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**Friday, December 17, 2021**

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Once again this year, we had hit hard. ORADE message to you all, do not give up and don't forget we have strength in unity.



# HALEFO MISSION STATEMENT

The Haitian American Law Enforcement Fraternal Organization (HALEFO) is an organization comprised of law enforcement personnel of Haitian origin serving throughout the United States. Our membership includes: Police Officers, Court Officers, Immigration Officers, State Troopers, Parole Officers, Correction Officers, etc. with chapters in Boston, Miami and New York. Our Mission is to develop a network of Haitian American Law Enforcement personnel and to use our expertise to respond to community need when appropriate.

In partnership with the community and Law Enforcement Agencies we pledge to:

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- Assist any bona-fide community organization toward fostering good relationships with law enforcement agencies.



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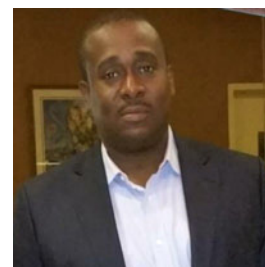
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Good evening and Welcome to HALEFO's 24th Anniversary Gala!

Congratulations to our exceptional honorees!

As HALEFO's President, it is both an honor and a privilege to lead this great organization. I have been blessed to work with a group of outstanding, talented and dedicated individuals that make up HALEFO's Executive Board. I am indebted to each one of you for the hard, and often selfless, work you've done over the last three years.

I am deeply grateful to HALEFO's founders, and its former board members, who inspire us by their continued commitment to the organization, and by their achievements over the last twenty-four years. This evening is only possible because of their legacy of hard work and dedication.

I also am extremely proud of our membership. Our membership numbers are at a record level! We've seen impressive turnouts at our monthly meetings, excellent participation in and contributions to our fundraising activities, and a significant presence at our community events. Our membership is young, talented, dedicated and full of ambition. We are very excited and optimistic about HALEFO's future!

Over the past two years, several of our members have earned promotions to supervisory positions, boosting our presence in these ranks to an all-time high. Five of our members were promoted to executive level ranks (FIRST time ever!!). Our members' career achievements and advancements have positively impacted our communities. We continue to work with the New York City Police Department to improve and enhance community relations. We remain committed to working with our community partners to develop strategic, effective, meaningful and long-lasting solutions to the issues and challenges our communities face.

As we celebrate tonight, let us not forget two incredible members that we lost this year, Retired Detective Patrick Caprice and Police Officer Sony Clergé. In fact, Sony would have been the DJ at this event. Needless to say, these past two years have been very challenging for so many individuals and families. HALEFO will always be there for the Caprice and Clergé families. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

A special thank you is extended to all our sponsors for their generosity. Additional thanks are extended to all of tonight's honorees and attendees. Your presence and continuous support are greatly appreciated.

I, and the executive board, will continue to connect with our membership, the community, the New York City Police Department, other law enforcement agencies and all of our partners. We seek to ensure that HALEFO continues to be an anchor for our members and a point of reference in our community.

On behalf of HALEFO, I wish all of you, and your families, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2022. Be well and stay safe. Have a great time this evening!

Claude M. Celestin

President



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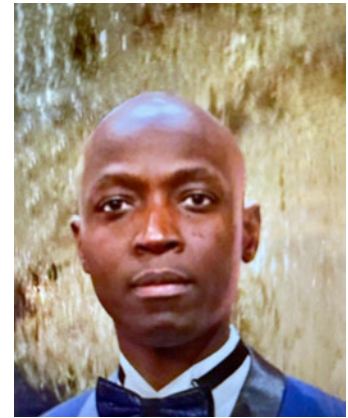
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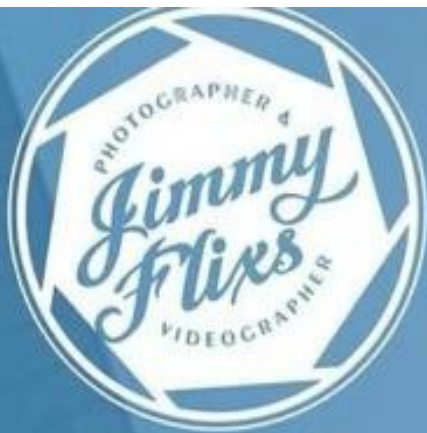


