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National Women’s History Month is finally here. Let’s celebrate all the great contributions made by women that have enriched American history. Women’s achievements are endless and dynamically interwoven with courage, ingenuity and innovation in the fabric of America and beyond. So hats off to all women of the world that deserve to bask in the shine of greatness.

During the month of March watch for emails from NYWLE, featuring extraordinary achievements by women.

Because of Her Story: Activist and Suffragist Mary Church Terrell

Mary Eliza Church Terrell was a renowned educator and speaker who campaigned fearlessly for women’s suffrage and the social equality of African Americans.

Born in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1863, the year of the Emancipation Proclamation, Mary Eliza Church was part of a changing America. She was the daughter of affluent African American parents, both of whom were previously enslaved. Her mother, Louisa Ayers Church, owned a hair salon. Her father, Robert Reed Church, was a successful businessman who would later become one of the South’s first African American millionaires.

In 1892, her childhood friend Thomas Moss was lynched in Memphis. Moss was the owner of People’s Grocery, a successful wholesale grocery outside the city. He, like Terrell, represented progress, which many whites at the time felt was a direct threat to their own commerce and livelihood. The gunshot-riddled bodies of Moss and two of his employees were left on a railroad track just north of Memphis.

Terrell, along with journalist Ida B. Wells, organized anti-lynching campaigns to mobilize advocates and generate awareness. Later she would protest President Theodore Roosevelt’s 1906 discharge of 167 African American soldiers for unfounded conspiracy claims in Brownsville, Texas. She wrote columns and essays espousing the importance of dignity and respect for the soldiers and demanded a fair trial. Her efforts were to no avail at the time, although an Army investigation in 1972 led to the honorable discharges of all the soldiers, only two of whom were still alive.

To learn more: www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/mary-church-terrell
IACP Women's Leadership Institute Training Program NYWLE Scholarship Opportunity

Since 2015, our Board has been selecting a member of NYWLE in good standing to attend a session of the IACP Women’s Leadership Institute training program.

Based upon the positive feedback received from past attendees, the NYWLE Board has decided to once again provide a scholarship to one of our active NYWLE members to attend this year’s spring WLI Institute, which will be offered virtually over a nine-week period, first week will be a one day orientation and then the sessions will start March 23, 2021 and conclude on May 13, 2021. The weekly sessions include two virtual live sessions per week, being held Tuesday and Thursday for two hours each day, totaling 16 sessions. Those interested in attending should make sure that they can be available during this time. Attendees must participate in at least 12 of the 16 sessions to receive a certificate of completion from the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Detailed information can be found at http://www.theiacp.org/wli

This scholarship will cover the registration cost of the training.

Anyone interested in attending the WLI training should submit the attached application to: nywomeninlawenforcement@gmail.com by COB Wednesday, March 10, 2021.

We encourage you to apply for this scholarship for this valuable training opportunity, as it is a great benefit for your NYWLE dues!

Please contact Zone Sergeant Kimberly Shappy at 585-406-7770 or kferoleto1994@gmail.com with any questions.

Application is available using this link:

NYWLE IACP WLI-Scholarship-App_2021.pdf
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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WESTCHESTER COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE
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DET 1ST ROBBIN HARRISON
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NYPD

DET 1ST DONNA MALKENTZOS
NYPD

DET. PATRICIA TUFO
NYPD

DET 2ND CHRISTINE FORTUNE
NYPD
Each month the newsletter will try to include a feature Spotlining women law enforcement officers who have made an extraordinary achievement. If you know of any member we can feature please let Anne FitzSimmons know at: nywomeninlawenforcement@gmail.com

The NY State University Police recently recognized their members with the Professional Service Award. This award is presented to members for those acts that greatly enhance the operation of the respective University Police department.

