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## **13th Annual Irish Law & Order Awards**

**Friday, January 21, 2022 from 5:30 P.M. to 9:00 PM**  
**Rosie O'Grady's Manhattan Manor, 201 W 52nd St, NYC.**

**— Irish Law and Order Leader of the Year —**  
**Thomas Mungeer, NYS Trooper**



# Law and Order Reaches Thirteen

BY RAY O'HANLON

Law and Order has arrived at the number thirteen and Irish luck duly kicks in.

The Irish in law enforcement is an American story. Indeed, it is the stuff of American legend. The American Irish may not be as proportionally numerous in law enforcement as they once were, but you will still find great numbers of them serving in the front lines, and every rank at local, state, and federal level.

The Irish beat cop is still out there, and behind him, or her, is a heritage that goes back to the earliest days of what we would recognize as the beginnings of modern law enforcement.

The Irish Echo, in its nine decades and four years of covering its own beat, has more than once touched on the story of the American Irish and their outstanding role in keeping the citizens of the United States of America safe.

But it's only in recent years that we have formally acknowledged what has truly been a cornerstone in the evolution of our democracy, and the building of a society based on a foundation of impartial law and civic order.

For the Irish Echo to honor Irish-born and Irish American men and women serving in law enforcement and the prosecution of the law is a most appropriate and natural thing to do.

And we are very proud to have been doing it for thirteen years by way of the Law & Order Awards, and indeed all our 94 years whenever an appropriate story arose.

In recent years we have been especially proud to be honoring the prominent and expanding role of women in the law and order community.

A thirteen year anniversary gathering at Rosie O'Grady's is but our latest salute.

Our first Law and Order list was compiled in 2009 and was headed by then NYPD Commissioner Ray



Kelly.

That first grouping was presented as a list of honorees in a special issue of the paper. There was no actual awards event that year.

But there would be one the following year when an inaugural formal gathering would allow honorees from all over the United States to meet, mingle, and compare their experiences. And they did so at a reception hosted by the Irish Consulate in Manhattan.

Dublin-born John Timoney, who had served at the very top level of policing in New York, Philadelphia and Miami, was a chief honoree that year.

We lost John in 2016 but his service to three great cities, and his adopted country, is now enshrined in the great Irish American law and order story.

At the 2017 awards we also saluted the dedication, courage and legacy of Detective Steven McDonald. Steven, too, will be forever remembered for his courage, dignity and grace, and at that 2017 gathering we were honored to present an award to Steven's son, Sergeant Conor McDonald.

In 2011, the Consulate again played host to the awards and Yonkers Police Chief Ed Hartnett was a chief honoree. After two years, the Law and Order listing, and the reception now attached to it, was attracting a growing level of interest from around the country.

The 2012 awards reception was scheduled for the fall of that year.



But Superstorm Sandy had other ideas.

So the 2012 Law and Order Awards gathering was held in the first month of 2013. This would be a full dinner affair at Rosie O'Grady's, and New Rochelle Police Chief Patrick Carroll would be a chief honoree.

The new placing on the calendar would be maintained and the awards event held in the early days of 2014 would return to Rosie O'Grady's where all in attendance cheered the first woman top honoree, Deputy Chief Theresa Tobin of the NYPD.

2015 saw a top honor being bestowed on NYPD PBA President Pat Lynch, who later in the year went on to win re-election to his leadership position.

In 2016, Law and Order reached a milestone in that chief honoree, Bernie McCormack, became the first federal law enforcement officer to win the accolade.

In 2017, we presented a Lifetime Achievement Award to Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Callahan of the New Jersey State Police. Callahan would soon command the force by virtue of being promoted to superintendent.

A highlight of the 2017 awards

was an address to the gathering by NYPD Commissioner James O'Neill, then in the early days of presiding over a department that would record the lowest annual homicide rate in New York City in modern times. It was again so in 2018.

In 2019, the awards paid particular tribute to women in law enforcement. In 2020, and before pandemic restrictions brought an end to large scale gatherings, honorees included NYPD Commissioner Dermot Shea, a proud son of Irish immigrants. 2021 would see a Covid-induced delayed gathering, held in May and in Rory Dolan's of Yonkers. Now, for 2022, we make a return to Rosie O'Grady's.

All our honorees are recognized not only for their hard work and dedication, but also because they are the present day embodiment of the proud legacy of the Irish in American law enforcement and public safety, a legacy that reaches from the distant past into the boundless future.

Congratulations to all our honorees over the past thirteen years and a special salute to this year's 22 honorees drawn from nine different departments and forces.

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## IRISH LAW & ORDER LEADER OF THE YEAR - 2022 – THOMAS MUNGEER –

**Place of Birth:** Liberty, NY

**Where you live:** Liberty, NY

**Job Title and Description:** New York State Trooper since Sept. 27, 1993; President - NYS Troopers PBA since Aug. 1, 2009; Chairman - National Troopers Coalition since 2021.

**Why I chose this career:** I joined the NYS Police to be part of the one of the most prestigious law enforcement agencies in the country and nothing is more satisfying to now be able to further the working conditions and benefits of the men and women of this great organization.

**The proudest moment of my career:** Helping make the NYS Troopers the highest paid Troopers in the entire country

**I celebrate my Irish heritage by:** My dad's grandmother was a Regan from Co. Cork and my mom is a Halloran from Co. Galway. I have tirelessly researched my ancestors so that their hard work and sacrifices will not be forgotten.

**What would people would be surprised to know about me....** I have written a book about the formation of the New York State Police - The First State Troopers, A History of the New York State Troopers - and the men that formed the original contingent of Troopers.

Thomas H. Mungeer joined the New York State Police in 1993. After graduating from the State Police Academy, Mungeer was assigned to Troop F in the lower Hudson Valley first to SP Wurtsboro and then SP Liberty. In 1998, Mungeer was one of a select number of Troopers hand-picked for a special, anti-organized crime detail at the Jacob Javits Center in New York City at the request of then-Gov. George Pataki.

Mungeer worked on that detail for four years, including during the 9/11



attack and clean-up before returning to SP Liberty, where he was assigned to the Highway Task Force. In 2003, Mungeer was elected as the PBA delegate for Troop F and subsequently was elected, in a series of statewide elections, to First Vice President in 2006 and President in 2009, a position he currently holds. In addition, he is currently the Chairman of the National Troopers Coalition, Chairman of the Northeast Regional Troopers Coalition,

Co-Chairman of the New York State Public Employees Conference, Second Vice President of the Police Conference of New York and serves as an Area Vice President with the National Association of Police Organizations and is active with a number of statewide police and public employee organizations. Mungeer has a bachelor's degree in finance from Ithaca College. He is the parent of four children and lives in Sullivan County.



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## LAURA O'SULLIVAN

**Place of Birth:** San Francisco, California

**Where you live:** Wilmington, Delaware

**Job Title and Description:** Captain, Special Operations Section Commander

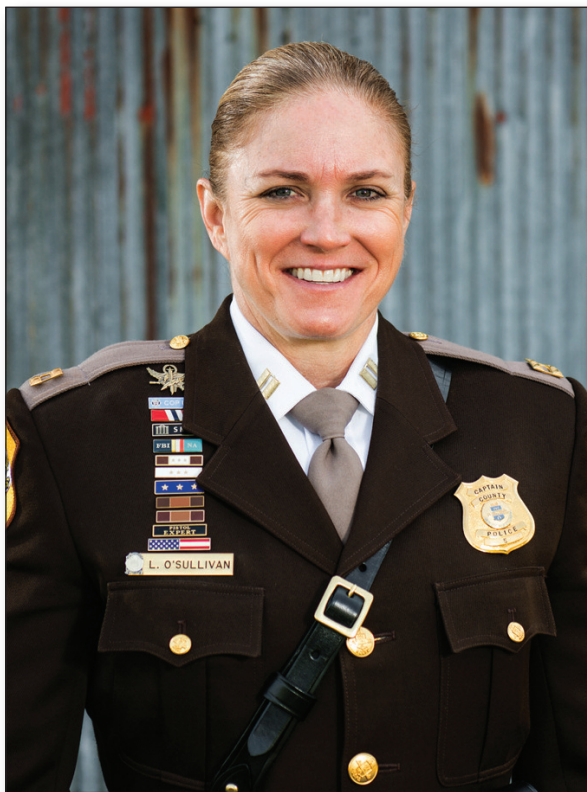
In my position, I oversee two lieutenants and 13 sergeants. The units I command are SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics Team), CNT (Crisis Negotiations Team), EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team), MFF (Mobile Field Force), UAS (Unmanned Aircraft Systems Team), POTUS detail- (Presidential Security Liaison/ US Secret Service), MET (Mobile Enforcement Teams), DCS (Drug Control Squad), Safe Streets (P & P team) the Motor Unit, MPU (Mounted Patrol Unit), CSU (Community Services Unit) and TSU (Traffic Services Unit). Special Ops respond to all crisis complaints calling for specially trained officers and support all other tactical and vice operations. We also do a lot of Community Outreach through events during the year and also work with kids at the Police Athletic League. Due to the fact that President Biden lives in our jurisdiction, our teams have an integral part in the protection at his residence or when he is attending events locally.

**Why I chose this career:** I have wanted to be a police officer all of my life but made my decision when I was in 5th grade. I attended a career day with a local department, joined the police explorers when I was in high school, studied Criminal Justice in college and immediately after attended the police academy for my department. I loved watching police shows on tv while I was growing up and saw many women in the profession like in TJ Hooker, Cagney and Lacey, Charlies Angels and others.

The thought of working in a career where you could make a difference in people's lives by helping them in some of their scariest and toughest moments was a draw for me. In addition, every day brings a different situation and a new challenge out on the streets rather than sitting behind a desk doing the same thing day after day.

Policing was glamorized as a heroic and honorable career, and I still believe that policing is a noble profession today. There is no doubt that being a police officer is my calling. I have no regrets and would do it all again tomorrow.

