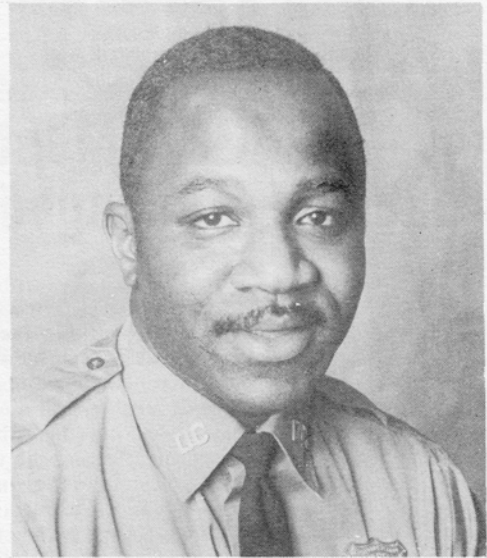


HIRING OF FORMER POLICE OFFICERS

It is my understanding that the Department of Correction is processing laid-off police officers who are presently on the police department's preferred list. It is also my understanding that these individuals are not required to sign waivers, upon accepting employment with correction, meaning that they will have the option of returning to the police department when called. We are not opposed to the right of any person seeking employment who meets the standards of this agency, or any other, what we take issue with is that we, as former correction officers, awaiting appointment from a preferred list, would not have received the same consideration that was extended to laid off members of the police department. It is common knowledge that administrators and union officials in the police department do not consider personnel from other law enforcement agencies their equal. They are constantly trying to convince the City of New York that the police department is a unique agency, and should not be classified with other uniform services; fortunately, the City of New York is not in agreement with this distorted point of view. Hopefully, when these "former police officers" are assigned to our institutions, they will get a truer picture and understanding of our function, and also gain more respect for our department, after witnessing the very demanding and difficult task we are asked to perform.



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