New Paltz: Lieutenant William Shaw and Officer Mallory Nelson

On January 24, 2020 at about 10:00PM, Lieutenant William Shaw was working the night shift as a Field Training Officer with new officer, Mallory Nelson who had just graduated the police academy the previous month. Officers responded to the Village of New Paltz under mutual aid to a fight in progress at P&G’s bar, with a possible stabbing victim. Officers arrived on scene and observed several other police units parked in front of the establishment. Because of Shaw and Nelson’s diligence, they observed that the suspect was actually around the side of the building being held by civilians. The officers exited their patrol vehicle and quickly gained control of the suspect, getting him into custody before anyone else was injured, without regard for their personal safety. It was confirmed moments before that the suspect had stabbed another person. Lt. Shaw was Officer Nelson’s field training officer at the time and displayed great leadership and proper tactics to the new officer. Officer Nelson acted without hesitation to effectively secure the suspect’s legs and helped her partner effect the arrest. The officers displayed a great team effort during this incident that highlighted the qualities necessary in order to have a positive outcome during a serious incident. The officers helped quell a very dangerous situation, not only to the stabbing victim and other bystanders, but also to other officers responding to the scene.

Lieutenant William Shaw and Officer Mallory Nelson conducted themselves with the highest degree of professionalism and their actions are representative of the professionalism of the New York State University Police and worthy of the SUNY Police Chiefs Association Professional Service Award.

NYWLE Congratulates Officer Mallory Nelson and her FTO Lt. Shaw on their outstanding police work.
On Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at approximately 6:14PM, a non-affiliate telephoned NYS University Police at Old Westbury stating she received two disturbing snapchat photographs from a friend, who is a SUNY Old Westbury resident student. One photo showed her friends’ wrists bloodied with cuts, another showed a pill bottle in the background. The caption on the photograph read “so much for healing, it’s a myth...I’m scared but I’m even more scared to keep living. I’m so sorry to those who have loved me unconditionally”.

Members on duty recognized the students’ name and immediately initiated a missing persons investigation. Over the past five months the student had multiple welfare checks conducted including an incident in which the student was transported to the hospital to receive necessary mental health services. Officer Amanda Rothenbucher and Technical Sergeant Brett Cruickshank organized a search of the campus, including the assistance of residential life staff, canvassing locations the student was known to frequent. While the searches were being conducted, phone calls were made to her associates and an exigent request was made to her cellphone provider to locate her phone. The phone “pinged” in Freeport, New York and a request was made to the Freeport Police Department to assist in the search, which met with negative results. Notifications were also made to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Police Department after it was revealed that the student finds comfort in riding the trains when in a depressive state. A notification was made to the New York State Missing Persons Clearinghouse, which resulted in a tremendous amount of local and social media broadcasts to alert the public. The students’ phone was programmed to alert an acquaintance of hers, with a GPS location if 911 was called. At 11:17PM, a 911 call was made from the students’ phone at the Long Island Rail Road Jamaica train station. Notifications were made to the local New York City Police Department Precinct, Transit District, and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Police Department was updated, again with negative results.

Investigation continued into the following day on Thursday, March 19 under the supervision of Lieutenant Renee Znack. Officer Rothenbucher and Lieutenant Znack were advised that the student had a conversation with the college counseling center via telephone. Officers met with counseling staff to confirm students’ status and to encourage them to have the student contact University Police. During the same time frame the tracking of the phone became active, indicating a location in Queens, New York. Investigator Ryon Burnett and Investigator Julie Donley immediately responded to the area, approximately 45 minutes away. The student then contacted Communications & Security Specialist Leonard Baker at University Police dispatch but was apprehensive about giving her location. Officer Rothenbucher engaged in conversation with the student, explaining that her safety was a priority, and we would be able provide her with help if she met with the investigators. The student agreed to provide the address at which she was located. The information was transmitted to the investigators and they met with the student. The New York City Fire Department Bureau of Emergency Medical Services responded to the location and transported the student to a local hospital for treatment.

Lieutenant Renee Znack, Investigator Ryon Burnett, Investigator Julie Donley, Technical Sergeant Brett Cruickshank, Officer Amanda Rotherbucher, and Communications & Security Specialist Leonard Baker conducted themselves with the highest degree of professionalism and their actions are representative of the professionalism of the New York State University Police and worthy of the SUNY Police Chiefs Association Professional Service Award.
Spotlight on!

