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Monthly Newsletter for New York State Law Enforcement Leaders

January 2022

Last year we were faced with significant increases in violent crime, victim reluctance due to bail reform, the devastation to some of our downstate communities due to Hurricane Ida, continued disorder in some of our major cities, and the challenges of law enforcement recruitment and retention.



While the preceding two years have been difficult for many, we celebrate the optimism of a new year. The New York State Association of Chiefs of Police has advanced a legislative agenda (stories on page 2, 3) that, if enacted, would confront the inadequacies of several criminal-centric policies and return them to be more victim-sensitive. With recent comments by Gov. Hochul (story on page 6), we are hopeful that this problematic legislation will be given attention, with meaningful representation this time from law enforcement practitioners and others. As we begin the New Year, we welcome new leaders in two of the State's largest police agencies: Commissioner Keechant Sewell (NYPD), and Commissioner Rodney Harrison (Suffolk Co. PD). We are also excited about a new police executive training program which is being launched next month (details on our website), to provide relevant training to New York State's police leaders on contemporary topics in policing and management. This, in addition to our Leadership Summit training over the past two years are bringing unique and insightful programs to police chiefs and sheriffs across New York State.

Finally, we at the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police mourn the passing

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FROM THE PRESIDENT CHIEF TIMOTHY PARISI



Failed Reforms Require Immediate Changes

New Yorker's Safety Has Decreased Since Bail Reform

For years New York State realized a decrease in the rate of violent crime. And while there were certainly parts of the criminal justice system in need of reformation, dramatic and sweeping changes such as bail reform enacted in January 2020 have resulted in New York State becoming unsafe and increasingly violent. Laws favoring defendants over victims were the beginning of the end. Most of us knew from the outset that the purported reforms were completely irrational and counterintuitive, but they were enacted just the same without input from law enforcement practitioners. What a tragedy to have to learn a lesson in this way. Too many stories have been told since bail reform, and lives have undoubtedly been lost because of the gatekeepers not even being allowed to have a gate. Some have called it a revolving door, but others have more accurately described the absence of even a door. When police and judges – the gatekeepers – are not permitted to hold onto offenders known to pose a threat - that is a slap in the face of every law-abiding citizen. One of the first cases making national headlines was the repeat bank robber Gerod Woobery in New York City who, after his sixth holdup-note robbery, was apprehended by the FBI which interceded as Woodbery's case made a mockery of the reform legislation. So many others in communities across our great state have fallen victim to repeat offenses, while police and prosecutors are finding it increasingly difficult to get witnesses to provide a statement or testify, with some feeling that there is more of a penalty to the victims than for those offending. Undoubtedly, there are many judges who feel helpless when a dangerous



Mona Davids of the New York City Schools Safety Coalition speaks at the Albany press event.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
CHIEF/RET. PATRICK PHELAN



Time to Make Criminal Justice Reform Rational

Police Chiefs Submit Blueprint for Change to Ensure Safety of New Yorkers

One of the virtues of a true professional is that they are always reviewing, evaluating, and analyzing their procedures. Some practices stay the same, while others evolve. While many of us in law enforcement recognize that there are areas in need of reformation, the manner and scope in which legislation was steamrolled has now caused a wave of injustice and inequity. A far-left movement has caused many public safety policies to devolve into head-scratching reforms lacking in accountability for offenders, while bringing suffering to innocent people - the very heart of what the mission of government is *supposed* to be.

The impact of bail reform, along with the vilification of police in many areas have severely impacted public safety. Even if changes are made now, it will take time to get back to a point where we once were. The politicization of disgraceful incidents such as the killing of George Floyd were portrayed by some politicians and news media as exemplifying the norm, rather than being the exception. Yet incidents like George Floyd were used as the opportunistic vehicle to make sweeping changes that have brought chaos and violence to communities across the nation.

The dramatic failure of bail reform and similar legislation has endangered the citizens of New York State, causing an uptick in the most serious crimes in our communities. That is why the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police is proposing a series of measures to protect the public while ensuring the rights of the accused are also protected.

Summary of Proposed Amendments

Bail

Eliminate cash bail altogether by eradicating the inequities that allow wealth to determine freedom;
Allow judges to consider a defendant's public safety risk, so that the people who pose the biggest threat to our communities do not continue to endanger our communities.

