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Monthly Newsletter of the
New York State Association of Chiefs of Police

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Enjoy the Winter in February



*Chief (Ret.) Larry Eggert Director of
Research, Development & Training*

22nd, 2020 at the Queensbury Hotel in Glens Falls (Adirondacks Region). Please save the date on your calendar. Registration information will be forthcoming.

Website Update

It is anticipated that we will be going active with our new website provider within the next few weeks. Currently NYSACOP staff are working out the final details and fine-tuning the different sections of the site. The new site should be more user friendly for our members and staff.

Bail Reform Rally in Albany

There will be a bail reform rally in Albany this Tuesday February 4th. We are hoping for a substantial turnout from our membership. Our President, Chief Pat Phelan will be speaking at the event. We will keep you informed as our efforts on addressing bail reform moves forward.

Additions to Resource page:

- DCJS Missing Person Cold Case Review Panel;
- Vehicle Fleet Building for 2020; and
- 2019 DEA Drug Threat Assessment.

Happy February to everyone! For those of you that have not yet renewed your membership for 2020, please visit the nychiefs.org website to renew. There are several options for payment that include immediate payment with a credit card or downloading an invoice that can be mailed into our office. Since the first of January we have approved at least 15 new members. If you know of anyone that is not a NYSACOP member, please encourage them to join the Association.

The annual Training Conference is scheduled for July 19th thru July

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Western New York Chiefs Association Luncheon



NYSACOP President Chief Pat Phelan addressing the members of the Western New York Association of Chiefs of Police luncheon on January 9th, 2020 at the Red Osier Restaurant in Batavia New York

Retired Dansville Chief of Police Charlie Perkins announcing his retirement after 35 years in law enforcement and 20 years as Chief. Congratulations Chief and thank you for your service!!



Doug Demangone from Crime Watch presenting at the Western New York Association of Chiefs of Police Luncheon on January 9th, 2020 in Batavia, New York



(Pictures courtesy of GTSC Rep. Nick Macherone)

Batavia PD Partners with Batavia Schools for DWI Demonstration

The Batavia Police Department partnered with the Batavia City Schools and STOP-DWI of Genesee County to provide an important demonstration and interactivity to highlight the importance of driving sober. Pictures from the Batavia Schools Facebook page and Batavia PD Chief Shawn Heubusch.



Students being briefed before their drive



Batavia PD demonstrating field sobriety tests



Students testing their driving abilities



Students performing field sobriety tests



Town of Tonawanda PD Community Outreach Partnership



The Ken-Ton Closet partnered with the Town of Tonawanda Police Department to obtain brand new teddy bears to distribute to their customers. The teddy bears were provided to the police department through a generous donation from Buffalo Biodiesel, a locally operated Town of Tonawanda business. The Ken-Ton Closet is a volunteer-run, non-profit facility, that serves children living in the Kenmore-Tonawanda School District by providing them with items of daily living such as clothing, school supplies, toiletries, and other materials at no cost. From left are Lieutenant Corey Flatau, Captain Dan Murphy, and Ken-Ton Closet Executive Director Jill O'Malley."

Picture courtesy of Tonawanda Police Chief James Stauffiger



New York News

NYPD to add hate crime statistics to public crime database

This article is taken from the January 8th, 2020 edition of the Staten Island Advance. Police Commissioner Dermot Shea said the addition of hate crime statistics was prompted by recent anti-Semitic attacks in New York and New Jersey. In the wake of a pair of anti-Semitic attacks separated by only three weeks in New York and New Jersey, the NYPD announced on Monday that it intends to add hate crimes to its publicly-available crime database — [CompStat](#) — for the first time since the stat-tracking site's inception.

"The best way to fight hate is to shine a light on it," Police Commissioner Dermot Shea said at a press conference Monday. CompStat, which tracks major crime in the five boroughs, some misdemeanors and also shooting incidents, among other crimes, will include hate crimes within the coming months, Shea said.

"We are going to proceed cautiously," the commissioner said, noting that there are technical elements that need to be ironed out before hate crimes can be officially added. "It's probably going to take a few months to get the behind-the-scenes in order," he said. Shea, however, was resolute in his intention to make hate crimes a publicly-available crime statistic. "My commitment is that we are going to add it to the CompStat sheet," he said.

The NYPD [has previously released](#) hate crime data, but this recent addition will allow hate crimes to be tracked by location and on a rolling basis. For the full article, visit: https://www.policeone.com/chiefs-sheriffs/articles/nypd-to-add-hate-crime-statistics-to-public-crime-database-OneNLwLjzplWwL98/?utm_source=PoliceOne+Member+Newsletter&utm_campaign=f4d9b2f7fb-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_01_08_08_22&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ca044a84ea-f4d9b2f7fb-59044859

NY Attorney General investigating NYPD for possible racial bias in subway fare policing

This article is taken from the January 14th, 2020 edition of Syracuse.com. New York City's policing of subway fare beaters is drawing scrutiny from the state's attorney general for possible racial bias. Letitia James announced Monday that her office is investigating the New York Police Department's fare-enforcement practices after the department released new data showing black and Hispanic people account for the vast majority of its fare-related summonses and arrests. James' office sent a letter to the police commissioner Monday seeking additional data, such as the number of officers assigned to each subway station each day — figures she said could shed light on whether officers are targeting communities of color. For the full article, visit: <https://www.syracuse.com/state/2020/01/ny-attorney-general-investigating-nypd-for-possible-racial-bias-in-subway-fare-policing.html>

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NYPD awaits next step for crash-response program tested on Staten Island

This article is taken from the January 16th, 2020 edition of silive.com. STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- The NYPD plans to roll out its [Staten Island pilot program](#), where police do not respond to crashes that only involve property damage, to the rest of the city, a department spokeswoman said.