**The proudest moment of my career:** This is difficult because I have had so many proud moments in my career. However, I would have to say training for, trying out and becoming the first female SWAT officer on my department was a huge achievement. I was a member on our team for almost 11 years and my last 5 years I was a team leader. We safely executed so many incredible missions due to



our training and cohesion as a team. I only stepped down from the team due to a promotion to Lt.

Just about 4 1/2 years ago, I returned to oversee the team as the Commander of Special Operations to include the SWAT team. There is a mutual respect between myself and all of the team members, especially due to my prior involvement, as well as my knowledge and confidence in the team. There has not been any other female operators on our team since I left, as the physical exercises, stress shoot and drills during tryouts are very demanding. There has only been one other female in the State of Delaware on a SWAT team and that was with the state police several decades ago.

This past year has been our busiest year ever with planned search warrant executions, call outs for armed barricades, protests and presidential protection.

**I celebrate my Irish heritage by:** I have always been proud to be an Irish American. My mother was born in County Cork, Ireland and took us to Ireland numerous times as I was growing up to visit all of our relatives. When I was younger, my sister and I marched in the NYC parade on St. Patrick's Day with the Ancient Order of Hibernians. I have read and studied about Irish history and culture and studied abroad in 2002 while getting my graduate degree.

I have continued that education through the College of Policing and studied across the United Kingdom.

I'm a proud Irish woman who embraces the Irish culture, traditional meals and Irish whiskey by supporting our local Irish restaurants and bars.

I also support our local departments Pipes and Drums bands and attend our St Patrick Day parades.

**What would people would be surprised to know about me....** Most of my colleagues know me as a competitive athlete, soccer player, cyclist, golfer, hiker, bodybuilder and a tough SWAT operator.

While fitness is essential for the job and stress relief, many people would be surprised to know how often I turn to landscape design and gardening for relaxation. Digging in the dirt and planting flowers and trees brings me peace and satisfaction.

Captain O'Sullivan grew up in Toms River, NJ and attended TR High School North. She earned her BS in Criminal Justice from West Chester University and later earned her Graduate degree in Administration of Justice from Wilmington University. Captain O'Sullivan started her career with an internship with the Ocean City Md Police Department in the summer of 1992 as an undercover drug detective. Upon completion, she began the police academy at the New Castle County Police Department at the age of 22.

She worked as a patrol officer, a detective in drugs and domestic violence, patrol sergeant, drill sergeant at the academy, patrol lieutenant, patrol & chiefs executive officer, patrol captain, professional development unit captain and special operations commander. Throughout her career, Captain O'Sullivan has also been involved with honor guard, SWAT team, bike patrol unit and recruitment. She has received numerous trainings and departmental awards throughout her career.

Captain O'Sullivan has attended several leadership schools to include the IACP Leadership in Police Organizations, the FBI National Academy #238, and the Senior Management Institute of Police in Boston Massachusetts #61.

She has served on the executive board for the Md/De FBINA Chapter for 5 years and is also a lifetime member of the Mid Atlantic Association of Women in Law Enforcement and served as the Vice President for 4 years. Captain O'Sullivan has been teaching as an adjunct professor for Wilmington University since 2003 in numerous criminal justice courses in the classroom and online.

When Captain O'Sullivan is not at work, she spends time working out, hiking, golfing, cycling, landscaping, doing home renovations, traveling with friends or playing with her rescue dog, Jetson.

## KEVIN BYRNES

**Place of Birth:** Brooklyn, New York

**Where you live:** Staten Island, New York

**Job Title and Description:** Lieutenant Commanding officer, Staten Island Robbery Squad

**Why I chose this career:** When I was in High School I remember being at a Sav-On drug store (of all places) picking up a prescription, while I was on line to check out a man entered the store and began yelling at a woman and trying to drag her out of the store. An of duty Police Officer was in the store and intervened holding the man until uniformed officers arrived. To this day I think about the fact that those officers saved that woman from, at the least, some sort of assault and God knows maybe worse. I wanted to be able to help people like that.

**The proudest moment of my career:** It's difficult to pick one moment. I'm been proud just about every day I've been a Police Officer, with few exceptions. Speaking as a supervisor I'm always proud to see someone that I supervise or someone that I have worked with or supervised in the past succeed in the Department. Whether through promotion or a notable achievement it's nice to think I may have had a small part in that success.

**I celebrate my Irish heritage by:** I try to continue to instill in my children our Irish heritage as it was instilled in me by both my parents and grandparents. It's



something that was always present in my home growing up and my home now, the music and the television shows as well as the news from Ireland. We speak about our relatives both here and in Ireland as well, how they make a living how they grew up, when and why some of them came to America. All simple things. I think it's fair to say we live our heritage every day.

**What would people would be surprised to know about me....** I like dogs much more than I like cats.

Kevin was born in Brooklyn Hospital in November 1971 and brought to Staten Island as a new born. He grew up in the Westerleigh neighborhood of Staten Island and attended Public School through the 8th grade. Kevin attended Monsignor Farrell High School at a time when the Irish Christian Brothers still had great influence throughout N.Y.C. at many high schools. It was a memorable experience for Kevin and he is proud that both of his sons attended Monsignor Farrell. Upon graduation Kevin attended St. John's University earning a B.S. in Marketing. Kevin worked in sales upon graduation from St. John's until being appointed to the New York City Police Department in June of 1995. He was promoted to Sergeant in March of 2001 and to his present rank, Lieutenant, in December of 2006. Kevin has been married to his wife Kari for 19 years and they have three children: Thomas, Aidan and Rachel. He is currently the President of the N.Y.P.D. Emerald Society and a proud Marine Corps veteran.



**“Congratulations to Thomas H. Mungeer  
on receiving the Irish Law and Order Award for his work  
as the President of the NYS Troopers PBA. We are very  
proud of your work in law enforcement”**

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## SCOTT GRIFFITH

**Place of Birth:** Yonkers, NY

**Where you live:** Ossining, NY

**Job Title and Description:** Yonkers Police Detective detailed to the FBI Safe Streets Task Force (C-26) in Westchester County, NY. Member of the Yonkers Police Crisis Negotiation Team and Arson Investigation Unit.

**Why I chose this career:** From a young age, I was interested in a career in Law Enforcement. When I was selected to join the Yonkers Police Department after taking the written exam, I began what has been one of the most rewarding, challenging and inspiring careers I could have hoped for. It has been an honor to serve and protect the residents of Yonkers, a city where I was born and raised.

**The proudest moment of my career:** During my time as a Major Case Detective, I investigated numerous cases where violent crimes were committed. In every case, I worked my hardest to investigate the crimes and apprehend the perpetrators. It is my hope that in doing so, I was able to bring some sense of closure and healing to the families affected.

**I celebrate my Irish heritage by:** I have been a member of the Police Emerald Society of Westchester for over 20 years and currently serve as the Vice-President. Throughout my years in law enforcement, I have also proudly marched many times in various Saint Patrick's Day parades including in New York City, Yonkers, White Plains, Sleepy Hollow and Boston.

**What would people would be surprised to know about me....** I am a Volunteer Firefighter and Fire Investigator with the Village of Ossining Fire Department in Ossining, NY.

Scott Griffith was born and raised in Yonkers, NY where he resided with his parents, Patricia and Earl Griffith, sister, Lori Griffith, and brother, Thomas Griffith. Scott's ancestry traces back to counties Kerry and Dublin, Ireland. Scott Griffith is a 22 year member of the Yonkers



Police Department. Having begun his career as an officer on patrol in the 4th Precinct, Scott later achieved an appointment to Detective in 2008 and spent ten years assigned to the Major Case Unit. In 2017, he transferred to the Intelligence Unit. In 2020, Scott was assigned to the FBI Safe Streets Task Force (C-26) in Westchester County, NY which is his current assignment.

In 2003, Scott moved to Ossining, NY, where he became a volunteer firefighter and fire investigator. Scott is a long-time member of the Yonkers Police Benevolent Association and is the current Sergeant at Arms. He is the current Vice-President of the Police Emerald Society of Westchester, NY, and the current Vice-President of the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 9, Westchester, NY. He has been the recipient of numerous awards for his community service and professional accomplishments, including having served as an Aide to the Grand Marshal in the 2014 Saint Patrick's Day Parade on McLean Avenue. Scott's most proud accomplishments are his two beautiful daughters, Maryellen, 17 years old, and Molly Grace, six months old.

## WILLIAM MORRISSEY

**Place of Birth:** The Bronx, NY

**Where you live:** Lynbrook, NY

**Job Title and Description:** Sergeant Patrol Boro Brooklyn South. Brooklyn South Director, Sergeants Benevolent Association.

**Why I chose this career:** I was a senior in high school when the first World Trade Center bombing occurred in 1993. At that point, I knew I wanted a career in law enforcement.

**The proudest moment of my career:** Being part of the rescue and recovery effort at Ground Zero.

**I celebrate my Irish heritage by:** being a member of the NYPD Emerald Society. I also introduce my children to our Irish heritage by playing Irish music, displaying Irish decor in our home and sharing the stories of my grandfather, who immigrated from Ireland.

**What would people would be surprised to know about me....** I like landscaping.

Sgt. Morrissey's grandfather was from Cobh, County Cork. Sgt. Morrissey was born in the Bronx and raised in Pennsylvania. Sgt. Morrissey graduated from Fordham University with a Bachelor Degree in Middle East Studies. Sgt. Morrissey joined the NYPD in March 2000 and was assigned to the 9th Precinct in the East Village of Manhattan. In November 2010, Sgt. Morrissey was promoted to Sergeant and was assigned to the 67 Precinct in East Flatbush, Brooklyn. In February 2017, Sgt. Morrissey became the Brooklyn South Director for the SBA. In July 2020, Sgt. Morrissey was assigned to Patrol Boro Brooklyn South. Sgt. Morrissey lives in Lynbrook, Long Island with his wife, Heather and 4 children: Jameson, Christopher, Maeve and Conall.