Criminal Discovery

Stagger the discovery schedule to ease administrative burdens while at the same time providing

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or repeat criminal is brought before them pre-trial, unable to remand a defendant as the legislature made sure that such latitude was not available. Even with some amendments that the legislature was forced to make in the face of the originally flawed law, problems remain. Of course, this is not news to those of us who work in public safety, but it has become increasingly obvious to the general public who are witnessing the dysfunction of our justice system in their own communities, or knowing others who have been victimized or otherwise affected by reform law.

On December 9, members of our Association along with representatives from other groups and organizations went to the Capital in Albany to announce a series of proposals to bring New York State back. We are the first to say that there are reforms that are and have been needed, but the way in which many of these laws were enacted did not include any meaningful input from law enforcement.

Our proposals are focused on the areas which were changed in recent years and which have had a direct impact on the effectiveness of law enforcement operations, the efficiency of our justice system, and equity for suspects as well as victims. Bail, discovery, juvenile justice (Raise the Age), and appearance tickets are the key areas in which we have advanced our proposals (see story by Executive Director Patrick Phelan for more information). As President of our

Association, I encourage all of our members to review these proposals and engage with your state representatives. It imperative that our elected officials are reminded of the perils of that legislation and our reasonable proposals to *reform the reform* in the interest of making our communities safer. Please share with us instances of the impact of reforms in your jurisdictions.

“We are the first to say that there are reforms that are and have been needed, but the way in which many of these laws were enacted did not include any meaningful input from law enforcement..”

[Share Your Story](#)



**Don't forget to renew your membership
and update your profile**

Larry Eggert to Lead Crime Analysis Center

Larry Eggert will leaving his position as Director of Research, Development and Training for the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police (NYSACOP) to become the Director of the Niagara Intelligence and Crime Analysis Center (CAC). One of ten CAC's in the state, the Niagara site is part of a statewide network providing investigative support to assist police to be more effective in solving, reducing and preventing crime. According to DCJS the CACs coordinate, expand and enhance hot-spot analysis, crime pattern identification, and real-time investigative support to law enforcement agencies.

Over the past four years the retired Lockport, NY Police Chief has served as the Director of Research, Development and Training. Eggert is excited about the new opportunity to assist agencies in solving crime. He said by using intelligence-based policing, police can better address issues in their communities. "The CAC can provide information to allow departments to take a precision, targeted approach," he said, adding, "it's like using a scalpel rather than a sledge hammer in response to a problem." Asked about his tenure with NYSACOP Chief Eggert said, "It's been a great ride. We have been really ramping up our training and we have increased our membership." He begins his new position on January 10.



Chief/Ret. Larry Eggert will become the new Director of the Niagara Crime Analysis Center

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of a man who is undoubtedly the longest Sustaining Member of our organization: Bertram Aaron. A member since 1971, Mr. Aaron was bestowed Honorary Life Member status last year in recognition of his historic affiliation with NYSACOP. He passed away on December 31, and would have turned 100 on January 10. As we were preparing a special story about Mr. Aaron's long standing with us, we learned that he was in poor health and his family was bracing for his passing. He and his wife once lived in New York, although Virginia was the place where he was born and eventually returned. Though a mystery to us now, Mr. Aaron obviously had some affinity for law enforcement. If any of our long-tenured members know about Mr. Aaron's connection, please let us know at APB@nychiefs.org.

On behalf of the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police, we wish all of our readers a Happy New Year.

NYSACOP Statement on Governor's State of the State Address

The officers and members of the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police are pleased to learn that Governor Hochul in her 2022 State of the State Address, has indicated her intention to prioritize public safety in 2022. We look forward to working with this administration in their commitment to using practical and proven strategies to help restore our neighbors' sense of safety and security. Our Association, with hundreds of professional law enforcement executives from across the state, stand ready to work with the Governor's office and look forward to providing input on the process.

We are optimistic that this moment represents a substantial step in furthering our shared mission of maintaining a criminal justice system that is fair, equitable, and keeps communities safe. These concepts should not be mutually exclusive. To that end, our Association will encourage lawmakers to consider legislative action that will complement the Governor's public safety initiatives including an amendment to the bail statute that will eliminate cash bail and allow judges the authority to consider remanding a small number of defendants based on a defined set of factors including danger to the community. We are grateful for the Governor's partnership, and we look forward to 2022 being a safer year for every New Yorker.

Free Webinar:

The Consequences of a Nuclear Detonation in a Major American City

February 15th, 2022 from 1 - 3 PM via Zoom.