The program, which began in March of 2018, was a "success," the department spokeswoman claimed, adding that response times for priority jobs decreased on the borough during the program's implementation. The next step for the program — which is still in effect — is awaiting approval before it can be put into place throughout the other four boroughs.

While the NYPD lauded the effects of the pilot, others are not as keen on its results. A source with knowledge of the towing industry, who wished not to be named to avoid losing further towing jobs, said that towing companies are "losing business like crazy" because of the program. New York City utilizes a "Directed Accident Response Program" ([DARP](#)) in instances where vehicles sustain damage in crashes. The DARP program constitutes that private towing companies be summoned to the scene by responding NYPD officers to remove damaged vehicles. For the full article, visit: <https://www.silive.com/news/2020/01/nypd-awaits-next-step-for-crash-response-program-tested-on-staten-island.html>

Police uncover new evidence in NY serial killer case nearly a decade old

This article is taken from the January 17th, 2020 edition of the nbcnews. Investigators stymied by a nine-year mystery following the discovery of 11 sets of human remains strewn along a suburban New York beach highway revealed a previously unreleased photograph Thursday of evidence found at one of the crime scenes that they say was handled by an unknown suspect.

The case that has attracted national headlines for many years is about to be shown in a new spotlight when Netflix releases a film about the unsolved killings March 13. For nearly a decade, a thicket along a highway not far from the popular Jones Beach on Long Island has held the horrible secret. Hidden from passing drivers and strewn along several miles (kilometers) were the skeletal remains of mostly young women who had worked as prostitutes.

The investigation got a boost in September when state officials determined investigators could ask the FBI to deploy genetic genealogy, a technique in which genetic profiles are run through databases to find potential relatives of a homicide victim or suspect. For the full article, visit: <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/crime-courts/police-reveal-evidence-new-york-serial-killer-case-nearly-decade-n1117401>

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AI License Plate Readers are Cheaper so Drive carefully—Police can add Computer Software to Ordinary Security Cameras for as little as \$50 per month.

This article is taken from the January 27th, 2020 edition of Wired magazine. The town of **Rotterdam, New York**, has only 45 police officers, but technology extends their reach. Each day a department computer logs the license plates of around 10,000 vehicles moving through and around town, using software plugged into a network of cameras at major intersections and commercial areas. Rotterdam's program is an example of how improvements in artificial intelligence software provide cops, companies, and governments new or expanded powers of surveillance and investigation. "The software is a lot more cost effective than buying a full system," says Collins. "That can change everything." Drivers in Rotterdam used to be watched by three conventional license plate readers, two fixed and one mounted to a police vehicle. Now, five of the town's public security cameras also are connected to Rekor's software, significantly expanding the police's view of the movements of local vehicles. For the full article, visit: <https://www.wired.com/story/ai-license-plate-readers-cheaper-drive-carefully/>

NY Attorney General applauds Syracuse Police Dept. for overhauling use of force policy

This article is taken from the January 27th, 2020 edition of the Central New York News. The New York State Attorney General gave the Syracuse Police Department a pat on the back last week for updating and modernizing an outdated policy on use of force. SPD released its revamped use of force policy last June. It was one of Chief Kenton Buckner's top priorities when he took over the department at the end of 2018. For the full article, visit: <https://www.syracuse.com/news/2020/01/ny-attorney-general-applauds-syracuse-police-dept-for-overhauling-use-of-force-policy.html>

Google To Charge Law Enforcement For Data Related To Search Warrants, Subpoenas

This article is taken from the January 28th, 2020 edition of Media Post. Google will now begin charging for data such as emails, location tracking information and search queries that law enforcement and other government agencies can use for search warrants and subpoenas.

Google told *The New York Times* that fees will range from \$45 for a subpoena and \$60 for a wiretap to \$245 for a search warrant, according to a notice sent to law enforcement officials and reviewed by the media outlet. The notice also included fees for other legal requests. The fees are intended to offset the costs of complying with warrants and subpoenas, which have skyrocketed in recent years. To read the full article, visit: <https://www.mediapost.com/publications/article/346261/google-to-charge-law-enforcement-for-data-related.html>

National Police News

Record number of LEOs died by suicide in 2019 Nonprofit Blue H.E.L.P. reported 228 officer deaths by suicide this year

This article is taken from the January 3rd, 2020 issue of PoliceOne. A record number of current or former law enforcement officers died by suicide in 2019, according to Blue H.E.L.P., a nonprofit that works to reduce the stigma around mental health issues in law enforcement.