Plattsburgh: Investigator Jessica Facteau

Investigator Jessica Facteau has proven herself as a valuable asset to the SUNY Plattsburgh University Police, first as an officer and then Lieutenant and continuing now as an Investigator. Although her contributions for the betterment of the department span several years, there are a few contributions she has made that have greatly enhanced the operation of the department this past academic year.

Investigator Facteau is one of those tenacious officers who is involved in everything. She is the first to volunteer for assignments, first for connecting with the campus community and first to seek out opportunities to increase her knowledge and promote both the department as well as the members in it.

She is involved in several campus committees, many of which she was appointed by the campus president. She provides education to incoming freshman, campus employees and the department in topics such as active shooter, Fair and Impartial Policing, and Hate Crimes.

She co-created the department’s Student Safety Ambassador Program, which enlists students representing a cross section of our campus community, who work with University Police Officers to patrol, to implement safety programs, and to provide opportunities for campus connections. Some of these ambassadors have completed the program as interns, which Investigator Facteau also manages.

Additionally, she has conducted several criminal investigations including multi-agency drug investigations for which she obtained and executed search warrants, provided grand jury testimony and service of indictments. She shut down a fraternity conducting prohibited hazing and infiltrated a campus drug ring seizing $15,000, psychedelic mushrooms and cannabis.

Investigator Jessica Facteau has conducted herself with the highest degree of professionalism and her actions are representative of the professionalism of the New York State University Police and worthy of the SUNY Police Chiefs Association Professional Service Award.

NYWLE congratulates Inv. Jessica Facteau and all the other NYS University Police officers that have demonstrated professionalism in police work.
Spotlight on!

Old Westbury: Investigator Ryon Burnett and Investigator Julie Donley

On Monday, December 2, 2019 at approximately 1:45PM, the SUNY Old Westbury Office of Public & Media Relations discovered on the college's social media monitoring service account, HootSuite, that Twitter user LarryBands tweeted "At This Point I'm Boutta Stand In The Middle Of SUNY Old Westbury & Let The Bullets Do What They Gotta Do. F*cking Tired of Life". That office immediately notified the Chief of University Police Steven Siena. Chief Siena ordered an immediate investigation and recall of off-duty members of the Department for deployment. Investigator Ryon Burnett recognized the twitter name and associated profile picture as belonging to a SUNY Old Westbury resident student, who was known from prior interactions. While Investigator Burnett initiated his investigation, other members conducted a search of campus to locate the student.

At approximately 3:12PM, Investigator Burnett located the student in campus center and approached him to discuss the tweet and his emotional state. The student stated that he experienced "suicidal thoughts lately" and that he "thought he deleted the tweet". The student stated that his mention of "bullets" was in reference to suicidal thoughts he recently experienced, but that he did not plan to target anyone at SUNY Old Westbury or the institution itself. The student voluntarily walked with Investigator Burnett to University Police Headquarters to discuss the matter further. Investigator Burnett was assisted by Investigator Donley who was re-called due to the incident. The student voluntarily provided a sworn admission that he posted that message on his Twitter account. Upon presenting the case to the Nassau County District Attorney’s Office the defendant was charged with “Making a Terroristic Threat”. The defendant was arraigned in Nassau County’s First District Court on December 3, 2019 and remanded, with bail set at $100,000. Prior to booking the student was removed to Nassau University Medical Center for psychological evaluation.

On January 22, 2020 the College Conduct Board found the student responsible for Failure to Abide by Federal, State, and /or Local Laws & Threatening or Abusive Behavior and as a result of that decision was expelled.

Investigator Ryon Burnett and Investigator Julie Donley conducted themselves with the highest degree of professionalism and their actions are representative of the professionalism of the New York State University Police and worthy of the SUNY Police Chiefs Association Professional Service Award.
FREE TRAINING

Suicide Prevention and the Corrections Workforce

The NYS Office of Mental Health - Suicide Prevention Office, invites you to join an upcoming webinar in an ongoing series of presentations being coordinated by the NYS Helping Those Who Help Others* Steering Committee.