## SEAN COLLINS

**Place of Birth:** West Point, NY

**Where you live:** Brooklyn, NY

**Job Title and Description:** NYPD Lieutenant Commander Detective Commanding Officer of the Brooklyn South Homicide Squad

**Why I chose this career:** I chose a career in law enforcement in order to serve my local community and the city that I love. I knew it was a career that I could be proud of and one that would make my family proud as well. I wanted to be able to help people and protect the vulnerable.

**The proudest moment of my career:** The proudest moment of my career so far, was being assigned as the Commanding Officer of Brooklyn South Homicide Squad - which is a culmination of my dedication and years of service,

**I celebrate my Irish heritage by:** Growing up I played Gaelic football and I've always been interested in Irish history and my heritage. I'm a fan of live Irish music and proud to be an active member of the NYPD Emerald Society. I look forward to taking my twins to Ireland in the near future .



**What would people would be surprised to know about me....** I am learning to play the guitar and enjoy doing the NY Times crossword puzzles.

Sean Collins was born in West Point, NY to parents James & Catherine Collins. He spent his childhood growing up in Sunset Park Brooklyn, with his parents and his younger brother Gerard, also a Police Officer with the NYPD. Sean graduated from Xavier High School and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Sean is currently a NYPD Commanding Officer of the Brooklyn South Homicide Squad. After joining the NYPD in 2003, he was promoted to Sergeant in 2008, Lieutenant in 2013, and most recently Lieutenant Commander Detective in 2018. Sean has been in the Detective Bureau since 2014 and has previously been the Commanding Officer of the 60th, 61st and 70th Detective Squads. During his career, Sean has also been assigned to the 9th, 67th and 70th precincts as well as the Counter Terrorism Bureau.

Sean is married to his lovely wife, Jaclyn, also a Lieutenant with the NYPD, and currently lives in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn with his two new twin boys, Kieran & Brody.





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## ROBERT ELLIS

**Place of Birth:** New York, NY

**Where you live:** Whitestone Queens

**Job Title and Description:** Captain, New York City Department of Correction. Assigned to the United States Marshals Regional Fugitive Taskforce. Parent command is the Office of the Inspector General (DOI) for the Department of Correction. Also a member of the ATF/NYPD Joint Robbery Taskforce (SPARTA) Group V.

**Why I chose this career:** I took many civil service tests when I was younger and the Department of Correction was the first agency to call me. I also had family members in the department. Once hired and assigned I found that I enjoyed the work and also realized that the agency never received the credit it deserved. I felt I could make a difference and decided to make a career out of it.

**The proudest moment of my career:** One of the proudest moments of my career was getting promoted to Captain. Next would

have to be being assigned to the United States Marshals Regional Fugitive Taskforce and being deputized a Special Deputy US Marshal.

**I celebrate my Irish heritage by:** being involved with the NYC Correction Emerald Society. Celebrating on St. Patrick's day and teaching my children about their Irish grandparents and ancestors.

**What would people would be surprised to know about me....** That my maternal grandmother was born in Italy.

Robert Francis Ellis was born in Manhattan and raised in the Jackson Heights section of Queens. He attended public school from grades K-5 and transferred to St. Joan of Arc Catholic school for junior high school. After graduating St. Joan of Arc school, Robert attended LaSalle Catholic High School in lower Manhattan. After graduating LaSalle, Robert attended CUNY John Jay college in Manhattan. In April 1999, Robert entered the New York City Correction Academy. after graduating the academy he was assigned to the Otis

Bantam Correctional Center (OBCC) on Rikers Island. In January 2006, Robert was promoted to the rank of Captain. He was then assigned to the North Infirmary Command (NIC) also on Rikers Island. In late 2008, Robert was transferred to the Gang Intelligence Unit. While in the Gang Unit he was involved in hundreds of investigations involving violence within the DOC.

While assigned to the Gang Unit he was also temporally assigned to the NYPD Intelligence Division and Gang Unit. In 2014, Robert was asked to work in the Inspector Generals Unit at the Department of Investigation (DOI). While assigned to the unit he has been involved in dozens of investigations to root out corruption within the department. In 2015 he was also assigned as a Task Force Officer in the United States Marshals Regional Fugitive Taskforce. he continues to serve as a TFO with the US Marshals and also assists the ATF/NYPD joint robbery taskforce known as SPARTA. In 2021, Robert was picked to march in the shortened St. Patrick's day parade from the 69th regiment armory to St. Patrick's Cathedral.



Robert F. Ellis  
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## STEPHEN URBANSKI

**Place of Birth:** Staten Island, N.Y.

**Where you live:** Toms River, N.J.

**Job Title and Description:** New Jersey State Trooper-Lieutenant in the Police Internet Crimes Against Children(ICAC) Task Force/ICAC Task for Commander for the State of New Jersey.

The description of this title in short is to Investigate technology that facilitates child sexual exploitation and Internet crimes against children. I command a large task force made up of over 200 members. Our goal is to protect children and bring to justice offenders of a despicable nature that target children via the internet.

**Why I chose this career:** Since I was a child all I ever wanted to be was a police officer. I grew up around a family that had embraced law enforcement careers. I also grew up in a low income area where crime was high and a police presence was felt. There was a big push for community policing then and I was able to get know a few NYPD officers in my community. Their diligence, kindness and love of the job made me an impression on me and that was the moment I knew what I wanted to do.

**The proudest moment of my career:** The best moment of my career thus far is when I solved a cold case of a little girl that was murdered in Harlem, New York and her body was dumped off the New Jersey turnpike in a wooded area by Great Adventure. This case was featured on America's Most Wanted and was solved. This case was recognized within the N.J.S.P and I was honored with 2 high honor awards. Although the awards were a proud moment for me, the closure that the family gained was the most rewarding part of my career. I am still in contact with the sister of that little girl. To me, this is the proudest moment I have accomplished I cannot describe the feeling that you get when you bring a family closure, when you see the peace they receive from finally knowing what happened.

**I celebrate my Irish heritage by:** I celebrate my Irish heritage by making sure my children know where their ancestors are from. We try to go to any Irish Cultural events as much as possible. My main goal upon retirement will be to bring my entire family to Ireland so we can see the land of our origin.

**What would people would be surprised to know about me....** The one thing that really no one outside my close family knows and people would be surprised to know is

that I love to cook. I create new recipes all the time for my family, I cook all our holiday meals and try to incorporate some of the old family favorites into my weekly menu.

Steve was born in Staten Island New York, the youngest of 3 children. He had a few setbacks medically as he grew up. A major corrective surgery at 16 and was determined to recover so that he would be able to pursue his dream of being a police officer.

In June of 1996 at the age of 24, three months before he was to be married he suffered the devastating loss of his father. Steve's father John was his biggest fan, he supported him in his law enforcement endeavors and he helped in all the planning of his upcoming wedding. Steve married his soul mate Melissa in September of 1996 and they went on a new journey in the state of West Virginia where he became a small town police officer (55 Officers). By the age of 27, Steve and Melissa had 2 children a girl and boy who made their lives complete. Steve's career in West Virginia was going great, he won



multiple awards for his work within the community and was at the top of his career. It was then we he decided that he wanted more than just a small town life, with the help of his wife Melissa they went on a journey to find a bigger and brighter future in the state of New Jersey.

At the age of 29, Steve went on to graduate from the New Jersey State Police and became a Trooper. As time went on Steve, moved up the ranks within the NJSP, within each unit he worked he continued to learn, achieve and move forward. At the age of 33, Steve and his family welcomed another addition to their family a little girl. He had been moved over to the Missing Persons Unit where he would stay for over a decade. He was on the the Hostage Negotiations Unit since 2008, and he was active in the union. He has since risen to become Vice President. Everything seemingly going according to plan for Steve and his family, his work, family and health were more than he could of hoped for.

The time had flown by and Steve kept moving up in rank, making it to Detective Sergeant First Class in the Missing Persons Unit by the time he was 42, then he received a devastating blow. As he returned from Florida working a case he had numbness in his face and mouth prompting a visit to his family doctor. An MRI confirmed that there was a brain tumor on the right side of his brain just behind his ear. Since life threatening it had to be removed within weeks of finding it. The removal of this tumor took the hearing in his right ear and he was now single sided deaf. A crushing blow for most people yes, but for Steve a moment that made him more aware of how precious his family and friends were. A moment where he began to appreciate all the good in the world. He faced this challenge like he did everything else head on. With some therapy and some help of hearing devices he got his career back on track.

By age 47 he became the Lieutenant in the Missing Persons Unit which he stayed in that unit until 2020 where he decided to move over to the Internet Crimes Against Children Task force. Steve is very close with his 3 children, 2 are now in college and one a sophomore in high school. His son joined the Army and is a combat medic. He is seeking to become a doctor and help people like his father. His oldest daughter has gotten engaged and he is looking forward to walking her down the aisle. Although life has no always gone according to Steve's plan he has always made the best of what he had and will always be appreciative of the short time we are granted here on earth.





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## PATRICK RYDER

**Place of Birth:** Rockville Center. Long Island

**Where you live:** Wantagh NY, Long Island

**Job Title and Description:** Nassau County Police Commissioner. I am in charge of the 12th largest Police Department in the Country, 2500 sworn and 1300 civilian employees. We have been voted the safest County in America for 2019 and 2020.

**Why I chose this career:** My parents immigrated to the country from Dublin, Ireland, and my father pushed Civil Service. I met a cop at a young age, while i was working a summer job in the department of public works, and i was so impressed that all i wanted was to be a cop!

**The proudest moment of my career:** The day i got to swear in my Son as a Nassau County Cop in our new first ever Police Academy

**I celebrate my Irish heritage by:** St Paddy's day in my house was always considered a religious Holiday! We attended Catholic school but we never went to school on that day. I have marched in every Saint Paddy's day



parade since being sworn in as a NYPD cop 1984, first parade March 1985.