Join Chief/Ret. Stuart Cameron (Suffolk Co. PD) to learn about the impact of a low yield nuclear detonation in a major American city. Chief Cameron's presentation will include data from the most recent federal modeling done by the national laboratories and DHS. Proper response actions in the aftermath of a nuclear explosion can save tens to hundreds of thousands of lives and protect first responders from receiving harmful exposures to radiation. Cameron said that many of the proper response actions can seem counterintuitive, so knowing what to do in advance is critical.

Chief Cameron Co-Chaired the Concept of Operations Committee with the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office's New York City Region Securing the Cities Program, the largest program of its kind. He has worked with the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, Counterterrorism Operations Support, and Louisiana State University as a subject matter expert to help develop and pilot several new homeland security courses now available to first responders nationwide. He has also been an instructor on other topics related to counterterrorism.



Chief/Ret. Stuart Cameron will be our guest presenter on the topic of the Consequences of a Nuclear Detonation in a Major American City.

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

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enough information to defendants to make informed decisions;

Limit discovery to relevant and material information and not to all information that is tangentially related



NYSACOP Executive Director Patrick Phelan addresses attendees, supporters, and the news media at a press event at the Capital.

to the case and provides no probative value;
Allow the prosecution to answer ready for trial if they have substantially complied with discovery, preventing cases from being dismissed because duplicative and non-material information is provided later in the discovery process.

Juvenile Justice – “Raise the Age Law”

Allow judges in Youth Part to see family court records so that defendants do not appear in front of the Youth Part judge as a perpetual first time offender;

Amend the statute of limitations in family court so that individuals who commit crimes days before their 18th birthday can be prosecuted after their 18th birthday.

Appearance Tickets

Expand the list of crimes for which police are not required to issue appearance tickets to include additional serious offenses;

Limit the ability for chronic offenders to continually receive appearance tickets so that they are not immediately released back into the community.

The NYS Association of Chiefs of Police urges the Legislature to consider our proposed amendments in order to strengthen the criminal justice system and protect our communities statewide. It is time for us to work together to

create fair, just and effective reform laws in a way that ensures all New Yorkers are safe.

To review the individual amendments (in PDF format), click on the links below:

[Bail Reform](#)

[Discovery](#)

[Appearance Tickets](#)

[Raise the Age](#)

One Day Crime Spree Culminates with Theft of Fire Department Vehicle and Dangerous Pursuit

Bail Reform Law Required Release for Prior Crimes

At approximately 11:40 AM on December 16, 2021 the Utica Police Department (UPD) was notified of the theft of Utica Fire Department (UFD) vehicle Rescue 2. Rescue 2 is a multi-purpose, multi-response vehicle employed by UFD. Information was provided that the vehicle was stolen by an unknown individual while it was parked on the 500 block of Bleecker St.

An undercover Utica Police Investigator noticed the vehicle on the 700 block of Bleecker St and began to follow it until uniformed Utica Police cars could attempt to initiate a stop. Once uniformed cars got behind the vehicle they attempted to stop it, however the operator fled leading them on a pursuit.

The pursuit continued until North Genesee St where the operator then began to drive northbound in the southbound lanes striking two vehicles and continuing. Thankfully, during these collisions neither of the motorists were injured. The vehicle continued to flee until its reckless actions caused UPD to terminate the pursuit.

A New York State Police vehicle in the area then began to pursue the vehicle onto River Road, onto Route 12, and ultimately onto the New York State Thruway. Approximately a mile west of exit 31 the driver abandoned the vehicle when it got stuck in a grassy area and fled on foot.

Members of the New York State Police were able to take him into custody within moments and he was soon turned over to Utica officers. At that point his identity was learned to be Brandon Hatton age 29 of Utica. Once his identity was confirmed, UPD knew Hatton to have been charged, booked, and released on three previous occasions just on December 16th alone.

The first incident occurred at Tiny's Bar and Grill on State St when he illegally made entry into the establishment by breaking a window. During that incident he was charged with Criminal Trespass and



Brandon Hatton

Charged by Utica Police with several crimes in four separate incidents on same day, including theft of Fire Department Rescue Vehicle

Photo: Utica PD

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Criminal Mischief in the 4th degree.

After being released on appearance tickets he then proceeded to enter several vehicles in the Mohawk Street area and steal items. Owners of those vehicles caught him the act, and when police arrived to attempt to take him into custody, Hatton fled on foot. After a brief pursuit Hatton was taken into custody and booked on charges of Obstructing Governmental Administration in the second degree and Petit Larceny. He was then charged and booked on another count of Petit Larceny and released on appearance tickets.