According to figures announced by Blue H.E.L.P. on Thursday, 228 current or former officers died by suicide, compared with 172 in 2018. About 90% of those officers were male and approximately 25% were veterans with at least 20 years of service. "I'm really hoping that 2020 will be the year this turns around," Karen Solomon, Blue H.E.L.P.'s founder, [told ABC News](#). "I'd love to see suicide prevention receive the same efforts we put forth for traditional line-of-duty deaths."

New York had the highest number of deaths by suicide at 27, followed by California at 23. Among those 27 deaths in New York, 10 were NYPD officers.

"The tempo for the New York City Police Department is unforgiving — job demands, financial restraints and living in New York is a challenge," Jon Adler, the former Bureau of Justice Programs director at the Department of Justice and a former law enforcement officer in New York, told ABC News. "Officers are seeing more stressful events at a greater frequency. A sheer volume of negative memories can have a dire impact."

ABC News reports that since Blue H.E.L.P. began collecting data, more police officers have died by suicide than all line-of-duty deaths combined.

"They say hindsight is 20/20," Jeff McGill, a co-founder of Blue H.E.L.P., told ABC News. "2020 should be the year that we look back and realize that suicide is the biggest threat we face and we should respond accordingly." To view this article, visit:

https://www.policeone.com/police-heroes/articles/record-number-of-leos-died-by-suicide-in-2019-ezeG0dSGdKz7pc39/?utm_source=PoliceOne+Member+Newsletter&utm_campaign=9a9c2f7e89-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_01_03_08_47&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ca044a84ea-9a9c2f7e89-59044859



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Federal, Colo. officials investigating mysterious drone sightings

This article is taken from the January 7th, 2020 edition of the Associated Press.

FORT MORGAN, Colo. — Groups of drones have been spotted buzzing over rural parts of northeastern Colorado and western Nebraska for weeks, unnerving residents. Now, U.S. officials are working with state and local authorities to determine who is behind the mysterious nighttime flights.

Morgan County Sheriff David Martin hosted a closed-door meeting with law enforcement agencies and government officials Monday to talk about the recent sightings. The drones reportedly have 6-foot wingspans and fly in grid-like patterns hundreds of feet in the air in groups of six to 10. The Federal Aviation Administration, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Air Force and the U.S. Army Forces Command have said they do not have information about the aircraft. The FAA said it has contacted drone test site operators and drone companies but has not determined if they were behind the flights. The agency also has been in touch with several airports in the area, warning pilots to be cautious & asking them to report any sightings.

Meanwhile, the Phillips County Sheriff's Office in northeastern Colorado posted on Facebook that a task force has been organized and is asking the public to be on the lookout for a "command vehicle" that is operating the drones. The vehicle could be a closed box trailer with antennas or a large van that seems out of place, the post said. For the full article, visit: <https://www.policeone.com/investigations/articles/federal-colo-officials-investigating-mysterious-drone-sightings-1X9fcgMBiW9k1bdN/>

DOJ Announces Plan to Track Police Officer Suicides

This article is taken from the January 14th, 2020 edition of Police Magazine. The United States Department of Justice has announced that it will begin collecting data on police officer suicides, and will provide grants to state and local law enforcement agencies to improve mental health services, train to reduce the stigma of officers seeking help, and create programs to address repeated exposure to stress and trauma.

According to the New Hampshire [Union Leader](#), Senator Jeanne Shaheen has added \$5 million to a bipartisan appropriations bill for the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act. In beginning to track police officer suicides, the DOJ joins Blue H.E.L.P., a nonprofit that has been tracking such data since 2016. Blue H.E.L.P. issued a statement earlier this year that said 228 police officer suicides were reported in 2019. There were 172 suicides reported in 2018, 168 in 2017, and 143 in 2016.

On a [website](#) maintained by [BlueH.E.L.P.](#)—a first responder need only enter a few data points—such as their location and what kind of assistance is needed—and the individual will be provided with a list of options for help from a searchable database dedicated to helping first responders find emotional, financial, spiritual, and other forms of assistance.

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Michigan's suspected drunk drivers face blood draws during breathalyzer 'fraud' investigation

This article is taken from the January 15th, 2020 edition of mlive.com. LANSING, MI -- Michigan state police on Monday, Jan. 13, halted use of 203 breathalyzer machines utilized to determine blood-alcohol levels in drunk driving cases statewide.

"Based on new information learned over the weekend, the Michigan State Police (MSP) is aggressively investigating potential fraud committed by contract employees of Datamaster vendor, Intoximeters, and also moving today to take all 203 Datamaster DMT evidential breath-alcohol testing instruments out of service until MSP can inspect and verify each instrument to ensure it is properly calibrated," state police Col. Joseph Gasper said in a statement issued Monday evening. "In the interim period, the MSP recommends that police agencies utilize blood draws rather than breath tests to establish evidence of drunk driving. For the full article, visit: <https://www.mlive.com/public-interest/2020/01/michigans-suspected-drunk-drivers-face-blood-draws-during-breathalyzer-fraud-investigation.html>

For years Chicago Police rated the risk of thousands being caught up in violence. That controversial effort has quietly been ended.

