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Press Release

The Membership of Brothers Before Others, comprised of both active or retired law enforcement officers from around the Nation, want to join the members of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 216 in condemning the latest slap in the face to anyone who has ever wore a badge.

Today, the Union City Board of Education hosted an event inviting attendees to “join the conversation on how to prevent substance abuse”. Their choice of star/draw power was disgraced actor Lillo Brancato. While Brancato HAS struggled with substance abuse, what the BOE failed to mention was that he was also arrested and charged in connection to the murder of a New York City Police Officer.

In December 2005, Brancato was charged with second-degree murder for his role in a burglary in New York City, in which an off-duty police officer, Daniel Enchautegui, confronted two burglars and was killed in a shootout.

Brancato was subsequently convicted of first-degree attempted burglary and sentenced to 10 years in prison. He was released on parole on December 31, 2013. His criminal co-defendant was convicted of firing the fatal shot.

When reached for comment, Michael Burke President of BBO stated:

“While we understand addiction is a disease and people are recovering and healing, we feel there were far better choices than a COP Killer. I am a Union City native and life long friend of the Mayor. I am also a retired NYPD Police Officer. I will give the Mayor and opportunity to publicly condemn the appearance of this cop killer and the secret way it was handled. If the Mayor refuses, then sadly I will be forced to condemn him and his choices as well.”

At a time where NYPD has been enduring cop killer after cop killer coming up for parole and being treated as though they had served time for violating a city ordinance, this flagrant disregard for their members, both past and present, as well as the families that have coped with the loss of a hero, is over the top.

Bear in mind, there are thousands of those who have battled addiction and overcome it to become, once again, productive members of society. It is hard to imagine that those who chose this perp were ignorant to his past. They simply didn't care.

If you wear a shield or love someone that does, the fact that tax dollars were used to support this perp IN ANY WAY should make your blood boil.

This also brings into question the actions of the Board of Education at a time when parents are in need of background clearances to accompany their children on class functions or to volunteer in a school, on what they were thinking bringing in a convicted violent felon. This action was outrageous at best, and negligent to the core values of children's safety.

“The vision of the Union City School District is focused on achieving one crucial goal - to enable all of our students to acquire the skills, understandings and attitudes needed to be productive and successful members of our society”

Today, they brought anything but that through the front door of their District.