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17th Law & Order Awards Celebration



By Ray O'Hanlon

Law enforcement is never less than a daunting challenge for the men and women who are daily assigned the task of protecting a democratic society, and all the rights and privileges that come with it.

With this in mind the Irish Echo, in what is our 98th year of publishing, is proud to be rolling out the welcome mat for twenty two honorees who stand in the front line defending our nation's communities, and the nation itself.

The seventh annual Irish Echo Law and Order Awards will be celebrated at a dinner gathering Friday evening, January 23, at Club 101 in the Kalikow Building, Midtown Manhattan..

Each year, nominated honorees are drawn from all areas and branches of law enforcement, including city police departments, federal agencies, corrections departments, and offices of city, state, and federal district attorneys. Being retired is not an impediment to being nominated. Nominees can also hail from varied ethnic and family backgrounds.

Our first Law and Order list was compiled in 2009 and was headed by 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 the 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.

In 2011, the Consulate again played host to the awards and Yonkers Police Chief Ed Hartnett was 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 the 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. Theresa has since retired after forty years of proud service.

2015 saw the 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.

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.

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 salute to women in law enforcement. In 2020 the honorees included the new NYPD Commissioner, Dermot Shea, a son of Irish immigrants.

Covid did not stop the awards event though the 2021 gathering was later in the year than usual and held at Rory Dolan's in Yonkers. In 2022, the awards event returned to Rosie O'Grady's and Rosie's would also host the 2023 awards.

Shortly after, Rosie's announced that it was closing. It would reopen but with a seating capacity that could not accommodate the scale of the L&O awards event.

As a result, Law & Order found itself under the new roof in 2024, that of The View at The Battery at Manhattan's southern tip. The awards returned to this venue on the last day of January, 2025.

Now, in 2026, the awards have a new home.

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. 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.

Congratulations to all our honorees over the past seventeen years. And we proudly salute our 2026 honorees. You have joined a most distinguished honor roll.

Congratulations to our honorees

Mary Farrell Police Officer, Investigator in
Bronx Special Victims, NYPD

James O'Sullivan Lieutenant, NYPD (Ret)

William O'Sullivan Lieutenant Squad Commander (Ret), NYPD

Ryan Johnston Det. Second Grade, NYPD

Brian Flynn Detective 1st Grade, NYPD,
Brooklyn South Homicide Squad

Cillian McNamara Police Officer NYPD

Daniel Stokes Police Officer NYPD

Desmond Stokes Detective First Grade, NYPD

Carol Peterkins, Detective, NYPD (Ret)

John B Hart, Assistant Chief, Intelligence and
Counterterrorism Bureau, NYPD

Andrew McLaughlin Captain Yonkers Police Department.

Thomas Allison Police Officer, Yonkers Police Department,
(ESU) SWAT team Operator

Ann Beck Correction Officer - New York City Department of Correction

Brendan Behan Detective Sergeant MTA PD

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NY & NJ Police Department

Tore McCarthy Police Officer, Port Authority Police Department

James Tansey First Assistant Prosecutor
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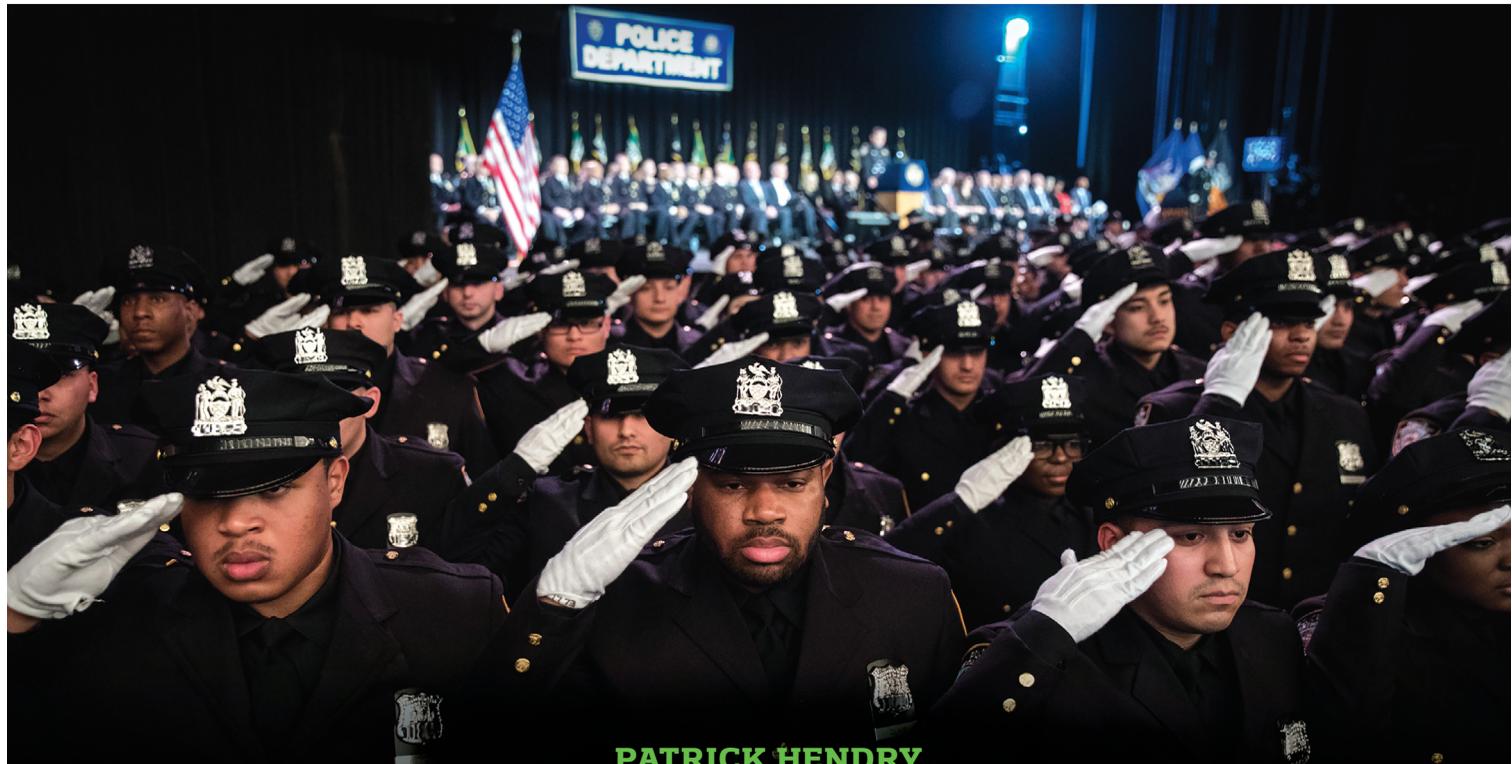
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John Hart is a Standout Police Professional



The Long Blue Line

Profiles In Irish-American Service / By Brian McCabe

The term Long Blue Line is entirely appropriate in regard to esteemed Assistant Chief John Hart, NYPD (ret.), as his peripatetic journey from Chicago - where his bloodline includes six generations of the Windy City's Finest - to the upper echelons of the NYPD was indeed a long one, and to the great benefit of the people of the City of New York.

