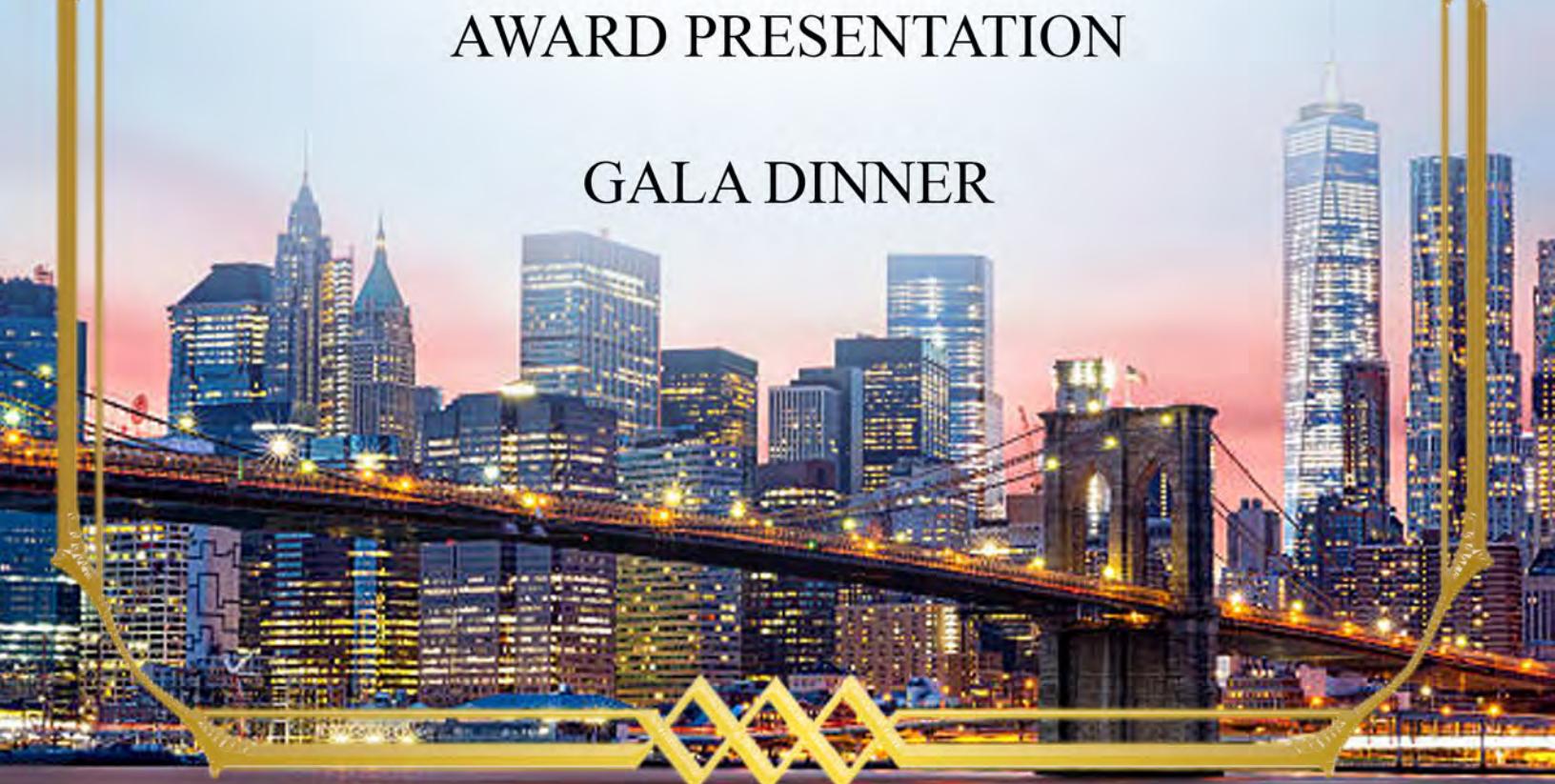
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About *Paul Pintos*



PERSON OF THE YEAR NYPD Chief of Staff - RAUL PINTOS

Chief of Staff Raul Pintos joined the New York City Police Department in October 1990, and began his career on patrol in the 49 Precinct. He also has served in the 28, 30, 34, 49, 72 and Central Park Precincts, the Criminal Justice Bureau, Community Affairs Bureau, Police Commissioner's Office, Patrol Borough Bronx, and the First Deputy Commissioner's Office. He was promoted to Sergeant in October 1997; Lieutenant in June 2001; Captain in June 2005; Deputy Inspector in October 2008; Inspector in December 2011; Deputy Chief in March 2016, and Assistant Chief in July 2022.