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## **Presentation of Colours**

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## **Haitian National Anthem**

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## **American National Anthem**

NYPD Ceremonial Unit

## **Invocation**

NYPD Chaplain

## **Presentation of HALEFO Board Members**

Capt. Celestin

## **President's Message**

Capt. Celestin

## **Special Remarks**

Special Guest

## **Acknowledgement of the Honorees**

D.I. Gaby Celiba

## **Acknowledgement of the Special Guests**

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## **Presentation of Awards**

D.I. Gaby Celiba & Det. Claude Jean Pierre

## **Blessings**

NYPD Chaplain

## **Dinner and Dancing**

Please Enjoy the Rest of the Evening

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**THE POLICE COMMISSIONER**  
**CITY OF NEW YORK**

December 17, 2021

Dear Friends:

On behalf of all the members of the New York City Police Department, greetings to everyone attending the 2021 Haitian American Law Enforcement Fraternal Organization Gala.

For 24 years, HALEFO has done an exceptional job supporting and providing opportunities not only for its members, but for everyone in the Haitian-American community. Thank you for your tireless work toward our shared mission of service to the people of New York City.

As the NYPD and the law enforcement profession continue to evolve, you play a major role in bringing our police, and those who live and work in all of our neighborhoods, closer together. Through your efforts to build trust and strengthen our relationships with the people we serve, you make the greatest city in the world even greater.

Enjoy your evening, and I wish each and every one of you continued success in the coming year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dermot Shea".

Dermot Shea  
Police Commissioner





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November 23, 2021

Dear Haitian American Law Enforcement Fraternal Organization,

Congratulations on the occasion of your 24th Anniversary Gala. The members of HALEFO have unfailingly supported and aided not only the New York City community, but also the broader Haitian community, since the organization's inception in 1997.

During this past year, we were met with many challenges. In Brooklyn, our community continued to battle the coronavirus pandemic, an epidemic of gun violence, and systemic inequities that challenged our recovery; while our loved ones in Haiti faced turmoil stemming from the assassination of the president, a devastating magnitude 7.2 earthquake, and growing political instability.

The members of HALEFO worked tirelessly to protect and serve both communities. In the aftermath of the earthquake, HALEFO members helped collect supplies, such as food and medicine, at every police precinct across the city. Their efforts culminated in the delivery of 100 tons of goods from Brooklyn to Haiti.

You don't have to look far to find a member of HALEFO working with the community. The support they provided during the earthquake relief drive is but one example of many.

Our office is thankful for the support and protection HALEFO provides. We look forward to commemorating many more anniversaries.

Sincerely,

Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn

In Honor of NYPD Deputy Commissioner Robert Ganley  
& Captain ST Fort 61<sup>st</sup> Pct Congratulations to all of the  
Honorees

Best Wishes,

David Heskiel NYPD Clergy Liaison (CAB)





## WOMAN OF THE YEAR



### Juanita Holmes

#### Chief of Patrol

**Chief Juanita N. Holmes** was appointed to the New York City Police Department in July 1987 and is currently the Chief of Patrol.

**Chief Juanita N. Holmes** began her career in Manhattan, serving on patrol in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup> Precincts. Chief Holmes excelled as a new officer, learning how to protect the people of New York and foster police-community relations.

**Chief Juanita N. Holmes** was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in December of 1995. As a newly promoted supervisor, she was assigned to the 113<sup>th</sup> Precinct in Queens where she began to learn the fundamentals of police management. In 1998, she was assigned to Patrol Borough Bronx Investigations Unit and, two years later, returned to Queens in the 111<sup>th</sup> Precinct. She became a Lieutenant in 2002, first working in Police Service Area #8 and later Housing Bureau Bronx/Queens.

