Now that the holidays are behind us, I’d like to take this opportunity to wish you – as well as your families and friends - the very best that the New Year can offer. Time is already in full motion, it seems as though our Christmas event happened just last week, and here we are looking forward to the upcoming February 11th luncheon at Bobby Van’s Steakhouse.

Speaking of the Christmas Luncheon, I’d like to congratulate and thank Jim Fey and the Board for the great job they did. As our signature event, it seems like all eyes are on the Chairman to put on a quality show, and Jim did just that. Thanks also to our emcee Steve Davis, who in my estimation is just about the best in the business. Steve shows up well prepared but always manages to speak off the cuff just as readily – a born communicator. Pretty good attributes for a Deputy Commissioner of Public Information for the NYPD, I would say. Congratulations Steve and good luck to you as you represent the Department that you so love and respect.

A final word about our Christmas Luncheon. I want to thank you, our members for your participation. While that day truly flies by, the amount of good will and camaraderie that takes place in those few hours is immeasurable. Witnessing your enjoyment of each other from the dais was a treat for me, and if I had not yet thanked you personally for attending please accept my thanks at this time.

In closing, I’d like to say that it was good to be able to thank outgoing Police Commissioner Ray Kelly for his successful efforts during his latest turn at the helm of the NYPD – and for his service to the citizens of this city throughout his many years of public service. It was also great to be part of the welcoming back current Commissioner Bill Bratton. It is likely the first time an NLEA event had the honor of being the venue for the symbolic passing of the baton from one Commissioner to his successor.

I’m sure that I might speak on behalf of the organization when I wish Commissioner Bratton the very best of success, and that we hope to see him at future National Law Enforcement Associates events.
Holiday Luncheon

The Annual NLEA Christmas Luncheon was held at Pier Sixty located at Chelsea Piers (23rd Street and the West Side Highway) on December 13th. The luncheon was well attended, as over 650 members and guests filled the expanse of Chelsea’s main Dining Room. Of the many law enforcement heavy weights that were in attendance, none loomed larger than the Honorable Raymond W. Kelly, outgoing NYPD Police Commissioner, and William J. Bratton, incoming NYPD Commissioner. The Organization was honored to have both these iconic policing figures attend the luncheon at this point in New York City history.

Steven Davis, the newly appointed Deputy Commissioner of Public Information for the NYPD, emceed the event, and deftly kept the event program moving without a hitch. Thank you Steve for your professional and humorous presentation, and congratulations on your new position!

We would also like to thank Ottis “OJ” Anderson for taking time out of his busy schedule to attend the luncheon, and speaking to the membership about some of his experiences; both on and off the gridiron. After being selected 8th overall by the Saint Louis Cardinals in 1979 (exactly 1 pick behind Phil Simms, who was drafted number 7 overall by the Giants, 6 picks ahead of Marty Lyons who was drafted number 14 overall by the New York Jets, and 74 picks ahead of Joe Montana who was drafted number 82 overall by the San Francisco 49ers), OJ played for 14 seasons in the NFL, and ensconced his image in the mind of New York Football fans for the critical role he played in two New York Giant Super Bowl victories (Super Bowls XXI and XXV). OJ, a former NFL Comeback Player of the Year, and Super Bowl MVP, is one of only 28 players to eclipse 10,000 rushing yards in his NFL career. As it turns out, OJ is as skillful a storyteller as he is a ball carrier, and he certainly scored a touchdown with the membership!

Picture above is O.J. Anderson carrying the ball in Super Bowl XXV. In a game that will be remembered more for a missed field goal than anything else, the Giants employed a powerful ball-control offense to hold off Buffalo 20-19.

The key to the Giants' record possession total of 40:33 was Ottis Anderson (above). The powerful veteran running back carried 21 times for 102 yards. His 1-yard touchdown capped off a 14-play drive that ate up a record 9:29 of the third quarter as New York won its second Super Bowl.

We would very much like to thank Chelsea Piers for their continued generosity. It has proven to be a great venue for an event the size of our Holiday Luncheon.
*Police Officer Makiah Brown pictured with now Police Commissioner William J. Bratton at the Christmas Luncheon. Officer Brown sang a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem.

NLEA President Kevin Perham presenting the Honorable Raymond W. Kelly with a pewter plate in appreciation for his support of the NLEA during his tenure as NYPD Police Commissioner, and, as emcee, Stephen Davis looks on. Pictured to far left: OJ Anderson peering in on the presentation.
February Meeting

Our February meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11th at 12 noon at Bobby Van’s steakhouse. Bobby Van’s is located across from the New York Stock Exchange at 25 Broad Street, between Exchange Place and Beaver Street. We will hold the meeting in “the vault” dining room, which offers their marquee decor. Attendees will have the choice of fish, chicken or filet mignon accompanied by salad, wine or beer. Coffee and dessert will also be served. The cost of the event is $60. Please visit their website at www.nationallaw.org for more details and to register for this always popular, first event after the Holiday break.