Chief Pintos has served as the Commanding Officer of the 72 and Central Park Precincts, as well as the Office of the Chief of Community Affairs. He was also Executive Officer of the 28 and 34 Precincts, and Patrol Borough Bronx. Chief Pintos also served as the Executive Operations Coordinator to the Police Commissioner. Most recently Chief Pintos served as Chief of Staff to the First Deputy Commissioner.

Chief Pintos holds a Master of Arts degree in Human Resource Management from Seton Hall University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from the State University of New York. He is also a graduate of the Executive Education Program for Senior Government Executives at the Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, MA, and the Executive Leaders Program at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California.

About *Michael Graziano*



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During our networking dinner meetings, we host experts in the investigative community to share their expertise, and enrich our members' knowledge with various aspects of the profession.



Paul Mauro focuses his legal practice on internal and external investigations, anti-piracy enforcement, electronic surveillance, mass data collection, and the lawful use of new and emerging technologies. He also advises on AML/KYC policies, investigations, and enforcement defense, as well as compliance and governance issues across a wide range of laws and disciplines.



NYPD Retired First Grade Detective Rose Muckenthaler possesses an extensive professional background spanning over two decades, dedicated to serving children and women affected by trafficking. She is a trailblazer within the NYPD Major Case FBI Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force.



Frank Piazza is a renowned expert with decades of experience in the review analysis and certification of audio and video evidence. His professional forensic services include audio/video enhancement, analysis, authentication, image extraction, document preparation, and consultation. Mr. Piazza is also AGCV-certified to record and validate video depositions.



Gregory Hagarty is Deputy Chief Investigator at Nassau County District Attorney's Office, overseeing white-collar, cold-case, political corruption, cyber-crimes, and organized crime cases. Hagarty career spans from the gritty details of undercover operations to the strategic oversight of high-profile investigations.



Barbara Butcher is an expert in medicolegal death investigation and currently a consultant in forensic investigation, working with forensic pathologists, educators, television and mystery writers. She is the former Chief of Staff and Director of the Forensic Sciences Training Program at the NYC Office of Chief Medical Examiner.



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Events



In collaboration with Blue Lives Matter founder and SPI Board member Joseph Imperatrice, on January 26, 2024, the Society of Professional Investigators attended to support the NYPD Manhattan, Bronx, and Staten Island Holy Name Society. Congratulations to President McInnis, Second Vice President Joey Ayala, and all the Holy Name Society board members for their efforts that culminated in an amazing event.



SPI had the distinct honor to support SPI board member, Joseph Imperatrice, founder of Blue Lives Matter at their annual gala. This well attended event personifies the true definition of humanitarian acts of kindness and bridges the gap between law-enforcement and the community it serves.



SPI supported The American Academy for Professional Law Enforcement at their 2024 Spring Cigar Event. Congratulations to the AAPLE board of directors for hosting an amazing event and continuing the tradition of bringing together professionals in law enforcement and the private sector.



SPI proudly supported the National Police Defense Foundation, celebrating the dedication and achievements of law-enforcement and public safety officials. We congratulate the 2024 Person of the Year, NCPD PC Ryder, Lifetime Achievement Award, SAC US DEA Tarentino III, and all the award recipients who make a difference in preserving our safety and security, domestically and internationally.