At this time members of the UPD Patrol Division and Criminal Investigations Division are compiling charges against Hatton, but charges he will be facing are:

- Grand Larceny in the second degree
- Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the second degree
- Reckless Endangerment
- Criminal Mischief (pending estimate)
- Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage Accident
- Various NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law violations.
- Additional charges are likely.

At the culmination of the completion of the charges he will be brought for arraignment to the applicable court.

Press release: Dec. 17, 2021



Utica Fire Department rescue vehicle, similar to the one allegedly stolen by Brandon Hatton on December 16.

Utica Fire Department Facebook Page

Attorney General’s Office of Special Investigation Opens Investigation Into Civilian Death in Catskill, Queens

Catskill

The New York Attorney General’s Office of Special Investigation (OSI) has opened an investigation into the death of Jason Jones, who died on December 15, 2021, following an encounter with law enforcement in Catskill on October 30, 2021.

In the early morning hours of October 30, 2021, Jason Jones walked into the Village of Catskill Police Department building. At one point Mr. Jones allegedly sprayed hand sanitizer on his body and head and an officer used a taser to subdue him, setting him on fire. Mr. Jones was in the hospital since the incident, and on December 15, 2021, he was pronounced dead.

Queens

The New York Attorney General’s Office of Special Investigation (OSI) has opened an investigation into the death of a civilian in Woodside, Queens, who died on December 16, 2021, following an encounter with an off-duty member of the New York City Police Department (NYPD).

In the early morning hours of December 16, 2021, an off-duty member of the NYPD exchanged gunfire with a civilian and both of them sustained gunshot injuries. The civilian who was shot was taken to Elmhurst Hospital and was pronounced dead at 3:35 a.m. The off-duty officer was also taken to Elmhurst Hospital and is in stable condition.

Pursuant to New York State Executive Law Section 70-b, OSI assesses every incident reported to it where a police officer or a peace officer, including a corrections officer, may have caused the death of a person, by an act or omission. Under the law, the officer may be on-duty or off-duty, and the decedent may be armed or unarmed. Also, the decedent may or may not be in custody or incarcerated. If OSI’s assessment indicates an officer caused the death, OSI proceeds to conduct a full investigation of the incident. These are preliminary facts and subject to change.

Press releases from New York State Attorney General

Potential Terrorist Arrested Wearing Central NY Ambulance Service Jacket

According to U.S. Border Patrol Chief Patrol Agent Chris Clem’s tweet of December 20, 2021, Yuma, Arizona Sector agents apprehended a potential terrorist who illegally entered the U.S. from Mexico on December 16. According to Clem, the 21-year-old migrant from Saudi Arabia is linked to several Yemeni subjects of interest. Other published reports indicated that the ambulance service jacket is several years old.



Photos: U.S. Border Patrol

Confidential Secretary to Several NYSP Superintendents Retires

Olga Cordi retired on December 31 after 37 years of service. During her tenure she worked as the Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent of the State Police under nine Superintendents and two Interim Superintendents. In a statement from the New York State Police, they said, “We can never thank her enough for her significant contributions to our agency.” Ms. Cordi was the point person for the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police for the scheduling of Superintendents for our annual training conferences and for other special events. The members and staff of NYSACOP send best wishes and congratulations to Ms. Cordi in her retirement.

Pictured: Supt. Kevin Bruen presents a proclamation from the Governor to Olga Cordi at State Police Headquarters.



Historic Sustaining Member

Held Membership for a Half Century

Bertram (Bert') Aaron had been a Sustaining Member of the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police (NYSACOP) since 1971. A recent call to his home after Christmas to interview Mr. Aaron about his long affiliation with NYSACOP was met with sad news. "Mr. Aaron is in hospice care, and we are waiting for him to take his last breath." Mr. Aaron passed away on December 31, 2021. The family member said, "He so wanted to make the milestone of his 100th birthday on January 10th." In recognition of his longstanding membership with NYSACOP, his status was converted to Life Member in 2020.

His affinity to law enforcement is unknown, but previously published reports indicate that he once lived in New York State. For several years he has been a resident of Virginia, and a supporter of a number of programs including the symphony and education. He was the Daily Press' (Norfolk, VA) 2018 Citizen of the Year.

