

The **Brotherhood** held its Fall Cocktail Reception & Cigar Smoke Out fundraiser on October 2nd, 2015 at Bar A in Belmar, NJ. They welcomed Law Enforcement colleagues, supporters, sponsors, family members, friends, honorees and members of the business community throughout the State. Close to two hundred people came regardless of the <u>North Eastern Storm that ripped through the Jersey shore.</u> The several civilian trade unions, police groups Fop's, PBA's, SOA's, POBA, dignitaries and corporations CEO's rallied to raise funds for officers and their families during their time of need or crises. The event was sponsored by **Seton Pharmaceuticals, Havana Cigars, Sica Wealth Management, Devotion Spirits, J & M Towing, Bio Compression Systems, Ajaco Towing, The Perosi Family and coordinated by State Trooper Wayne Blanchard, Director of Public Relations and Jerry Conan**, Director of Communications for the NJLEPOB.

The event began with attendees getting acquainted with one another while having good food, drinks, music and nice hand rolled cigars. There was a short program regarding the following honorees: Lifetime Achievement Awards: Retired Middlesex County DOC Warden, **Edmond Clcchi**, Retired Lake Como Mayor **Michael Ryan**, Legislative Awards: Assemblyman, **Daniel Benson**, Assemblyman, **Patric Diegnan Jr.**, Assemblyman, **Gregory McGuckin** were recognized for their help, support and work on law enforcement legislation. They graciously accepted their special recognition and commend the POB for its unselfish commitment in helping officers and their families during their time of need or crises regardless if the officers are members of the POB. Assemblyman, **Diegnan** stated "we are here for you because you are always there for the residents of this great state". Checks were given out to the recipients Woodland Park Officer **O. Carino**, family of NJ State Trooper **G. Almonte** and family of Bergen County Sheriff **B. Beutel.**

It's time to bring back the true meaning of "The Brotherhood"

Director Blanchard explained that The <u>POB is an independent non-profit Law</u> <u>Enforcement Organization</u> to bring together the frontline law enforcement officer and the civilian community to form an alliance to help all officers, their families and the victims of crime. **The POB is governed by active and retired/former Law Enforcement Officers throughout the State**. The POB is not a labor union (Collective Bargaining Unit) or lobbying group and does not compete with the PBA, FOP or STFA. Our purpose is to unite law enforcement officers throughout the United State and give donations to all law enforcement officers regardless of their Union affiliation to bring back the true meaning of **"the brotherhood"**. The POB has helped donate thousands of dollars to law enforcement causes over the years. Based on the total funds of this event minus administrative cost, over **\$17,000** were given right back to law enforcement causes and officers in need. For further information or if you're interested in becoming a member, making a donation or want to become a corporate sponsor go to <u>www.NJLEPOB.Com</u> or call 1-866-965-5372



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