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*Through the Authority of Its Charter and Right of Proclamation
The Board of Awards Does Meritoriously Recognize & Install*

Dr Joao A Lopes MD Superior General & Bariatric Surgeon 2011

Hear Ye, Unto all Whom these Present Letters may come, Greetings!
Know Ye, that We, the Board of Directors, having Good Knowledge of This Worthy Doctor's Remarkable Abilities of Healing, with much Testimony being made in Witness of His Gentle Ministrations and Bariatric Surgeries Performed to Treat Those In Need, to Restore the Health and Correct the Associated Diseases and Disorders that Afflict So Many Numbers Our Great State's Defenders and Citizens, Now Do Declare;

WHEREAS, In matters of Bestowing the Journal's Superior General & Bariatric Surgeon of the Year Award Upon **Doctor Joao A Lopes MD** the Board serves only to carry out the Sincere Directives of the Leaders of New Jersey's Revered Professional Societies of the Healing, Surgical and Restorative Arts, and;

WHEREAS, These Esteemed Physicians and the Worthy Peers of this Specialized Surgical Art having taken this Yearly Counsel amongst themselves through a Rigorous Process of Nomination and Election, and;

WHEREAS, They, having vested Well-Placed Faith and Trust in the Honorable and Venerated **Doctor Joao A Lopes MD**, and He, having Rightfully Earned Their Deep Respect and High Regard, over many years of Exceptional Dedication and the Application of Skillful Treatments and Surgical Practices that Serve to Restore and Correct the Form and Functions of His Treasured Patients Bodies and Systems, Especially those in Need of Bariatric Treatment and Surgery, hence, it is Well Deserved He be Acknowledged as Leading Practitioner of these Esteemed Surgical Arts in the State of New Jersey, and;

FURTHERMORE, BE IT SO RESOLVED, it is Sincerely Desired by the Board of Directors that We Duly Commend this Rightfully Elected Superior Surgeon by Respectfully Requesting that all Civic Authorities, Municipal Leaders and the Citizenry of Their Community, County and State Gratefully turn to and Rely upon Our Worthy **Doctor Joao A Lopes MD** in all Instances where these Great Skills of Healing and Surgery Shall be Called Upon.

NOW THEREFORE, Do We Hereby Recognize and Commend the Board's Decision and;

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, the undersigned, Gabriel A Calabrese, Chairman of the Law Enforcement Journal's Duly Appointed Board, have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Journal's Official Seal on this date:



*The 13th Day
of the Month of May,
A.D. 2011*

Gabriel A Calabrese
Sgt & Exec Officer, Jersey City PD
Chairman, Editorial Awards Board

Attorney General Paula Dow Announced Medicaid Fraud Indictments Against Jersey City Based Gang's Ringleader



Attorney General Dow Announced Indictments For Case

TRENTON— Charging that a group including a doctor and a pharmacist were responsible for the distribution of thousands of pain killers each week, Attorney General Paula Dow announced as she named them in an indictment that included drug and Medicaid fraud accusations.

The ring allegedly distributed Oxycontin and Percacet in a four county area in northern New Jersey, supplying street level drug gangs with massive quantities of fraudulently obtained prescription pills.

The Jersey City Police Department worked with the AG's Office over the term of the investigation and ran much of the operation that gathered the evidence against the (P 5)

State Police; High Grades On Racial Profiling Issue

TRENTON—For 10 Years, the federal government kept the State Police under its oversight, gathering data on how many drivers were pulled over, what percentage were minorities and how police handled the stops — all part of a plan to eliminate racial profiling.



Trooper Commandant Rick Fuentes

Now that oversight belongs to a new watchdog unit within the Attorney General's Office, which released its first full report Wednesday. The new numbers were mostly unchanged from the ones in the final federal report, leading state officials to praise the State Police's progress now that the federal "consent decree" has ended.

"Under the consent decree, New Jersey troopers set the standard for best practices in the law enforcement community," said State Police Superintendent Col. Rick Fuentes. "But our reforms were designed to be sustainable long after the decree was dissolved." The new report, which covers the second half of 2009, shows the number of body searches, pat-downs and uses of force was mostly unchanged compared with the last federal report (P 7)



Governor Christie Addressed Issues Facing Law Enforcement Departments Across NJ

Thousand of Officers Rally In Trenton: Gov Christie And Unions Face Hard Choices



By Gabriel A. Calabrese
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TRENTON — Public safety employees by the thousands rallied at the Statehouse Thursday, urging Gov. Chris Christie and state legislators who support him to reconsider the tightening fiscal position that they say means lost jobs, more out-of-pocket money for benefits and putting the public in jeopardy.

The event was dubbed the Rally to Take a Stand for Public Safety, but Bill Lavin, president of the New Jersey State Firefighters Mutual Benevolent Association, had a much more urgent description.

"This, today, is an emergency response," Lavin told the firefighters, police and corrections officers, and emergency medical technicians jamming West State Street before, during and after the two-hour midday rally. Not only was the rally (P 9)

"Not Only Was The Rally Big, 15000 by some estimates, and long running, from 11am to 1 pm, but it generated biting words."