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Statement from NYSTPBA President Charles W. Murphy Regarding the 2024-2025 Executive Budget

The New York State Troopers Police Benevolent Association (NYSTPBA), the labor union representing more than 7,000 active and retired Troopers and State Police supervisors, believes strongly in our stance advocating for more Troopers to be added to the New York State Police. We are referring to manpower levels of sworn members, the men and women who wear the gray uniform, patrol our highways and respond to emergencies, and enforce all the laws of New York State.

We are thankful that Gov. Kathy Hochul's proposed 2024-2025 Executive Budget provides funding for manpower as well as for expanded specialty State Police units. We support these funding initiatives to help fill in staffing gaps due to the ever-increasing duties placed on Troopers – including the worthy initiatives recently proposed by Governor Hochul. New York State Troopers are always prepared to respond to whatever crisis arises to serve the needs of all New Yorkers.

- Since the COVID-19 pandemic emerged in 2020, Troopers had the scope of their mission expanded. As thousands of public and private-sector employees were ordered to stay home to help prevent the spread of the virus in the early stages of the pandemic, New York State Troopers bravely showed up to work every day and risked their lives – and the lives of their families- to respond to emergency calls and assist in whatever capacity was needed.
- Troopers are the first to respond to 911 calls for emergency, including those of a medical nature, public safety, accidental, or public service. It is imperative that we are fully staffed to ensure the ability to fulfill the demands of these challenging situations.
- In the traditional sense of law enforcement, community stabilization units partner the most experienced New York State Troopers with local law enforcement agencies to combat community-specific crime problems. These partnerships have proven to be an effective tool in areas across the state.
- With the ever-increasing frequency of natural disasters and their path of destruction, contingents of Troopers have headed to Puerto Rico to aid in relief efforts. Within New York state, Troopers have navigated flood-ravaged areas during blackouts and dangerous conditions to rescue citizens and provide help to residents during the time of crisis.

Being a New York State Troopers is a dangerous and unpredictable job, but we all feel strongly about serving and protecting the public and the communities across the state. We need the necessary tools to help carry out our mission, which is why it is of the utmost importance to increase the number of New York State Troopers.

Thank you, members of the Legislature, for your time and consideration.

