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A Message to Manchester, England and the World

For thirty-five years, the National Black Police Association has been a source of inspiration and hope to Black Communities throughout the United States, and in recent years to other parts of the world. The Strength and Influence of this Great Organization and its Resolve have now become an International Experience. The Association's Signature March and Memorial



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(left to right) Keith Jarrett, Chairman of NBPA/UK; William (Chris) Bullen, Chairman of ABLE/Canada; Marcus Jones, Chairman of NBPA/US

Services in selected Black Communities, is a spectacular event at each Annual Conference. August 2006, the NBPA brought home a new perspective on Police and Community Relations to Moss Side, a predominantly Black neighborhood in Manchester, England. The community response was overwhelming, and the promise of Civil Cooperation was evident as the residents watched hundreds of officers from multi-cultural, and different ethnic backgrounds marched united through the streets of Moss Side.

National Organization Leaders, Keith Jarrett of the United Kingdom, William (Chris) Bullen of Canada, and Marcus Jones of the United States led the charge of Uniformed Officers from across the world to fellowship with Moss Side residents

in the Memorial Service and Community Reception. The event was awe-inspiring and emotional to the seniors of Moss Side, who watched and participated in what they hoped will be the beginning of respect and trust for the Police Services of Greater Manchester.

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National Chairman's Fall Message:



Marcus Jones

Over the course of the National Black Police Association's Thirty-four year History, the Association consisted of Local Chapters. These Chapters played a significant role in the Mission of the National Black Police Association.

Many of the Chapters have a storied history and are older than the NBPA. The Guardian Civic League from Philadelphia, which celebrates its' 50th year this month, and the Guardians of New York City, organized in 1943, have become Political Forces in their Cities and have commanded a great deal of respect in the realms of Government and more importantly, their Communities. Many of us have heard the incredible stories of the secret meetings that were held for Black Officers in Chapters to organize and strategize plans for inclusion and opportunities. The founders of the National Black Police Association were members of such organizations as the Afro American Patrolmen's League of Chicago, the St. Louis Black Police Association, and the Texas Peace Officers Association. The Officers met in St Louis to develop a National Agenda for Police Officers across the country and to develop Law Enforcement Practitioners into better professionals. What attributes did these Founders of the Local and National Organizations possess?

Courage, Commitment, and Sacrifice come to my mind as the attributes of the Founders. We all must display courage to be part of this profession and I believe it takes a greater amount of courage to belong to the National Black Police Association. No African-American in the United States of America should be ashamed or fearful to belong to an Organization that has the African-American community as a focus of its mission. How many of us would be proud to allow someone in the Law Enforcement profession to disrespect our family members and friends without some ramification? Therein lies a major reason to be a part. Joining should be important but having the courage to participate has a larger effect. There are those in our profession who are afraid of what other Officers may think of them if they "belong". I find that quite interesting since many of the same Officers already have an opinion of them. The commitment should be more than personal gain for any member but I understand that members look for some gain as a result of their membership dues. Chapter development is important to the success of any

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Experience the Joy!

Sgt Keith Jarrett's smile says it all as he strides with pride through the streets of Moss Side in Manchester, England. Mr. Jarrett who leads the National Black Police Association/UK is largely responsible for this historic event. The relation between Police and the Black and Minority Ethnic Community is of utmost interest and concern to Keith Jarrett. During the opening session of the National Black Police Association's Thirty-fifth Annual Education and training Conference at Manchester International Convention Center, an emotional Keith Jarrett made an appeal for change. His appeal was with merit and pointed to specific areas of concern.