**In June 2007**, she attained the rank of Captain, and in June 2008 was assigned as the Commanding Officer of Police Service Area #2, giving her the opportunity to display her leadership skills and dedication towards the community. On August 28, 2009 she was promoted to the rank of Deputy Inspector and in July 2010 she was assigned as the new Commanding Officer of the 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct, where she was promoted to Inspector on January 27, 2012. Inspector Holmes excelled in her efforts improving community relations and reducing crime within the 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct. Looking to continue her work citywide, she transferred to the Training Bureau as Executive Officer, helping oversee recruit and in-service training for the NYPD and the opening of the new, state-of-the-art academy building. While assigned to the Training Bureau she was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief and later became Commanding Officer of the Chief of Department's Domestic Violence Unit, where she coordinated the NYPD's response to family violence. On September 16, 2016, Chief Holmes became the first African American woman to serve as Borough Commander when she was promoted to Assistant Chief, overseeing eight precincts in Patrol Borough Queens North.

**Chief Juanita N. Holmes** joined the private sector in December 2018, serving as Global Head of Corporate Security at BNY Mellon. She resumed public service in December 2019 and was named Commanding Officer of the NYPD's School Safety Division, overseeing 1.1 million students in over 1,800 schools, in approximately 1,400 physical sites city wide.

**On September 25, 2020**, Chief Juanita N. Holmes was promoted to Chief of Collaborative Policing, overseeing the development of non-enforcement options and improving access for police services. On October 29, 2020, she was appointed Chief of Patrol, overseeing 16,800 uniformed members serving in 77 precincts and 8 patrol boroughs across the city. In this position, she is the highest ranking African-American woman in the NYPD and the first woman to oversee the department's largest bureau.

**A native of Brooklyn**, Chief Holmes earned her Bachelor of Science degree in biology from St. Joseph's College in 1998 and graduated from the Police Management Institute at Columbia University in 2012. She is one of 16 members of her close family to serve in the NYPD.





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## MEN OF THE YEAR



### **Gaby Celiba**

Deputy Inspector  
Commanding Officer 67th Precinct

Born in St. Louis, Haiti, Gaby Celiba immigrated to Queens, New York at the age of 11. After Graduating Hillcrest High School in 1999, and while attending City College of New York (CCNY), he joined the NYPD's Police Cadet Corps. The Cadet Corps introduced him to a life of public service. In January 2004, Gaby joined the New York City Police Department as a sworn Police Officer.

From 2006 to 2010 he worked undercover to combat drugs, prostitution and human trafficking throughout the five (5) Boroughs. This assignment earned him a promotion to Detective in February 2008.

By 2012, he rose to the Rank of Lieutenant. For the next 5 years, he commanded a city-wide unit within the School Safety Division where he worked tirelessly on youth programs that positively impacted the lives of New York City students, especially in Brooklyn where he did most of his work.

After his promotion to the rank of Captain in June 2017, Gaby served as the Executive Officer of the 115 Precinct. In May 2019, Gaby became the first Haitian-born person to command an NYPD police precinct station. His work as a Precinct Commander earned him a discretionary promotion to Deputy Inspector. In January 2021, his dream came true. He became the Commanding Officer of the 67th Pct. (one of the flagship precincts of the NYPD).

In May 2020, he earned a Master's Degree at John Jay College. He recently completed a Leadership Certificate Program at Columbia University.

Staying busy, Deputy Inspector Celiba is also the First Vice President of the Haitian Law Enforcement Fraternal Organization (H.A.L.E.F.O).

With his professional accomplishments aside, Gaby Celiba's most important and proud role is that of a father to his two beautiful children".



### **Jean Sony Beauvoir**

Captain  
Executive Officer 100<sup>th</sup> Precinct

Captain Jean Sony Beauvoir is a 14 Year veteran of the New York City Police Department. He was born in Haiti and immigrated to the United States at the age of twelve. He was sent to the United States to live with family in Crown Heights section of Brooklyn by his mother, who desperately sought out a better future for her son. Although he came to the country unable to speak the language he took pride in his education, and in 2005, graduated from Brooklyn College with a Bachelor's Degree, becoming the first member of his family to become a college graduate.