John's family's roots in America were in and around Chicago, both parents being born there but not meeting each other until they did while John Sr. attended Notre Dame and mother Anne, nee Brodie, attended ND's sister school at the time, before merging with ND, that being St. Mary's.

Upon graduation and engagement, John's parents returned to Chicago to wed and start their family of three, John and his brother and sister. John's fond memories of his maternal grandparents, immigrants from County Cork, informed his Irish-American identity.

His grandfather, Joseph Brodie, he recalls as a quiet, taciturn yet kind man who for years provided the family with vegetables grown in his own garden and who lived to 103.

Grandmother Genevieve Brodie John recalls as a very tough woman, stern, but with a heart of gold who could always be counted on to slip treats or coins to the kids when nobody was looking.

On his father's side John's Irish-American connections go back a bit further, with his paternal grandfather John J Hart a second generation Irish-American, the Postmaster General of a Chicago area



John with his cousin, Chief Kevin Ryan, Chicago PD. (Below) John with his partner Terri Reilly at the Cliffs of Moher.



town, recalled as a very gregarious and socially involved man.

This gregarious nature and social connectivity did not skip a generation, as both John's father and his mother were both very active in their communities, socially engaged and very proud of their heritage.

It was John Sr.'s profession as a journalist that set John on his journey to New York City, with a stop in Louisville, Ky., where his father worked for

the very well respected, multiple Pulitzer prize winning newspaper of the day, the Louisville Courier-Journal.

John's father's career in the newsprint and ink industry ultimately brought he and John's mother Anne to New York City, where Mr.Hart was employed by the New York Times.

John followed his parents to NYC and worked a number of jobs before finding his niche with the NYPD where he began forging a stellar career.

Prior gigs included a glimpse of future leadership skills as he managed a team of commercial graphic artists on the graveyard shift and was the client liaison for a company training corporate pilots.

John is one of the relatively few senior leaders that earned a Detective's gold shield in addition to all the other ranks up to the two star Assistant Chief role that he ultimately retired from.

John's career was epic, beginning as a rookie in the Midtown North Precinct, where I first met and worked with him, and which he also credits with infusing him with a further appreciation for and understanding of his Irish roots and its lingering influence on the NYPD.

John continued his service across the city, working as a Sergeant in the challenging 103 precinct on their robbery team, the BRAM, in conjunction with the Detective Squad, and upon promotion to Lieutenant was returned to the 103 and led their Special Operations team.

Upon promotion to Captain he was assigned to Brooklyn's 83 Precinct and began his commanding officer track with stints in the 17th Precinct on the East Side of Manhattan and the 46 Precinct of the Bronx, providing him with a comprehensive view of the City he served and back to Midtown North.

As a full Inspector, John was assigned to the Intelligence Bureau and Division, an essential aspect of the NYPD that covers everything from personal security for visiting dignitaries to high level development of intelligence investigations and the posting of Detectives in trouble spots around the world.

Along the way, John received his education from Aspen University, the Columbia University Police Management Institute, and the Harvard Kennedy School for Senior Leaders in State and Local Government.

Rising to the rank of Assistant Chief, John is recently retired and is the proud father of Siobhan, Ryan, and Bridgid.

Truly a Long Blue Line with Assistant Chief John Hart, an exemplary Irish-American police professional.

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TORE MCCARTHY

Rank and Department: Police Officer Port Authority Police Department.

Job Description? Police Officer assigned to the Emergency Service Unit. ESU is a specialized unit providing support and advanced equipment upon arriving to the scene of an emergency. ESU personnel are highly trained in various disciplines of law enforcement, first aid, rescue, and tactical operations such as Counter-assault strike teams, Metro Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) teams, and HAZMAT response.

Why I chose this career? Becoming a police officer was about service and purpose. I wanted a career where my actions mattered and every day could challenge me to think, act, and lead under pressure. I was drawn to the challenge and responsibility of protecting people during their most vulnerable moments, to be the person someone would think of when they think of a good cop.

Proudest moment of my career? The proudest moment of my career came during the Specialized Training Course for ESU. Ever since I was a kid and learned about ESU from my mom when she was on the job, I knew about the fact they climbed the Brooklyn Bridge as part of their training. When I entered STC we were told we would be climbing the George Washington



Bridge as part of our training. As I reached the top of the bridge, I realized I had just completed the exact thing I envisioned as a kid. It was a pretty surreal moment and one that will be hard to forget.

I celebrate my Irishness by..... My Irish heritage is something I take pride in every day. I celebrate it by keeping family traditions alive at home, and taking part in events with the NYPD rugby team or community fundraisers that help spread Irish heritage and traditions. For me, it's less about a single day and more about carrying forward values in every day lift such as hard work, dedication, humility, loyalty and togetherness. I never forget to celebrate with a pint of Vitamin G by my side either.

After earning his USCG 3rd Mate Unlimited Tonnage and 100-Ton Master's License from SUNY Maritime College, Tore began his law enforcement career with the NYPD. Shortly thereafter, he was transferred to the Port Authority Police Department in 2018. In 2022, he was selected to attend the FBI Firearms Instructor Course, and upon graduation, Tore became a Firearms Instructor for the Port Authority. In May 2025, he graduated from the PAPD Specialized Training Course and joined the Emergency Service Unit.

WILLIAM O'SULLIVAN

Rank and Department: Lieutenant Squad Commander (Retired) NYPD.

Job Description? As the Commanding Officer of the 109 Detective Squad, I was responsible for the supervision of 2 Sergeants and 26 Detectives. I ensured case management and effectiveness of thorough criminal investigations. I provided leadership to the Detectives to guarantee they executed the core functions of the Bureau.

Why I chose this career? I chose this career because as a teenager I worked in a deli where many police officers from the 100th Precinct in Rockaway came to get coffee. I saw the camaraderie and the lighthearted humor that they had and how they worked together to protect our community. I knew that I wanted to follow in their footsteps. I attended college at St. John's University from 1986-1990, where I received a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

Proudest moment of my career? I had many proud moments as a member of the NYPD. The Anchor Club is a group of members of the NYPD who are also members of the Knights of Columbus. The Club provides programs for the widows and children of deceased NYPD members. Some events are visiting Coney Island, watching the Rockefeller tree lighting, holding a Christmas party and many more. To help put a smile on the face of these children is what makes me proud. The proudest moment of my career was finding out that one of the children, TJ, that I mentored

through the Anchor Club had been sworn in as a police officer. At the Anchor Club Centennial Celebration TJ had 5 years on the force and gave an impassioned speech about how his father, a NYPD Sergeant, had passed away when he was very young. He stated how I was always there for him and how he wanted to join the force to follow in his father's footsteps.

