



NEWS FROM NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMAN **PETER J. ABBATE, JR.**

49th Assembly District, Brooklyn

Crime Update 2016

Dear Neighbor,

The Communities of Bensonhurst, Dyker Heights, Fort Hamilton, and Sunset Park, which make up my district, are four of the safest communities in the City. We have the brave men and women of the 68th, 62nd, 66th, and 72nd Precincts to recognize and express thanks, for patrolling our streets, and maintaining our exceptional quality of life. My job, in the Assembly, is to provide these Precincts with the tools they need in order for them to continue to defend and protect us. This newsletter will showcase specific initiatives, I have been working diligently on, which will assist crime victims and continue to maintain our secure streets.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Abbate, Jr.

Protecting Crime Victims and Their Families

Domestic violence is tragic, comes in many forms, and has far-reaching side effects. I am committed to doing everything I can on the State level to reduce it and offer support to those who have been affected by it.

The Assembly passed a series of bills to address the issue of domestic violence in order to provide better assistance, protection, and justice to victims. Survivors need to know they are not alone and help is available. The Assembly's legislation strengthens the laws that protect them, and also:

- Prohibits domestic violence offenders from possessing or purchasing a firearm (A.5257 and A.6340).
- Allows victims to recover non-economic damages from any or all defendants found liable for failure to obey or enforce domestic violence orders of protection or temporary orders of protection (A.260).



In observation of National Crime Victims' Rights Week in April, the Assembly passed multiple packages of legislation to help other victims of crime. In the legislative package is a bill that

would protect the right of tenants to report criminal acts, including acts of domestic violence, without fear of losing their housing as the result of landlord actions or local nuisance laws (A.1322). Currently, many municipalities throughout New York State have nuisance laws, which can be overly broad and, as a result, dissuade victims from calling the police or reporting a crime. Furthermore,

landlords would be protected from any penalties for respecting the rights of tenants to request police or emergency assistance.

The Assembly also passed several bills that would help provide financial support to victims. One bill would allow courts to direct all or a portion of certain fines to the Office of Victim Services (A.2661); creating another revenue source to fund its victims' assistance and victims' award programs.

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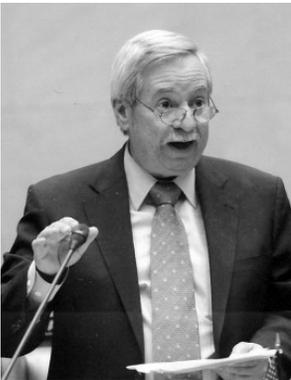
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Recognizing Our Citizen Patrol



It was my pleasure to welcome the Brooklyn Asian Civilian Observation Patrol (BACOP) to the State Capitol, to honor their service to our community. This organization works with the Police Department to promote neighborhood safety, and serve as a bridge between the Police Department and the Chinese immigrant community. Working with both the 72nd and 66th Precincts, the BACOP assists in protecting and preserving our Sunset Park community overnight. These nightly watches aid the police by having an extra set of eyes and ears in our community. These organizations are invaluable to our community and the well-being of all its residents.



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Important Crime Phone Numbers

Police, Fire, and Ambulance 911
62nd Precinct (718) 236-2611
66th Precinct..... (718) 851-5611
68th Precinct..... (718) 439-4211
72nd Precinct (718) 965-6311
NYPD Terrorism Hotline
..... 888 NYC-SAFE

Precinct Council Meetings

Are you looking to get more involved in your community? Attend the monthly Precinct Council meetings for your neighborhood. At these meetings, local residents and business owners can directly communicate with the Captains of each Precinct and the Precinct Council which helps facilitate the police in performing their job. I remain a proud sponsor of these Precincts, for many years now, by attending their meetings and providing them with grants so they may continue their hard work.

If you would like to get involved, contact your local Precinct about upcoming Community Council meetings.