Obituary:

Bert began his own successful business in Los Angeles, then New York, and retired to Williamsburg in 1990. A voracious reader of science fiction, he built his first radio at age 9, attained his Amateur Radio License at 17, and as a Cadet at VPI organized the very first Signal Unit for the Corps of Cadets. He attained the rank of Captain in the US Army in the Pacific theater during World War 2, eventually leading to positions as Aeronautical Research Scientist at NACA (now NASA) and then as an engineer for the US Army Signal Corps where he received the Commanders Medal for his service to national defense. Leaving the Signal Corp he began his career as an entrepreneur in applications sales for devices in electronics, medicine, computing, and optics.

Bert held Professional Engineer certificates from Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New York, with senior membership in the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers where he served on the Board of the Microwave Theory and Techniques Society as well as chair of the Los Angeles and Long Island NY chapters. He remained very active in professional societies for the electronics industry and national defense, including as President of the Hampton Roads Chapter of the Society for Electronic Defense.

Having lost two wives to breast cancer, Bert organized and chaired the first Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation Symposium on state-of-the-art medicine for breast cancer diagnosis and treatment. He initiated



Bertram "Bert" Aaron

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**Free
Live Webinar!**



WED., JANUARY 20, 2022 1:00 PM/ET

Chief (Ret.) Mark Spawn has been developing resources and content for the New York State Law Enforcement Handbook since 1999. The “Owner’s Manual” for today’s police officer has been published statewide since 2009 and now includes the most-used sections of state law along with a myriad of helpful resources ranging from cannabis reform, syringe law, reporting of police-involved crashes, federal crimes, DV resources, HIPAA disclosures, Raise the Age guidelines, a comprehensive VTL index, and more. Chief Spawn said, “I wanted to provide the type of resources to my officers that I would have wanted in the field or



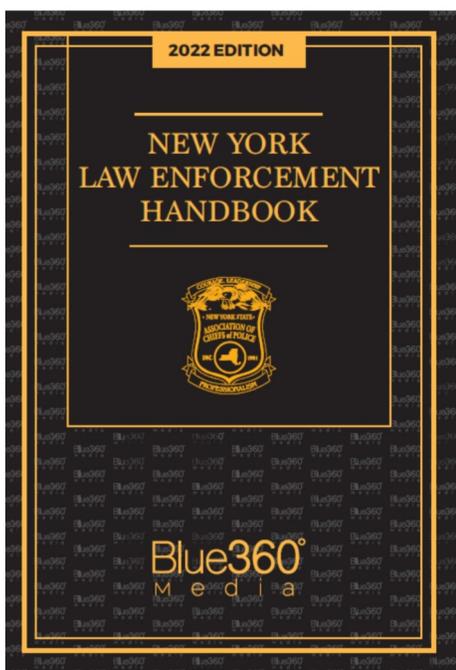
Chief/Ret. Mark Spawn

behind the desk.”

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the Kiwanis Polo Cup, and served on the Kiwanis Board.

His passion and support for the performing arts – particularly in Tidewater Virginia – could be seen through his work organizing and helping to maintain the Greater Williamsburg Virginia Symphony Society after the Symphony were about to cease local operations for lack of an audience. In addition to serving 25 years on the Board of the Symphony, he also served as chair of the Williamsburg James City Arts Commission.

When the requirement arose for a tenured Chair of Jewish Studies at Christopher Newport University, Bert gave the lead gift. Endowed programs for the Cleveland Clinic, Virginia Symphony, and Hillel at Virginia Tech bear his name.

A lover of travel, he and family covered every continent except Antarctica. Bert was a member of Rodef Sholem Congregation in Newport News, as well as Temple Beth-El of Williamsburg.

Obituary and photograph: Altmeyer Funeral Home

Super Bowl Impaired Driving Campaign Materials Available



News releases, Op-eds, social media messages and graphics like the one here are available to help you in promoting your efforts in the upcoming Super Bowl impaired driving enforcement campaign.

Campaign Date: Feb. 13

For more information, [click here](#).

Police Receive Training in Dutchess County

Dutchess County law enforcement officers recently received specialized training on contemporary topics including use of force, qualified immunity and media relations. Hosted by the Dutchess County Association of Chiefs of Police, the seminar was presented by Eric Daigle, Esq. of Daigle Law Group.

Nicholas J. Valhos, President of the Dutchess County Chiefs of Police Association said, “Police leaders are focusing their attention and efforts to achieve both short and long-term goals for their departments in these demanding times. “



Eric Daigle speaks to Dutchess County law enforcement officers.