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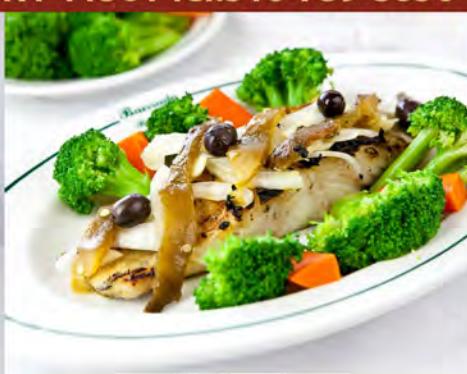
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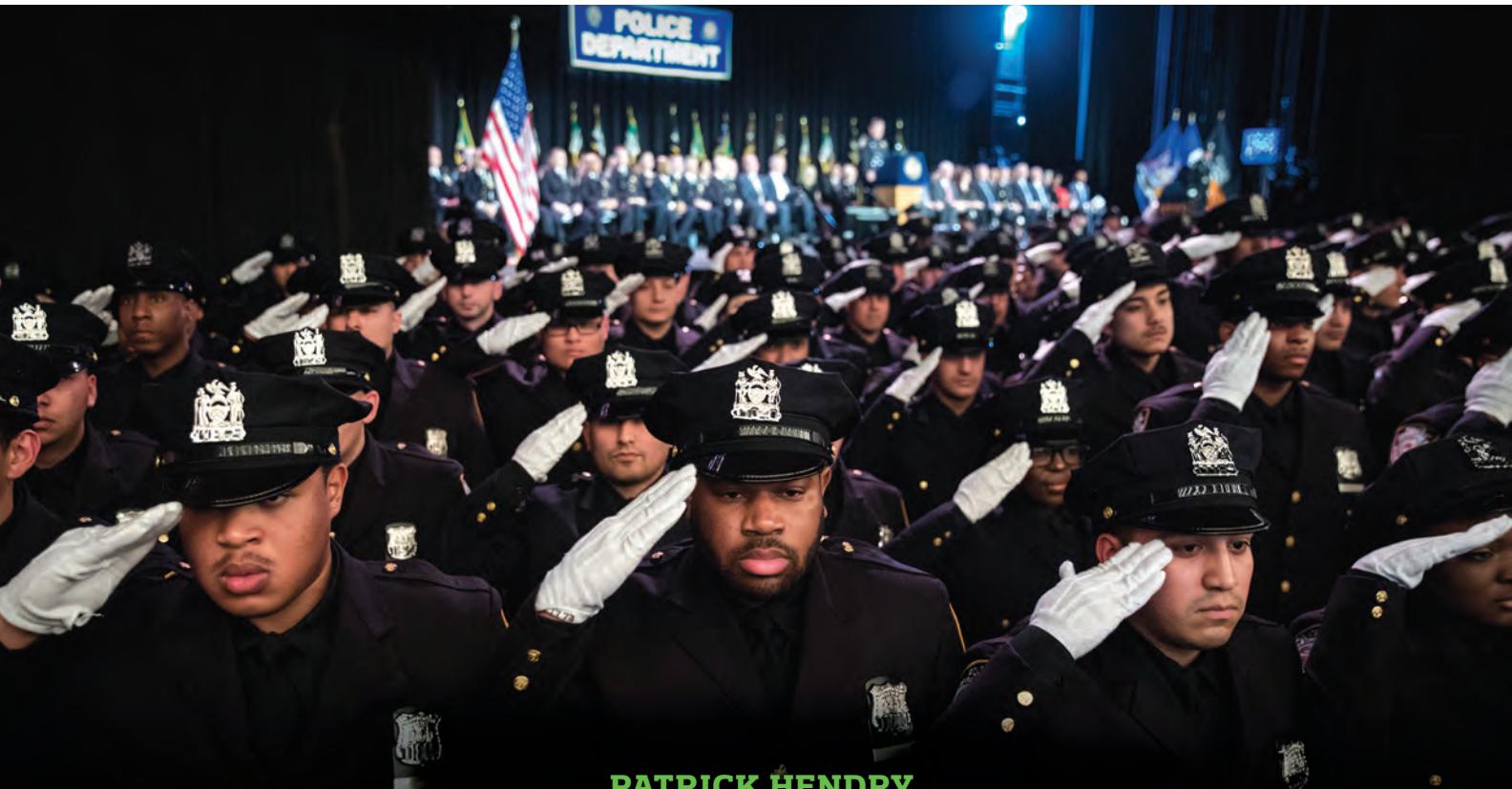
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New York City Police Department
End of Watch March 12, 1909

Lieutenant Petrosino founded the agency's Italian Squad, which was responsible for investigating the Italian mafia in New York City and was responsible for decreasing Italian mafia crime by fifty percent. He was sent to Italy in an attempt to infiltrate the mob and collect evidence that would shut them down for good. The mafia received a tip that he was a police officer and killed him. Lieutenant Petrosino had been with the New York City Police Department for 25 years. He was survived by his wife and daughter.





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**POLICE OFFICER
MATTHEW DZIERGOWSKI**
123rd Precinct
New York City Police Department
End of Watch February 14, 1999

Police Officer Matthew Dziergowski was killed after his patrol was struck by another vehicle at the scene of an accident. Officer Dziergowski saw the vehicle approaching, warned the other officers, and pulled in front of the vehicle to shield them. Officer Dziergowski had served with the NYPD for 17 years and was assigned to the 123rd Precinct. He is survived by his expectant wife and son.