I celebrate my Irishness by..... I have been a member of the NYPD Emerald Society since 1992. For over 30 years I have marched in the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade. I am a proud member of the NYPD Pipes and Drums Band since 2007. It is a distinct honor marching down 5th Avenue with my brothers in blue. I have marched in many locations including: Savannah Georgia, Chicago Illinois, Quebec Canada, Yonkers, Long Beach, and of course, Rockaway!

Bill O'Sullivan is retired from the New York City Police Department and served as a Police Officer, Detective, Sergeant and Lieutenant for 22 years. He has been a member of the NYPD Pipes and Drums for 18 years. Bill is also a member of the NYPD Anchor Club, the club known as "The Club with a Heart" since 2000. He is currently the Director of Security at Sacred Heart Girls Academy in Long Island. He is married to Patty for 31 years and is the father of two sons, Billy and Brendan. He lives in Atlantic Beach. He was raised in Rockaway and has 4 brothers, Jimmy (Lt NYPD), Chris (Lt FDNY), Michael (Fireman FDNY) and Sean (Fireman FDNY).



JAMES TANSEY

Rank and Department: First Assistant Prosecutor Union County Prosecutors.

Job Description? Second in command of a county prosecutor's office in NJ.

Why I chose this career? I come from a family dedicated to public service. Both my parents were law enforcement officers. My father was a Newark Police Officer and my mother was an Essex County Sheriff's Officer. I had uncles who were both members of the police and fire services. I started my career as an NYPD Officer.

Proudest moment of my career? I grew up in the Vailsburg section of Newark NJ. It was a great place to grow up but it was also an area plagued by drugs. Many families from my neighborhood were impacted by the availability of narcotics in the area. In 2004 I headed up a large-scale narcotics investigation utilizing wire taps and other cutting edge investigative techniques into a traditional organized crime family that had been operating in

Vailsburg for many years. Our efforts resulted in the arrests of numerous individuals who we prosecuted in the Federal Courts. It was one of the first cases in NJ where traditional organized crime partnered with local street gangs to distribute narcotics.

I celebrate my Irishness by..... I am involved in numerous Irish associations. I am the president of the New York Roscommon Society. I am the past Grand Marshal of the Union County St Patrick's Day Parade and an active member of that committee but most importantly, I have raised my children with the same Irish values that my parents instilled in myself and my siblings, God, Family and Country.

James is the First Assistant Prosecutor in Union County NJ. Between us, my wife Stephanie and I have 5 children and 5 grandchildren. They are the light of our life. We live in Montville NJ and spend our summers at the Jersey Shore. I am truly honored and humbled to be receiving this recognition.



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JAMES O'SULLIVAN

Rank and Department: Lieutenant, NYPD (ret).

Job Description? Traffic Control in Midtown Manhattan.

Why I chose this career? When I was young, I observed NYPD officers and thought it was a great career.

Proudest moment of my career? I caught a career burglar in the act closed out many cases. Also rescue and recovery at the World Trade Center.

I celebrate my Irishness by.... Being a member of the NYPD EMERALD Society Pipe and Drum Band, for over 25 years. Traveling to Ireland to visit my wife's cousins.

I am the oldest of 5 boys our parents had, all of which joined the NYPD and FDNY. I married an Irish American girl and we have been married over 30 years. We have 3 sons and 1 daughter. I also served 30 years in the NYPD and retired in the rank of Lieutenant.

DESMOND STOKES

Rank and Department: Detective First Grade, NYPD.

Job Description? Detective 1st Grade assigned to the NYPD Police Laboratory Firearms Analysis Section (Ballistics Squad) of the Forensics Investigation Division. As a firearms examiner, I identify and analyze all types of guns and testify to their results as an expert witness in local, state, and federal courts in NYC.

Why I chose this career? I chose this career to follow in the footsteps of so many Irish immigrants and their descendants who bravely patrolled the streets of New York. I was always inspired as a kid watching the NYPD marching with the pipes and drums up 5th Avenue on St. Patrick's Day.

Proudest moment of my career? I can't narrow it down to just one proud moment, I have a few in my 41-year career. My first would be when I was sworn in as a member of the NYPD. Second would be when I was promoted to Detective. I also had the great honor of representing as the NYPD Aide to the Grand Marshal of the 2022 St. Patrick's Day parade. And lastly seeing my son Danny join the NYPD.

I celebrate my Irishness by.... Marching up 5th Avenue with the NYPD Holy Name Society on St. Patrick's Day and celebrate with a few songs and pints afterwards. I get my fill of anything and everything Irish all year round by keeping up on Irish current events, reading about Irish history and folklore. I love watching and listening to Irish traditional music.

Desmond Patrick Stokes is one of three boys born to immigrant parents. Des grew up in Manhattan



where he attended Catholic Grammar and High School. He joined the NYPD in 1985 and worked his first 10 years in the 28th Pct and the Narcotics Division. In 1995 he was promoted to the rank of Detective and transferred to the Detective Bureau's Ballistics Squad. Des is a past president of the NYPD Holy Name Society MAN/BX/SI. Desmond and his wife Kelly are the parents of Danny (also a NYPD Police Officer) and daughter Delaney, a University of Scranton Psychology and Criminal Justice major.

JASON SERRATORE

Rank and Department: Sergeant, Delaware State Police.

Job Description? Patrol Sergeant assigned to Troop 7 patrol. Delaware State Troopers Association union representative.

Why I chose this career? I had several reasons for choosing to go into law enforcement and later the State Police. First is that I come from a long line of law enforcement. Top of that list being my older brother Frank who is a trooper with New Jersey State Police. He encouraged me to consider making a career change since it was such a rewarding field. I also realized that being a mechanic was good money wise in the short term but did not help me in the long term. Not only was that occupation taxing on the body but it did not offer a pension or any retirement benefits. It was also much more rewarding to know that I am able to help others who are in need.

Proudest moment of my career? The proudest moment of my career was when I promoted to Sergeant. Where I have been able to build relationships with troopers and guide them to achieve their goal of obtaining a specialist position in their chosen field.

I celebrate my Irishness by.... I celebrate my Irish heritage by attending the annual North Wildwood Irish festival every year with family and friends.



Jason is a 20 year veteran of the Delaware State Police and holds the rank of Sergeant. He currently serves as a patrol supervisor at Troop 7. Jason is also a union representative for the Delaware State Troopers Association. He graduated from Delaware Technical Community College with an Associate's degree.



MARTIN HERRICK

Rank and Department: Captain, New Jersey State Police.

Job Description? I currently work as the Captain for the Criminal Investigation Office and Strategic Investigations Unit at Division Headquarters. In this office we oversee all changes to policies, legislation and standing operating procedures. I also serve as Sergeant at Arms for the Superior Officers Association.

Why I chose this career? I became a state trooper because I wanted to serve and

protect the citizens of New Jersey. The New Jersey State Police has been a dream of mine for as long as I can remember. I wanted a career where what I do truly matters and help people when they need it most. Becoming a trooper wasn't just a career choice it was the chance to live out a dream and commit myself to something bigger than me.

Proudest moment of my career? The proudest moment of my career was crossing the stage to receive my badge in front of my family and becoming a part of such a respected organization.