Photo: Dutchess County Assn. of Chiefs of Police

Submissions for Police Officers Memorial Due Soon

The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services administers the State of New York Police Officers Memorial. The Police Officers Memorial and the annual Remembrance Ceremony honor the memory and sacrifice of police officers from around New York State who have perished in the line of duty.

Any law enforcement agency in New York State, having lost a police officer in the line of duty during calendar year 2021, should submit the officer’s information by February 7, 2022 to:

State of New York
Division of Criminal Justice Services
Office of Public Safety
Alfred E. Smith Office Building, 3rd Floor
80 South Swan Street
Albany, NY 12210

Attention: Police Officers Memorial Staff

Submissions received by February 7, 2022, will be presented to the Police Officers Memorial Advisory Committee for consideration for inclusion on the Memorial wall during the 2022 Ceremony. Applications for submission as well as the eligibility guidelines are attached herein.

Should you have any questions or require assistance, please contact Gabe Marruso of the Office of Public Safety by telephone at 518-485-1417 or by email at gabriele.marruso@dcjs.ny.gov.



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SAFETY ADVISORY

Date: November 8, 2021

RE: Safariland Duty Holsters 7000 Series for Streamlight TLR 7 and similar sized light attachments

PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT SAFETY ADVISORY IN ITS ENTIRETY

Recently, Safariland was made aware of an incident in which an officer’s duty weapon was discharged during a violent struggle with a suspect. As part of its review, the agency decided to discontinue use of the holster, Model 7360RDS with TLR7 light attachment, and notified us about the incident and potential issue with the holster’s retention.

Immediately, we initiated a thorough investigation of this incident and the duty holster at issue. As part of our investigation, we have spent significant time inspecting and testing the model holster involved in the incident as well as all other duty holster models across our portfolio. Based on our assessment, the potential retention issue is limited to the **7000 series duty holsters for Streamlight TLR7 and similar sized light attachments**.

In brief, our review has identified that some of these holsters may not perform to our retention requirements when put under extreme force in certain circumstances, such as a violent struggle that a law enforcement officer or security professional might encounter. For those holsters that did not perform to our retention requirements, the holster could potentially allow access to the trigger or open enough to compromise the security features of the holster. Notably, aside from the recent incident, we are not aware of any previous incident with this retention issue.

While our investigation is continuing, particularly in isolating the factors causing certain of these holsters to not meet our retention requirements, we have decided to issue this safety advisory out of an abundance of caution. Again, this potential quality issue involves only the **7000 series duty holsters for Streamlight TLR7 and similar sized light attachments**, as listed in the table below by model and fit codes.

Table 1 - 7000 series duty holsters for Streamlight TLR7 and similar sized light attachments

Models	Fit Codes
7360RDS; 7362RDS; 7365RDS; 7280; 7282; 7285; 7360; 7362; 7365; 7390; 7390RDS; 7392; 7395; 7395RDS	8327; 28327; 28527; 38327; 45027; 45227; 48327; 65227; 68327; 75227; 82527

As a remedy to the potential retention issue, Safariland will be providing, at no charge, a Rigidity Band that is designed to reinforce and enhance the strength and integrity of the holster to mitigate the effect of extreme force during a violent struggle for a holstered weapon. Indeed, our initial testing indicates that the Rigidity Band would double the strength of the holster. Currently, we are working on the design and build to accommodate the various model and fit codes, which we anticipate that this rollout will start within the next few weeks and completed as soon as possible thereafter.

Importantly, duty holsters are designed to certain retention requirements and parameters in accordance with the "Safariland Retention Level Test". Except in circumstances of extreme force, as noted above, these model holsters should perform for use in recreational shooting or hunting without issue. Again, this potential retention issue seems possible during an extreme force, such as a violent struggle in a takeaway scenario.

Based on our sales records, Safariland's Inside Sales team will be contacting affected agency customers and distributors to initiate the process. For these agency purchases, our Inside Sales team will be leading the roll out of Rigidity Bands to retrofit affected holsters as soon as possible. Also, for any questions, agencies and distributors can contact the local Safariland Account Manager.

For individuals who are using any of the affected holsters, as listed in Table 1 above, please immediately contact Safariland by email at 7000Series@Safariland.com to initiate the request for a Rigidity Band. In order to facilitate the request, please include your contact information (name, address, email and phone number) along with the holster information as follows: (1) Model Number, (2) Fit Code, (3) Manufacturing Code, (4) Right-Hand or Left-Hand and (5) Color. The Model Number, Fit Code and Manufacturing Code are found on the back of the holster as shown below.