**What would people would be surprised to know about me....** I am very faithful, i have never given up on my faith even though many events you would ask why, i attend mass by myself and talk to God, asking for the strength to be a good leader and protect my cops.

**P**arents immigrated here in 1956, we grew up in multiple homes between East Rockaway and Lynbrook Long Island. Went to St Raymond's grammar school, Lynbrook high school, Nassau Community College, LIU Masters in Homeland Security and Management, NYPD January 4, 1984 to July 18, 1986 then into NCPD July 86 to current. I complete 38 years on January 4th. Cop, undercover Narco, BSO (SWAT), patrol Sgt, Det. Sgt., Deputy CO of Asset and Intel, then CO of asset and Intel, Deputy Commissioner January 2017, Acting commissioner 6 months later, then confirmed Commissioner February 2018 to present. Married 32 years, Wife Jill and three children, Sean Liam and Meghan.

## PAULINE WELLS

**Place of Birth:** Boston, MA

**Where you live:** Milton, Ma

**Job Title and Description:** Deputy Superintendent, Commanding Officer of the Administrative Services Division. Presently, I oversee all administrative personnel and assignments to include, Licensing and Records, Special Events, Court Prosecution, Fleet procurement, Property and Evidence, and logistics, acquisitions and preparedness surrounding the Department's COVID-19 response.

**Why I chose this career:** My younger sister, Ann, joined the police department 4 years prior to me. My brother served in the fire department for over 30 years. My sister pushed me in the law enforcement direction. I decided to take the exam, scored 100, a year later I entered the academy, and never looked back....

**The proudest moment of my career:** As a Detective Sergeant in 2007, I was oversaw the investigation, arrest and prosecution of a serial rapist who had been plaguing the Boston/Cambridge area posing as a livery driver outside local nightspots. I cherish the personal relationships made during that time to this day.

**I celebrate my Irish heritage by:** I am proud to be what's called a two-tripper. My father emigrated from Newfoundland to America after serving in WWII. His family emigrated from Ireland to Newfoundland generations before. I have traveled to Ireland 15 times and cherish the culture, heritage and the Irish people. Never did I expect to become a singer of Irish music. My daughter Molly who is 17, has danced Irish step since age 4. We love the local Feis competitions and the New England Oireachtas which she competes in each November.

**What would people would be surprised to know about me....** That I DO NOT cook,

but I like to eat!

**P**auline Wells, Deputy Superintendent Cambridge MA Police Department. Pauline Wells was born in Boston and grew up in North Cambridge Massachusetts, in the same neighborhood as the legendary Irish American Speaker of the House Thomas "Tip" O'Neill.

For 29 years, Pauline has served with the Cambridge Police Department. where she currently holds the rank of Deputy Superintendent. Her career has afforded her a broad spectrum of assignments from Patrol and Criminal Investigations to Commander of the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Units. She cherishes the police profession and the experiences she has shared, especially with victims of serious personal crime.

Deputy Superintendent Wells holds a B.A. from the University of Massachusetts, and a Master's Degree from Anna Maria College. She is a graduate of the Senior Management Institute for Policing at Boston University, and the National Preparedness Leadership Initiative at Harvard University. Presently, she is assigned as one of twelve American Police leaders to the International Collaboration Master Class working with twelve Scottish Police leaders. This program is sponsored by Police Executive Research Forum in Washington and Police Scotland. The focus group permits both US and UK participants the opportunity to collaborate relative to current policing trends with the aim of bolstering public trust and confidence. Deputy Supt. Wells will travel to Scotland in May of 2022 with her American counterparts. Pauline is very active in charitable and community causes. She has competed every August for the past 17 years in the 192-mile Pan Mass Challenge, the world's largest charity bike event supporting Cancer Treatment and Research.

In 2001 while on vacation in County Cork Ireland, in an unplanned moment of pure chance, Pauline got up and sang a song while listening to a session in a local pub. Her voice caught the attention of the crowd.

In that same year, shortly after the attacks of September 11th, 2001, Pauline taught herself to sing the National Anthem of the United States. Her rendition has been described by listeners as spirited and pure.

Since her first uniformed performance, Pauline has made well over 1000 public appearances including Judiciary Square at the United States Capital, Faneuil Hall, Gillette Stadium, Boston Garden, Harvard University, the Massachusetts State House, the National Mall in Washington DC and several appearances at Fenway Park for the Boston Red Sox.

As an Irish American, Pauline also performs "The Soldiers Song." This anthem she sings in Gaelic and has performed at dozens of official Irish ceremonies. Since that first song in County Cork, her singing talents have afforded her the ability to the share the stage with several legends of Irish music including Finbar Furey, Foster and Allen, John McDermott and Irish Tenor Ronan Tynan with whom she shares a special bond.

In 2006, Pauline was stricken with Acute Hearing Loss (AHL). This unknown virus caused permanent loss of all hearing in her left ear. While some thought her singing would end, she has persevered.

As a police officer Pauline considers her musical opportunities a great privilege. While many of her performances are memorial services for fallen officers, she has also personally hosted many concerts for charitable and civic groups. She has used her talent to personally raise thousands of dollars for veterans' groups, children with cancer, the homeless, abused children and many other important charities.

One of her most cherished public appearances took place here in New York City, back in 2006 at the Old Town Hall Theater during the NYPD Pipes and Drums Memorial Concert honoring the many victims and first responders killed on September 11th, 2001. She was honored to return to this memorial concert for both the 10th and 15th anniversaries of this fateful attack.

Pauline resides in Milton MA with her husband Richard and daughter Molly.







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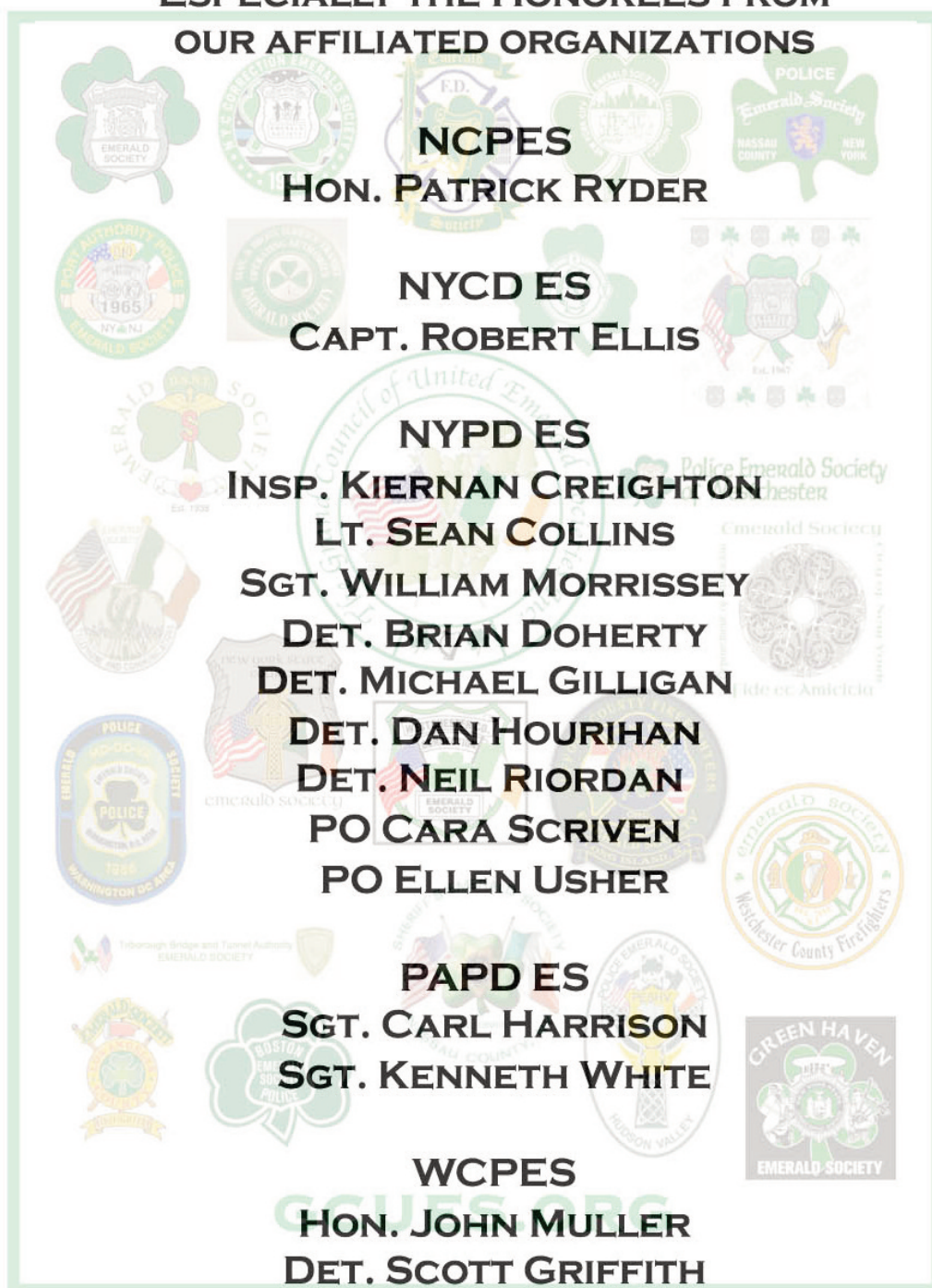
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## NEIL RIORDAN

**Place of Birth:** Washington Heights NY  
**Where you live:** Warwick NY  
**Job Title and Description:** NYPD (retired), Detective 2nd grade  
**Why I chose this career:** I grew up on the streets of NYC and witnessed the good and bad in various situations. I chose this career because I wanted to help the people of NYC and have a challenging career. I loved working out on the streets as oppose to sitting behind a desk. I also knew every day at work would be adventurous and different, no two days would ever be the same. I have no regrets on my 20 year career with the NYPD.  
**The proudest moment of my career:** I have had many very proud moments on the NYPD. My proudest would have to be being promoted to detective in 1992 with my wife, children, and parents all in attendance.  
 I am also proud of the fact I am a first generation police officer in my family and that I have had the same partner, Detective Daniel Hourihan, for my entire 20yr career. We were radio car partners and detectives together and combined we made over 2000 arrest in our career. Im proud of the way we advanced through the NYPD and even more prouder of the many people we helped along the way.