This article is taken from the January 24th, 2020 edition of the Chicago Tribune. Chicago police have quietly ended a controversial data-gathering effort that rated tens of thousands of residents on who was most likely to be caught up in violence — either as a victim or criminal. The Police Department had revised the SSL numerous times since its inception in 2012, including a significant overhaul last year that included a name change. For the full article, visit: <https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/criminal-justice/ct-chicago-police-strategic-subject-list-ended-20200125-spn4kjmrxrh4tmktdjckhtox4i-story.html>

Baltimore Police Department faces criticism for low staffing

This article is taken from the January 24th, 2020 edition of CNN. A federal judge addressed the Baltimore Police Department's low staffing in court in response to a consent decree issued in 2017 mandating improved training and new recruitment policies. US District Court Judge James Bredar on Wednesday admonished police in his opening remarks and said that while leadership is not his concern, he is requesting monthly reports on staffing and training. "I continue to be alarmed at the department's staffing level, and I see a successful recruiting initiative as absolutely critical to the capacity of the Police Department to accomplish the changes required by the decree," Bredar said. The US Justice Department [helped craft the consent decree](#) after policing practices came under fire in the aftermath of the death of Freddie Gray in 2015. Gray died while being transported in a Baltimore police van, [which led to widespread protests](#) and a yearlong audit of the city's policing practices. For the full article, visit: <https://www.cnn.com/2020/01/23/us/baltimore-police-department-recruiting/index.html>

International Law Enforcement News

Ontario Provincial Police brings down illegal sports betting sites run by Hells Angels

This article is taken from the December 31st, 2019 edition of SBSAmericas website. **Ontario Provincial Police** (OPP) has broken up a crime ring led by three Hells Angels members that was responsible for running a string of illegal sports betting and online gaming websites. Commissioner Thomas Carrique, Chief Superintendent Paul Beesley, and Stephane Bonin of the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) confirmed that Project HO-BART, a joint-forces OPP CIB-led probe, had led to a takedown at more than 50 locations across southern Ontario and Quebec.

The raids marked the culmination of an investigation that has spanned almost two years, resulting in 228 charges against 28 people, including three Hells Angels members, one Hells Angels prospect and a civil servant. The charges range from Commission of Offences for a Criminal Organization, Bookmaking, Firearms to Money Laundering and Fraud (tax evasion). In addition, more than \$12m in assets have been seized including sports cars, multiple properties, firearms and jewelry valued at approximately \$300,000, \$330,000 in precious metals, \$1.2m in financial accounts and approximately \$1.7m in cash.

The illegal online gaming enterprise was primarily controlled by three Hells Angels members with ties to traditional organized crime through the Figliomeni family. As the struggle to remain in control of this illegal profitable business intensified, so too did the slew of violent crimes including shootings, attempted murders and homicide. To view the full article, visit: <https://sbcamericas.com/2019/12/31/opp-brings-down-illegal-sports-betting-sites-run-by-hells-anges/>

Vancouver's drug-dispensing machine: Why it exists and how it works

According to the January 17th, 2020 edition of the CBC, Canada's first automated machine that dispenses opioids to high-risk users is up and running! Health advocates say a safe supply of opioids is critical to help prevent people from overdosing on tainted street drugs. Now, a pilot project in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside provides some high-risk users with access to an automated machine that dispenses opioids prescribed by a doctor. The machine, called MySafe, is stocked with hydromorphone tablets that are released on a pre-determined schedule to high-risk opioid users. A user must scan their palm on the machine to identify themselves. The machine recognizes each individual by verifying the vein pattern in their hand and then dispenses their prescription. Made of steel and bolted to the floor, MySafe resembles an ATM or vending machine. It logs every package that is released and sends that information to a web feed that only program administrators can access. To view the full article, visit: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/vancouver-drug-dispensing-machine-opioids-overdoses-1.5429704>

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Somali terrorist group, al-Shabaab, threatens to attack US targets around the world

This article is taken from the January 11th, 2020 edition of the Telegraph. The Somali terrorist outfit al-Shabaab has threatened to strike at American targets around the world days after it mounted [a deadly and unprecedented attack on US forces stationed in Kenya.](#)

Emboldened by the unexpected success of last Sunday's assault on a military base in northern Kenya's Mandera Bay region, the jihadist group, a franchise of al-Qaeda, promised "further bloodshed" against American soldiers and civilians alike.

The attack, which exposed a troubling lack of security, leaves the Trump administration struggling to deal with a significant and growing military challenge at a time when it is already preoccupied by its face-off with Iran. The US Army's Africa Command (AFRICOM) has scrambled to respond to the attack, sending combat-ready reinforcements from the 101st Airborne Division to northern Kenya and stepping up airstrikes against al-Shabaab in neighboring Somalia.