Captain Beauvoir began his career with the NYPD in 2007, quickly rising through the ranks. Throughout his career he has been assigned to Police Service Area 2, upon promotion to Sergeant in 2012, was then assigned to Transit District 33 where he served as an Anti-Crime Sergeant, then assigned to the Internal Affairs Bureau in 2015, follow by promotion to Lieutenant in 2017 and was assigned to the 70<sup>th</sup> Precinct where he served as the Special Operations Lieutenant, currently he is assigned as the Executive Officer of the 100<sup>th</sup> Precinct. His motto is "shoot for the moon even if you miss, you'll land among the stars".





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## MEN OF THE YEAR



### **Frantz Souffrant Jr**

Captain

Commanding Officer 78<sup>th</sup> Precinct

Captain Frantz Souffrant Jr. is a fifteen-year member of the New York City Police Department and a native of Brooklyn, NY. Souffrant assumed the role of Commanding Officer of the 78th Precinct on January 4, 2021. Souffrant most recently served as the Executive Officer of the 71st Precinct, which covers Crown Heights, Brooklyn. Other assignments include the Executive Officer of the 63rd Precinct, which covers Mill Basin, Brooklyn; Executive Officer of the 78th Precinct which covers Park Slope, Brooklyn; 2nd Platoon Commander assigned to Police Service Area 7, which covers the Housing

Authority Developments in the South Bronx; Patrol Sergeant assigned to the 62nd Precinct which covers Bensonhurst, Brooklyn; and Police Officer assigned to the 75th Precinct which covers East New York, Brooklyn.

Souffrant holds a B.S. in Criminal Justice from Lock Haven University, a M.A. in Homeland Security from American Military University, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy Session # 278.

Souffrant is also an active reservist with the United States Army Reserves. In his military career, Souffrant has served over 23 years, attained the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 3, and is also a Supervisory Special Agent with the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command.



### **Derby St. Fort**

Captain

Commanding Officer 61<sup>st</sup> Precinct

Captain Derby St. Fort is a native New Yorker of Haitian decent with over 18 years as a member of the NYPD. He began his career in law enforcement as a cadet in 2003 and has since risen to the rank of captain, currently serving as the Commanding Officer of the 61st Precinct in Sheepshead Bay.

Captain St. Fort is a proponent of alternative crime reduction strategies, lessening the need for traditional law enforcement interventions. He has demonstrated success in supporting the NYPD's Neighborhood Policing philosophy by coordinating public safety efforts with community-based organizations, city agencies and clergy. Captain St. Fort continues to seek innovative policing approaches that are responsive to victims and perpetrators of crime as well as address the core issues experienced by those who are most impacted by violence in order to reduce system involvement and recidivism.

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*Chief Juanita Holmes, Chief Of Patrol*  
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### MEN OF THE YEAR

*Deputy Inspector Gaby Celiba,  
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Captain Derby St. Fort*

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## HALEFO MEMBER OF THE YEAR



### **Patrick Jean Baptiste**

Police Officer  
75<sup>th</sup> Precinct

Born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Police Officer Patrick Jean-Baptiste immigrated to the United States in 1999 at the age of 14 and settled with his family in the East Flatbush neighborhood of Brooklyn, NY. The second oldest of four children, and the older brother to his two younger brothers, Officer Jean-Baptiste was raised to be a leader and a role model. Starting at a young age, he has dedicated his life to the service of others.

During his teen years, he attended George Wingate High School. He was a mentor to his fellow teammates in the various sports he played throughout his high school career, such as volleyball and fencing. This dedication to help others and offer guidance led him to pursue volunteer opportunities with various community programs over the years. Upon graduating from high school, he continued his education at Kingsborough Community College where he earned his Associate Degree in Liberal Arts.

In January 2015, Officer Jean-Baptiste was sworn in as a New York City Police Officer and later graduated from the Police Academy in July 2015. Initially assigned to Transit Bureau District 1 after graduation, Officer Jean-Baptiste was transferred to the 75th Precinct in June 2016 where he has had an active career.