Our guest speaker for the event will be Christopher O’Leary, Supervisory Special Agent Unit Chief of Counter Terrorism Division for the FBI. Chris will speak to us about the role in the Counter Terrorism Division, and the role the FBI plays in guarding against acts of terror. He will emphasize how the FBI coordinates with the various law enforcement agencies in the New York area. Chris’s presentation promises to be enlightening and interesting, and overall, the event will be a lot of fun. We look forward to seeing you all there.
Nomination Candidates for the Board

Anyone interested in serving on the NLEA Board may submit their interest by contacting Past President Donald McGuire of the Nominating Committee. Please email Don to express your interest and to officially “put your hat in the ring.” Nominations for the Board will be announced at the March, Pre-St. Patrick’s Day Dinner. Don’s email address is: mcghome1@comcast.net.

Super Bowl XLVII

As you all know, this Sunday the Super Bowl will take place at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey. This is the first time the Super Bowl will be played in a cold weather environment. What’s more, it is the first time that two states will jointly host and secure game and pre-game related events that are expected to draw over 150,000 visitors to the NY/NJ area.

This week, New York City has transformed Broadway from Herald Square through Times Square into a football urban theme park being called “Super Bowl Boulevard.” Among the events taking place there are concerts, a viewing area of the Vince Lombardi Trophy (which will be presented to and hoisted by the winning team after the game), and a 58 foot Toboggan Run. It is expected that over 1,000,000 will visit the attraction on Super Bowl Boulevard this week.

Also included in the activities are the “Celebrity Beach Bowl and Tailgate”, “The DirecTV Super Saturday Night,” and a large fireworks display over the Hudson River after the game. There will even be a Norwegian Cruise Line’s ship docked on Pier 88, where it will be converted into the “Bud Light Hotel.” The floating hotel will be fully occupied on January 30th, and will depart New York Harbor on February 3rd.

To view more on the Super Bowl events and security, visit here: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VcAbtHtfjkk
Police Commissioner’s Message to the NYPD PBA

The NYPD PBA has posted a video message taped for the viewing of NYPD Rank and File. The video, entitled “Cops Count, Police Matter” is a reintroduction of the Police Commissioner to NYPD members. The theme of the video is collaboration. The PBA posting the video of the new PC definitely makes a statement. To view the video, please visit the site below:


Line of Duty Deaths Down Slightly Nationwide From 2012

According to the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), 111 law enforcement officers died in the performance of duty across the nation in 2013. Although this is a staggering number, it represents the lowest number of officer fatalities in over five decades, when 110 officers lost their lives in 1959. Moreover, 33 of the 111 law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty in 2013 were killed with a firearm. This is the lowest number of officer murders since 1887! The 111 officers represent an 8% decrease from 2012, when 121 officers were killed, and a 33% decrease from 2011, when 165 officers were killed.

The state of Texas led the nation where 13 officers were killed in the line of duty. California followed with 10, and New York and Mississippi each had 7 officers killed. There were no officer fatalities in New Jersey and Connecticut in 2013.

To see a summarized version of the report, please visit this site attached to this link:


Our Sincerest Condolences

We regret to report the passing of Retired Detective, Wallace “Wally” Millard, Member of the Board of Directors of the Retired Detectives of New York (RDNY). Wally will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Wally’s family and friends; may he rest in peace.
Membership Dues

Dear Members, just a reminder that the 2013 dues collection is in full throttle. We would like to thank everyone who has already remitted their annual dues. If you haven’t been able to get around to it yet, please take a moment and send them in. The organization needs this money to keep our great list of events going. This year’s dues will remain as they were last year at $45.00. The dues collected are necessary to assist in the operations of the organization. This year dues can be submitted via PayPal, located on our website, www.nationallaw.org on the left hand corner of the opening page. Please note that there is a $3.50 administrative fee for using PayPal. Please click on the below link and you will redirected to the site. You can also submit your payment via U.S Mail. You can send it to NLEA, PO Box 5604, Hauppauge, NY 11788. Make the check payable to NLEA Inc. Please include your name and membership number: http://www.nationallaw.org/News.aspx?mode=nw&newsid=17.

In line with this, please keep in mind that the organization would love to bring in new members. Please extend an invitation to anyone you think may be a good fit for the NLEA.

Here is what you will see when you get to the dues page of the website:

PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES

The Membership dues for existing members are $45 per year and $3.50 to cover administrative processing fees for a total charge of $48.50.

This Feature is only for existing members of the NLEA.

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