**I celebrate my Irish heritage by:** I grew up in an Irish household with both parents being from Ireland. I celebrated my Irish heritage by attending mass every Sunday and listening to the Irish music radio stations every Sunday as well. I grew up as a child going to the St. Patrick's Day parade faithfully, attending games with my father at Gaelic Park, going to Irish social events at the catholic schools, and traveling to Ireland. As a member of the NYPD I was a proud member of the Emerald Society.  
**What would people would be surprised to know about me....** That I have been retired from law enforcement for 17 years now.  
 Neil Riordan was born 1962 in NYC to his parents Daniel Riordan of Kenmare, Co. Kerry, Ireland and Mary (Daly) Riordan of Ballinamodough, Co. Cork, Ireland. He was the youngest of 5 children Maureen, Helena, Daniel and Catherine all before him. Neil attended St. Elizabeth's catholic school in NYC and graduated from Sacred Heart High School in Yonkers NY. While in high school Neil's brother Danny was filing for the various city tests and always included him in the process. It is Danny who Neil thanks for becoming a police officer and on July 16, 1984 he raised his right hand out in Brooklyn and was sworn into the NYPD. Upon completing his studies in the



academy Neil was assigned to NSU 9 in the Bronx and it is there where he met and worked with another Irish American police officer named Daniel Hourihan. Unbeknownst to them, at the time, this partnership would continue for the next 20 yrs. encompassing their entire careers on the NYPD. After completing his training in NSU 9 Neil was assigned to the 52nd Pct. in the Bronx. In 1986 Neil married his high school sweet heart Kathleen and they

settled into an apartment in Riverdale. They would raise three beautiful daughters Caitlin, Shannon and Casey. The Riordan clan would eventually move north and raise their family in Monroe, New York.  
 He worked 5 years on uniform patrol and was then transferred into the Anti-Crime unit. Neil would work there for the next year and a half where he and his partner took many illegal firearms off the streets. He was then transferred into 52Pct Robbery Investigative Program. While working in the 52 RIP he and his partner solved many robbery patterns and it is here where he was promoted to detective in 1992. Neil was then transferred to the 52Pct detective squad. Together with his partner they solved many homicide cases. In 1996 Neil would leave the 52Pct and work in the Organized Crime Investigation Division. After a year and half Neil and his partner would return to the Bronx Detective Bureau and be assigned to the Bronx Special Victims Squad.  
 Together they solved many sex crimes and rape patterns and in 1999 Neil was promoted to Detective 2nd grade. In 2001 after our nation was viciously attacked Neil worked long hours at ground zero, the Fresh Kills landfill, and the NYC morgue. He was transferred into the FBI/NYPD Joint Terrorism Task Force. It was here where Neil would end his successful career in 2004.

## KIERAN GREIGHTON

**Place of Birth:** Manhattan  
**Where you live:** Rockland County, NY  
**Job Title and Description:** Chief of Manhattan Housing  
**Why I chose this career:** The opportunity to help others and job security  
**The proudest moment of my career:** Recent promotion to Deputy Chief  
**I celebrate my Irish heritage by:** Supporting Irish businesses and events in Rockland County and in New York City  
**What would people would be surprised to know about me....** I pray and meditate everyday

Recently promoted to Deputy Chief/ 30 years in the NYPD. Married to lovely wife Mary and have 2 adult children. 1 sister married to NYPD Lieutenant. Parents both born in Ireland, Father (Leitrim), Mother (Kilkenny). Born in Manhattan, raised in the Bronx, 20 year Rockland County resident



## JOHN MUELLER

**Place of Birth:** Yonkers NY  
**Where you live:** Pleasantville NY  
**Job Title and Description:** Yonkers Police Commissioner. Responsible for the safety, security and quality of life for the more than 210,000 residents that call Yonkers home.  
**Why I chose this career:** I have always loved solving problems and policing is a profession that allows for this each and every day. It is extremely satisfying to be part of solutions to issues that people care about.  
**The proudest moment of my career:** In June of 2020, the United States was rocked by civil unrest in the wake of the death of George Floyd. In some cities, violent protest erupted, causing death, injuries and property damage in the billions of dollars. The City of Yonkers was not immune to the public's desire to protest and we managed a number of protests. The largest, had approximately 1000 participants, who marched throughout Yonkers for almost eight hours. In our work in connecting our community with our police in many years prior, paid off. Despite the large size of the protest, as well as the length of the protest, we had no property damage, no injuries and no arrests. It was my proudest moment, to play a small part and observe the professionalism our police officers, police supervisors and their cooperation and collaboration with our residents who wanted to peaceably protest. At the end of the protest, seeing what was happening around the country, and how the YPD and its community conducted themselves was my proudest moment as a police officer.  
**I celebrate my Irish heritage by:** Listening to Irish music, preferably in a bar setting.  
**What would people would be surprised to know about me....** I am an organic gardener. I raise native plants without chemicals and use other best practice organic approaches to plants.

John Mueller was born and raised in the City of Yonkers, attending Christ the King Grade School and Gorton High School. He was hired by the NYPD in 1992 and began his career in the 28th



Precinct in central Harlem. In 1994, he transferred to the Yonkers PD and began his career as a Yonkers Police Officer. He rose through the ranks, working in many different units and divisions, before being appointed as the 22nd Yonkers Police Commissioner in July of 2019. His policing approach for the YPD centers around a precision policing philosophy as well as the concept that police departments can make communities safe while at the same time feeling secure in how policing is being conducted. John holds a Master's of Science from John Jay College, is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the Police Executive Research Forum and the Center for Homeland Defense and Security's Naval Postgraduate School. He is married for 28 years to his wife Donna and has three sons.



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## KENNETH WHITE

**Place of Birth:** Queens NY

**Where you live:** Franklin Square NY

**Job Title and Description:** Retired Detective Sergeant with the Port Authority of NY&NJ Police Department.

**Why I chose this career:** I always wanted to be a police officer; my dad was a detective with the NYPD, and I always admired him and his job. I was very blessed to follow his in his career footsteps.

**The proudest moment of my career:** Driving Cardinal Dolan from his residence at St. Patrick's Cathedral to JFK Airport to greet the Pope's arrival in NYC.

**I celebrate my Irish heritage by:** Celebrating St. Patrick's Day

365 days a year!

**What would people would be surprised to know about me....** I am a very simple unassuming man.

Ken grew up in Astoria Queens with his brother Raymond, his dad was a NYPD detective, and his mom was a stay-at-home housewife and mother. He attended PS122, JHS 141 and Long Island City High School as well as Queensboro Community College. Ken was hired by the Port Authority in July of 1976 and joined the PA Police in February of 1983. Ken has been married to his wife Rosalie for 30 wonderful years and they have a son Kevin who Ken and Rosalie are extremely proud of. During Ken's career with the Port Authority Police, he held the ranks of Police Officer, Detective, Sergeant and finally Detective Sergeant. Ken retired in January of 2020 after 37 years with the PAPD and a total of 44 years with the Port Authority of NY&NJ.



## MICHAEL GILLIGAN

**Place of Birth:** New Providence, New Jersey

**Where you live:** Westchester, New York

**Job Title and Description:** NYPD Detective, currently assigned to the Financial Crimes Task Force

**Why I chose this career:** I chose a career in Law Enforcement because I wanted to do something to help people and make a difference on a daily basis. I wanted to be part of something bigger than myself. This work has been incredibly interesting and rewarding and no day is like the one before. Being a member of the NYPD has given me the opportunity to be at the forefront of policing on the world's biggest stage and experience true esprit de corps.

**The proudest moment of my career:** I was promoted to Detective on my father's birthday the year after he passed away. My father was always supportive and encouraging of our dreams and wanted nothing more than for my sisters and I to have a good life. It was a welcome reminder that certain things happen

for a reason and I know he and my Mother are proudly watching over our family.

**I celebrate my Irish heritage by:** Reminding myself daily that I am lucky to be Irish-American and making sure that I celebrate Irish culture especially by listening to Irish music. I have traveled to Ireland several times and plan to do so frequently with my family for as long as I'm able to do so.

**What would people would be surprised to know about me....** I am an avid Ice Hockey Player and Surfer. I also have a wonderful dog named Finnegan who has a love for all-things Frisbee.

Michael J. Gilligan was born and raised in New Providence, New Jersey to Irish-American parents, Martin J. Gilligan of Waterbury, Connecticut and Sue Ellen Hickey, of Erie, Pennsylvania. After graduating high school in his hometown, he went on to college and law school and worked as an Attorney for several years before being called to public service in the big city. After years of thrills and excitement, he eventually met his soulmate and settled down in Westchester, NY where he now lives with his wife Kristin and the joy of his life, his newborn son, Gavin.



## BRIAN DOHERTY

**Place of Birth:** New Rochelle, NY

**Where you live:** Throggs Neck, The Bronx

**Job Title and Description:** Detective with the NYPD's Intelligence Bureau's Criminal Investigation Section. I work out of the 52nd precinct which is located in the Norwood/ University Heights neighborhood in the Bronx. My unit is responsible for targeting violent criminals and gang members who have access to illegal firearms. We generate most of our success based off of utilizing information provided by confidential informants and by debriefing prisoners who have been placed under arrest.

**Why I chose this career:** I've always enjoyed talking to people. Before I was a member of the police department I worked in and out of bars and restaurants, among other jobs. My favorite thing about working in restaurants was getting to know all about so many different people from all sorts of different backgrounds. I never had anyone in my life who influenced me to become a cop - it just sort of crept into my mind one day. I remember thinking "being a cop might be pretty cool!"