I celebrate my Irishness by.... I like to celebrate my Irishness by supporting local Irish pubs for traditional Irish food and live music, and I have visited Ireland four time to connect even more deeply with the culture.

Martin was born on Christmas Eve in Buffalo, New York. He moved to New Jersey during elementary school. In High School he was a varsity letter winner for cross country, basketball, baseball and soccer. Martin attended William Patterson University majoring in Criminal Justice then attended the NJSP academy. He has been a basketball referee since college and currently a NCAA men's basketball official. Martin is currently in his 28th year with the state police. Married to his wife Amber for 17 years and have a son, Parker (14 years old). Martin's family has always supported his career and encouraged him to follow his dreams.

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RYAN JOHNSTON

Rank and Department: Det. Second Grade, NYPD.

Job Description? Det. Johnston is a second grade Detective with the New York Police Department assigned to the 10 Precinct Detective Squad, which covers from 14th Street to 43rd Street on the West Side of Manhattan. Det. Johnston is also a Board Officer of the labor union of 20,000 NYPD active and retired Detectives: The Detectives' Endowment Association, Inc. (DEA). As a labor representative, he is responsible for a wide variety of duties, including handling Departmental hearings, serving on union committees (such as political action and entertainment), and other responsibilities of helping to run the largest labor union of police Detectives in the world, and the third largest police union in America.

Why I chose this career? Family tradition, as my father, grandfather, and great-grandfather were all Officers in the NYPD.

Proudest moment of my career? To date, I rather not pin-point any particular moment as both police work and labor representation are highly unpredictable and who knows what tomorrow may bring? I have helped many members navigate the long-term ramifications of 9/11/01 regarding their health issues. The challenges related to the job continue daily. I have had the opportunity to work cases with my father (who retired as a Lieutenant out of the Manhattan D.A.'s Squad) and that is something I am proud of as well.

I celebrate my Irishness by.... I am a member of the NYPD Emerald Society, and am always proud of my Irish heritage and march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. I'm a member of St. James RC Church in Setauket, New York on Long Island and take pride in my Irish Catholic roots.

Ryan Michael Johnston is of Irish descent on both his mother's and his father's side. He hails from four generations of NYPD Officers: his great-grandfather was a member of the Emergency Services Unit in its earliest days, his grandfather was a 9 Squad Detective, and his father retired as a Lieutenant out of the Manhattan District Attorney's Office Detective Squad. Det. Johnston was appointed to the force in July of 2008. He was promoted to Detective in November of 2015, and earned second grade in May of 2022.

In 2017, Ryan was elected DEA Delegate for the 10 Squad, to which he is still assigned. He was elected the DEA Welfare Officer for Manhattan South in 2021, and elevated to Manhattan South Trustee in November of 2025. Ryan represents his fellow Detectives at hearings, trials, and IAB investigations, and he's now serving as an alternating, fully-released Union Board Officer with colleague Det. John Comer.

He continues to service his fellow Detectives with integrity, honesty, and dedication. Det. Johnston is honored to be nominated for an Irish Echo Law & Order Award.

ANDREW MCLAUGHLIN

Rank and Department: Captain Yonkers Police Department.

Job Description? Commanding Officer 2nd Pct Yonkers Police Department.

Why I chose this career? I come from a large police family. My father was a Police Captain and my 2 bothers and my sister were all Police Lieutenants. I have always had a strong desire to serve my community and to keep my friends, family and neighbors safe.

Proudest moment of my career? In 2007 I graduated from the FBI national Academy in Quantico Virginia. I had also just recently been promoted to Lieutenant and become a father for the first time. I remember seeing my family again after 10 long weeks which was an extremely emotional experience. I felt a great deal of gratitude to those who had supported me in accomplishing these goals at great sacrifice to themselves.

I celebrate my Irishness by....

Every year I am proud to attend the St Patrick's Day Parade on Mclean Ave. It is a wonderful time for my friends and family who often share Irish ancestry to celebrate. I was even fortunate enough to be Aide to the Grand Marshall in 2024.



Andrew serves as the current Commanding Officer of the Yonkers Police 2nd Pct. He is married to his wife Nay and they have 2 wonderful children Madison and Michael. His father Roy McLaughlin, 2 brothers Mitch and Roy as well as his sister Meredith all served with him in the Yonkers Police Department. Andrew graduated from Manhattan College with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy. In 2024 he was proud to serve as Aide to The Grand Marshall at the Yonkers St Patrick's Day Parade.



ROBERT LIEBERUM

Rank and Department: Lieutenant, New Jersey State Police.

Job Description? Assistant Bureau Chief of the High-Tech Crime Bureau/ Secretary of the New Jersey State Troopers Superior Officers Association.

Why I chose this career? I chose to become a New Jersey state trooper because I wanted a career where I could protect my community and make a real impact on people's lives. The discipline, professionalism, and strong sense of purpose within the State Police inspired me to dedicate myself to serving with integrity and pride.

Proudest moment of my career? My proudest moment came when I saw the positive impact my work and the work of the New Jersey State Troopers Superior Officers Association can have on a member's life when they are at their lowest.

I celebrate my Irishness by.... I celebrate

my Irishness through community by supporting Irish organizations, or simply taking pride in the history and spirit of my roots and especially supporting the Pipes and Drums of the Blue & Gold.

Robert Lieberum is a 24-year veteran of the New Jersey State Police and holds the rank of Lieutenant. He currently serves as the Assistant Bureau Chief of the High-Tech Crime Bureau and serves as the Secretary of the New Jersey State Troopers Superior Officers Association for all enlisted Lieutenants and Captains. Rob holds a Bachelor's of Science Degree (BS) in Criminal Justice from Widener University.

Rob is a graduate of Pennsauken High School where he was a member of the State Championship Swim Team. Rob has been married to his beautiful wife, Karen Lieberum, for eighteen years and has two children, Kendall (14) and Kyle (11). Rob credits much of his



success to the unwavering belief and support of his family and extends his heartfelt thanks for their continued encouragement.

MARY FARRELL

Rank and Department: Police Officer, NYPD.

Job Description? Investigator in Bronx Special Victims.

Why I chose this career? I chose to be in law enforcement following in my familie's footsteps. My biggest role model, my father, is a retired Detective Captain from Rutherford Police Department, in Rutherford, NJ. He, along with my other family members in law enforcement, always demonstrated what it was to be the helping hand and a shoulder to lean on for strangers during what was probably their worst day. Seeing how they impacted lives and made a difference, I wanted to also be part of that. Being a police officer is much more than just wearing a uniform; it's about being there for someone when they are going through a crisis.

Proudest moment of my career? I have a lot of proud moments throughout my career. Getting accepted into special victims' squad, has been my biggest accomplishment.

I celebrate my Irishness by.... Being a member and delegate of the NYPD Emerald Society, a member of the Jersey City Police Department Emerald Society, and the Rutherford Irish Association.