Although al-Shabaab has waged an insurgency against the Somali government and foreign forces stationed in Somalia for more than a decade, it was only in September that the group began to target the United States in earnest. The shift in emphasis is seen in part as retaliation for a surge in US drone strikes targeting the group's leadership since Donald Trump became president in January 2017.

For the full article, visit: <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2020/01/11/somali-terrorist-group-al-shabaab-threatens-attack-us-targets/>

FBI Says Iranian Hackers Have Stepped up Reconnaissance Since Soleimani Killing

This article is taken from the January 10th, 2020 edition of Cyberscoop. The FBI has told U.S. companies that Iranian hackers have stepped up their probing and reconnaissance activity in the days since the U.S. military killed Iranian Maj. Gen. Qassem Soleimani. In an advisory to industry this week obtained by CyberScoop, the FBI warned that Iranian hackers could target cleared defense contractors, government agencies, academia and nongovernmental organizations focused on Iran issues. The FBI assesses that Iranian hackers could use "a range of computer network operations against U.S.-based networks in retaliation for last week's strikes against Iranian military leadership," says the memo, which is labeled "TLP White," meaning its recipients can distribute it liberally.

The Jan. 9 alert did not elaborate on the nature of the increased Iranian "cyber reconnaissance activity" that the FBI says has occurred since Soleimani's killing, nor did it mention any Iranian breaches of networks as part of that activity. For the full article, visit: <https://www.cyberscoop.com/fbi-iran-soleimani-cyber/>

NY/NJ HIDTA Sponsored Training



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At the conclusion of the Detecting Danger Training our participants will:

- Recognize the role Phenomenological thought, (perceptions), plays in creating a survival mentality.
- Recognize non-verbal communication, with specific references to gestures most often present prior to assault or escape behaviors.
- Understand the Trilogy of Warning signs that generally indicate that the presence of violence or the propensity for violence is present in others.
- Utilize conscious and subconscious rapport building to create either a positive or negative environment.
- How to use their posture and communication style for maximum results.
- Add techniques to diffuse hostility and violence in the early stages of development to their interpersonal skills.
- Articulate warning signals and indicators that justify using force following a continuum of force model.

Instructor is Dr. Steven A. Rhoads, Chief of Police, Retired

Hosted By: The U. S. Attorney's Office Western District of New York; Niagara University Continuing Education / Criminal Justice Department; The Niagara County Law Enforcement Academy (NCLEA), and MAGLOCLIN.

Free DCJS Training

Aquatic Death and Homicidal Drowning Investigations Training Course

The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Office of Public Safety is pleased to announce a series of two-day Aquatic Death and Homicidal Drowning Investigations Training courses. The training will be offered:

Westchester County - January 22-23,2020

Monroe County - February 26-27, 2020 - In conjunction with US Attorney's Office Western District of NY

Onondaga County - March 17 -18, 2020

Albany County - March 24-25,2020

While drowning is the eighth leading cause of death among all homicides, its rank would likely be significantly higher if more drowning deaths were investigated as possible foul play. The typical first thought when you hear "drowning" is that it was an accident. This course is designed to identify the "red flags" of a drowning case which would lead an investigator to prove the event is a homicide and not accidental.

Course Topics Include:

- Approaching drowning fatalities and "near drowning" of a child with the same degree of suspicion as any other homicide/possible child abuse incident;
- Case history debriefings;
- Witness interview procedures;
- Investigation procedures on the scene;
- Profiling an open water investigation;
- Post mortem physiology forensics - what to look for on a body recovered from the water;
- Three types of incidents: homicide by drowning, victim's body dumped in water after homicide on land, and near-drowning as a result of child abuse or other foul play;
- How to retrieve and handle evidence thrown in the water - how can a detective know if a dive team conducted a thorough search, or if the team just missed the item;
- investigation of vehicular water suicides and how to determine the difference between a vehicular suicide and attempted cover-up;

Who Can Attend:

Any law enforcement personnel including prosecutors and related personnel, Medical Examiners and coroners, or LE dive team members.

There is no course fee to attend. Enrollment for this training session is limited. Therefore, you must receive confirmation on attendance. Please complete the course application and have it sent no later than two weeks prior to the start of the course. The application can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/14748701/Aquatic-Death-and-Homicidal-Drowning-Investigations>

elf you have any questions about the training, please contact Bert Bouchey by email at Bert.Bouchev@dcjs.gov or by telephone at (518) 485-1411.

2020 Training Conference Reminder

Save the Date



The New York State Association of Chiefs of Police 2020 Training Conference will be held from July 19-22 at the Queensbury Hotel in Glens Falls, N.Y. (Adirondacks Lake George Region). Registration information will be posted in the near future!



Membership Renewal Reminder

Are your dues up-to-date or do you owe past dues?

Now you can check online by signing into your online profile at:

www.nychiefs.org/members/login

Your **2020** membership renewal will come through as an automated email to your preferred email address that is listed in your membership website profile. If you are ready to renew for **2020** now, login anytime to update your membership contact information and dues.