So I took the police exam just before I turned 21 years old only to find out that the hiring process took a few years. I sort of forgot about it to be honest, but once in a while I would catch myself imagining what it would've been like if getting hired as a cop worked out. Well one day about 4 years after I took the exam, I was working construction and I got a phone call. The person on the other end said "Is this Brian Doherty?" Surely I said "Yes" and they said "If you still want to be a New York City Police Officer make sure you're at Queens college tomorrow at 6AM". I thought about it for a



few minutes and figured if I ever wanted to know what it was like to be a cop this might be my only chance. I quit my job on the spot. As a cop I was able to restructure my love of conversation and focus it on helping people and learning about New York City with a whole new context: making New York City a safer place for everyone.

**The proudest moment of my career:** There are loads of moments that come to mind - far too many to land on just one. I would say that one particular moment really resonated with me however. My partner at the time, Chris Hansen, and I were able to apprehend a gang member who was wanted for shooting someone. At the moment of apprehension we discovered him to be armed with a firearm that happened to be the same gun used in his crime. I didn't think much of it at the time - but a few months later I was getting a cup of coffee and the woman who served me started thanking me over and over again. I was a little confused because we

don't typically get thanked for much out of the blue these days. The woman explained that me and my partner apprehended the person that shot her husband. Her husband and her were a working class, blue collar family from the Bronx who woke up at the crack of dawn every day to provide for their young kids. Sometimes it's easy to forget why we left our previous careers and became cops - I think of this anytime I lose sight of that and I'm proud of the work that the NYPD does every day.

**I celebrate my Irish heritage by:** Anytime I have the opportunity to travel to Ireland and visit my ancestral hometown, I jump. My father's side is from Ballycastle in County Mayo. It's a small town that doesn't appear to have that much going on but to me it is such an important place. I've been there with my dad and my older brother and once with my wife, Kelly, who I credit with really opening my eyes and embracing my Irish heritage. I also have been an active participant in the NYPD's Gaelic Football Club since I was a recruit in the police academy. I love playing Gaelic football for the department and being a part of a club whose motto is "Keeping the heritage alive". Although I've barely skimmed the surface, I am constantly reading about Irish history both here in America and back in Ireland. I even manage to make it out for a traditional music session once in a while these days.

**What would people would be surprised to know about me....** I come from a HUGE family that had zero police officer in it until I was sworn in to the NYPD in 2013 (or so I thought). A bit of a personal story, but my mother was adopted as a baby to the two most amazing parents and grandparents that anyone could wish for. Anyways - when I was entering the police academy, my grandma pulled me aside and told me she had to share something with me. She told

me that my mother's biological grandpa was a New York City Police Officer and that maybe policing was in my blood. Fast forward many years - my mother did one of those ancestry DNA things and long story short she connected with her half-brother, Jeff, who is also a cop in Flagler County, Florida (as well as his daughter, my cousin, Stephanie)! I got interested in family history and I ended up reaching out to my cousin Michael and his daughter Medb in Dublin only to find out that Michael's dad was a member of the An Garda Siochána for over 43 years. Turns out, I'm not the only cop in my family after all and I couldn't be prouder to know that I am carrying on a legacy that spans almost 100 years and an ocean.

Brian Doherty was born on October 1987 and is the second of four boys to Kathy and Daniel Doherty (brothers Danny, Jack, and Christian). He was raised in New Rochelle, NY where he spent most of his childhood outdoors exploring and day-dreaming. He attended Fordham Preparatory High School in the Bronx from 2002 to 2006 where he grew a fondness for track and field, particularly the 800m run. After high school, Brian took courses at Westchester Community College and worked as a bartender, a cell phone salesman, at a ship building yard, in a pizza parlor, and as a union iron worker (local 40) before finally finding a permanent career as a New York City Police Officer in 2013.

He met the love of his life, Kelly, in the summer of 2009 while they both worked at the now closed Molly Spillane's bar and restaurant in Mamaroneck, NY, and they have been happily married since May 9th, 2015. Brian has a son and a daughter, Brian born in 2017 and Siobhan born in 2019. He and Kelly are expecting their 3rd bundle of joy in the spring of 2022.





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## DANIEL HOURIHAN

**Place of Birth:** Bronx, New York

**Where you live:** Westchester County

**Job Title and Description:** Detective 2nd Grade, New York Police Department (Retired)

**Why I chose this career:** To serve and protect the citizens and visitors of New York City. I was looking for a challenging career, with a good salary and benefits. I was raised in a way to respect the rules and laws, to behave, to treat people the way I'd like them to treat me. Looking back I couldn't be happier or prouder of having been a member of the NYPD.

**The proudest moment of my career:** It would be impossible to name just one proud moment in my life or my career. My proudest life moments are the births of my five children, Timothy, Daniel, Kellie, Brianna, and Meghan who is deceased. Some of the proudest moments in my Police Department career would be that I had the same partner, Neil Riordan, for pretty much my entire career. I'm proud that we both retired safely and healthy after an amazing career with the NYPD. I



also had the opportunity to work with and for my brother, Joseph Hourihan, in the 52nd pct and Detective Borough Bronx. I am proud that I was an very active Police Officer and Detective and made a lot of arrests throughout my 20-year career. I truly feel that Neil and myself did great work together and hopefully we made NYC

a safer place while we were with the NYPD.

**I celebrate my Irish heritage by:** I celebrated my Irish heritage growing up by playing Irish Football with the Fordham Irish American Club, who eventually became the NY Celtics Football Club, and I also took Irish step dancing lessons from Anna O'Sullivan and Donny Golden and competed here in North America and Ireland. I continue to listen to Irish music and follow both football and hurling when I can.

**What would people would be surprised to know about me....** People would probably be surprised that I have been retired for almost 18 years from the NYPD.

**D**an was born and raised on Walton Ave in the Bronx and attended St Simon Stock grammar school and when the family moved to Putnam County in the late seventies, he graduated from Carmel High School. His parents, Daniel and Sheila Hourihan are from Baurgorm Cross, Bantry, County Cork. They emigrated to the United States in the 1950's. He is the fourth of six (6) children having three (3) sisters and two (2)

brothers all of whom participated in Irish Dance, Music and Sport while growing up.

In July of 1984 he entered the NYPD Police Academy and upon graduating was assigned to field training at NSU-9. Upon completion of Field Training, he was assigned to the 52nd pct. While assigned to the 52nd Pct he worked both in uniform and eventually the plainclothes Anti-Crime Unit where he and Neil Riordan were responsible for taking numerous illegal firearms off of the streets. He was then assigned to the 52 Pct Robbery Unit where he received his promotion to Detective in 1992. During his career as a Detective, he was assigned to the 52nd Pct Detective Squad, the Organized Crime Investigation Division (OCID) and the Bronx Special Victims Squad where he received his promotion to Detective 2nd Grade. After the terror attacks on our country on September 11, 2001 he was transferred to the FBI/NYPD Joint Terrorism Task Force where he remained until his retirement in 2004.

After his retirement Dan has worked as an investigator at Merrill Lynch, Prudential and is currently a Senior Investigator at Bank of New York Mellon. I'm happy engaged to my fiancé Bernadette Moriarty.

## JAY HART

**Place of Birth:** Torrance, California

**Where you live:** Torrance, California

**Job Title and Description:** Chief of Police: Chief Hart leads 350 public safety professionals focused on preserving public safety and quality of life within the City of Torrance The City of Torrance is the eighth-largest city in Los Angeles County, is situated in a region of Southern California known as the South Bay. This city of over 146,000 residents, with a peak daytime population that grows to 250,000 or more, spans an area of almost 22 square miles including 1 mile of beach.

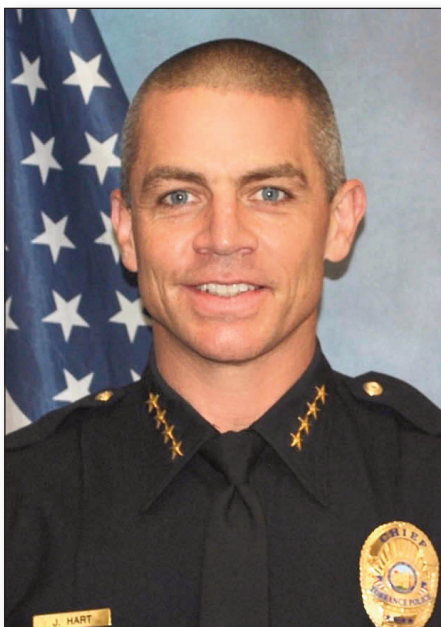
**Why I chose this career:** I was raised in a family focused on building community and service to others. So pursuing a career in public safety was a natural transition perfectly aligned with my core values and family traditions.

**The proudest moment of my career:** Being selected as the Chief of Police and the opportunity to lead the men and women of Torrance PD was one of the

proudest moments of my career. Irish-Americans have a storied legacy as police officers in America. Serving in the top position brings credit to all those who have gone before us and speaks volumes about our great Irish heritage!

**I celebrate my Irish heritage by:** I celebrate my Irish heritage in many different ways. I'm an active member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. I enjoy playing traditional Irish music and sharing our songs and stories with other people during local sessions. As a subscriber to the Irish Echo, I stay connected and current with issues impacting the US and Ireland. My wife, Gillian, and I have also made frequent trips to Ireland to ensure our children were raised with a good understanding of our great Irish heritage.

**What would people would be surprised to know about me....** Many people are surprised that in addition to playing traditional Irish music, I also enjoy painting and drawing Irish art from landscapes to intricate knotwork and images celebrating Irish freedom.

