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Mr. Anthony Bergamo
Chairman
Federal Law Enforcement Foundation
335 Madison Avenue, 14th Floor
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Dear Mr. Bergamo:

I would like to thank you for inviting the New York State Police to participate in the annual luncheon of the Federal Law Enforcement Foundation. It will be my pleasure and an honor to join you and my law enforcement colleagues at this important event.

For over 20 years, the Federal Law Enforcement Foundation has been a loyal partner and generous supporter of law enforcement officers, as well as their families. The tremendous assistance rendered by the Foundation in support of so many worthy causes speaks volumes of the noble mission of your organization.

On behalf of the men and women of the New York State Police, I would like to express my gratitude for your unwavering commitment to supporting those who dedicate themselves to serving the public.

Congratulations to all the award recipients, and to the Foundation for its great work.

Sincerely,

Harry J. Corbett
Superintendent



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Superintendent, New York State Police

Harry Corbett was nominated by Governor David A. Patterson to become the 13th Superintendent of the New York State Police on March 24, 2008. He was unanimously confirmed by the New York State Senate on April 16, 2008. As Superintendent, he commands the largest full service state police agency in the nation, having the privilege of working with more than six thousand dedicated and hardworking uniform and civilian employees.

Superintendent Corbett served in the United States Army as a counterintelligence agent where he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for "Meritorious Achievement in Ground Operations Against Hostile Forces." Upon leaving the military, he signed on as the Operations Manager for the Northeast Region of Service Systems Security Corporation, and later became a consultant for Rollins Protective Services.

Superintendent Corbett began his career as a Trooper in 1978 and was assigned to Troop E in Canandaigua, where many of his efforts were dedicated to working in the areas of training or traffic. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1984, and served as the Non-Commissioned Officer in charge of Recruit Training at the State Police Academy in Albany. Following his promotion to Lieutenant, he was assigned to the Traffic Services Division in charge of the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program. He was later assigned to the State Police Academy responsible for the administration of the Basic School Program. While at the Academy he received the George M. Searle Award for developing the first academy recruit assessment model. He rose to the ranks of Captain and Major on the NY State Thruway and implemented the first commercial vehicle enforcement unit and utilization of new work station technology for accident reconstruction.

In 1994, he was promoted to Staff Inspector where he assisted in the development of the US Department of Justice Law Enforcement Professional Traffic Stop Manual, working with other law enforcement officers at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. While working in the Division's Employee Relations Section, he ascended to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and, in 1997, became the first African American to achieve the rank of Deputy Superintendent. He served in that position until 2001 when he was assigned as Chief Inspector in charge of the Internal Affairs Bureau until his retirement in 2004.

In addition to his broad background in the state and federal law enforcement sector, the Superintendent served on the Executive Board as the Region One Vice President for the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Officers (NOBLE) from 2003 to 2007. He is a former Board Vice Chairman of the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program which works with other entities to promote programs that provide opportunities for youth at risk.

Prior to his appointment to Superintendent, he served as the Director of Safe Schools and Violence Prevention for the City of Albany School District. He has appeared nationally on panels conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Council and served as a member of the Advisory Board for the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration of the Center of American and International Law in Plano, Texas. Currently, Superintendent Corbett serves as Chairman of the North Atlantic Region of the Division of State and Provincial Police of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. In addition, he serves as a member of the NYS Municipal Police Training Council, NYS Law Enforcement Accreditation Council, NYS Commission on Forensic Science and the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee.

Superintendent Corbett brings over three decades of diverse military, security, law enforcement and investigative experience to his position. He has risen through the ranks of the New York State Police and throughout his career he has been thankful for the opportunity to serve the people of the State of New York.

His law enforcement career is balanced by his more than 25 years of marriage to his wife Earline, and together they enjoy spending time with their four children.