If you have issues logging in or forgot your username or password, please contact the NYSACOP office at (518) 355-3371 or by emailing leggert@nychiefs.org.

Postal membership renewal notices will only be mailed to those who are past due and may not be aware of the electronic change. If you or someone you know has not yet renewed and is waiting on a paper renewal, please have them contact our office to go over the new procedure.

To pay your membership dues, go to:

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- Manage Membership
- Renew

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NYSACOP GTSC Law Enforcement Liaison Report

February 2020

By *Dominick Macherone*

“Traffic Tuesdays-The National Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors (TSRP) Webinar Series”: (at the time of this publication no February 2020 TSRP webinar was announced)

“2020 NYS STOP-DWI Super Bowl Enforcement Crackdown - Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over- January 31, 2020 - February 3, 2020”: The Super Bowl has become synonymous with drinking and celebrating, making roads on Super Bowl weekend dangerous. That is why as game day quickly approaches the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is teaming up with the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee and law enforcement to remind football fans that designated drivers are the best defense against the dangers of drunk driving. Super Bowl is a festive night in homes and bars across America, but if your night involves alcohol, plan for a sober ride home. Remember, ***Fans Don’t Let Fans Drive Drunk***. To help plan for this enforcement mobilization visit the NHTSA **Traffic Safety Marketing** page



Dominick G. Macherone
Governor’s Traffic
Safety Committee
NYSACOP
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for the latest campaign materials and marketing techniques to maximize your high visibility enforcement efforts at: <https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/drun-driving/buzzed-driving-drunk-driving/super-bowl-li#> As law enforcement professionals and highway safety advocates your efforts will help reduce the number of drunk and impaired drivers on the roads and save lives. By increasing State enforcement efforts, raising public awareness through paid, earned, and social media, and maximizing your local resources, you can make a marked difference. So please join our “Super Bowl Team” of law enforcement officers, state and local traffic safety advocates, and STOP-DWI New York in this year’s impaired driving enforcement mobilization. Additional resource materials are available on the Traffic Programs Page of the NYSACOP website at www.nychiefs.org, GTSC’s new website at trafficsafety.ny.gov, and the STOP-DWI New York homepage at www.stopdwi.org.

“STOP-DWI NEW YORK Mobile App – Have A Plan”: The Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee and representatives from the New York STOP-DWI Foundation wish to remind all partners of the release of its free “**Have A Plan**” mobile application. The app encourages people to have a plan to get home safely if they are impaired by alcohol or drugs. We encourage and look to our law enforcement agencies to promote and market this free program in your communities. To download the app simply visit www.stopdwi.org/mobileapp.

“2020 Training Schedules for ARIDE and DRE Classes”: The training schedules for the two-day Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and Drug Recognition Enforcement (DRE) classes for 2020 that are supported by the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee can be found on the following link: <https://trafficsafety.ny.gov/training-and-events>. Questions on the training can also be directed to NYS DRE Coordinator Renee Borden at the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee at Renee.Borden@dmv.ny.gov.

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“Practical Guidelines for Motorcycle Safety & Enforcement Training”: With the primary 2020



motorcycle riding season only a few months away, we ask our law enforcement partners to consider attending one of the upcoming regional GTSC sponsored Practical Guidelines for Motorcycle Safety & Enforcement training programs. The goal of the training is to introduce law enforcement to the national and state specific motorcycle enforcement issues in effort to reduce the number of deaths and injuries from motorcycle related crashes. The course is instructed by a team of subject matter experts representing the New York

State Police and the Town of Colonie Police Department. Regional locations under consideration for the training in 2020 include: the Suffolk County Police Academy on February 26th; Broome, Oswego, and Orange counties; and the Finger Lakes Training Academy, all during March & April. Once dates are finalized for these additional locations under consideration, announcements will be distributed through various channels and networks to register. For additional information on the training contact GTSC Program Rep. Vanessa Waldron at vanessa.waldron@dmv.ny.gov.

“Walk-Bike New York Symposium...Encouraging Sustainable Movement – Hyatt Regency, Rochester, NY – June 11-12, 2020”: There is a strong demand for communities where people



of all ages and abilities can safely and comfortably walk and bike. Creating walkable and bikeable environments requires the active collaboration of people with interests in safety, land use, economic development, transportation, education, law enforcement and health promotion. This two-day symposium will bring together people from these various disciplines and provide participants with the tools to work together to create walkable and

bikeable communities. Registration and hotel information along with the agenda are posted on the website of the Institute for Traffic Safety Management and Research (ITSMR) under Events at: <https://www.itsmr.org/events/>. Agenda topics will address Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Education, Enforcement & Engineering, Safety Initiatives, Local Project Highlights, Safe Routes for Youth and Bike Tourism & Sharing Programs in New York State. As a Symposium sponsor the NYS Association of Chiefs of Police encourages participation by our law enf. partners.