The Chairman of the NBPA/UK noted that the interaction of Police and the BME Community was out of skew. The figures did not add up. He cautioned targeting our Muslim brothers as terrorist suspects and missing the mark of the real perpetrators who are least suspected. Jarrett said the practice of "Stop and Search" was a valuable tool for Law Enforcement, but only when it was carried out according to the Law. Improper use of "Stop and Search" hampers Police/Community cohesion. The BME Community, Mr. Jarrett said, is extensively



Sgt. Keith Jarrett and Colleague

studied, consulted and involved in reform or Policy Reform Groups but never a part of the Implementation Process. Sgt. Jarrett rejected tolerance and called for appreciation from the Power Structure. He believes that collectively we are an oppressed people, but that the NBPA brings hope to those who appear to have no hope.

Our Future takes the Lead



Moss Side Youth

Children from the Moss Side community were enthusiastic participants as they marched ahead of officers, and wore tee shirts with the slogan

"Stop Gun Crime". The interest of children ages approximately seven to sixteen was quite encouraging. The National Black Police Association hopes that it instilled a lasting and indelible impression in the minds of the young people of this community. We believe that the future of the community and its success or failure will depend heavily on Police and Community relations. How we interact with the youth and senior citizens denotes a critical factor in our success or failure to make a difference.

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Community Appreciation



Rev Nims Obunge

The march culminated in fellowship with over one hundred community participants who attended the Memorial Service and Community Reception, which followed. The National Leaders delivered motivational speeches to an attentive audience

that responded with generous applause. Rev Nims Obunge delivered a thought-provoking



Moss Side Memorial Service

sermon to conclude the Memorial Services segment.

Rev Nims Obunge is the Pastor of Freedom's Ark Church and Chief Executive of The Peace Alliance. He is a member of the Home Office Round Table on Gun Crime and a member of The Metropolitan Police Trident Independent Advisory Group. He serves on several boards including the National Crack Advisory Board, the Executive Board of the Crime Reduction Partnership and the London Crime Stoppers Advisory Board. He is also a member of the

Metropolitan Police Association scrutiny panel on Stop & Search. Rev Obunge continues working closely with families and victims of gun and other violent crime, as well as with young people at risk of offending, to help alleviate the distress and devastating effects of fatal crime.

The food was a balanced mix of authentic Caribbean cuisine and local delights. Officers and Citizens engaged in social and respectful exchange as we sought to understand Police and Community concerns from another perspective. We will not soon forget this experience.

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National Chairman's Fall Message

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Local Organization and leaving a legacy in the Communities we serve everyday should be a major reason why we should belong to a Chapter or even begin a Chapter in your Community. Who understands the plight of your fellow brother or sister and what leaders are speaking on your behalf to the people who are in power and able to effect change? What might have happened to us in the Departments where there was no local

Black Police Association speaking on our behalf and making change? I dread to explore the answers to those questions, yet I know that there are Black Police Officers in many areas of this country that are currently dealing with this dilemma. I encourage all of you to become vocal players in your Local Black Police Association and participate in the process of making a positive change.

National Chairman
Marcus G. Jones



Moss Side Seniors look on in Awe



Along the route of the March, seniors of the community were in awe to see hundreds of officers, and particularly Black officers,

Moss Side Seniors

marching through the streets of Moss Side. The emotional thrust of this unusual event was evident on every face. Their bosoms held the apparent hope of a return to civil obedience and cooperation between citizens and police, in an area where gun violence and crime have been a deterrent to public order and safety.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

**November
6 - 10, 2006**

Western Region Fall Conference Cruise

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**November
9-12, 2006**

Southern Region Conference

Adams Mark Hotel 400 North Olive Road
Dallas, Texas 75201 Phone Number: 1-800-444-ADAM
Conference Registration \$75.00

**December
7-10, 2006**

The National Black Police Association

will host Board Training and Orientation in St. Louis, MO
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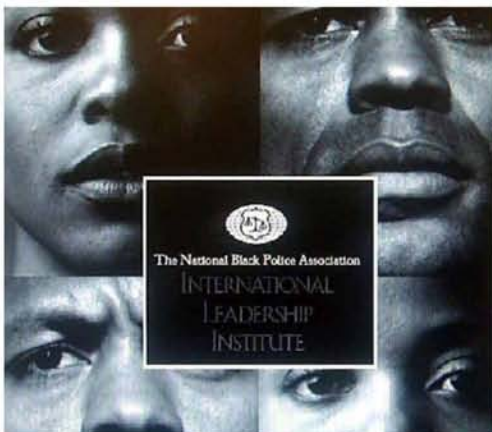
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Ron Hampton, NBPA/US National Director, accepts his NBPA/UK Service Award for his work in the United Kingdom. Chris Bullen of ABLE, Canada made the presentation at the Banquet in Manchester, England.



