



Annual Gala Dinner

March
27 AT 7PM
Friday
2026

The Grand Marquis
1550 US-9, Old Bridge, NJ



NJ Black Troopers Association Annual Gala

March 27th | 7:00 PM



COCKTAIL HOUR

7:00 PM - Guests Arrive & Networking



WELCOME

8:00 PM - Opening Remarks by Tamika Riley-McReynolds



NATIONAL ANTHEM

Performed by Leon Richardson



MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Leon Richardson leads the evening



SPECIAL GUEST REMARKS

Remarks from distinguished guest(s)



AWARDS CEREMONY

Honoring Major Soto, Colonel Callahan, and Trooper Stanley



DINNER

Dinner service for all guests



CLOSING

Final Remarks & ***Celebration Continues***

Thank you for celebrating with us.



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Tamika Riley-McReynolds

CommunityLeader | PublicRelationsExecutive

BIOGRAPHY

Tamika Riley-McReynolds is a respected community leader, public relations specialist, speaker, and author whose work has made a lasting impact across Jersey City and beyond. She currently serves as Youth Opportunity Coordinator and Aide to the Mayor for the City of Jersey City under Mayor Steven M. Fulop. She also serves with great pride as First Lady of Mount Olive Baptist Church, where her husband, Rev. John H. McReynolds, is Pastor. As CEO of TRI, Inc., Tamika built a successful boutique public relations firm representing notable clients in entertainment, sports, business, and public service. Her leadership extends far beyond communications, with years of service devoted to youth mentorship, literacy, community engagement, and support for families across New Jersey.

CAREER & SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

- Youth Opportunity Coordinator and Aide to the Mayor, City of Jersey City
- CEO of TRI, Inc., a boutique public relations firm
- First Lady, Mount Olive Baptist Church in Jersey City
- Author of "From Federal Prison To First Lady"
- Founder of year-round youth literacy and mentoring initiatives
- Honored with the 2018 Woman of Action Award and other community service recognitions

“A powerful voice for youth, service, faith, and transformative community leadership.”

Colonel Patrick J. Callahan

NewJerseyStatePolice | Colonel | StateOEMDirector

BIOGRAPHY

Colonel Patrick J. Callahan was sworn in on October 31, 2017, as the 14th Colonel of the New Jersey State Police. In his 30th year of service with the Division, he also serves as the State Director of the Office of Emergency Management and has led major statewide public safety and emergency response efforts.

Before assuming command, Colonel Callahan served as Deputy Superintendent of Operations, overseeing nearly 1,800 road troopers statewide, and previously as Deputy Superintendent of Administration. His prior assignments also included Commanding Officer of the Emergency Management Section and Recovery Bureau Chief following Super Storm Sandy, where he helped coordinate with FEMA, State departments, counties, municipalities, and the Governor’s Office to oversee more than \$1.5 billion in public assistance and hazard mitigation funding.

Colonel Callahan also served as Chief Financial Officer for the New Jersey State Police and worked in homeland security planning and federal grant distribution in the aftermath of 9/11. He is a graduate of Villanova University, Fairleigh Dickinson University, and the 243rd Session of the FBI National Academy, where he was elected Session President. He and his wife, Linda, have four children and four grandchildren.

CAREER & COMMUNITY

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sworninasthe14thColoneloftheNewJerseyState Police in 2017
- Serves as State Director of the Office of Emergency Management
- Former Deputy Superintendent of Operations and Administration
- Led major Super Storm Sandy recovery coordination and FEMA oversight
- Former Chief Financial Officer and homeland security planning leader
- Graduate of Villanova, Fairleigh Dickinson, and the FBI National Academy



Major Fidiberto Soto

New Jersey State Police Leadership Community Outreach

BIOGRAPHY

Major Fidiberto Soto was born and raised in Jersey City, New Jersey, to first-generation Puerto Rican parents from Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. He is the oldest of three brothers and the proud father of three daughters.

He attended Hudson Catholic High School and later Rutgers University-Newark and Fairleigh Dickinson University, earning a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Administrative Science. He also holds an EEO Law and Investigations Certification from Cornell University.

After graduating from the 128th New Jersey State Police Academy Class, Major Soto joined the Division in 2001. Over more than two decades of service, he advanced from Road Trooper to Captain and was promoted to Major in 2022. He currently serves as Commanding Officer of the Office of Professional Standards.

A committed leader beyond his formal assignment, he is a member and past President of the New Jersey Latino American Troopers Society and remains active in community outreach efforts with organizations across New Jersey.

CAREER & COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Commanding Officer, Office of Professional Standards
- Promoted to Major in 2022
- Member and Past President, New Jersey Latino American Troopers Society
- Graduate of the 128th New Jersey State Police Academy Class
- Active participant in statewide community outreach and service initiatives

“Committed to public service, principled leadership, and building trust between law enforcement and the communities we serve.”





Trooper Carlos Stanley

New Jersey State Police | Patrol | Proactive Enforcement

BIOGRAPHY

Trooper Carlos Stanley was born in Maryland and raised in Princeton Junction, New Jersey. A former track and field sprinter, he still brings that competitive edge to everything he does. He enjoys traveling, working out, cars, and a good cup of coffee.

A member of the 162nd Class, Trooper Stanley began his career at Red Lion before transferring to Bordentown. He later completed a six-month rotation at the State House assignment and then returned to Bordentown, where he is currently assigned to Squad 3. He often says some of the most enjoyable work of his career came during U9C details.