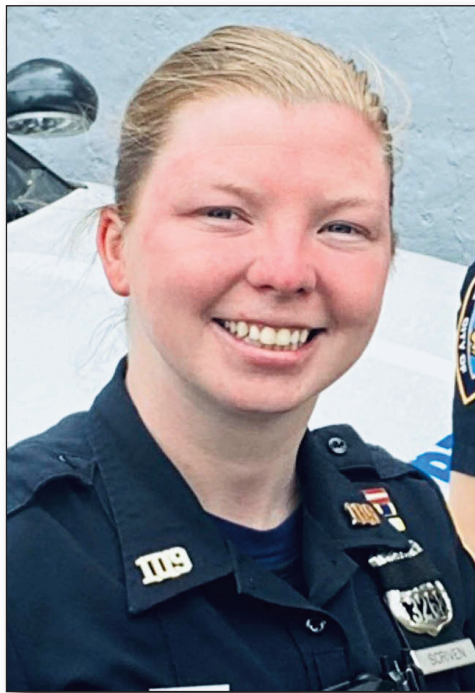


**C**hief Jay Hart was born and raised in the City of Torrance. After graduating from Torrance High School, he joined the United States Marine

Corps. Chief Hart was responsible for conducting threat assessments and site security as a member of the United States Marine Corps Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team. After several operational deployments, he served with Marine Corps Special Operations, 2nd Force Reconnaissance Company.

Chief Hart began his public safety career when he joined the Pasadena Police Department. He later transferred to the Torrance Police Department to serve and give back to his hometown. Since joining the Torrance Police Department, he has held various assignments such as Patrol, Motors, Police Academy Instructor, Field Training Officer, Research and Training, Public Information Officer, Personnel, Firearms/Use of Force Instructor, Crisis Negotiations, and SWAT Commander.

Chief Hart holds a Bachelor's Degree in Applied Studies-Communications from California State University, Dominguez Hills, and a Master's Degree, in Homeland Security and Defense from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California.



## CARA SCRIVEN

**Place of Birth:** Belle Harbor NY

**Where you live:** Stony Brook Long Island

**Job Title and Description:** NYPD Police Officer

**Why I chose this career:** I have always wanted to help and protect people.

**The proudest moment of my career:** My proudest moment of my career so far would be performing CPR on a female who was just strangled by her boyfriend. She was not conscious, breathing and had no pulse. Me and other officers performed CPR until EMTs arrived on scene and we were able to bring her back. She was taken to the hospital and made a full recovery.

**I celebrate my Irish heritage by:** I celebrate my Irish heritage every year. I have marched in the NYC St. Patrick's Day parade every year since I was two years old. I have either marched with the Bronx Gaelic League, Iona College pipes and drums or now with the Kerry Pipes and Drum band. Every year my family celebrates St. Stevens day on December 26th. We celebrate with traditional Irish music, dance, and language reciting poems or prayers in Gaelic. We also go up to the Catskills once or twice a year all gather together as a family and play Irish

music and traditional Irish dance. I have been playing the bagpipes since I was about 14 years old. I started playing out on Long Island with Thomas O'Shaughnessy Pipe Band and then went on to play with Iona College pipe band and now Kerry Pipes and drum band. I have had Irish culture instilled in me from a young age, my Grandmother Mary Holt Moore made sure me and my entire family knew what it meant to be Irish and keep tradition and the culture alive.

**C**ara Scriven was born June 1992 in Belle Harbor NY, where she lived till 2001, when her and her family moved to Stony Brook NY. She attended Ward Melville High School and graduated 2010. She then went on to Iona College where she studied Criminal Justice. She played in the Iona College pipe band and was on the Iona crew team. She graduated Iona college in 2014. In January of 2016 she was called to attend the NYPD police academy. After graduating the Police Academy in July 2016 she worked at the 109 Precinct in flushing NY. She is a member of the NYPD Emerald Society and NYPD Holy Name Society. In June 2021-October 2021 she was assigned to the NYPD harbor summer detail. She is currently still at the 109 precinct in flushing NY as a steady sector patrol.



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## ELLEN USHER

**Place of Birth:** Yonkers, NY

**Where you live:** Hastings-on-Hudson

**Job Title and Description:** NYPD Police Officer. Patrol in 32nd Precinct

**Why I chose this career:** I come from a law enforcement family, so I knew it would be a great career choice.

**The proudest moment of my career:** Volunteering with the NYPD Holy Name Society at the Special Olympics. Being able to put the medals on the athletes was such an honor. Being named a NYPD Holy Name Society board member.

**I celebrate my Irish heritage by:** Being a member of the NYPD Emerald Society and marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade every year with them.

**What would people be surprised to know about me....** Took guitar lessons for eight years and you'd never know it.



spends her summer vacations in the Adirondack Mountains where her relatives have cabins (with no electricity!). She likes to hike the Adirondack Mountains with her cousins. She joined the NYPD in 1992 and has been assigned to the 32nd Precinct her whole career.

Ellen is the daughter of Robert, a federal agent and MaryEllen (née Cahill) Usher, a consultant with New York Telephone. She has a sister Rosemary, married to Kevin and two nieces Lauren and Caitlin, both college students. Her grandparents are from County Galway. She attended St Matthews School and Hastings High School. She

## CARL HARRISON

**Place of Birth:** NEW YORK CITY

**Where you live:** Northeast Pennsylvania

**Job Title and Description:** Police SGT.....Port Authority Police Dept

**Why I chose this career:** I am interested in public service.

**The proudest moment of my career:** Being part of an effort to return two youths to their families and home.

He was born in NYC and became a member of the Port Authority Police Dept. in 1970. He spent 32 years with the PAPD and retired in 2003 to Pennsylvania with his wife Kathy. He enjoys his involvement with his church activities, local community, jazz music, travel, photography, and good food. He is surprised and honored to be recognized to doing his job. Lastly, he is grateful to have had the privilege to work with his friend Kenneth White.



## DAVID RYAN

**Place of Birth:** Camden, NJ

**Where you live:** Beachwood, NJ

**Job Title and Description:** NJ State Trooper, SFC- Unit head of the Construction Incident Management Unit, Garden State Parkway, Troop "D"

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**Why I chose this career:** Sometime during college I conducted a self-introspection, to measure strengths and weaknesses in my personality to find a career that would be fulfilling. I always enjoyed helping others, and my path led to the NJ State Police. Five years after graduating college, I became a Trooper.

**The proudest moment of my career:** I

felt immense pride the day of my graduation, being the first Ryan in Law enforcement. Of course there are various stories of helping others on a daily basis, but I can't come up with a singular moment. I felt pride every day when I put on the uniform of a New Jersey State Trooper, as well as being thankful to those who came before me.

**I celebrate my Irish heritage by:** I'm currently finishing the book "The Immortal Irishman" about the famous Civil war General Thomas Meagher. It's a fantastic story about an incredible man. I'm convinced if not for the Irish, the outcome may have been different. I'm also learning about my personal heritage, having recently gotten a copy of our family tree, which was traced to Galway 1700's.

**What would people be surprised to know about me....** Folks might be surprised while on vacations I must visit every historical civil war site in that area. I recently visited Antietam, MD, and visited

the Irish Brigade Monument. It would surprise people that I must read every plaque, which annoys my wife and kids.

Dave was born in Camden, NJ, son of Margaret Lynn VanDuzer and Joseph Ryan. Dave's great-grandfather, Michael F. Ryan was the first to arrive in America. Patrick D. Ryan, Mayor of Galway 1962-1963, oversaw the visit of JFK, 29 June 1963, and is a relative. Dave lived in Medford, NJ until moving to Montrose NY, graduating high school from Hendrick Hudson HS. He attended East Stroudsburg University, graduating in 1990 with a bachelor of Science degree. He enlisted with the NJ State Police in April 1995, serving in numerous Troop "C" stations until settling on the Garden State Parkway for the balance of his career. Dave has lived in Beachwood, NJ since 1993 with his wife Christine, sons Jake and Sean and daughter Megan.



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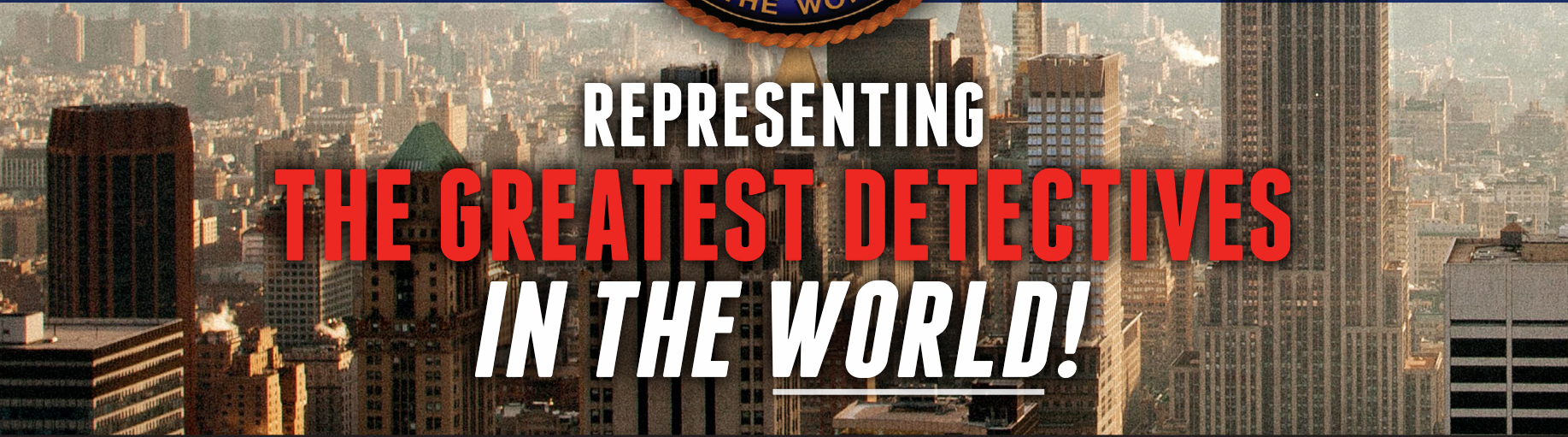
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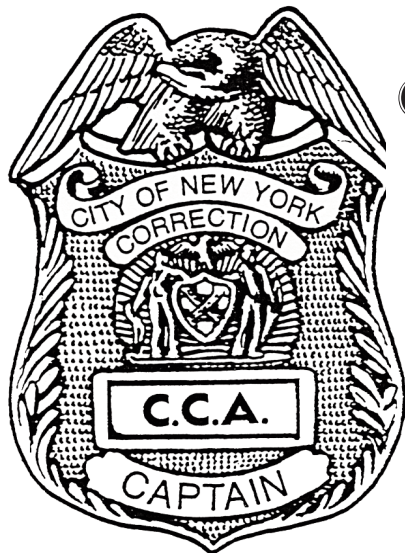


