



THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL Theodore Roosevelt Association® Police Awards



*Theodore Roosevelt in his office as President of the Board of Police Commissioners of New York City, 1896
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Sagamore Hill National Historic Site | Oyster Bay, New York

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Presented by the Theodore Roosevelt Association and The Friends of Sagamore Hill

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THE SCHEDULE

Welcome.....**Tweed Roosevelt**
Chief Executive Officer, Theodore Roosevelt Association

Musical Presentation..... **Nassau County Police Pipe and Drum Band**
Suffolk County Police Pipe and Drum Band

Presentation of the Colors.....**Nassau County & Suffolk County Police Color Guard**
and Pledge of Allegiance

Greetings from the National Park Service.....**Kelly Fuhrmann**
Superintendent, Sagamore Hill NHS

Remarks.....**Douglas Manditch**
Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Empire National Bank

Recognition of Past Recipients.....**Howard Ehrlich**
TRA Police Awards Program Coordinator

Taps.....**Retired Police Officer Kurt Maler**
Bugler, Nassau County Police

Presentation of Awards

Remarks.....**Commissioner Patrick J. Ryder**
Nassau County Police Department

Remarks.....**Honorable Laura Curran**
Nassau County Executive

2019 Theodore Roosevelt Association® Police Award recipient for Nassau County: Detective Sergeant Craig W. Croly's award will support Stony Brook University Hospital Pancreatic Cancer Center & Surgical Oncology Fund.

Remarks.....**Commissioner Geraldine Hart**
Suffolk County Police Department

Remarks.....**Honorable Steve Bellone**
Suffolk County Executive

2019 Theodore Roosevelt Association® Police Award recipient for Suffolk County: Police Officer Vincent Pelliccio's award will support St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

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AWARD RECIPIENTS



Detective Sergeant Craig W. Croly, Nassau County

Detective Sergeant Craig W. Croly has been battling a life threatening condition called Severe Acute Pancreatitis since 2013. In May of 2013, he went to the Stony Brook University Hospital Emergency Room with severe abdominal pain and swelling. Doctors concluded it was Severe Acute Pancreatitis. He would spend the next 23 days in the hospital where he endured nasogastric intubation in order to shut down his pancreas. During this time blood tests showed bacteria, E-coli and possible sepsis in his blood. Due to his weakened condition, surgery was not an option. He remained hospitalized and once discharged, tests revealed his condition was not improving.

In June of 2013, Detective Sergeant Croly was hospitalized again undergoing surgery for pancreatic debridement, the removal of his gallbladder and appendix, and to drain fluid around his organs. He now developed a severe abdominal infection which put him back in the ICU. Without improvement in his condition, a second surgery was necessary to address the fluid buildup and infection. Hospitalized for 7 weeks, he continued to struggle with fluid buildup and extreme weight fluctuations that saw his weight plunge 100 pounds in a month. Upon his discharge, he was severely weakened and unable to gain weight. Further tests showed three holes in his colon.

A third surgery, an ileostomy, was performed to address this. The ileostomy remained in place for 6 months during which time the colon was not healing. His fourth surgery to reverse the ileostomy included the removal of 18 inches of colon and part of his small intestine. His condition began to improve following this procedure, but he developed a hernia as a complication from all the surgeries. Post hernia surgery, Detective Sergeant Croly's road to recovery was marked with strict determination and he eventually returned to full duty status in February 2015.

In April of 2016, Detective Sergeant Croly again experienced familiar pain and discomfort that doctors diagnosed as a pancreatic duct obstruction. The endoscopic procedure to ease this pain usually triggers pancreatitis that requires hospital stays. These painful attacks can occur even today. Over the past six years, Detective Sergeant Croly has faced the sudden onset of a deadly condition with perseverance, optimism and strength. His ongoing challenges have not deterred him from his goal to maintain his full duty status. Even with the uncertainty associated with this on-going illness Detective Sergeant Croly continues to be a dedicated member of The Nassau County Police Department. His triumph over adversity and positive attitude continue to inspire.



Police Officer Vincent Pelliccio, Suffolk County

Police Officer Vincent Pelliccio joined the Suffolk County Police Department on December 15, 2014. Upon graduating from the Police Academy, he was assigned to Third Precinct Patrol. From the moment he arrived at the Third Precinct, he immediately stood out as a diligent worker who held himself to the highest professional standards. He quickly earned the respect of his supervisors and his peers, and he was entrusted with a steady assignment in a double car in one of the busiest sectors in the precinct.