Join us for a panel discussion exploring the unique nature of stressors within the corrections workforce, similarities to other helping professionals, and the barriers/opportunities to prevention efforts.

Date: March 9, 2021
Time: 12:00PM-1:30PM

Click Here to Register

Guest Panelists:

- Maureen Morrison - CNYPC Director of Suicide Prevention, Office of Mental Health
- Tracie Strabel - CBO Acting Director of Social Work, Office of Mental Health / CNYPC
- Bryan Hilton - Associate Commissioner for New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision
- Timothy Whitcomb - Cattaraugus County Sheriff

Questions? Please contact: Garra.Lloyd-Lester@omh.ny.gov
FREE TRAINING

The Female Force: Empowering Women in Law Enforcement
March 25, 2021  2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Despite efforts to increase representation, the percentage of women in law enforcement has remained stagnant for the past few decades.

This discussion will focus on why we need to increase women in law enforcement. How do women contribute in ways that differ from their male colleagues? What strengths do women bring to the field and how do they impact the safety of officers and the communities they serve?

NYWLE Member Responses to “Women in Blue” PBS Documentary

On February 8, 2021, PBS broadcasted a documentary entitled, “Women in Blue”. If you missed the original airing of the Women in Blue documentary you can still see it at: Independent Lens: Women in Blue Season 22 Episode 8 - Bing video

The filming of this documentary took place over three years, from 2017 to 2020. The focus of this film was to take a look at whether or not women police differently and the effects of gender inequality in policing. Minneapolis Police Department was chosen as the filming location, apparently due to difficulties it was facing, and the fact that the department was led by a female chief. Four female officers volunteered to participate in the documentary and to speak about how they want to redefine what it means to protect and serve. The featured officers included Chief Janee Harteau, the first female chief in MPD, and three additional female MPD officers of various ranks and positions in the department.

During Chief Harteau’s tenure she promoted women into positions traditionally held by men. Her goal was to change a department that was struggling with a history of police misconduct and allegations of racism and sexism within its ranks. Unfortunately, during the production of this documentary, a high-profile officer involved shooting occurred and Chief Harteau was forced to resign from the department. Chief Harteau’s replacement was a male chief, who selected only men for his top command staff.

The high-profile incidents that occurred in Minneapolis seemed to change the focus of the documentary. Perhaps rightly so. The focus became more emphasis on Black Lives Matter issues and less on Women in Blue and their struggle for equality in the law enforcement community.

A request was made to NYWLE members who were able to watch the documentary to respond to us and voice their thoughts about the documentary. The highlights of the responses follow:

• The documentary was found to be interesting and the statements regarding the lack of diversity and inequality voiced by the featured women officers were true.
• A desire that all departments could give women a greater voice, especially in the decision-making arena.
• The “labels” given to women officers are not appreciated and seen as an example of the sexism the women officers had to contend with. Some NYWLE members stated that they also experienced being subjected to these labels: mother, bitch, and whore.
• The producers could have delved more into how difficult it is for minority officers to figure out how they fit into their organizations and to also receive support from the members of their community who are of their race/ethnicity.
• One member was glad that it was mentioned that there is a difficult administrative process that must be followed to discipline and/or terminate an officer for misconduct.
• It was also appreciated that it was mentioned that not only does the attitude of police have to be changed but the public’s attitude must also be changed. People forget that more often than not police are responding to calls made by the community.
• Some responding NYWLE members were disappointed that the Black Lives Matter issue overshadowed Women in Blue and felt that while BLM issues are particularly important, it took away from the importance of women in policing and the need to address those issues as well. Perhaps if the timing was different it may have been a different story.
• The loss of the high-ranking female police officers who left MPD after being reassigned to positions of less prestige was very discouraging, and the general opinion of responding NYWLE members is that the problems of racism, gender inequality and sexism will continue in the Minneapolis Police Department.

