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# Police Association of Connecticut Newsletter



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## President's Statement

In the past few months there have been many changes with our organization structure and the look of our Connecticut Law Enforcement Memorial. We have put a lot of time and money into these valuable areas which I believe will make our organization stronger in the years to come.

We have made major updates to our website providing and ease for members and Local VP's to access necessary forms and materials.

We have added new email addresses that reflect the CTPAC.ORG domain which allows for electronic submission of all claim forms. This alone has

expedited the issue of checks for our injured members.

I whole heartedly believe that through these improvements and other future adjustments we can continue to provide the best protection for our members and CT Policing.



Gary Mecozzi  
President  
Police Association of Connecticut

## PAC Social Media

Local Vice Presidents are reminded that PAC has a Facebook page that is for members only.

The PAC website also provides information and access to all LVP required paperwork. Please visit our sites by clicking the below links.

[www.ctpac.com](http://www.ctpac.com)

## Connecticut Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial

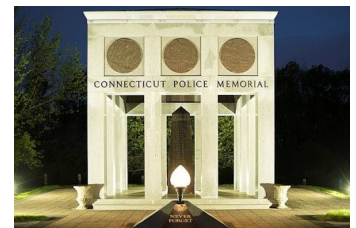
The Police Association of CT is excited about some updates on the Memorial Committee. Committee Chair Craig Davis has secured a landscaping firm to remove and replace dead trees on the memorial site. This firm will also plant fresh shrubs and flowers. Many of the plants and flowers have been donated by local businesses.

We will be adding an additional name to the memorial that will bring it to a current status.

Other work to be conducted on the site include new Belgium block for the walkway, cleaning and refinishing the marble, and change the lighting on the site.

We hope through these donations and the reparations to have

the memorial refurbished to excellent standards.



# Connecticut Legislative Update

2020 was a very difficult year for the law enforcement community nationwide. The Country saw civil unrest escalate to levels and a duration, not seen since the 1960's. The environment was relentlessly driven by social and mass media outlets, resulting in many "Police Reform" or "Anti-Police" laws being enacted across the nation. Here in Connecticut, sweeping legislation was passed, during a two-week special session in July of 2020, which had enormous negative impacts to policing in our State.

After the passage of the "Public Act 20-1", the Police Association of Connecticut realized that our organization and the many active-duty and retired law enforcement officers that we represent, needed to have our voices heard in Hartford. To that end, we have restructured our operational model in order to focus our efforts on a more proactive model of stopping harmful legislation in addition to insuring that our members and their families who are injured, receive the benefits they deserve.

The Legislative Committee hired the firm of Powers, Griffin & Hill to act as our lobbyists in Hartford, to help us insure that the voices of

Connecticut law enforcement are heard and that we receive the fair and equal treatment that we deserve. The Legislative Committee keeps regular communication with our lobbyist and we are working to insure that we fulfill our mission of the "Protection and promotion of the welfare of the Police Officers of the State of Connecticut".

During this legislative session, we did see some success, as a widely-debated portion of P.A. 20-1, concerning the "use of force" saw a language change to verbiage more in-line with current Supreme Court jurisprudence. The implementation date of the use of force portion of the legislation, which was also scheduled to become effective on April 1, 2021 was pushed back to an implementation date of July 1, 2022. The committee will continue to work hard to insure that we are insuring the best interests and welfare of all our members.

-- Vincent E. DeMaio  
Legislative Committee Chair

## New PAC Contact Information

We have created new emails to help functionality when contacting PAC.

All claims may be submitted to [claims@ctpac.org](mailto:claims@ctpac.org). You may submit scanned forms to PAC and keep the originals for your records.

Inquiries to PAC regarding legislative / lobbyist questions may be sent to [paclegislation@ctpac.org](mailto:paclegislation@ctpac.org).

General PAC inquiries may be sent to [pac@ctpac.org](mailto:pac@ctpac.org).

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