Link to NBPA-ILI Application
www.blackpolice.org/Leadershipbrochure.pdf



Dr. Jimmy Bell, professor at Jackson State University, Founder and Administrator of the NBPA/US International Leadership Institute receives the President's Award in Manchester.



NBPA/US Director Ronald Hampton engages in meaningful conversation with Ravi Chand past President NBPA/UK and graduate of the NBPA's International Leadership Institute during the march in Moss Side, Greater Manchester, England.



Message from the Executive Director



Ronald E. Hampton

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of our members who joined the National Black Police Association in Manchester, England. There is no substitute for the commitment and loyalty that you continue to demonstrate to this organization. To those who wanted to be there but

were unable to attend, you missed an experience of a lifetime.

The 1st International Education and Training Conference in Manchester, England, was a Historic event, resulting out of a partnership between the National Black Police Association/US and the National Black Police Association/UK. The conference was attended by delegates from the United States of America, South Africa, Canada, Jamaica, Hungary, and the United Kingdom. We had approximately 625 criminal justice practitioners of color attending and participating in the week of workshops, seminars, and social events. This bilateral effort between the NBPA/US and NBPA/UK was an overwhelming success. Setting the tone for the week was our theme, "International Criminal Justice Practitioners: Confronting Issues of Culture, Customs, and Race". The workshops and plenary sessions were thought provoking and enabled us to examine our roles in the criminal justice institution, as well as the impact it has in our lives and communities everyday.

The Memorial March and Services were met with great anticipation and some nervousness on the part of our Sisters and Brothers from the United Kingdom. You see, a March of this stature is not a usual part of the National Black Police Association/UK Annual General Meeting events. With more than seven hundred Police Officers and Criminal Justice Practitioners participating, we staged in Alexander Park and proceeded to the high crime area of Moss Side Community, which is predominately Black. A point of clarity is that in the United Kingdom, Black includes everyone that is not European or White. We were very excited with the community response. Residents of Moss Side came out in numbers to join in the celebration of this first ever event. While we were attending the conference, one of our members became seriously ill. She was hospitalized for four weeks in the Manchester Hospital and required surgery for her condition. The most wonderful thing occurred; the Sisters

and Brothers of the local Black and Asian Police Association took our member and her son into their family, and provided excellent care and devotion to their welfare. After her release from the hospital, they took care of the return arrangements and our member has returned to United States to continue her recuperation. These acts of kindness are unmatched as well as a testament to our Love and Unity as members of the National Black Police Association UK and US. No words can express their generosity of self and thoughtful spirit in our time of need.

This Conference was by far the most interesting experience the National Black Police Association has had. In my opinion, our members really enjoyed the Conference in Manchester, England and the other sites they visited while in Europe. Again, I thank our members with sincere appreciation, for making this Joint Conference a mighty success.

NBPA Pioneer passed away at age 79



Beloved leader, Harlem activist and retired New York City Police Officer Ozzie Thompson has died. He passed away September 11, 2006 after a long illness. Thompson was 79 years old.

Thompson worked with New York City Housing Authority from 1959 to 1986. He was best known

for his ability to bridge the gap between police officers and the community. The concept of Community Policing as we know it today was what he believed in, and worked at to make it a reality.

Two of the organizations he played a hand in forming were the first Tenant-Police Community Council in Harlem and the National Black Police Association. He served as President of the NBPA during the early years of its existence.

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