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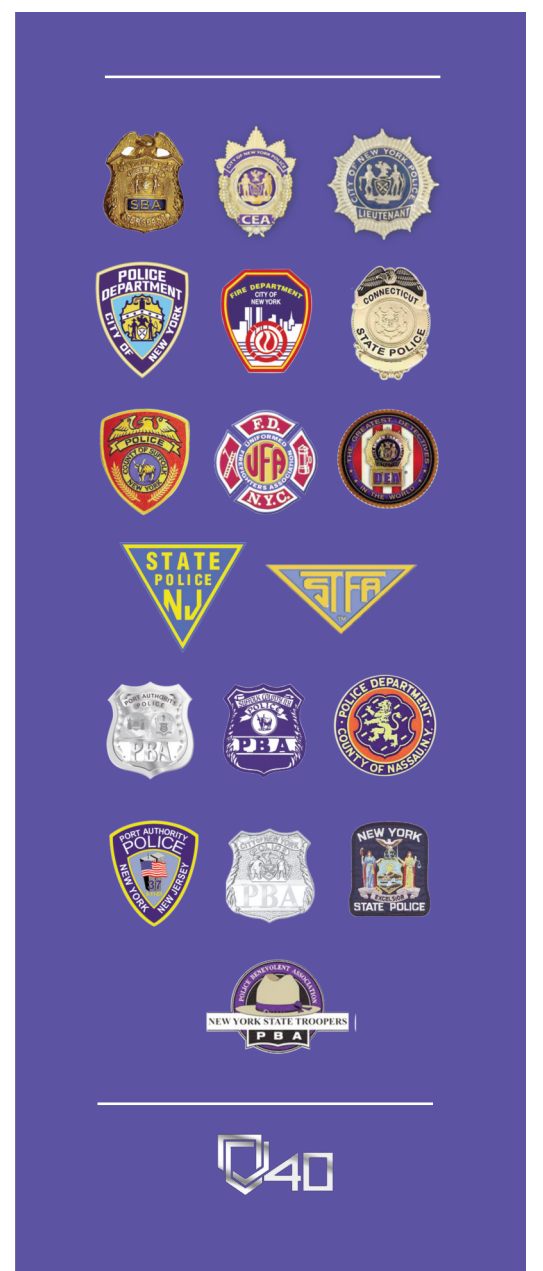
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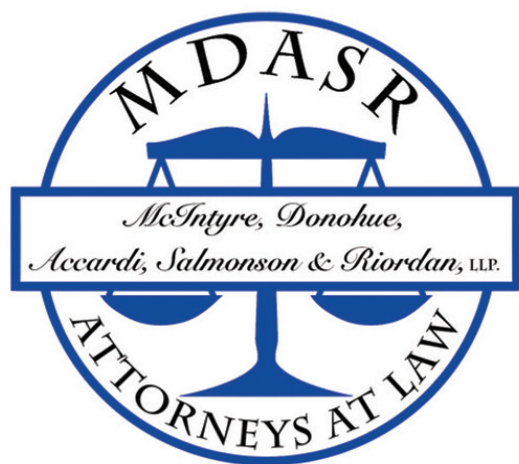
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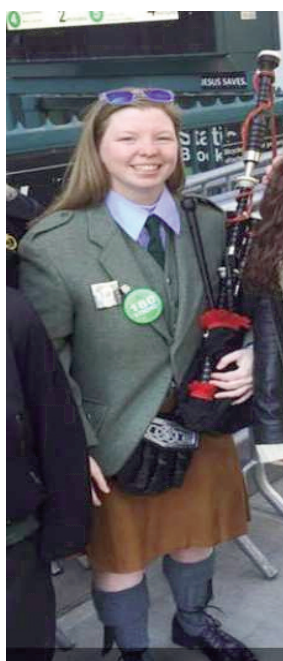
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On Friday evening, May 7, an outstanding group of men and women who serve, and who have served, their states, cities and communities in the law enforcement ranks were honored at the twelfth annual Irish Echo Law & Order Awards held at Rory Dolan's in Yonkers. And in this twelfth gathering there were, appropriately, twelve honorees drawn from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. Photos by Nuala Purcell.



Brian McCabe presenting the New York's Finest Award to John Kenny.



Guest Speaker Chief Theresa (Terri) Tobin.



Honorees Aislinn and Patrick Gormally with friends.



Brian Sharkey, James McGovern, Brian McCabe.



Kevin Spellman, Karen Wilson, Christina Fegan, honoree John Kenny.



Honoree James Regan with family.



Chief Terri Tobin presenting the Advocate for Justice Award to John DeVoe.



Rory Capra, Chief Terri Tobin.



Brian McCabe presenting the Community Hero Award to Sean Liscoe.



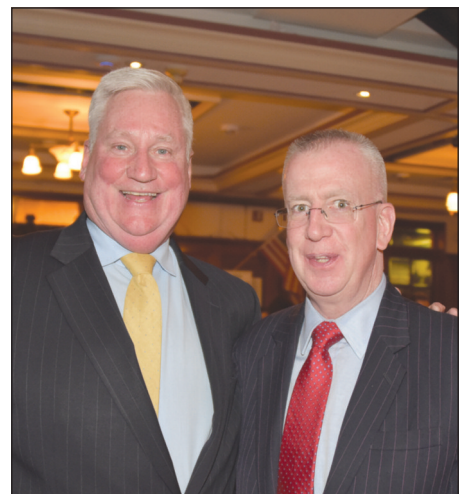
Brian McCabe presenting the Emerald Shield Award to Patrick Daly.



Honoree Kevin Brophy and family.



Honoree Rosemary Arway and guests.



James McGovern, Mike Shea.



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Brendan Owens, Kevin Spellman, Johnny Moynihan.



Honoree Sean Liscoe and guests.



Chief Terri Tobin presenting the Lifetime Achievement Award to Rosemary Arway



Matthew Joyce accepting the Outstanding Leadership Award from Rich Roberts.



Patrick McCormack presenting The Blue Line Award to Patrick Gormally.



Brian McCabe presenting the Protect and Serve Award to James Lundy.



Kevin Brophy accepting the National Service Award from Pete Stillenias.



Lawrence McArdle accepting The Frontline Award from Rob Miller.



Kayleigh McArdle, honoree Lawrence McArdle, Liam McArdle and Michele McArdle.



James Regan accepting the Excellence in Service Award from Rich Roberts.



Honoree John DeVoe and guests.



Patrick McCormack presenting the Patrol Officer of the Year Award to Aislinn Gormally.



Kevin Spellman, Michael Dowling, John Moynihan, honoree John Kenny Michael Shea, Gerald Heanue.





## Mummers Parade 2022

Mayor Jim Kenney gave the green light to the traditional New Year's Day Mummers Parade in Philadelphia after the cancellation of the 2021 edition due to the pandemic, though it was a day late because of rain. As usual, law enforcement and the Irish were out in force.

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# Congratulations to all our nominees from the Irish Echo

**Kevin Byrnes**, Lieutenant Commanding officer, Staten Island Robbery Squad

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Kevin Byrnes accepts his Emerald Shield Award from Ed Hartnett.



Honorees Daniel Hourihan and Neil Riordan.



Honoree Laura O'Sullivan with cousin Ken Lacey.



Honoree Bill Morrissey with his father and Heather Morrissey.



Patrick Ryder Nassau County Police Commissioner.



Bill Morrissey with guests.



Pauline Wells and guests.



Honorees Carl Harrison and Kenneth White with members of PAPD.



Honoree Kieran Creighton (Chief of Manhattan Housing, NYPD) and all his family who came out in full force to support him on his big night.



Honoree NYPD Detective Brian Doherty with guests.



Honoree Neil Riordan with Kathleen, Caitlin, Shannon and Casey Riordan.



Honoree Laura O'Sullivan with Aunt Rose and Uncle Michael O'Sullivan, cousin Ken Lacey and Yonkers Police Commissioner John Mueller.



Pauline Wells with pipers and guests.



# IRISH LAW & ORDER AWARDS 2022

## Law & Order Awards Mark 13

The 13th annual Law & Order Awards were presented on Friday evening, January 21, at Rosie O'Grady's in Manhattan. The award for Law & Order Leader of the Year was presented to Thomas H. Mungeer of the New York State Police. In all, there were 22 honorees at what was a sold out gathering. Photos by Nual Purcell.



2022 Law & Order Leader Thomas Mungeer.



Honoree Daniel Hourihan with fiancé Bernadette Moriarty.



Allison Burke, honoree Scott Griffith (Detective, Yonkers Police Department), Noreen and Tim Ryan.



Ed Hartnett (past Yonkers PD Commissioner) presenting to John Mueller Yonkers PD Commissioner.



Honorees Carl Harrison and Kenneth White, Port Authority of NY&NJ Police Department.



Honoree Captain Laura O'Sullivan, New Castle County PD and friends.



Honoree NJ State Trooper David Ryan accepting his Lifetime Achievement Award from Pete Stilianessis.



Sean Collins receiving his award from Brian McCabe. (NYPD ret.)



Ellen Usher received her award from Irish Echo publisher Mairtin O'Muilleoir.



Honoree NYPD PO Cara Scriven with family.



Stephen Urbanski accepts his award from Frank Serratore, President NJ State Troopers SOA.



Honoree Captain, New York City Department of Correction Robert Ellis accepting his award from Roy Miller.



Group photo of honorees, presenters and guests.