Born and raised in Rutherford, NJ, graduated from Rutherford high school, went on to Fairleigh Dickinson University where Mary completed her BA in Liberal Arts with a concentration in criminal justice. Prior to law enforcement, she worked security in a psych and substance abuse hospital. In July of 2015 Mary entered the NYPD police academy, graduated in December of 2015 and started her career on patrol in the 43rd precinct. In June of 2025 she was transferred into Bronx Special Victims squad.





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BRIAN AHERN

Rank and Department: Police Officer Port Authority NY & NJ Police Department.

Job Description? I am a Police Officer with the Port Authority Police Department, assigned to the George Washington Bridge Command. In addition to my duties as a police officer, I serve on the Executive Board of the Port Authority Police Benevolent Association as Financial Secretary. Beyond my professional responsibilities in law enforcement and union leadership, I am also the Pipe Major of the Port Authority Pipes and Drums, leading the band in representing the agency at official ceremonies, memorials, and public events.

Why I chose this career? I chose to become a police officer to help and assist people in their time of need, and to protect those who cannot protect themselves. From the beginning of my career, I have been driven by a commitment to serve the community and stand as a safeguard for individuals who are vulnerable or in harm's way. This purpose continues to guide my work every day and shapes the way I approach my responsibilities in law enforcement.

Proudest moment of my career? The proudest moment of my career has been playing an instrumental role in developing a dedicated team to patrol the George Washington Bridge with the mission of preventing suicides. Through proactive engagement, compassion, and



coordinated response, this team has prevented hundreds of individuals from taking their own lives. Knowing that our efforts have directly saved lives and given people a second chance is the most meaningful and humbling accomplishment of my service.

I celebrate my Irishness by.... through a lifelong connection to Irish culture, music, and family tradition. I have been playing the bagpipes for the past 36 years, and this has remained one of the most meaningful ways I honor my heritage. My pride in being Irish is also reflected in my family. For many years, my three children have carried the Port Authority Police Pipes and Drums banner in St. Patrick's Day parades, continuing a tradition that connects them to both their heritage and the law-enforcement community.

My wife and I have always taught our children to be proud of their Irish roots, sharing with them the history, sacrifices, and contributions the Irish have made to this country. On Sundays, our home is filled with the sound of 90.7 WFUV—just as it was when I was their age. Those broadcasts helped shape my appreciation for Irish music and the stories woven into its tunes, and I am proud to pass that same love and understanding on to my children.

Brian is the proud son of two Irish immigrants – his father from County Limerick and mother from County



Kerry; whose values of faith, family, and service shaped his life from an early age. He began learning the bagpipes at age 12 at the AOH in Pearl River, NY, developing a deep connection to Irish music and tradition, later attended Iona College, where he was taught by the Irish Christian Brothers and was a member of both the pipe band and the football team.

After graduating in 1999, Brian entered the NYPD before joining the Port Authority Police Department, where his first time playing with the Port Authority Police Pipe band was at their initial 9/11 funeral, just days after the attacks - an experience that profoundly influenced his commitment to honoring the fallen. In 2011, Brian had the privilege of becoming Pipe Major, a

position he is honored to still hold, representing the men and women of the PAPD at ceremonies, memorials, and significant events.

For the past 18 years Brian has also served on the PBA Executive Board in roles including Delegate, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Sergeant-at-Arms, and now Financial Secretary. Representing their PBA members and advocating on their behalf is a responsibility he holds with deep pride.

The Irish have long played a significant role in law enforcement and in the labor movement. To serve as an Irish American police officer, a union representative, and the Pipe Major of their band is, and will always remain, a tremendous honor and privilege.

BRIAN FLYNN

Rank and Department: Detective 1st Grade, NYPD.

Job Description? I am currently assigned to Brooklyn South Homicide Squad. Investigations into homicides.

Why I chose this career? I chose this career following my father John J. Flynn's footsteps. My father did work for the NYPD for 31 years and it is always something I wanted to do.

Proudest moment of my career? My proudest moment on the NYPD was March 17, 2023, when I was able to lead the NYPD Emerald Society up Fifth Avenue during the St. Patrick's Day parade as the president of the society.

I celebrate my Irishness by.... I celebrate my Irishness by carrying on my family traditions, attending parades, and taking part in local gatherings. I proudly support and participate in The EMERALD SOCIETY and the local AOH. I take great pride in my heritage and in being able to help provide scholarships to the children of our membership.

In May 1982, Brian Patrick Flynn was born in Brooklyn, NY to Elizabeth (Liz) and John (Shawn) Flynn, Irish descendants traced back to Longford and County Cork, Ireland. His father was a thirty-year member of the NYPD and in 1999 he retired out of Brooklyn South Special Victims as a Detective.

Brian was raised in Brooklyn, New York where he, older Sister Maureen and older



Brother Sean attended Resurrection Catholic School and was an active member of Resurrection Church. He went on to become a Falcon, attending Bishop Ford Catholic High School, graduating in the class of 2000. He continued his studies at John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Brian joined the NYPD in July of 2007, and upon graduating from the Police Academy in December 2007, he began his tenure at the 70th Precinct. While there he worked Patrol, Conditions, SNEU and Anti-Crime.

In May 2014, Brian was transferred to the 60th Detective Squad and promoted to Detective Third Grade in 2015, in October 2021, he was promoted to Detective Second Grade and in October 2024, he was promoted to First Grade Detective. Brian was assigned to the Brooklyn South Homicide Squad since January 2023 to present.

Brian has been a proud member of the NYPD Emerald Society since 2002 and became an Emerald Delegate in 2009. He has served the Society as a Trustee, Brooklyn South / Staten Island Vice President, Financial Secretary, 1st Vice President and is currently serving as the President.

Brian has been married to his wife, Michele, who is also a NYPD officer, for over 14 years and together they have four children: Madisyn, John, Molly and Patrick. The family currently resides in Staten Island.

DANIEL STOKES

Rank and Department: Police Officer NYPD.

Job Description? I am currently assigned to the Detective Bureau's 6th Precinct Detective Squad. As a detective, I conduct specialized investigations that help solve, detect, and prevent crimes.

Why I chose this career? I became a New York City Police Officer because I wanted to help others and join a profession built on teamwork, camaraderie, and delivering public safety.

Proudest moment of my career? While there are quite a few moments that stick out in my memory, I still believe some of my greatest moments are still to come. But if I had to choose one, it would be getting my shield pinned on me by my father, Det. Desmond Stokes.

I celebrate my Irishness by.... Listening to the traditional Irish folk music on my car rides into work. Enjoying a Pint of Guinness and most importantly keeping the proud Irish American tradition of marching down 5th Avenue every St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Daniel Patrick Stokes grew up in Fresh Meadows, Queens. He attended Holy Cross High School and King's College (PA), graduating with a degree in Broadcast Journalism. Prior to joining the NYPD, Stokes worked as a crime/sports reporter for a Pennsylvania newspaper and a beat writer for Major League Baseball. Since joining the NYPD in 2021, he has served in the 19th Precinct, Deputy Commissioner Public Information Spring 3100 Unit, and the 6th Precinct Detective Squad. He is currently the Sergeant at Arms with the NYPD Holy Name Society (Man, BX, SI) and a proud card-carrying member of the NYPD Emerald Society. He is supported by his loving friends and family.



