

Biography of Lance P.Lopez Sr.

Lance P. Lopez Sr., a graduate of the Hamilton Township Public School District, attended Liberty University and has served his country as a soldier in the United States Military - Army. Lance is a proud parents of 5 children: Dyvae, Myasia, Sh'Quanah, Lance Jr., and Lanae Lopez. And a grandson, Kayden Lopez-McNeil and Granddaughter of Raquel Lopez.

Lance P. Lopez, Sr. is a retired Correction Police Officer from New Jersey state Correctional Officer with 25 years of service and served as the President of the largest law enforcement union in the State of New Jersey, PBA Local 105. PBA Local 105 represents New Jersey's Correctional Officers, Juvenile Justice Commission, and Parole Officers comprised of over 5,000 members. Prior to the position of President, he has served as Vice President and Union Representative. As President of PBA Local 105, Lance is the **first** to accomplish negotiations by recommending the purchase and renovation of property for the relocation and enlargement of their business practices after being in their former location for 50 years; **first** President to speak at Senate Budget and Appropriations hearing for halfway housing reform in New Jersey and defend the Departments position on juvenile solitary confinement; **first** President to meet and discuss changes and reforms for his members with Senate Majority Leader, Harry Reid and Speaker of the House of Representatives, John Boehner, **first** President to be contacted and selected by a United States President (Barack Obama) as a member of his motorcade when he toured New Jersey after Hurricane Sandy; **first** PBA local 105 President to develop a partnership with Fairleigh Dickinson University to assist members in furthering their education in undergraduate and graduate studies; **first** PBA Local 105 President to initiate and develop a suicide prevention first responders treatment services for his members; **first** PBA Local 105 President to advocate for outreach programs engaging correctional officers in recreational and community involvement with youth; **first** President to created slogan banners on display throughout New Jersey that says, "We put in the time here...so they don't do time here".

Mr. Lopez, and his brother Ryan, established the Law Enforcement Officers Against Prostate Cancer Foundation (LEOAPCF) on June 27, 2011 in which he serves as President. Since its organization, LEOAPCF, has successfully distributed over 200,000 prostate cancer pamphlets; with a reached goal to circulate 5 million pamphlets within 5 years and more than 10 million in ten years. Under his leadership this Foundation has held educational forums with Urologists, advocacy sessions at local churches, fraternities, sororities, American legion, and masonic temples, honored Survivors and Advocates for their work, held basketball challenge games with participating Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters from several States within the USA, and had guest appearances at live newspapers and media (television and radio) networks to promote this cause.

Lance P. Lopez Sr., actively supports and participates in outreach community events such as "Run for Dad"- a prostate cancer awareness foundation, Polar Bear Plunge for the Special Olympics, Sickle Cell Awareness, Prostate & Breast Cancer Awareness Campaigns, and Cancer Research Events.

Mr. Lopez and his Foundation sponsor various educational and recreational youth athletics throughout the State of New Jersey. He takes his campaign against youth violence to schools and summer camps as a preventative and proactive measure against gang violence. For his great work and dedication he has been honored for his generous support by Murray All-stars Girls Basketball League, the Trenton Urban League, Camp Read, and the Greater Works Ministries.

Lance P. Lopez Sr. is truly a hero. A hardworking and dedicated man to his Church, Greater Works Ministries. Much can be said of his many accomplishments and concerns for family, friends, fellow law enforcement officers, and community but it all encompasses these words, "his love for the people".