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Dear Lieutenant:

The November Delegate and General Membership meeting was held on Wednesday, November 23rd, 2016, at the Hudson Council Knights of Columbus in Flushing, Queens. LBA President Lou Turco chaired the meeting and the following topics were discussed:

MEETING WITH FIRST DEPUTY MAYOR ANTHONY SHORRIS: On Tuesday, November 23rd, DEA President Mike Palladino and I met with First Deputy Mayor Tony Shorris to discuss the incredulous investigations, findings and penalties emanating from the Civilian Complaint Review Board against our members. Deputy Mayor Shorris was very receptive to our concerns and ensured us that future he would convene future meetings with representatives from CCRB to promote dialogue and attempt to dissipate these erroneous findings against our members.

STUDENT PROOF FOR CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE FOR ELIGIBLE FULL TIME STUDENTS: Each year the Superior Officers Council Health and Welfare, and the Lieutenants Benevolent Association, receive numerous phone calls from concerned parents stating that their children attending college (full time) have been dropped from receiving prescription benefits. This repetitive issue is easily remedied. Student proof is required **each semester** once the dependent child turns 19 years of age. Acceptable proof is a letter from either the Bursar's or Registrar's Office stating full time student status, or a bill outlining a full time course load.

- **Proof for the spring semester is valid from February 1st to August 31st**
- **Proof from the fall semester if valid from September 1st to January 31st.**

Due to the high volume and rotational influx/outflow of members with dependent full time college students, the SOC does not send out reminder notices to members to forward the student proof. It is incumbent upon the member to ensure that the proof is forwarded to the SOC Health and Welfare office. You can forward the proof by:

Mail: The SOC Health & Welfare Fund

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Fax: 212-406-3105

DEPENDENT CHILDREN: Eligible dependent children include natural children, legally adopted children, and children for whom you have court appointed guardianship or legal custody and who are **unmarried and live with you permanently**. For the purpose of the **Dental and Optical Benefit**, eligible dependent children are covered to the **last day of the month** of their 19th or 23rd birthday (must be a full time student after age 19). For the **Prescription Benefit**, dependent children are covered until **December 31st of the year they reach** the age of 19 or 23

years (full time student) or until the end of the semester in the year they graduate whichever comes first.

TAMIFLU NOT COVERED BY THE SOC PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN: The flu season is upon us and I want to remind our members that the prescription Tamiflu is not covered by the SOC Prescription Drug Plan. Tamiflu is an antiviral medication that blocks the actions of influenza virus types A and B in your body. It is used to treat influenza in people 2 weeks of age and older who **have had flu symptoms for 2 days or less**. Unfortunately, in many instances by the time flu symptoms become evident to the point where they can be accurately diagnosed this 2-day threshold has been surpassed. In addition, the prescription is cost prohibitive, potentially placing an inordinate strain on the financial resources of the overall prescription drug plan. Also, the efficacy of the medication has been hotly disputed. A contentious United Kingdom study, conducted by the Cochrane Collaboration in 2014, “concluded that the drug reduced the persistence of flu symptoms from seven days to 6.3 days in adults and to 5.8 days in children.” If you are prescribed Tamiflu we suggest you visit their website at www.tamiflu.com; you may find a coupon to assist in paying for the medication. Finally, we suggest you consider receiving an annual flu shot. The Department frequently provides this shot free of charge at specific sites throughout the City; you can contact the Medical Division at 718-760-7615 to ascertain where and when you can receive the flu shot.

2017 PERSONALIZED LBA CARDS: Attached to this e-mail is an order form to submit requests for 2017 Personalized LBA cards. Each dues paying LBA member will continue to receive 5 generic 2017 LBA cards in early December at no cost. The personalized 2017 LBA cards cost \$1.00 per card; all proceeds from the sale of the personalized cards goes to benefit the LBA's Charitable and Scholarship Fund. **We anticipate filling and forwarding Card orders in mid-November.** Order forms and samples of the cards are also posted on the “Home Page” of the LBA website, www.NYPD-LBA.org. The form includes all the information necessary to process your orders. If you have any questions in regards to this matter please contact Sal DelRosario at the LBA, 212-964-7500 (Option# 2).

FEE ASSOCIATED WITH MAILING GENERIC LBA CARDS: The LBA is the only union that does not charge members for generic (non-personalized) courtesy (LBA) Cards. However, due to the rise in postage fees over the years, we will now be charging one dollar (\$1.00) per card for all mail request for additional LBA Cards; members in good standing will continue to receive five (5) generic LBA cards free of charge with the annual mailing. Members can receive additional generic LBA cards at no cost by seeing their LBA Board member or Delegate, and/or by coming to the LBA office to pick up the additional cards. **We anticipate mailing out the cards to all our members starting the week of December 12th.**

LBA CALENDAR BOOKS: Historically, the LBA would mail out a Calendar Book to each Active, Retired and Life Member with the Annual Holiday Mailing. However, in recent years it has become apparent that more and more of our members no longer use a Calendar Book to track their overtime/appearances/appointments/ etc., but rather use their phones or some other electronic device to track these events. In our ongoing effort to manage expenses, we at the LBA did not want to spend money on something the members didn't readily utilize. With this in mind, we will continue to provide a Calendar Book to any member who requests one, but we will not automatically send a Calendar Book to all of our members. Also, last year the calendar book leatherette covers intentionally had no year embossed on it. This is so our member may reuse last year's cover. If you wish to receive a Calendar Book, or need a replacement calendar book cover, we simply ask that you contact the LBA office at 212-964-7500 (Option# 2) and request one be mailed out to you.

P.C. RICHARD AND SON VIP HOLIDAY SHOPPING DISCOUNT: P.C. Richard and Son has been a staunch supporter of the law enforcement community for years. To recognize the service of the men and women of the LBA, P.C. Richard has included our members in their VIP Holiday Shopping Discount Program; please [click here](#) for the flyer and additional information.

THANK YOU TO GUEST SPEAKER AT MEETING: I would like to thank Sandy Rossano, from Vascular Diagnostic, for speaking with our members and informing them of the cardiac health counseling and screening services provided by Vascular Diagnostic. As Sandy mentioned at the meeting, it is highly recommended that our members utilize the cardiac screening/testing provided by Vascular Diagnostic prior to retiring to review their cardiac health. You can visit the Vascular Diagnostic website at <http://www.vascularidiagnostic.com/index.php> for further information. Also, attached to this e-mail is a flyer with a synopsis of the services provided by Vascular, [click here](#).

NEXT MEETING “HOLIDAY MEETING”: Join us on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, for the Holiday Luncheon at 1200 hours at the El Caribe Country Club: 5945 Strickland Avenue Mill Basin, Brooklyn. **DOORS WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL 1130 HOURS.** LBA Marshal, James Woods, will have numerous LBA items, including several new items, for sale at the meeting. Members wishing to purchase LBA merchandise will be able to use credit cards. I Hope to see you at the meeting.

Lou Turco
President

Dennis Gannon
Recording Secretary