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The National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) is a coalition of law enforcement unions and associations from across the United States that serves to advance the interests of America's law enforcement and corrections officers through legislative and legal advocacy, political action and education. Founded in 1978, NAPO now represents more than 2,000 police unions and associations, 236,000 sworn law enforcement officers, 11,000 retired officers and more than 100,000 citizens who share a common dedication to fair and effective crime control and law enforcement. Florida PBA, Palm Beach County PBA, and Dade County PBA are members of NAPO.

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The Police Appreciation Program for \$500 cash back on a Ford or Lincoln has been extended through January 2, 2012. During this time, all NAPO members who are active or retired officers and United States residents are eligible. It is for one-time use per program year.

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## NAPO RECOGNITION OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Ten years after the attack on our nation, we continue to mourn those that gave their lives. For the membership of NAPO, the attacks on 9/11 were particularly tragic.

While the nation remembers those we lost, those who responded to the World Trade Center continue to suffer from the physical and mental trauma endured that day and in the days following.

NAPO has worked to secure passage of various forms of legislation to improve the lives of those who serve and are survivors of the attacks.

We would like to give special recognition and thanks to the members and survivors of The New York City Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, The NYPD Detectives' Endowment Association, The NYPD Lieutenants Benevolent Association, The NYPD Captains Endowment Association, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police Benevolent Association, The Port Authority Police Detectives Endowment Association, The Port Authority Police Sergeants Benevolent Association, and The Port Authority Police Lieutenants Benevolent Association.

## REVIEW OF NAPO'S 33RD ANNUAL CONVENTION IN DALLAS, TEXAS

NAPO's 33rd Annual Convention officially kicked off on July 24th at The Westin Galleria in Dallas. The day's business included elected officers meetings, committee meetings and a meeting of the executive board. Of particular note was NAPO's Legislative Committee meeting. This committee, chaired by **Richard Wells** (Police Conference of New York) passed six resolutions; The Bill of Rights, D-Block, Flexible Spending Arrangements, Funding Federal State and Local Law Enforcement Grant Programs, Officer Safety and NAPO Recognition of the 10th Anniversary of September 11th. A copy of the 2011 resolutions can be found online on NAPO's website.

The COPE Committee, chaired by **Mick McHale** (Florida PBA) passed over two dozen political endorsements important to NAPO members.

On Tuesday, July 26th, General Session # 1 commenced with the Dallas Police Department Honor Guard's Presentation of the Colors and brief remarks from NAPO's President, **Tom Nee**. NAPO's Director of Government Affairs, **Rachel Hedge** presented the 112th Congress Legislative Report. This presentation covered the change in the political landscape in Washington. The change reflects a more even majority in the power of both parties. This was followed by a status report of NAPO's Legislative Priorities for the 112th Congress.

The status report covered: collective bargaining, Law Enforcement Officer Bill of Rights, Funding for State and Local Law Enforcement, Officer Safety and D-Block.

NAPO is working to solidify potential Senate action on the Law Enforcement Officer's Bill of Rights. Prior to Convention, NAPO's Vice President, **Michael Palladino**, held a meeting with **Senator Charles Schumer** (D-NY) to encourage a Senate companion to **Representative Erick Paulsen's** (R-MN) bill, the "State and Local Law Enforcement Discipline Accountability, and Due Process Act of 2011" (S. 1789). Since the convention, we have been working with Senator Schumer's staff in the D.C. office.

Prior to the congressional break for the traditional month-long August Recess, the debate to fund key Law Enforcement Programs came to a head. Specifically, the

exclusion of the COPS program from CJS appropriations mark up. We reviewed NAPO's actions on the matter and possible solutions to restore funding. Additionally, topics covered included officer safety and pending legislation affecting the auction of the public safety spectrum.

Following the Legislative Report, NAPO welcomed United States Attorney General, **Eric Holder**. His presentation acknowledged the growing demands on law enforcement during a time of limited budgets and significant threat levels, officer safety issues and what the Department of Justice has done to combat this problem; specifically, \$40 million given to officer safety programs such as the bulletproof vest partnership, VALOR, Prevention of Violence Against the Police, expansion of the DOJ's Smart Policing Program and concerns of police survivors. Attorney General Holder also spoke of the importance of information sharing among law enforcement partners and reiterated the points on the D Block and funding to COPS and Byrne JAG grants.