“Upcoming Pedestrian Safety for Law Enforcement Train-the-Trainer Courses in 2020:

As part of its ongoing efforts to reduce pedestrian-related motor vehicle crashes in communities across NYS through a comprehensive approach that incorporates awareness,

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education and enforcement programs, the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee along with other state and federal partners will host NHTSA's one-day Pedestrian Safety for Law Enforcement Train-the-Trainer course. Plans are currently underway to hold trainings that are instructed by active law enforcement officers in Monroe and Albany counties, in addition to the Central and Hudson Valley regions of New York. The course introduces New York's Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (www.ny.gov/pedsafety), data, and a detailed look at current pedestrian crash issues. Officers will be provided with tools and strategies for the effective implementation of pedestrian education and enforcement countermeasures. Once training dates and locations are confirmed, information will be distributed through various channels and networks. For additional information on the training contact GTSC Program Representative Jim Knapp at james.knapp@dmv.ny.gov.

"Special Attention NYS Law Enforcement Agencies – DMV "P Memo" Distribution":

It has come to our attention that many enforcement agencies and officers are unaware of the issuance, accessibility, and/or existence of DMV "P" memos. A "P" memo is correspondence issued by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to inform law enforcement agencies of changes to the V&TL, DMV regulations, reporting requirements, and other information that is pertinent to the enforcement community. DMV sends "P" memos by email to enforcement agencies. Each agency designates a person to be the point of contact to receive and distribute the memos. The email address of the contact person must be given to DMV so the address can be added to the "P" memo distribution list. DMV should be notified whenever a contact person changes so DMV can update the distribution list. You can access and update the information that DMV has for your agency's point of contact at eSeriesMemos@dmv.ny.gov. We recommend that you find out who DMV has on file as the point of contact to receive and distribute "P" Memos for your agency as it may be necessary to update the information. "P" Memos are also posted on the DCJS eJustice portal. Agencies can easily access the portal by going to Resources; to Ref Library; to Law Enforcement; then to DMV Resources where the "P" Memos are filed. We hope this information is helpful and that you give this matter your immediate attention.

"New York Traffic Activities from the Field":

"Suffolk County Police Department's Chief of Department Stuart Cameron Expands Its Pedestrian Safety Education and Awareness Outreach with Spanish PSA": In their ongoing and proactive traffic safety efforts aimed at improving pedestrian and bicycle safety across its diverse population in Suffolk County, Chief of Department Stuart Cameron has spearheaded this incredible educational PSA and outreach initiative that is also featured in the Chief's Corner section of our December 2019 edition of the NYS Chief's Chronicle magazine.

<https://www.facebook.com/SuffolkPDEspanol/videos/1617540208389016/>

<https://www.newsday.com/long-island/suffolk/suffolk-police-spanish-language-1.39905238>

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“Alcohol and the Law Video by Irondequoit Police Department Chief Richard Tantalo – Drug-Free Irondequoit: Together”: Join Chief Richard Tantalo as he speaks on alcohol & substance use among youth, the law, and how to start early conversations with your child. The link to the YouTube video is: <https://youtu.be/tnXoewNQWQQ>

“Save-the-Date - Empire State Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Conference – May 13-14, 2020”: The Empire State Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Conference (ESLETS) is scheduled for May 13 & 14, 2020 at the Hunter Mountain Resort in Hunter, NY. The conference is a two-day event for Law Enforcement only. The conference will provide training, skills and knowledge to address contemporary highway safety issues and challenges; **designed by law enforcement - for law enforcement**. The link to the New York State Police Traffic Safety Page and ESLETS Conference for registration and lodging information is <https://troopers.ny.gov/ESLETS/>. We hope to see you there!

Visit the Traffic Programs Page on our NYSACOP website at www.nychiefs.org and GTSC's new website at trafficsafety.ny.gov for additional traffic safety and enforcement resources, materials and information. Our GTSC Law Enforcement Liaisons and Program Representatives look forward to assisting you and can be reached at the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee by calling (518) 474-5111.



“TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT IS LAW ENFORCEMENT”

The Power of Persuasion and an \$85 Glass of Wine



By Gordon Graham

Editor's note: This is the latest installment in the Real Risk Management series, designed to introduce the breadth and depth of risk management by organizing risk into 10 Families. To request earlier articles from the series, please contact Shannon Pieper, [Lexipol](mailto:spieper@lexipol.com) Marketing Communications Director, at 949/276-9938 or spieper@lexipol.com.

Gordon Graham here—hello again! In my last article I presented some thoughts on “information risks” and how people (some of them very clever, and some not so clever) can use actions and language to persuade you to change your thinking on a specific topic.

Since then, many of you have chimed in with your thoughts on how you were the victim of the clever person who said and did things to make you think a certain way—and you later learned you were fooled.

Do not feel stupid. This has happened to some very smart people over the years—and while I do not put myself in the “very smart” category—it has happened to me.

I was doing some work a few years ago for the Army when I was approached by a ranking officer with quite the story. By the end of our conversation he had me convinced that “we” (the USA) got “played” by some very clever people in Iran over two decades ago.

