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RETIRED BOSTON POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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The Retired Boston Police Officers
Association



Lives Dedicated to Law Enforcement

2025 Executive Officers

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William Casey - Attorney

Association President Richie DeVoe called the called the Executive Meeting to order 10:15 AM on 08/02/2025

Meeting called to order 10:15AM

Treasure's report. Accepted

Discussion of recruitment and renewal with Herb Spellman Attorney Casey discussed the retirees working details and the possibility of a survey to members.

George Juliano discussed update on Call Box Society The October Casino trip has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

November meeting to be at Florian Hall

Meeting adjourned10:48AM

Membership

Business suspended for speakers from the Suffolk County

DA

Meeting called to order 11:10AM

Treasurer' report

Minutes. Read and accepted

Door prize winners

Jay Connolly

Andrew West

Richard Devoe

Scholarship Winners:

Heather Mc Kenzie

Joe Kinnelly

William R. Smith

James Wize

Alternates:

William Casey

Bryant Tracy

Fred Ferrara

Meeting Adjourned

12:20 PM

Lorem Ipsum Dolor August 18, 2025

2025

Beginning in January 2025 all Executive Board meetings will be held at 10:00 AM prior to the Membership meeting.

October 02 11:00AM

November 05 11:00AM

December 07 Christmas Party

11AM - 3:00PM

The 2025 Christmas Party

The 2025 Christmas Party will be held on December 07, 2025,



11AM – 3:00PM

Venezia Restaurant 20 Ericsson St. Dorchester, Ma

Need Help?

To any of our members who wish to submit their business card or post retirement business information in our monthly newsletter please send your information to the Assoc. Officer













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In Memorial

SERGEANT ROBERT JAMES JOHNSTON

LAST ASSIGNED TO Crime Scene Response Unit

APPOINTED February 6, 1974 RETIRED June 25, 2010

Retired Sergeant Robert James Johnston passed away on Monday, September 1, 2025.

POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL GILL Son of the late Retired Sergeant Francis Gill

LAST ASSIGNED TO Evidence Control Unit

APPOINTED May 12, 1999 RETIRED **August 16, 2023**

Retired Police Officer Gill passed away on Saturday, August 30, 2025.

POLICE OFFICER LEONARD SHAND, JR.

LAST ASSIGNED TO

APPOINTED

RETIRED

District E-5

July 10, 1985

January 31, 2009

Retired Police Officer Shand passed away on Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

DETECTIVE THOMAS L. TRAYLOR

LAST ASSIGNED TO Area A-1 (Boston Transportation Department)

APPOINTED February 6, 1974
RETIRED June 30, 2010

Retired Detective Traylor passed away on Thursday, September 18, 2025.

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Email From the Detectives Benevolent Society



Good Afternoon Retirees,

We hope this message finds you all well. We would respectfully request that, if any of our retirees change their home address or their email address, could you please notify the union by either sending an email with the updated information to hartgrovet@bpdbs.net or call the union with the information at 617-325-3938. If you think that we may not have a current home or email address for you, please respond to this email with that information so that it can be updated in our database. We are working to update the retiree contact information for all retirees this year so that we have accurate information for our mailings and email blasts. Your assistance with this matter would be greatly appreciated. Thank you and have a good day.

Fraternally,

BPDBS Leadership

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Important Reminders

RBPOA 2026 annual dues \$35 or pay \$50 for 2026 and 2027.

Make check to RBPOA send to Retired Boston Police Officers Association 400 Frontage Road Boston, Mass 02118 Retired Boston Police

Please check Retired Boston Police Officers Association website: https://retiredbostonpoliceassociation.com for membership renewal forms as well as the newsletter and updates.

November Membership Meeting

The November's meeting on, Wednesday Nov 5, 2025, at 10 AM - 1 PM will be held at Florian Hall 10 AM - 1 PM.

Guess speakers:

Laurie Murphy who handles Social Security / Medicare

Representatives from Credit Union, Retirement Board, Smart Plan Police Relief.

Attendees can check and update their beneficiaries.

The 2025 Christmas Party



🧥 The 2025 Christmas Party will be held on December 06, 2025, 11PM – 3:00PM 🗥



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2026 Legends Brunch



See all of the Legend's pictures online at: https://thecameracop.smugmug.com/Retire-Boston-Police-Officers-Assoc/2025-Lengends-Luncheon