Since becoming a New York City Police Officer, he has continued to find additional ways to help his community. He is engaged in building a good relationship with the community he serves by participating in the local churches' outreach programs. This commitment to service has garnered him several honors and accolades over the years. In addition, Officer Jean-Baptiste is very interested in the future of our youth and has devoted much of his time to and shared his life experiences with youth-oriented programs at several Brooklyn high schools.

Aside from work and his community service, Officer Jean-Baptiste dedicates the rest of his free time to his family. He is a dedicated husband and devoted father to a daughter. He also enjoys cooking and watching TV in his spare time.





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# HUMANITARIAN AWARD



## Joseph Imperatrice

Sergeant

Real Time Crime Center

Joseph Imperatrice is starting his 16th year with the NYPD currently assigned to the Real Time Crime Center in the rank of Sergeant under the Detective Bureau. His previous assignments include : 70 PCT IMPACT, Patrol, Conditions, SNEU, 7th PCT. Patrol Sergeant, Anti-Crime Sergeant, 9 PDU Supervisor, 1 PDU Supervisor. He is born and raised in Staten Island, NY. He has followed in the footsteps of several family members to wear the uniform including his Grandfather on his mother's side, his father, uncle, and many cousins. He is the father to his nearly

4 year old son Landin Joseph.

He along with Christopher Brinkley & Carlos Delgado Founded the registered non-profit organization BLUE LIVES MATTER-NYC, INC. The organization has raised over 2 million dollars without 1 person being on salary since its inception December 20, 2014. The organization hosts an annual GALA honoring fallen officers. To date the awardees of the ARCHANGEL AWARD have been the families of Sgt. Paul Tuozzolo, Det. Miosotis Familia, Det. Steven McDonald, Det. Raphael Ramos, Det. Wenjian Liu, Det. Brian Simonsen & Det. Brian Mulkeen. Their 2022 GALA honorees will be Det. Luis Alvarez & Det. Anasataios Tsakos.

Joseph has become a voice for Law Enforcement nationally contributing his insight on ABC NIGHTLINE NEWS ,FOX NEWS, NEWSMAX, International Stations, & most recently NETFLIX Series EXPLAINED. Joseph took part in President Barack Obama's 20/20 Special July 2016 "The President and the People" in Washington D.C.