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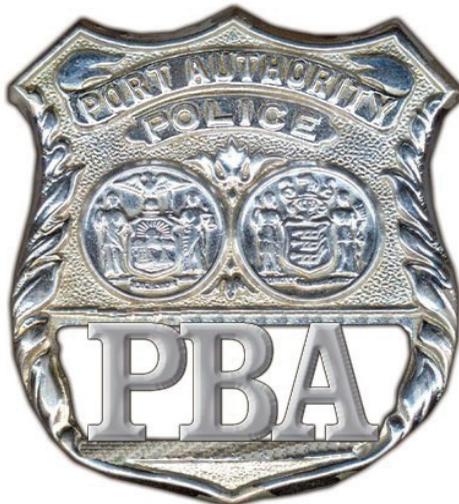
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ANN BECK

Rank and Department: Correction Officer - New York City Department of Correction.

Job Description? Care, Custody and Control of incarcerated individuals within city facilities. Responsibilities include supervising inmates during activities, conducting searches for contraband, enforcing rules, responding to emergencies, maintaining logs, writing reports, escorting inmates and making recommendations for medical or psychiatric referrals.

Why I chose this career? I wanted to serve my city, contribute to public safety and make a positive difference in the community and the lives of incarcerated individuals. Job security, good pay, training, career advancement, medical benefits and pension played a role in my choice to become a NYC Correction Officer.

Proudest moment of my career? Shield Day was the proudest moment of my career. It marked the completion of my academy training and beginning of my career as a member of NYC BOLDEST! I will carry on a long tradition of serving with honor, integrity and professionalism with in the NYC Department of Corrections.

I celebrate my Irishness by.... I am a very proud Irish Woman and NYC Correction Officer. I am a proud member of the NYC Corrections Emerald Society where I serve on board of directors as Treasurer. One of My favorite way to celebrate my Irish heritage has been attending the St Patrick's day parade in the city. Now I march in uniform as a NYC Correction Officer with the NYC DOC Emerald Society, also enjoying a meal of corned beef and cabbage, listening to Irish music, and attending all the St. Patrick Day parades throughout the city in March.

Ann Beck is a New York City Correction Officer, currently serving at the infamous Rikers Island. Born in Brooklyn, she grew up in Gerritsen Beach, a small Irish neighborhood and now resides on the border of Marine Park and Gerritsen Beach Brooklyn. Ann attended Katherine Gibbs which led her to her first role as an assistant Buyer in the city.

With a passion for helping others, she pursued further education while working full time, majoring in mental health and obtaining a CASAC in Substance abuse. Ann completed her internship at Phoenix House for drug and alcohol rehabilitation. She enjoys spending time with her family and dogs, cooking and exercising in her free time.



BRIAN WINNE

Rank and Department: Major - New Jersey State Police.

Job Description? Senior Executive Law Enforcement Professional with over two decades of experience in high-risk tactical operations, strategic field command, and interagency coordination. Recognized for leading large-scale deployments, managing high-profile public safety events, and transforming operational efficiency within the New Jersey State Police.

Why I chose this career? I wanted to make a real difference in people's lives, and protect those who couldn't protect themselves. I've always been driven by a desire to serve my community, help people in crisis, prevent crime, and making a positive impact.

Proudest moment of my career? Commanded specialized units including Bomb, Canine, T.E.A.M.S., Target Hardening, and Mounted Units. Directed response planning and interagency coordination for critical incidents. Coordinated Bureau reorganization to improve alignment and functionality. Served on the Attorney General's Use of Force working group with a focus on canine and tactical protocols.

I celebrate my Irishness by.... Participating in St. Patrick's Day Parades throughout the state of NJ each year as the Drum Major of the Pipe and Drums of the Blue and Gold.

Major in the New Jersey State Police, Field Operations Section with command assignments in Troop "B", "C" and as the Deputy Branch Commander. Assignments in the Special Operations Section as the Bureau Chief, Assistant Bureau Chief, and Squad Leader of the Technical Emergency and Mission Specialist (T.E.A.M.S Unit). Administrative Officer for the Homeland Security Branch and Regional Operations Intelligence Center (ROIC). I began my career as a general road trooper and member of the Tactical Patrol Unit. Prior to becoming a NJ State Trooper I was a Sheriff's Investigator for the Union County Sheriff's Office.

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BRENDAN BEHAN

Rank and Department: Detective Sergeant MTA PD.

Job Description? As the Detective Sergeant responsible for investigations across the LIRR in Brooklyn, Penn Station, Grand Central Madison, Queens, and Staten Island, my mission is to ensure that my team operates with the highest level of professionalism and diligence. We routinely handle property crimes, assaults and robberies involving commuters and conductors, as well as train-versus-trespasser incidents. Our priority is to make certain that every victim feels their case is taken seriously and investigated thoroughly, regardless of the severity of the crime.

Why I chose this career? From a young age, I have always been interested in investigative work. After taking multiple Civil Service exams, I was selected to join the MTA Police Department. Serving and protecting the residents of New York and Connecticut as they travel on the largest commuter railroad in the United States has been a privilege and a responsibility, I take great pride in.

Proudest moment of my career? The proudest moment of my career was solving a vicious assault on two LIRR conductors at East New York Station in under 24 hours. My team of detectives and I worked around the clock to identify, locate, and apprehend the suspect. The most rewarding part was giving the victims a renewed sense of safety, allowing them to return to work knowing the perpetrator was in custody. That investigation is one of the key experiences that inspired me to return to the Detective Division as a sergeant and continue pursuing investigative work.

I celebrate my Irishness by.... I currently serve as the President of the MTAPD Emerald Society, which was established in 2022. In this role, I strive to inspire and encourage other Irish members of the department to join and become actively involved. In addition to my responsibilities within the Emerald Society, I play the bagpipes with the Nassau County Firefighters Pipes and Drums, and I serve as the Pipe Major of the MTAPD Pipes and Drums band.

The Behan family has always taken great pride in celebrating our Irish American heritage. My father, a firefighter with the FDNY, and my mother, an FDNY nurse, both inspired me to become the person I am today. I met my wife while she was performing on the harp at a concert at Iona College where we were both students. I first asked her out at the Rambling House after the McLean Avenue St. Patrick's Day Parade in 2016. We are now blessed with two beautiful daughters, Eily and Molly, whom we hope to inspire to grow up with a deep appreciation for Irish music and dance.

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CAROL PETERKINS

Rank and Department: Retired NYPD Detective/Investigative Consultant, Administration for Children's Services.

Job Description? As an Investigative Consultant I support the advocacy and protection for children who are at risk.

Why I chose this career? Law Enforcement actually chose me. I grew up in the city and believe that I could make a difference. Joining the NYPD was the best thing I ever did, and it led me to my current career.