Photo – Laser-Engraving on Back of Holster



At Safariland, safety of our law enforcement officers is of utmost importance and, so, we are taking this extraordinary precaution. We apologize, in advance, for any inconvenience that this may cause you or your agency, but we believe that this will ensure the level of safety and confidence that you have come to expect in Safariland holsters and duty gear.

Thank you for your attention to this important Safety Advisory.

Looking Back...



*Chief John T. Manion of the Herkimer Police Department
Served as Vice President of our Association in 1915.*

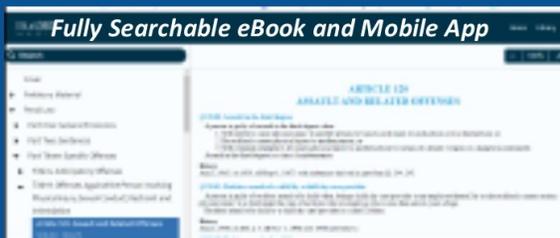
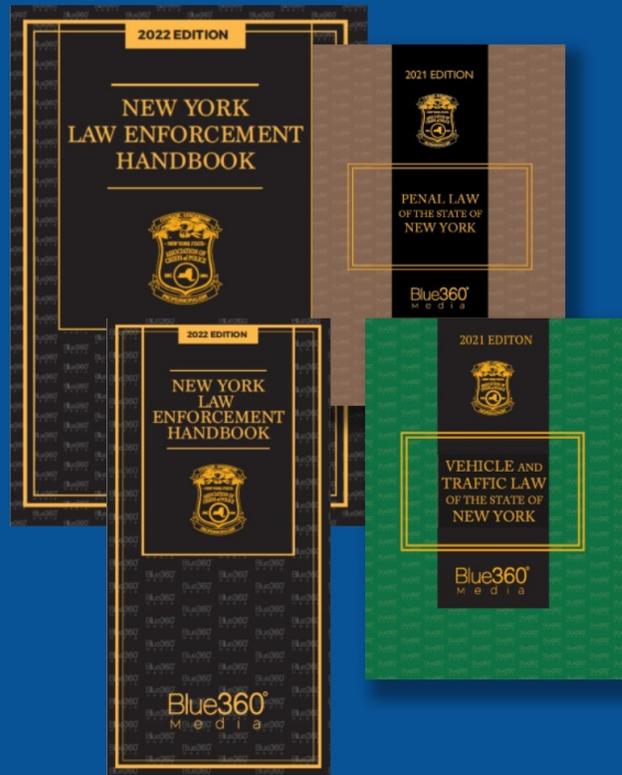


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- Federal Crimes
- HIPPA Guidelines
- Good Samaritan and Syringe Law Guides
- Ignition Interlock Device Guidance
- Traffic Resources: campaign dates, VTL index, supporting depositions & more



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Last months' winner of a free New York State Law Enforcement Handbook was Asst. Chief Steven Barker (Troy PD) for correctly answering our monthly trivia question. Congratulations Chief Barker! —your free New York State Law Enforcement Handbook is on the way from Blue 360° Media!

Monthly Winner!



COP TALES

ASST. CHIEF/RET. BRIAN SMITH,
CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

To Get Away from the Bomb!

When I was a Captain with the state highway patrol in Visalia, CA., I finished work one night and was on my way home when I observed a car pass someone using the right shoulder. I've learned that when someone passes on the right shoulder, they are usually trying to get away from a larger crime.

I stopped the vehicle and asked the 60-something-year-old driver why he was driving that way. He said, "I was trying to get away from the bomb."

I said, "Bomb, what bomb?"

He said, "Bomb?"

I said, "You said you had a bomb."

He said, "No, I didn't."

I said, "OK, let me start over. Why were you driving that way?"

He said, "Because I have a bunch of stolen rifles and shotguns in my trunk."

I called for another unit since he was acting so odd. Once the back-up officer arrived, I directed the driver to get out of the vehicle and patted him down. I then asked him if I could open the trunk. He said I could.

When I opened the trunk, it was loaded with rifles and shotguns. I ran a couple of the serial numbers and they were stolen. When I ran his criminal history, I was told he was a felon. When I asked what the felony was, they advised he was convicted for blowing up an abortion center.

I then remembered his earlier statement about the bomb. I asked where he was coming from and he said he was at the Lemoore Naval Station. I asked for specifics, but he didn't know the locations. He said he didn't know if he set up a bomb there or not. All proper authorities were notified immediately, but no bomb was ever found. It turns out all the firearms were stolen. I think I will keep looking for those right shoulder passers.

