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## Senate Republicans Secure \$4 Million To Help Retrofit NYPD Vehicles With Bulletproof Windows, Side Door Panels

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The Senate Republican Majority today announced they will provide \$4 million to help retrofit thousands of New York City Police Department command vehicles and patrol cars with bulletproof windows and door panels.

The funds, as advocated by Senator Martin J. Golden (R-C-I, Brooklyn), a former NYPD officer, and Senate Majority Leader John J. Flanagan (R-C-I, East Northport), would better

protect the men and women who serve in the NYPD from senseless incidents such as last week's unprovoked and tragic murder of Officer Miosotis Familia.

Leader Flanagan said, "Every day we cherish and thank the proud men and women of the NYPD for putting their lives on the line to protect New York's largest city. It's only appropriate that we do everything possible to help defend those who defend us."

Senator Golden said, "As a former New York City Police Officer, I know firsthand the dangers that our men and women in uniform face each and every day. I am confident that this investment will save lives, and wisely provide greater protections for all NYPD Officers."

The grant allocation comes from the State and Municipal Assistance (SAM) capital program and is available immediately.

Working with the NYPD and City Hall, the bulletproofing of side panels, windshields, and windows will be done on 3,800 patrol vehicles and all 72 mobile command units. Building upon the city's ongoing process of retrofitting all of their mobile command units and a substantial number of other NYPD vehicles, today's announcement marks a continuing dialogue related to police safety issues between Senator Golden and the City.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said, "The safety of our officers always comes first and any additional funding to aid us in their protection is greatly appreciated. I thank the State Senate for identifying these funds and look forward to working with them to keep New York City's finest safe."