**POLICE OFFICER
RAMON SUAREZ**
Transit District 4
New York City Police Department, New York
End of Watch September 11, 2001

Officer Ramon Suarez was killed in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks while attempting to rescue the victims trapped in the World Trade Center. Officer Suarez was last seen re-entering the North Tower after he and another officer rescued a woman who couldn't walk. Officer Suarez had served with the New York City Police Department for 16 years and was assigned to Transit District 4. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, and a son.



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DETECTIVE RAFAEL RAMOS

84th Precinct
New York City Police Department
End of Watch December 20, 2014

Police Officers Rafael Ramos and his partner Wenjian Liu were shot and killed from ambush while sitting in their patrol car at the intersection of Myrtle and Thompkins Avenues in Bedford-Stuyvesant. Officer Ramos had served with the New York City Police Department for two years and was assigned to the 84th Precinct. He was posthumously promoted to the rank of detective. He is survived by his wife and two sons.



DETECTIVE WENJIAN LIU

84th Precinct
New York City Police Department
End of Watch December 20, 2014

Police Officers Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos were shot and killed from ambush while sitting in their patrol car at the intersection of Myrtle and Thompkins Avenues in Bedford-Stuyvesant. Officer Liu had served with the New York City Police Department for 7-1/2 years and was assigned to the 84th Precinct. He was posthumously promoted to the rank of detective. He is survived by his wife of two months and parents.

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DETECTIVE RANDOLPH HOLDER

Police Service Area 5
New York City Police Department
End of Watch October 20, 2015

Detective Randolph Holder was shot and killed while pursuing an armed male subject. Detective Holder and his partner pursued the suspect, who engaged the officers in a gun battle. Detective Holder had served with the New York City Police Department for five years and was assigned to Police Service Area 5. Detective Holder's father and grandfather served as police officers in his native Guyana.



DETECTIVE MIOSOTIS FAMILIA

46th Precinct
New York City Police Department
End of Watch July 05, 2017

Detective Miosotis Familia was shot and killed from ambush as she sat in a marked mobile command post vehicle at the intersection of East 183rd Street and Morris Avenue in the Bronx. Detective Familia had served with the New York City Police Department for 12 years and was assigned to the 46th Precinct. She is survived by her three children.



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DETECTIVE JASON RIVERA

32nd Precinct
New York City Police Department
End of Watch January 21, 2022

Detective Jason Rivera and Detective Wilbert Mora were shot and killed when they responded with a third officer to the report of a domestic dispute call in an apartment at 119 West 135th Street in Harlem. Detective Rivera had served with the New York City Police Department for just over a year and was assigned to the 32nd Precinct. He was posthumously promoted to the rank of Detective First Grade. He is survived by his wife of three months, his parents, and a brother.



DETECTIVE WILBERT MORA

32nd Precinct
New York City Police Department
End of Watch January 25, 2022

Detective First Grade Wilbert Mora and Detective Jason Rivera were shot and killed when they responded with a third officer to the report of a domestic dispute call in an apartment at 119 West 135th Street in Harlem. Detective Mora had served with the New York City Police Department for four years and was assigned to the 32nd Precinct. He was survived by his parents, brother, and sister.



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DETECTIVE JONATHAN DILLER

Patrol Borough Queens South
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New York City Police Department
End of Watch March 25, 2024

Detective Jonathan Diller was shot and killed during a traffic stop near 19-19 Mott Avenue in the Far Rockaway area of New York City. Detective Diller had served with the New York City Police Department for three years and was assigned to Patrol Borough Queens South Community Response Team. He is survived by his wife and one-year-old son.





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BY Robert Longley

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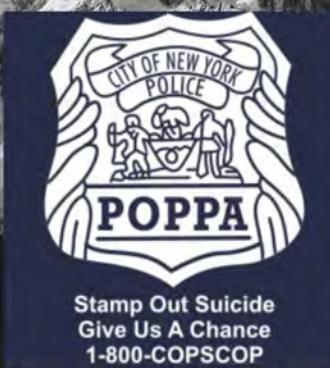
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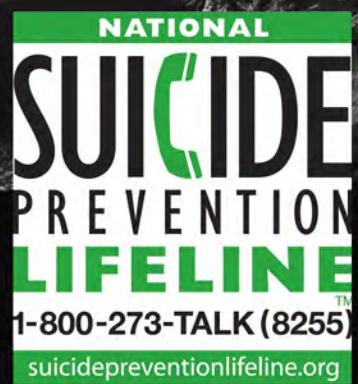
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