Of course I was not taking detailed notes, but the gist of his tale was as follows: Iraq (in the Saddam Hussein days) and Iran were duking it out for years with neither having the edge militarily. Iran got to thinking, “We can’t beat them, but is there any country in the world that could? Yeah, the USA could do that easily. But why would Americans want to get involved in fighting Iraq? Hmmmm. Perhaps if we convinced America that Hussein had ‘weapons of mass destruction,’ they would come over here en-masse and do the job we cannot do.”

Now I am not a student of all that is going on in the U.S. military or the minds of our elected officials, but I wondered to myself if this theory could possibly be true. And if it could happen to the smart people running our military (and the others running the nation), could it happen to me?

On my recommended reading list is a book by Robert Cialdini, *Influence: The Psychology of Persuasion*. It is a great read and it focuses on how someone can say things or do things to persuade you to do something or buy something. Cialdini has some great stories taken from his extensive studies and experiences.

Shortly after I read this book, Mrs. G and I went to a restaurant (recommended by one of her bridge group friends). As we pulled into the parking lot, I immediately knew I had no business at that restaurant! As I drove past the valet lot—where they park all the expensive cars up front to impress the clientele—there were Bugatti Veyrons and Rolls Royce Wraiths and McLarens. And I am thinking,

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“We do not belong here.”

Not to digress, but if you do not get anything else out of this piece, remember this: NEVER VALET PARK YOUR CAR—NEVER, NEVER, NEVER! Now why would I say that? OK, let’s go back to the last time you used a valet at a hotel. You pull in, they open your doors for you, they ask your name and then they ask, “How long will your stay be?”

Now you *think* you know why they are asking this—if you will be there just a short time, they will put your car up front to retrieve it quickly for you. Well, that might be true with some or most valets, but there are also some who will use this information to their benefit.

For example, you tell the valet you will be there for a week, and guess what? Your car becomes the “party car”—where they will sleep and listen to your radio and have all sorts of fun. (Have you ever got back in your car after a valet experience and noticed the radio station was changed or the volume was extremely loud? And you chalked this up to...? Guess what! Your car was the party car!)

Now I am not disparaging all valets here, but in every profession (including law enforcement) there are some people who are not good people. Your car becomes the car in which they smoke (or inject) their dope, where they watch porn or have sex or do other totally inappropriate things. Think I don’t know what I am talking about? Over the years when I was actively in the practice of law, I had clients (including some I knew very well) who found needles in their car, partial bags of dope, pornography, condoms (including used condoms) and a variety of other things that could cause you embarrassment or criminal issues.

Just put this in the back of your head. The valet has a history of arrests, and there is something in your car that indicates you are a cop. Perhaps business cards, police memorabilia, stickers, license plate frames or correspondence. How much trouble would you be in if this valet (who does not like you or cops in general) purposefully left some dope in your car?

Here I go digressing again, but a related event occurred a few years ago involving Irvine Police Department (IPD) in California. Long story short, IPD gets a radio alert about a car driving erratically and the person reporting informs the 9-1-1 operator there is dope in the car. An Irvine cop (and this fellow deserves a lot of accolades and respect) locates the car, talks to the driver (no impairment) and legally retrieves the dope.

He could have made the arrest right then and there but something in his head said this is not adding up. You can [read the full story online](#), but the bottom line is the cop decides not to make an immediate arrest and does some investigative follow-up and learns from the woman in the car that she had angered some parents at the school she worked at and they filed a complaint against her.

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Timely Takeaway:

The Irvine Police Department's excellent police work in solving the planted dope case and ensuring justice was served. It's not only a great reminder of how any of us can be framed by those with criminal intentions, but it's also a reminder that as investigators, you must pay attention to your gut and keep digging until you have the whole story.

Again, long story short, the parents planted some dope in her car, called the cops from a pay phone, and hoped to get her in criminal trouble. Because of the excellent work on the part of IPD, both parents were arrested (both lawyers from excellent law schools) and convicted and the victim of their hate was awarded a substantial civil judgment.

But back to the restaurant. We park the car and go in and get seated and the server gives us a wine list. As I perused this list I noted a wine on the list that was priced at \$85. That is a lot of money.

"Well Gordon, \$85 dollars is not bad for a nice bottle of wine."

Guess what? This is not the bottle list—this is the wine by the glass list!

\$85 for a glass of wine!! I can buy 10 large boxes of wine for \$85! And the next glass was more expensive than that! Then I see a glass on this list for \$62.50 (as if the 50 cents would impact their profit margin, but I guess they wanted to shake it up a bit) and in the middle of this lengthy list was a glass for \$25. I started to chuckle internally, because Dr. Cialdini talks about this in his book.

Which glass of wine were they trying to get me to buy? The \$25 glass! Think about this. If the only glass of wine on the list was \$25, you would say, "This is an outrage—that is way too much for a glass of wine." But when they surround the \$25 offering with much more expensive wines, all of a sudden the \$25 glass looks like a bargain. Heck, I might have had two of them!

I am now exceeding my word count, but I will be back to wrap this up in our next visit together. In the meantime, remember to never valet park your car.

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