

Governmental Affairs, sent out a questionnaire to NAPO members regarding federal aid and involvement in local homeland security and counterterrorism efforts. This information will be vital to ensuring state and local law

enforcement are getting the tools and resources they need to protect our communities. If your association did not receive a questionnaire, please contact Andy at the NAPO Office at (703) 549-0775.

NAPO Again Only Rank-and-File Group in Nation Invited to Speak at Attorney General's Law Enforcement Summit

On Monday, April 20, 2009, NAPO was honored to attend the first National Law Enforcement Summit called by United States Attorney General Eric Holder. The meeting was held at the United States Department of Justice Kennedy Building in Washington, D.C. More than 70 leaders of State, Local, Federal and Tribal police were in attendance, as was the Attorney General and his top staff. Continuing the pattern set over the last several years, NAPO was once more the only rank-and-file group in the nation invited to speak at the summit meeting.

NAPO's President, **Thomas J. Nee** helped to lead a panel discussion on joint state/local/tribal and federal task forces, looking at how they can work more effectively and efficiently to safeguard America's public. Tom was joined by the Director of the United States Marshal Service, the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the head of the criminal division of the FBI, the Director of investigations for Immigration and Customs at the Department of Homeland Security, and the Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. **Neil MacBride**, Associate Deputy Attorney General of the United States, moderated.

NAPO Submits Testimony For Senate Hearing on Law Enforcement Responses to Mexican Drug Cartels

The Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs and the Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control held a hearing on March 17, 2009, regarding Law Enforcement Responses to Mexican Drug Cartels. The hearing examined the alarming flow of drugs, guns and bulk cash across the U.S.-Mexico border and discussed initiatives to stem that flow. According to a 2009 Justice Department report, Mexico-based drug trafficking organizations represent "the greatest organized crime threat to the United States." Mexico-based drug trafficking organizations are notoriously violent and well armed; over 6,000 people died in drug-related violence in Mexico last year. These criminal organizations control drug distribution and trafficking in many U.S. cities and have had

a severe impact in Border States and other parts of the country.

NAPO was asked by **Senator Durbin**, chairman of the subcommittee, to submit written testimony for the record in order that the hearing would include state and local law enforcement's concerns and recommendations on the issue. NAPO's testimony focused on securing the border and the need for the federal government to provide state and local law enforcement the resources, tools and support they need to protect American citizens from the drugs and drug-related violence coming over the border from Mexico.

For more information on this hearing or if you would like to read **NAPO President Tom Nee's** testimony, please visit NAPO's website, www.napo.org.

Law Enforcement Officer Bill of Rights Introduced in House

On April 2, 2009, **Congressmen Bart Stupak** (D-MI) and **Erik Paulsen** (R-MN) introduced the "Law Enforcement Officer's Procedural Bill of Rights," H.R. 1972. This legislation is the new, bipartisan Bill of Rights NAPO wrote with **Congresswoman Sanchez** (D-CA) and **Congressmen Stupak and Ramstad** (R-MN) last congress. H.R. 1972 will implement standards and procedures to guide both state and local law enforcement agencies and law enforcement officers during internal investigations, administrative hearings, and evaluation of citizen complaints. It will also establish standards to guide law enforcement agencies in developing and operating a fair and effective investigative process.

The "Law Enforcement Officer's Procedural Bill of Rights" sets broad national standards to protect officers' due process rights. States and localities that offer equal or greater protection of officer rights would not be affected by this federal statute. NAPO strongly believes that individuals should have the right to file a complaint, to have that complaint investigated, and to be informed of its final disposition, including learning the outcome of the investigation and any resulting disciplinary action.

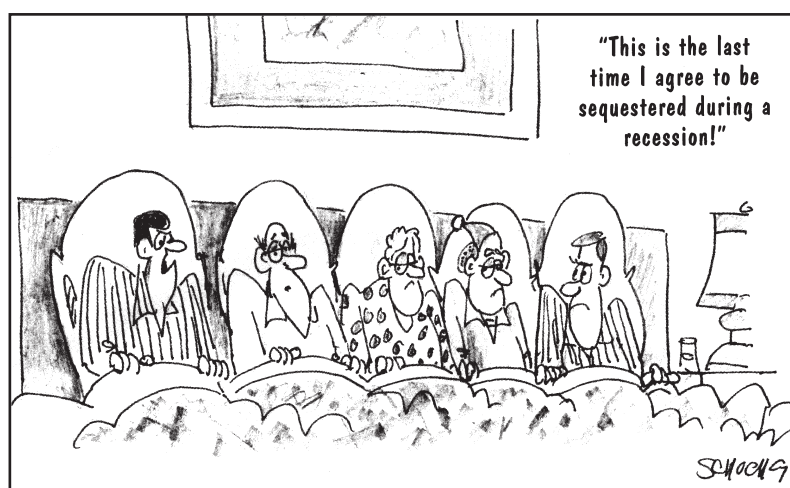
NAPO has actively fought for the enactment of a Law Enforcement Officer Bill of Rights since 1990 and we will continue to work tirelessly with Congress to support and pass this important legislation.

NAPO Partners With Ford for the Police Appreciation Program

NAPO is proud to announce the **Police Appreciation Program** in partnership with the **Ford Motor Company**. For a limited time, all NAPO members who are United States residents can receive **\$500 Cash Back Savings** on a new eligible Ford or Lincoln Mercury vehicle.

This offer ends September 30, 2009. Please visit www.fordspecialoffer.com/police/napo for more information. For an electronic copy of the enclosed flyer, please contact **Nina Kunkel** at the NAPO Office at (703) 549-0775.

Please help NAPO administer this great program by providing your members with the username and password for your association (they are the same as the username and password for the Whirlpool offer). If you do not have these yet, please call the NAPO office at 703-549-0775. We encourage you to inform your members not only about this extremely popular offer, but also to provide them the username and password so they can immediately act on this great deal. Please note, the username and password may not be posted on the web, unless your website is for members only. ■



The Top Ten Ways To Get Kicked Off The Job In The First Month

1. You've deployed your Taser five times in four hours and you are the community outreach liaison.
2. Sergeant asks if you finished the report. You say, "I'll do it when I'm good and ready, you tubby buzz-kill!"
3. Tell the rest of the agency you're a level-5 vegan and you don't eat anything that has eyelids and casts a shadow.
4. Enter your ex's new boyfriend's name and social security number into a terrorist database, and send memo to local fusion center.
5. Start a petition to reduce overtime, and when people ask why, tell them "because a penny saved is a penny earned."
6. Show everyone your sexily-placed "ACLU" tattoo.
7. Tell the boss you know she's been speeding and that "No one is above the law."
8. Get into an armed standoff with a flock of seagulls.
9. Speak only in rhyme.
10. Get drunk and lose your badge, weapon and vehicle on a Wednesday day tour.

Gorilla Nabber

A man walks outside to his car for work, when he notices a gorilla in his tree. He rushes to his phone book and finds the animal control number, calls and asks them to send over someone who's a gorilla expert. When the man arrives, he is carrying a shotgun, a doberman and a pair of handcuffs. The man says, "What are all of those for?"

The animal control officer says, "I'll climb up in the tree, knock the gorilla down, the dog will bite him in the crotch and when the gorilla puts his hands down to try to get the dog off, you slap the handcuffs on his wrists."

The man asks, "What's the gun for?"

The animal control officer responds, "If I fall first, you shoot the dog!"