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Health and Wellness Reminders

How does heart disease affect women?
Despite increases in awareness over the past decades, only about half (56%) of women recognize that heart disease is their number 1 killer.¹

Learn more facts about women and heart disease:
Heart disease is the leading cause of death for women in the United States, killing 299,578 women in 2017—or about 1 in every 5 female deaths.²
Heart disease is the leading cause of death for African American and white women in the United States. Among American Indian and Alaska Native women, heart disease and cancer cause roughly the same number of deaths each year. For Hispanic and Asian or Pacific Islander women, heart disease is second only to cancer as a cause of death.³
About 1 in 16 women age 20 and older (6.2%) have coronary heart disease, the most common type of heart disease.⁴

About 1 in 16 white women (6.1%), black women (6.5%), and Hispanic women (6%)
About 1 in 30 Asian women (3.2%)

What are the symptoms of heart disease?
Although some women have no symptoms, others may have⁵
Angina (dull and heavy or sharp chest pain or discomfort)
Pain in the neck, jaw, or throat
Pain in the upper abdomen or back These symptoms may happen when you are resting or when you are doing regular daily activities. Women also may have other symptoms, including⁵

Nausea, Vomiting, and Fatigue

Sometimes heart disease may be “silent” and not diagnosed until you have other symptoms or emergencies, including⁵
Heart attack: Chest pain or discomfort, upper back or neck pain, indigestion, heartburn, nausea or vomiting, extreme fatigue, upper body discomfort, dizziness, and shortness of breath
Arrhythmia: Fluttering feelings in the chest (palpitations)
Heart failure: Shortness of breath, fatigue, or swelling of the feet, ankles, legs, abdomen, or neck veins
If you have any of these symptoms, call 9-1-1 right away.
What are the risk factors for heart disease?

High blood pressure, high LDL (low-density lipoprotein) cholesterol, and smoking are key risk factors for heart disease. About **half of all people in the United States** (47%) have at least one of these three risk factors.6

Several other medical conditions and lifestyle choices can also put people at a higher risk for heart disease, including
- **Diabetes**
- Having overweight or obesity
- Eating an unhealthy diet
- Physical inactivity
- Drinking too much alcohol

How can I reduce my risk of heart disease?
To lower your chances of getting heart disease, it’s important to do the following:7

Know your **blood pressure**. Having uncontrolled blood pressure can lead to heart disease. High blood pressure has no symptoms, so it’s important to have your blood pressure checked regularly. Learn more about **high blood pressure**.

Talk to your doctor or health care team about whether you should be tested for **diabetes**. Having uncontrolled diabetes raises your risk of heart disease.8 Learn more about **diabetes**.

**Quit smoking.** If you don’t smoke, don’t start. If you do smoke, learn ways to quit.

Discuss checking your blood **cholesterol and triglycerides** with your doctor. Learn more about **cholesterol**.

Make healthy food choices. Being overweight or obesity raises your risk of heart disease. Learn more about **overweight and obesity**.

**Limit how much alcohol** you drink to one drink a day. Learn more about **alcohol**.

**Manage stress levels** by finding healthy ways to cope with stress. Learn more about **coping with stress**.

Source United States Center for Disease

[Women and Heart Disease | cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov)
11th Annual NYWLE Training Conference

Woodcliff Hotel & Spa – Fairport, NY
October 6-8, 2021

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Planning is going strong for the 2021 Conference.
Interested in joining the Conference Committee?
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NW3C offers both live and on-demand webinars and podcasts on a variety of topics. The site also offers lots of great resources including timely information, for example – U. S. Health and Human Services Guidance Document - COVID-19 and HIPAA: Disclosures to law enforcement, paramedics, other first responders and public health authorities.

SEARCH – The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics
https://www.search.org/resources/podcasts/

National Criminal Justice Training Center (NCJTC) of Fox Valley Technical College
https://ncjtc.fvtc.edu/on-demand?dm=DMT0000051#findOnDemand

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