Attorney General Eric Holder stayed for photos with any NAPO members that wished to have their photo taken after his presentation. Although Vice President Joe Biden was unable to make it to NAPO's convention due to debt deficit negotiations he did send a video greeting to our members. Importantly, **Vice President Biden** assured members of the Administration's support for funding law enforcement programs. NAPO has been given permission to make copies of this video and all of our member groups should have received a copy. If your organization did not receive a video and would like one, please contact NAPO.

The remainder of the General Sessions included a lengthy discussion on pensions, committee reports, Executive Director's report by **Bill Johnson**, a presentation by the Law Enforcement National Data Exchange and Secure Communities Report.

As a follow up response to the pension's discussion during the convention, NAPO will be hosting a Labor Seminar in Orlando scheduled for October 24th - October 25th at the Embassy Suites. For more information please contact NAPO's Director of Events, **Elizabeth Loranger**.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FORMATION OF A SENATE LAW ENFORCEMENT CAUCUS

**Senator Christopher Coons** (D-DE) and **Roy Blunt** (R-MO) have joined efforts to form a Senate Law Enforcement Caucus. This caucus will support federal, state and local law enforcement agencies by educating and informing members and staff about the ongoing policies, programs and initiatives that enhance officer and community safety. Thus, we will have a stronger criminal justice system. The Caucus will serve as a platform for members to discuss the ways in which the federal government can continue to

assist and support efforts and promote and encourage talented individuals to pursue careers in law enforcement.

The Senate Caucus will provide a forum for members, staff, officials, law enforcement leaders and relevant stakeholder groups to exchange perspectives on important law enforcement issues and discuss ways to strengthen existing partnerships. The formation of this caucus comes at a time when law enforcement is facing shrinking budgets and resources.

## Formation of a Senate Law Enforcement Caucus Cont.

NAPO is working with staff on both sides of the aisle to ensure that our legislative priorities are addressed. NAPO has spoken at length with lead staffers who are coordinating the caucus. We look forward to the first meeting expected during September. The formation of a Senate Law Enforcement Caucus will be in addition to the House Law

Enforcement Caucus co-chaired by Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ) and Congressman Dave Reichert (R-WA). Once the Senate committee is set, NAPO will post a list of participating Senate members. If you have any questions regarding the Law Enforcement Caucus, please contact the NAPO office.

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

A basic responsibility of NAPO is advocacy for continued health and safety of our members and their families. We believe that all NAPO members and their families should receive the most effective, efficient and equitable pre-hospital care that is available in this nation. Geographic boundaries should not be barriers to the effective delivery of pre-hospital care or the resulting improved health outcomes.

Police officers and EMS providers rely on each other for mutual support and safety. Police officers and EMS providers respond together to a myriad of emergencies that confront America on a daily basis. Large scale events, natural and man-made disasters, and acts of terrorism compound the need for integrated and coordinated EMS and law enforcement operations. This integration and coordination ensures the best health outcomes for victims and responders alike. The knowledge that the nation supports the best health outcomes for responders is a critical element of an effective homeland security strategy.

NAPO represents many Emergency Medical Service (EMS) providers who are deployed with police agencies and

has been working to advance recommendations contained in the "Consolidated Federal Leadership" white paper.

Effective and equitable delivery of Emergency Medical Services is an important health and safety measure that law enforcement supports. NAPO believes the recommendations contained in "Consolidated Federal Leadership for EMS" are essential steps to improve national preparedness and necessary to the law enforcement community in the protection of our nation. In the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 attacks, our nation adopted a standardized operational strategy to maximize the command and control of response assets.

Clearly defined lines of authority for an incident commander on a national level will help standardize control for EMS as a profession. The "Consolidated Federal Leadership" white paper addresses this problem by outlining a clear path for federal leadership in America. NAPO has been in contact with **Vice President Joe Biden**, **Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano** and members of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs to voice our support. ■



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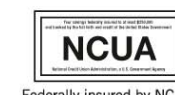
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