The author served four years in the United States Marine Corps, and retired as an Assistant Chief with the California Highway Patrol. He resides in Bakersfield, CA. If you have a personal "Cop Tale" to share, please contact Brian at bmsmith778@gmail.com

Calendar of Events



Enhancing School Safety Using a Threat Assessment Model (Webinar-Free)—Jan. 11 [Register](#) (NYSACOP/U.S. Secret Service)

Detecting Financial Exploitation: Identification Strategies and Resources for Law Enforcement (Webinar—Free) —Jan. 11 [Register](#) [Questions](#)

Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones) and Their Impact on Law Enforcement Operations (Webinar– Free) (FAA & NYSACOP) Jan. 12 [Register](#)

The New York State Law Enforcement Handbook—Free Webinar—(NYSACOP & Blue 360° Media) - Jan. 20 [Request Link Here](#)

Police Executive Training—Feb 14-18 [Register](#) [Curriculum](#) [Questions](#)

Property/Evidence Room Management Course

Oneida County (Feb. 1-2); Nassau Co. (Feb 24-25); Saratoga County (Mar. 1-2) Erie Co. (Mar. 22-23) [Announcement](#) [Registration](#) [Questions](#)

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Training - Westchester (Mar. 9-11, 2022) Counties [Information](#) [Register](#) [Questions](#)

Disability Awareness for LE Instructor Level Training—various virtual and in-person dates; [Information](#) [Registration](#) [Questions](#)

MPTC Defensive Tactics Instructor Course—Schenectady Co.; Jan. 10-21 [Register](#) [Questions](#)

DWI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Instructor Course—Albany Co.; Jan. 10-13 [Register](#) [Questions](#)

Enhancing School Safety Using a Threat Assessment Model (Webinar) 1-3PM [Register](#)

Detecting Financial Exploitation: Identification Strategies and Resources for Law Enforcement (Webinar) Jan. 11 [Register](#) [Questions](#)

Criminal Debriefing (Dutchess and Saratoga Co.) - Jan. 19-21 [Register Dutchess](#) [Register Saratoga](#) [Questions](#)

Ethics and Professionalism Workshop Training—Warren – Jan. 21; Westchester – Feb. 21. [Announcement](#) [Registration](#) [Questions](#)

Principled Policing Instructors Course (Rockland Co.) - Jan. 25-28 [Register](#) [Questions](#)

DWI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Instructor Course; Suffolk Co., Feb. 1-4 [Registration](#) [Questions](#)

Post Critical Incident Seminar (NYLEAP) - Erie Co.; Jan 24-26; [Register](#) [Announcement](#) [Questions](#)

IPTM Pedestrian/Bicycle Crash Investigation Course: Saratoga Co. – Jan. 24 - 28; Westchester Co. – June 27 – July 1; [Ped/Bike Course Registration](#) [Motorcycle Course Registration](#) [Announcement](#) [Questions](#)

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#HowDoISearchThat: Searching Social Media (Webinar)—Feb. 15 [Register](#) [Questions](#)

Saving Data from Social Media Sites (Webinar)—Mar. 9 [Register](#) [Questions](#)

ALERRT Active Shooter Level 1 Train the Trainer—Feb. 28 - Mar. 4 Westchester Co. [Register](#) [Questions](#)

MPTC Defensive Tactics Instructor Course—Monroe Co. – Mar. 14-25, 2022 [Register](#) [Questions](#)

Accreditation Assessor Training—Dutchess Co. Mar. 31 [Register](#) [Information](#) [Questions](#)

IPTM Traffic Crash Reconstruction Course - Oneida Co.—May 9-13 and May 16-20, 2022 [Announcement](#) [Register](#) [Questions](#)



Promoted in Syracuse



The Syracuse Police Department announced promotions on January 7:

- Captain James Milana
- Lt. Christopher Dominick
- Lt. Benjamin Conklin
- Lt. Matthew Malinowski
- Sgt. Scott Clarke

Congratulations in your new positions.

Welcome New Members

Chief John Little
Oneida PD

Lt. Thomas Federlein
Garden City PD

Lt. William Petito
Garden City PD

Lt. Thomas Mauren
Garden City PD

Chief Christopher Witzenburg
Oneonta PD

Capt./Ret. Richard Clay
Suffolk Co. SO

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Facebook Post of the Month

Oneida City PBA

Oneida and
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participate in the
annual 'Shop
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12/11/2021