Proudest moment of my career? Receiving my promotion to Detective, and having my family cheering me on!

I celebrate my Irishness by.... Marching up 5th Avenue, visiting Ireland any chance I get and being a proud member of the Four Green Fields Community of Accord,

NY. I've been a member of the NYPD Emerald Society since 1986 and love marching with them on St Patrick's Day!

Retired Detective Carol Peterkins is a respected law enforcement professional with more than twenty years of service. Born in Brooklyn and raised in Jackson Heights, she grew up in a proud Irish Italian family and entered the NYPD Police Academy at age twenty. She served in the 107th Precinct, the Vandal Squad, and Vice, earning promotion through her investigative work on human trafficking and exploitation. After retiring in 2006, she continued serving with the Orange County Sheriff's Office, DHS, and now the Administration for Children's Services. Carol lives in the Hudson Valley with her wife and is the mother of two adult children.



BRENNAN FOLEY

Rank and Department: Detective Sergeant First Class, New Jersey State Police.

Job Description? Zone Supervisor of the New Jersey State Police, Crime Suppression Central Unit. A Specialized unit focused on proactively reducing crime in city of Trenton, NJ.

Why I chose this career? It was all I ever knew. My father was a Trooper who passed away when I was 2 years old. This led to me having about five fathers, other Troopers who were my father's classmates and co-workers stepped in to help fill that void. Growing up seeing the state police family ultimately drove me to this career path. I grew up knowing and seeing what the premier law enforcement agency looked like, I knew it was all I ever wanted to do.

Proudest moment of my career? Graduation, it was the culmination of what I strived for since I was a child. The state police have a history of you are a son/daughter of a trooper you get your badge from you parent. I was fortunate they allowed one of my father's best friends and trooper to present me with my badge.

I celebrate my Irishness by.... I have deep rooted Irish roots going back to my great grandparents traveling across the pond to settle in Bayonne, NJ to raise a family. Every year we have a family reunion with all the cousins, and hold a mini-Irish festival surrounded my music, food and stories.

Brennan is a zone supervisor assigned to the New Jersey State Police, Crime Suppression Central Unit. He is also a Lieutenant Colonel, serving as the battalion commander for the 250th Brigade Support Battalion. Brennan has served over 19 years in the New Jersey State Police, predominantly in investigative assignments working violent crime, narcotics and weapons investigations. He has served over 29 years in the US Army and NJ Army National Guard with three combat deployments. He holds a master's degree from Seton Hall University with undergraduate degree from Roger Williams University. Brennan was awarded 2 Bronze Stars for his service in various combat zones.

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CILLIAN MCNAMARA

Rank and Department: Police Officer NYPD.

Job Description? To photograph, document, collect, and preserve evidence from a crime scene for forensic analysis and use in court. The work includes taking photographs and sketches, collecting physical evidence like fingerprints, DNA, and trace materials and testifying in court.

Why I chose this career? The desire to serve the community that I live in and that knowing every day that you go into work not knowing what will happen from regular patrol functions to details and parades.

Proudest moment of my career? My proudest moment so far is getting transferred to Crime Scene Unit, completing the 4-month long training and starting the forensic investigations in New York City which has always been a dream of mine

I celebrate my Irishness by.... Cillian has kept strong ties to the Irish community since moving to New York in 2015. Cillian has won 3 Senior Hurling championships with Hoboken GAA club and a Junior Hurling Championship with Hoboken and Clare NY respectively. Recently Cillian was a member of the New York Senior Hurling team that won the Lory Meagher Cup in Croke Park, Dublin.

Cillian was born in May 1993, to parents Brendan and Mary, both natives of Clare, Growing up in Kilkishen, Co. Clare Ireland. Cillian started playing GAA at the age of 5 with Kilmaley GAA winning Minor A and Minor B hurling championships. Cillian graduated from Limerick Institute of Technology with an honors degree in Pharmaceutical and Forensic Analysis. Shortly after graduating Cillian moved to New York to the Woodlawn section of the Bronx.



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THOMAS ALLISON

Rank and Department: Police Officer for the City of Yonkers.

Job Description? I am a member of the Emergency Service Unit (ESU) where I am a SWAT team Operator, Tactical/ Rescue Medic, EMT/ CPR Instructor, HazMat Technician, Marine Unit Operator; performing in rescue, medical, tactical, extrication, animal control functions and high-risk warrant executions.

Why I chose this career? From a young age, I felt a pathway was carved for myself in order to assist and help others in need. The Yonkers Police force seemed to be a calling where I could provide for my local community that I was born and raised in. I was very grateful to be chosen to enter the academy in 2009 where I continue to be presented with new challenges every day.

Proudest moment of my career? To be selected into an elite unit (ESU) where I will hopefully finish my career. The history of a specialized such as ours was set by many accomplished officers before my time and it's something to be proud of; to be carried on. As of recently as mid-December '25, we were tasked with an ice rescue operation on a frozen reservoir where a wanted suspect had entered and fallen through the ice and had to be rescued. I would not have been prepared for such a call if it wasn't for the trainings led by seasoned instructors and my fellow ESU members that day which ultimately



culminated to a successful rescue and apprehension of the suspect due to my team's quick thinking and actions. There

is a sense of accountability and responsibility behind our patch that I am very grateful for and would hope to pass along to future members.

I celebrate my Irishness by....

I live in a very prominent Irish neighborhood in the Woodlawn section of the Bronx where an Irish brogue is not recognized as foreign but as a normal accent of the neighborhood. "A Hundred Thousand Welcomes" is truly expressed through the faces, restaurants, shops etc. and throughout our proud community where my 2 boys play Irish Football led by a dedicated group of very active Irish heritage families. I am also a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (Myles Scully Div. 1) and have participated in many St. Patrick Day parades with the Emerald Society. Lastly, we are very fortunate to have Uncles, Aunts, cousins from County Mayo who live a couple of blocks away and are always blessed when 'Granny' and company makes her annual appearance from County Waterford to New York.



Grammar School and engaged in many sports including baseball, basketball and track/field. In 1998, I entered Iona Prep High School in New Rochelle where I was a member of the Gaelic Society and learned how to play the bagpipes. I then attended Fordham University where I studied in Business/ Finance.

In 2005, I received my EMT certification and joined FDNY/ EMS where I worked at Station #20 in the Bronx. I was then lucky to be called into the Westchester Police Academy in 2009 and patrolled the streets of the 3rd Precinct. In 2013, I was assigned to the Emergency Service Unit and entered a rigorous 6-month ESU school. In 2017, I was enrolled into Paramedic School and completed the course in 2019. Since then, I have been an instructor to newer and current ESU officers for the City of Yonkers and have taught courses for multiple Westchester County and nearby police agencies.

I am married to my lovely wife, Melissa, where we have 3 beautiful children: Wilder, Brooks and Tillie. We are happy to engage in many community events and sports in the Woodlawn/ McLean Avenue neighborhood and periodically enjoy a pint or two at the old Rambling House. Our passion is to be on the beach where we spend most of summers in the North Fork of Long Island.