In September of 2017, at the age of 26 years old, Police Officer Pelliccio was diagnosed with testicular cancer that had spread. He bravely faced the disease with the same positive attitude and determination that he has exhibited each and every day in the Third Precinct Patrol. He went through intensive treatment that included both radiation and chemotherapy. The treatment took its toll on Police Officer Pelliccio's physical condition, including hair loss, weight loss, and significant weakness. Despite the battle he was fighting, he regularly visited the Third Precinct to stay connected with coworkers and voice his unwavering desire to return to duty in his busy sector car. Following the intensive radiation and chemotherapy, Police Officer Pelliccio had surgery to remove the remaining cancerous growth from his stomach. Again, he bravely forged forward with remarkable fortitude, working diligently in the subsequent months to regain his strength.

In March of 2018, Police Officer Pelliccio returned to full duty in his steady sector car and has performed his duties since in the same exemplary manner as he had before his illness. His work ethic and job performance recently earned him a position on the Third Precinct Gang Task Force. The courage and determination exemplified by Police Officer Pelliccio throughout his battle with cancer, along with his steadfast drive to return to work, was a true inspiration to all members of the Suffolk County Police Department. The Department is extremely proud to select Police Officer Vincent Pelliccio as our 2019 Theodore Roosevelt® Police Award recipient.

HONOR ROLL OF PAST RECIPIENTS

Nassau County, New York

2018.....Police Officer Richard Rothwell
 2017..... Police Officer Joseph Avanzato
 2016.....Police Officer Nicholas Brando
 2015.....Police Officer Mohit Arora
 2014.....Police Officer Stephen Conlin
 2013.....Police Officer Peter Chuchul
 2012.....Police Officer Jeffrey Ferguson
 2011.....Detective Sergeant Carmine E. Soldano
 2010.....Police Officer Sharon Galvin
 2009.....Sergeant John Mateer
 2008.....Police Officer Edward Hartmann
 2007.....Police Officer Michael Schmitt
 2006.....Police Sergeant Michael O'Mara
 2005.....Police Officer Lee Krill
 2004.....Police Officer James Read
 2003.....Police Officer Theresa Cronin
 2002.....Detective Lieutenant Eric Jenkins
 2001.....Detective Patrick J. Bellotti
 2000.....Detective Brian F. Sullivan
 1999.....Police Officer James R. Graham
 1998.....Police Officer Allan J. Wicklund
 1997.....Deputy Chief Michael F. Miglino
 1996.....Detective Lieutenant Eugene Dolan
 1995.....Detective Lieutenant Robert R. Reed

Suffolk County, New York

2018.....Detective William Maldonado
 2017..... Police Officer Edward Gomez
 2016.....Police Officer Mark Collins
 2015.....Sergeant Andrew Kenneally
 2014.....Police Officer Thomas Tatarian
 2013...Detective Lieutenant Jack (John) Fitzpatrick
 2012.....Deputy Inspector Kevin Fallon
 2011.....Police Officer Thomas Wilson
 2010.....Police Officer Michael Conklin
 2009.....Detective Robert Sehy
 2008.....Police Officer Kenneth Ripp
 2007.....Detective Thomas McDougall
 2006.....Detective Margaret Tatarian
 2005.....Police Officer Kathleen McGowan
 2004.....Police Officer Marlene Tully
 2003.....Police Officer William R. Fairchild
 2002.....Detective Robert J. Anderson
 2001.....Police Officer Scott A. Farber
 2000.....Police Officer Daniel Cunningham
 1999.....Detective James Hughes
 1998.....Police Officer Anthony T. Molfetta
 1997.....Lieutenant John J. Horan
 1996.....Detective Robert T. Staab
 1995.....Detective John P. Keane, Jr.

THE AWARD



The Theodore Roosevelt Association® Police Award is given annually to officers nationwide who have overcome a major physical challenge or handicap as Theodore Roosevelt triumphed over the illness of his youth, and who remain on active duty to render outstanding and praiseworthy service to their respective police departments as Theodore Roosevelt did in his years as President of the Board of Police Commissioners of New York City.

The Theodore Roosevelt Association® Police Award was established to honor TR's distinguished service as President of the Board of Police Commissioners of New York City (May 6, 1895-April 19, 1897). It also recognizes his lifelong admiration for the police. The Theodore Roosevelt Association will make a donation to the charity of choice of the recipient officers. * *Sculpted by Marc Mellon*

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