His previous awards/accomplishments include

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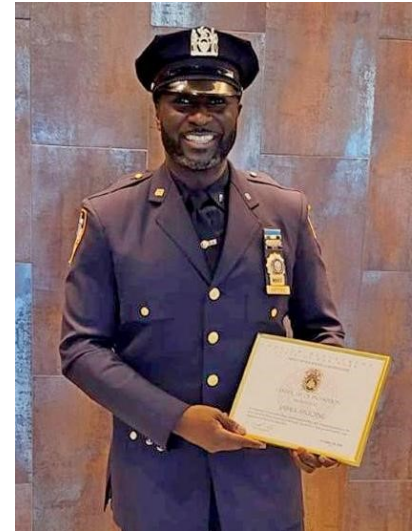
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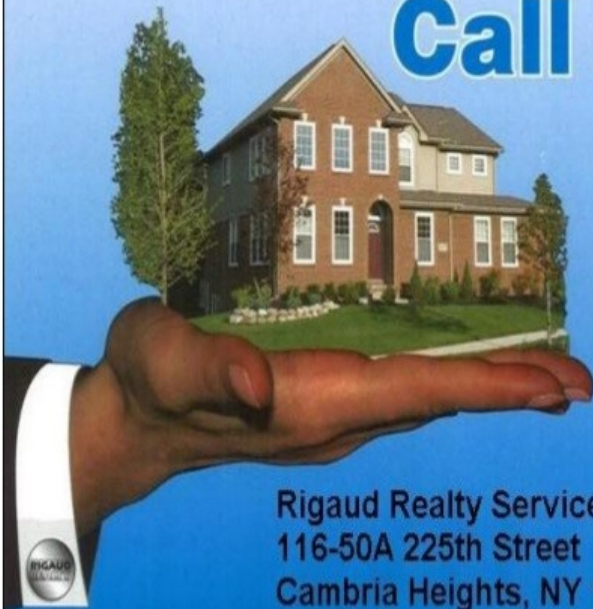
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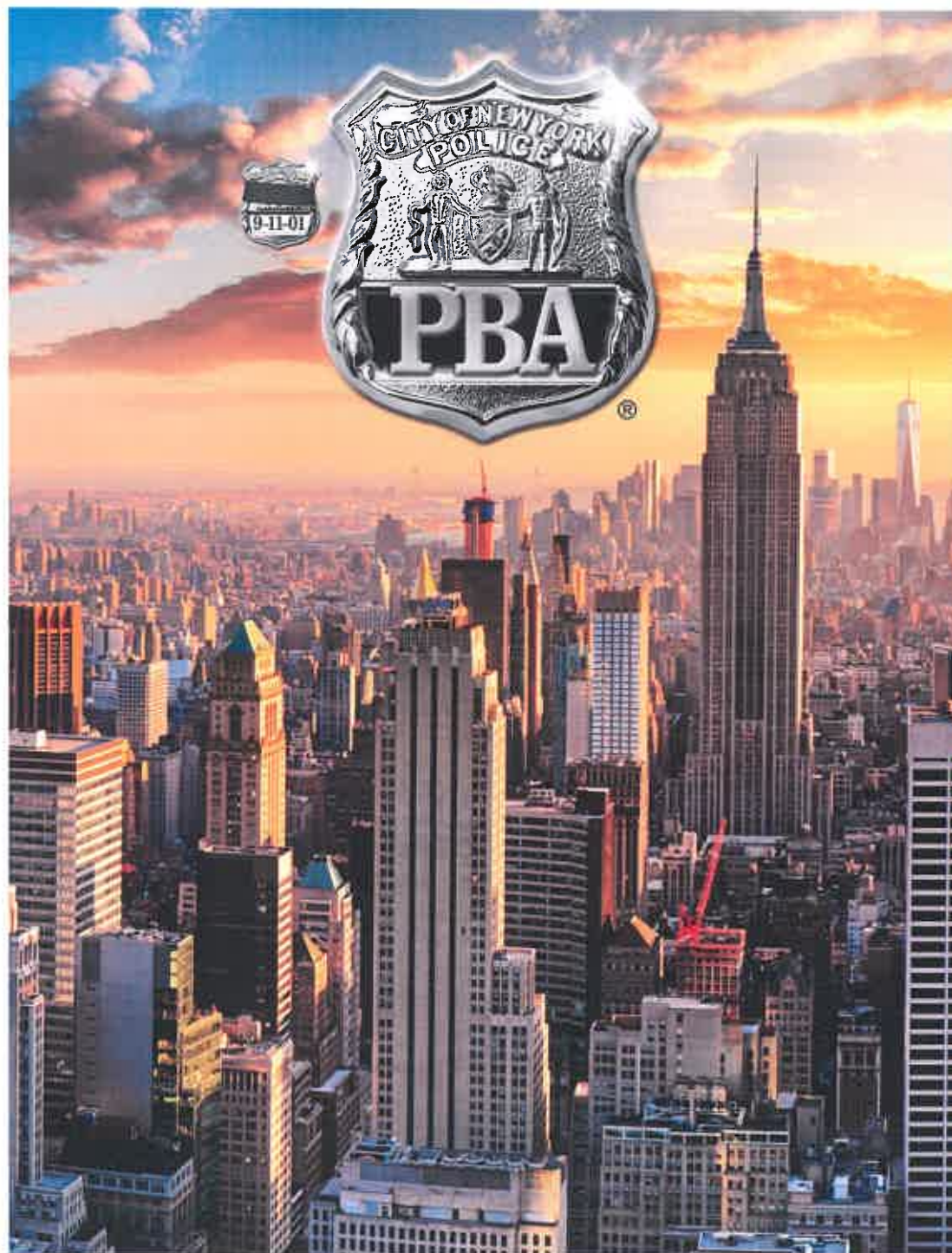
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