

Commish at film fest

Sees movie on brutality

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A new documentary about police brutality that's being screened at the Tribeca Film Festival had an unexpected audience member: Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly.

The city's top cop quietly attended a recent showing of "Every Mother's Son," which chronicles three infamous cases of alleged police misconduct in New York, the Daily News has learned.

"The documentary involved the New York City Police Department, so I thought it was important that I see it," Kelly said in a statement. "I have children myself, and I am empathetic to any parent who loses a child."

"Usually, they are parents of police officers killed in the line of duty," he continued.

One mother featured in the film praised Kelly for venturing where few of his predecessors would dare to be seen.

"Just the fact that Kelly came was important," said Doris Busch Boskey, the mother of Gidone Busch, an unarmed man who was fatally shot by police while holding a hammer on a Brooklyn street in 1999.

"I don't think you would say that about [former Commissioner Howard] Safir," Boskey said.

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Safir was commissioner at the time of Busch's death.



Raymond Kelly

The documentary also speaks to the mothers of Anthony Baez, who was choked to death by rotten apple cop Frank Livoti in 1994, and Amadou Diallo, an unarmed street peddler killed in a hail of police gunfire in 1999.

"I think it was a very powerful statement by Commissioner Kelly," said co-director Tami Gold. None of the controversial deaths occurred under Kelly, who has rewritten the way the NYPD and City Hall respond to police custody deaths by quickly getting information out to the public and acknowledging fault if necessary.

After the recent shooting of an unarmed teen by police on a Brooklyn rooftop, Kelly calmed angry relatives — but angered some police and supporters — by issuing a statement saying that the incident appeared to be "unjustified" based on preliminary information.