



DET. CLEAVE BETHEA, SR.  
Critically Injured 1-22-1973



DET. CEDRIC DIXON  
End of Watch 3-28-2020



DET. DALSH VEVE  
Critically Injured 6-3-2017



DET. WESLEY REDDING  
Pioneering Detective



DET. DILLON STEWART  
End of Watch 11-28-2005



DET. FERMIN ARCHER, JR.  
End of Watch 7-13-2011



DET. RODNEY JAY ANDREWS  
End of Watch 3-10-2003



DET. JAMES V. NEMORIN  
End of Watch 3-10-2003



DET. ROBERT L. PARKER  
End of Watch 9-10-2004



DET. KEITH WILLIAMS  
End of Watch 11-13-1989



DET. RANDOLPH A. HOLDER  
End of Watch 10-20-2015



DET. ANNETTA G. DANIELS  
End of Watch 11-17-2011



DET. ASLYN A. BECKLES  
End of Watch 1-18-2014



DET. ABRAHAM WALTON  
End of Watch 7-14-1980



DET. CHARLES G. GITTENS  
End of Watch 11-28-2014



DET. KENNY SPARKS  
DEA Secretary



DET. FELICIA RICHARDS  
President, Guardians Association



DET. MARK HOLDER  
President, GALEA



DET. RUDOLPH V. EDWARDS  
Beloved Community Affairs Det.



## IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH NYPD DETECTIVES REMEMBER DETECTIVE WESLEY REDDING



In August of 1921, on the day of his 29th birthday, pioneering Black Officer Wesley Redding made New York City policing history when NYPD Police Commissioner Richard Enright asked for Redding's silver cop's shield and replaced it with the gold shield of a second grade Detective. Redding became the first Black Officer promoted to the rank of Detective, even though he had only joined the force 18 months prior. During the era Redding was a member of the NYPD and for the 69 years that followed, the only way an Officer could be promoted to Detective was "at the whim of the Police Commissioner." We can only imagine how phenomenal a rookie Officer Wesley Redding must have been to be selected from thousands of veteran members to earn his advancement in rank.

The Detectives' Endowment Association, Inc. (DEA) — the labor union of NYPD Detectives — has been fighting ever since to gain equity in policing for our members. On July 22, 1990, Governor Mario Cuomo signed our "18 Month bill," and ever since that date, any New York Police Department Officer who is on the Detective track with good work evaluations now has the right to receive his or her gold shield in 18 months. This February 2021, we celebrate Black History Month by remembering Det. Wesley Redding and his remarkable benchmark which paved the way for generations to come.

Throughout our long and proud history, many of our Black members have made New York City policing history: in 1952, Robbie Williams and Mabel Thomas became the first Black women promoted to the rank of Detective; and Det. Mollie

Ann Gustine was the first Black female Delegate of the DEA. Our current DEA Secretary, second grade Det. Milton "Kenny" Sparks, is the highest ranking Black Board Officer in our union's history. We also take this moment to congratulate active DEA members second grade Det. Felicia Richards, President of the NYPD Guardians Association, and Det. Mark Holder, President of the NYPD Guyanese American Law Enforcement Association.

Tragically, many of our Black members have sacrificed their lives for the citizens of New York, including Detectives John Pollins, Erle Thompson, Harold Marshall, William Capers, Joseph Taylor, Horace Ford, Abraham Walton, Myron Parker, Keith Williams, Sean Carrington, Jaime Betancourt, James Nemorin, Rodney Andrews, Robert Parker, Dillon Stewart, Omar Edwards, Fermin Archer, and Randolph Holder. And dozens of our Black members have succumbed to fatal illnesses brought about by their work on the rescue and recovery of the World Trade Center attacks. We have Black members who have suffered life altering injuries while taking police action, like Detectives Cleave Bethea, Sr., Troy Patterson, and Dalsh Veve. Most recently, we lost Det. Cedric Dixon to the coronavirus.

The New York Police Department has been serving the citizens of New York since 1845. The Detective Bureau was founded in 1882, and the Detectives' Endowment Association has been representing the rank of Detective since 1917. We will continue to fight for equity and justice for all of our members as we have done for the past 104 years. We are honored to represent "The Greatest Detectives *in the World*."

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Pioneering Detective



DET. MABEL THOMAS  
Pioneering Detective



DET. TOMMY L. MERRIWEATHER  
End of Watch 1-21-2013



DET. LEROY DIXON  
End of Watch 6-14-2015



DET. COREY J. DIAZ  
End of Watch 10-7-2009



DET. SEAN G. CARRINGTON  
End of Watch 1-19-1998