I was born and raised in Yonkers, NY where my family has lived for generations. I resided in Yonkers with parents, Tom and Laura, and sister, Kerri. My great-grand parents (Foley family) emigrated from County Waterford and (O'Keefe family) from County Limerick and County Cork. I attended Sacred Heart

JOHN HART

Rank and Department: Assistant Chief NYPD retired 2025.

Job Description? Last served as the Assistant Chief--Executive Officer of the Intelligence and Counterterrorism Bureau in charge of all operations for approx. 1700 personnel.

Why I chose this career? I had 4 generations of my family in the Chicago Police Department growing up and moved to New York in 1983. Over the years I met many police officers and decided to join the force in 1993. I served in all ranks of the Department up to Assistant Chief which is a 2-star position.

As you know law enforcement has a long Irish tradition and I found a strong kinship with Irish heritage officers from all over the world serving in many departments. Policing is a service profession and I always tried to make that the basis of my service and leadership style. making sure my cops, my community and the city are safe was always my North Star.

Proudest moment of my career? hard to capture one moment - I was fortunate to

lead Precincts and teams from 8 cops to 1700. Being a Commanding Officer requires you to try to see policing from all sides and conveying the importance of that to those that work for you. I believe I developed a good reputation as a leader who people could trust and come to with issues and aspirations. I believe in collaborative problem solving and developing those that work for you to become good cops and better to be good people.

I celebrate my Irishness by: I was in Ireland in summer 2025 -- embarrassed to say for the first time LOL. It was a wonderful trip and I was able to see lots but know I have many more trips ahead of me to see it all my children; Siobhan, Ryan and Brigid; a good pint; soda bread; Kerrygold; a warm wool sweater and Irish cap; music of the homeland in pubs all over; attending St Patrick's Day parades in many cities.

Assistant Chief John Hart is a thirty-year veteran with extensive command, operational, and investigative experience. Chief Hart currently serves as the Executive Officer of



the NYPD Intelligence and Counterterrorism Bureau. His previous assignments within the Intel division include the role of Commanding Officer of the Intelligence Division, which encompasses the Public Security Section,

Criminal Intelligence Section, and the Intelligence Operations and Analysis Section. He also served as the Commanding Officer of the Public Security Section, which oversaw the Threats, Dignitary Protection, International and Domestic Liaison, and Incident Prevention Units. Furthermore, as a Captain, he held the position of Citywide Field Intelligence Coordinator.

Chief Hart's leadership extended to the 17th, 46th, and Midtown North NYPD police precincts. His operational experience includes overseeing numerous high-profile events in NYC, such as Occupy Wall Street, Black Lives Matter protests, the 2015 Papal visit, the 2016 Presidential Election, and various United Nations General Assemblies.

Chief Hart is a 2017 graduate of the Harvard Kennedy School Senior Leaders in State and Local Government Seminar and a 2013 graduate of the Columbia University Police Management Institute. Additionally, he served for three years as the Program Manager for the International Pearls in Policing Program and presently serves on the New York State Governor's Domestic Terrorism Task Force.

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Congratulations

Captain Andrew McLaughlin
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Thank you for your years of dedicated service to our community.

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16th Annual Law & Order Awards

The 16th annual Irish Law & Order Awards were presented Friday, January 31 in a gathering at The View at Battery Park in Manhattan. There was a full house for the honoring of 27 members of law enforcement agencies at city, state and federal level. The event was attended by Irish Consul General in New York Helena Nolan, and was addressed by Congressman Mike Lawler. Photos by Margaret Purcell-Roddy.



Daniel Oliveira, President NJ State Troopers NCO Association presents Patrick Barlow – Lieutenant, NJ State Police with his award.



Brendan Dowd – Detective, FBI/NYPD receiving his award from Consul General Helena Nolan.



Michael Kubert Jr. - Captain, Bayonne Police Department receiving his award from Gene Folsom, CIE.



Gene Folsom, Product Development at CIE Tours International presents the Emerald Shield Award – Daniel O'Grady, Lieutenant, NYPD.



Charles Berger - Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge; FBI (retired) received his award from Thomas Ryan, President of PAPP Emerald Society.



Patrick McGurk - Police Officer, NYPD receiving his award from Patrick Hendry, NYC PBA.



Christopher Kelly – Detective, Nassau County PD receives his award from Patrick Ryder, Police Commissioner, Nassau County.



Patrick Ryan – Sergeant, NYPD – Office of Deputy Commissioner, Labor Relations received his award from Brian McCabe, Retired NYPD member & Irish Echo contributor.



Retired Captain Patrick McCormack, Yonkers PD presents Michael Best - Detective – NYPD with his award.



Steve Urbanski, Captain/Chief of Port Operations & Investigations Bureau presents Shawn Doherty - Sergeant, Delaware State Police/President Delaware State Troopers Association with his award.



Retired Captain Patrick McCormack, Yonkers PD presents the Protect & Serve Award to Patrick Rooney, Captain, Commanding Officer Yonkers Police Department Emergency Service Unit.



Consul General of Ireland Helena Nolan presents Brendan Reilly – Sergeant, NYPD with his award.



Patrick Hendry, NYC PBA presenting to John McGann - Police Officer, NYPD.



Michael Lavin - Captain, New Jersey State Police receives his award from Steve Urbanski, Captain/Chief of Port Operations & Investigations Bureau.



Patrick Ryder, Police Commissioner, Nassau County presents the Excellence in Service Award to Fintan McCormac, Detective Sergeant Nassau County PD.



Brian McCabe, Retired NYPD member & Irish Echo contributor presents Timothy Burke - Lieutenant, NYPD with his award.



Sean Finnegan - Lieutenant Commander, NYPD receiving his award from Patrick Hendry, NYC PBA.



Brian McCabe, Retired NYPD member & Irish Echo contributor presents Thomas Dolan - Lieutenant, Ramapo Police Department with his award.



Robert Riley - Detective - NYPD receiving his award from Consul General Helena Nolan.



George Layng - Detective - NYPD receives his award from Captain Patrick McCormack, Yonkers PD (ret.).



Thomas Ryan, President Port Authority Police Emerald Society presents Richard Egan - Police Officer, Port Authority of NY & NJ - Emergency Service Unit (ESU) with his award.



Bethann Rooney, Port Director - Port Authority of New York and New Jersey presents the Frontline Guardian Award - Craig Costello, Major, NJ State Police, Commanding Officer of the Port Security Section.



Bethann Rooney, Port Director - Port Authority of New York and New Jersey presents The Defending America Award - Noel Moloney, Chief U.S. Customs and Border Protection.



Michael O'Sullivan - Sergeant, New Canaan Police Department, CT receiving his award from Gene Folsom, CIE.



Patrick Hendry, President NYC PBA presents New York's Finest Award to NYPD Police Officer Brendan Latimer.

Congratulations to our honorees

Mary Farrell Police Officer, Investigator in
Bronx Special Victims, NYPD

James O'Sullivan Lieutenant, NYPD (Ret)

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