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Dear Lieutenant:

As we have all recently been made aware, there are numerous complaints about the quality of life in the city deteriorating, especially regarding an excessive number of fireworks being set off at all hours throughout the City. We must inform our members of how you are being played as pawns and being disingenuously set up by the politicians of this city. As is typical, the politicians, who have an inordinate disdain for law enforcement, will turn to law enforcement to address and correct complaints emanating from a constituency they have abandoned.

And, this is how the game and setup will play out:

- 1 - Officer(s) responds to a minor criminal offense or quality of life complaint.
- 2 - Officer(s) engage with the individual(s) perpetrating the offense(s).
- 3 - Perpetrator(s) is/are now emboldened to combat police officers as a result of a catastrophically created and imposed criminal reform agenda.
- 4 - A so called "innocent by-stander" will film the interaction between the officer(s) and the offender(s) and immediately post the video on social media
- 5 - If the offense leads to an arrest, the District Attorney's office will more than likely decline to prosecute on all the charges; including resisting arrest.
- 6 - The perpetrator(s) will claim to have received a phantom injury if physical force was used to effect the arrest.
- 7 - The now exonerated perpetrator will then file a Civilian Complaint against the officer(s) and, in addition, will file a civil suit against the City and potentially the officers(s).
- 8 - The Officer(s) will not be indemnified by the city because there is an open Civilian Complaint on the Officer(s).
- 9 - The "ATM", AKA - City of New York, will settle and pay the claimant without even a employing a good faith attempt to refute the claim.
- 10- Now, with the repeal of 50-a, your CCRB and Civil Lawsuit records will be made public for everyone to see.

All this for enforcing a minor criminal offense or quality of life complaint. The politicians show us no support, do not care for our safety, but have no problem calling on us to fix the problems they have created. In their opinion, cops are simple and stupid and can be manipulated to do what they (the city and state politicians) want done, even after insulting us on a near daily basis. They are using us as pawns in a game where we have been set up to fail.

Until Mayor de Blasio genuinely states and unequivocally commits to having our officers enforce fireworks infractions AND the District Attorneys verbally commit to processing fireworks offenses, our members must employ the utmost discretion when taking action related to incidents involving illegal fireworks.

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