In 2025 patrol activity, Trooper Stanley made approximately 850 motor vehicle stops, issued 750 summonses, and made 120 arrests, including 51 DUI arrests. He also made three patrol-related gun arrests, seized more than \$10,000 worth of narcotics, and authored search warrants that led to additional gun and drug arrests.

CAREER & COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Graduate of the 162nd New Jersey State Police Academy Class
- Currently assigned to Squad 3, Bordentown Station
- Completed prior assignments in Red Lion, Bordentown, and a State House rotation
- Proudly undefeated in foot pursuits
- Participated in multiple violent crime reduction details
- Served as coach to Trooper Slater, a graduate of the most recent State Police class

“Always willing to get after it—and, as he put it during a recent foot pursuit, ‘I will run you down all day.’”



Dr. Dale Caldwell

LieutenantGovernor|StateofNew Jersey

BIOGRAPHY

Lieutenant Governor Dale Caldwell is a respected educator, faith-based leader, and public servant whose career has been defined by a commitment to community empowerment, economic development, and public service. Appointed as New Jersey’s Lieutenant Governor, Caldwell brings decades of leadership experience across the nonprofit, academic, and public sectors. His work has consistently focused on expanding opportunity, strengthening communities, and bridging gaps between government and the people it serves.

Dr. Caldwell has held prominent leadership roles in higher education and community development, where he has been instrumental in advancing workforce development initiatives, supporting small businesses, and creating pathways to economic mobility. His leadership style emphasizes collaboration, innovation, and service.

CAREER & SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

- Lieutenant Governor, State of New Jersey
 - Respected educator, faith-based leader, and public servant
 - Leadership experience across nonprofit, academic, and public sectors
 - Advocate for workforce development and small business growth
 - Committed to civic engagement, community empowerment, and economic mobility
- “A dedicated leader committed to service, opportunity, and stronger communities across New Jersey.”***

Matin Dunlap Sr.

MarylandStatePolice|Leadership|Community Service

BIOGRAPHY

Matin Dunlap Sr., a New Jersey native, has served as a sworn law enforcement officer with the Maryland State Police since 2013 and currently holds the rank of Corporal, assigned as a Shift Commander at the Golden Ring Barrack. Over the course of his distinguished career, he has served at multiple barracks throughout the State of Maryland, earning recognition for his leadership, professionalism, and steadfast commitment to public safety.

Corporal Dunlap's dedication to excellence is reflected in both his academic and professional achievements. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business, with a concentration in Accounting, from Rutgers University, and later obtained a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice, with a focus in Public Safety Administration, from Southern New Hampshire University. Further demonstrating his commitment to professional growth, he has completed more than 1,200 hours of law enforcement-related training including Northwestern University's School of Police Staff & Command.

In addition to his law enforcement service, Matin Dunlap Sr. made history as the youngest President ever elected to lead the National Black State Troopers Coalition, a distinction that underscores his vision, leadership, and impact within the profession. He is also deeply committed to service beyond the badge and is actively involved in numerous community initiatives that support, uplift, and strengthen the communities he serves.

Above all, Matin Dunlap Sr. is a devoted husband, a proud father of four, and a respected leader whose life and career reflect integrity, service, and purpose. Both on and off duty, he continues to exemplify the highest standards of leadership and remains a model of excellence among Maryland's Finest.

CAREER & COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Corporal, Maryland State Police
- Shift Commander, Golden Ring Barrack
- Rutgers University graduate - Business (Accounting)
- Southern New Hampshire University graduate - Criminal Justice
- Completed 1,200+ hours of law enforcement training
- Youngest President elected to lead the National Black State Troopers Coalition

"A respected leader whose life and career reflect integrity, service, and purpose."





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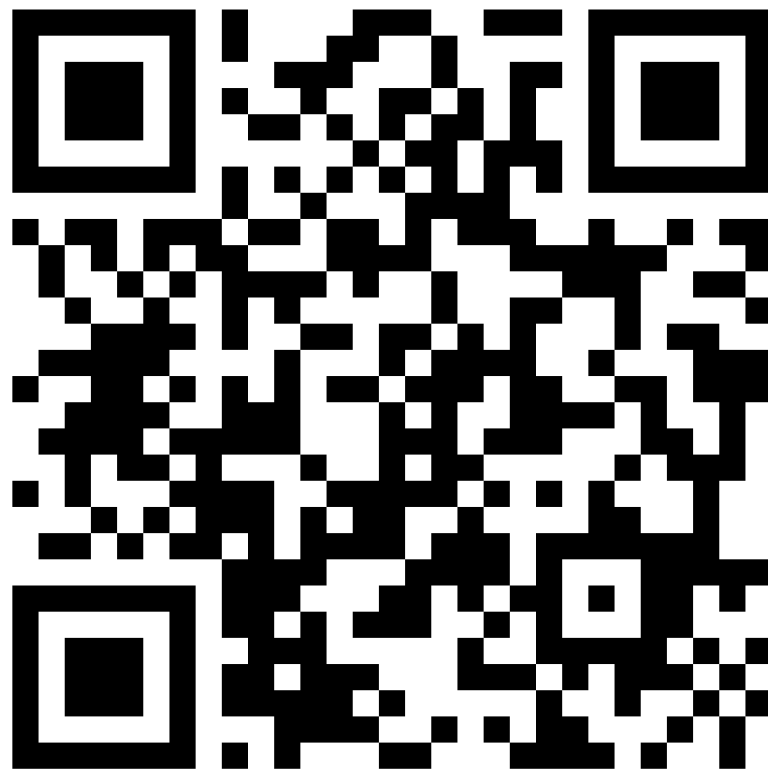




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