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Dear Fellow National Law Associate,

As of this writing, the “occupy wall street” (OWS) group is staging protests across New York City. In fact, their stay at Zuccotti Park has just surpassed the one month mark. Similar “occupations” have been established across the nation. Of course, state and local law enforcement agencies are tasked with maintaining order and ensuring the security and safety of all. This is not an easy job. Specific to the NYPD, the Wall Street Journal reports that OWS protests have added complications to the NYPD “demonstration policy playbook.” Unique to these demonstrations are their extemporaneous nature. Formerly, as with the demonstrations made in the aftermath of the Crown Heights riots, the Department has had advance warning of where and when the demonstration(s) were to take place. In addition, previous demonstrations were primarily stationary and centered on one front; whereas the OWS protest model includes marching across the city, often involving the use of the subway from varying points of the City. These protest marches sometimes converge later in the day, making for a “super” protest at one location as multiple groups merge. Once the larger protest ends, the large group may then reform into smaller groups with different protest destinations.

Protecting the rights of peaceful demonstrators and the public at large is a balancing act, to say the least. As the demonstrations continue, and the number of protestors increases, we pass along well wishes for safety and caution to all law enforcement personnel involved in disorder control efforts.



Protestors' encampment at Zuccotti Park, downtown Manhattan.



Occupy Wall Street rally, Times Square; October 15th, 2011

Condolences

The NLEA regrets to announce the passing of NLEA member, James Doherty. Jim was a long time member, who had retired from the NYPD and worked as an investigator with the Department of Defense and the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. Jim was also an U.S. Marine during the Korean War. Jim was known for his quick wit and thoughtful demeanor. He will be greatly missed. Sadly, Jim's wife Betty passed away just three months ago. The NLEA sends our condolences to Jim and Betty's family.

Special Thanks

On behalf of the membership, the Board would like to pass along a special thank you to Laurie Venditti. Laurie managed the NLEA website for the past 6 years, and did a wonderful job. We greatly appreciate the hard work and dedication she gave to the organization. Thank you Laurie!

October Meeting

Our October meeting was held on October 18th at Wolfgang's Steak House in Tribeca. We would like to thank Jim Cawley, Senior Vice President of Security for the National Basketball Association (NBA). As Senior Vice President of Security for the NBA, Jim oversees all aspects of league security domestically and internationally, including the protection of NBA players, fans, teams, employees, and facilities. Prior to joining the NBA in 2010, Jim had a storied career with the United States Secret Services; serving as both Deputy Special Agent in Charge of the Secret Service's Dignitary Protective Division in Washington, D.C and Special Agent in Charge of the New York Field Office. Jim described to us his responsibilities with the NBA, and shared with us a few fond memories of growing up in Queens with a Father who was a member of the NYPD. In fact, Jim's Dad, Donald F. Cawley, was Police Commissioner of the NYPD in 1973 and 1974. Thanks Jim for taking time from your busy schedule to speak to us about your life and career. On behalf of the membership, could you please get the season going!!

Many thanks to Wolfgang's for their hospitality, warmth and great food. Thanks also to Manny Gomez for expertly coordinating the event, and to all 92 of our members who attended; it was great fun!

H.R.218 (S. 1132 Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act) **ANNUAL FIREARMS QUALIFICATION CARD**

Due to the Rockland County Firearms Range being booked through the end of the year, we will not be able to host a HR 218 shoot until after the first of the year. Hugh Lennon from Rockland County has been nice enough to forward dates that our members can sign up for and qualify on their own. The dates are listed below along with the link to the Range for registration. The spots are going quickly so please sign up as soon as possible.

These are the HR 218 dates: 10/24, 10/25, 10/26, 11/9 & 11/10. You can register on line at the following website: www.rocklandcountysheriffoffice.com/police_academy. Please note the underscore between Police and Academy in the address.

9/11 Memorial Visitation

Those who wish to visit the 9/11 Memorial and Museum can make reservations for tickets on the 9/11 memorial website located at <http://www.911memorial.org/museum>. The visitor center is open 365 days a year. The hours of operation are Monday – Friday 10:00 AM until 8:30 PM. Weekends and Holidays 9:00 AM - 8:30 PM. The visitor center is located at 90 West Street at the corner of Albany Street. They can be contacted at 212-225-1009.

The website is interactive in that visitors to the website can make reservations for visitation and make use of a search tool designed to assist visitors with finding the location of names of fallen heroes inscribed on the bronze panels surrounding the reflecting pools. NOTE: FIREARMS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE SITE, NOR IS THERE A FACILITY TO STORE FIREARMS WHILE VISITS ARE BEING MADE.



*Overhead view of the 9/11 Memorial and Museum

Membership Drive

The Board is currently looking for quality people in the law enforcement private security and investigations field to become members of the NLEA. Please continue to support our recruitment effort to bolster the membership and maintaining our traditions by seeking out persons you consider good candidates for our organization. Applying to the NLEA for membership is a simple process. A link to apply is provided on the NLEA website located on the web at <http://www.nationallaw.org/>. Scroll down to the bottom left side of the web page to find the link. Let's keep our organization strong!

New National Law Website and Email Notification System

The new National Law website has arrived! The new site can be found at www.Nationallaw.org. The old website domain name will automatically redirect you to the new site. This new site not only looks different but contains a valuable feature our membership has been asking for: an **online membership directory**. The online membership directory, which is in the testing stage, is only as good as the information provided by each member to National Law. Therefore, in the near future you will receive an email informing you that the online directory is operational. The email will contain instructions on how to log in and update your information. It is crucial and necessary that all members update their profile at that time.

In addition, we will be taking online payments via PayPal for membership dues and all NLEA events. In an attempt to make the process of joining the organization easier and more streamlined we have developed an online application for new members. The new member online application will give the applicant the ability to enter their information, create an account and pay tentative dues in one session, via PayPal. This electronic application will then be immediately transmitted to the Board for review and consideration. Of course, the Board has the responsibility to adhere to the optional membership requirement in the event an individual does not meet the required standards. If the Board opts to exercise this option, the applicant will be promptly refunded the tentative dues submitted.

Another technological enhancement of the site involves an automated communication process. All future communications and newsletters will be sent using a new communication program which will allow the Board to send immediate messages and reminders to all of our members. If you have not been receiving the newsletter emails from National Law or would like to change your email address, please direct your request to Al Becker at Abecker@NationallLaw.org.

News of Interest

NYPD Pensions to Remain Private

As reported in previous newsletters, the Empire Center for New York State Policy (ECNYSP), part of the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, is seeking to post all New York State public pension information on their website, seethroughny.org. As reported by the New York Post, a panel of three Appellate Division judges turned away a lawsuit brought forth by the ECNYSP to force the NYPD, Police Pension Fund to disclose a listing of retirees' pensions. A spokesman for the ECNYSP stated that they will appeal to the Court of Appeals, the state's highest court for a reversal of the decision made by the panel. We will keep you posted as events unfold.

Lions and Tigers and Bears; Oh My!

Talk about law enforcement's need to be on the ready for anything! On October 18, 2011, near the Muskingum County Animal Farm preserve in Zanesville, Ohio, owner Terry Thompson was purported to have set his 56 exotic animals free before committing suicide. Of the 56 exotic animals, **49 were killed by the local police**. The animals freed included lions (17), tigers (18) and bears (9). Also released were leopards, wolves, and some primates. The animals confirmed to be dead are the 18 Bengal tigers, six Black bears, two Grizzly bears, two wolves, and the 17 lions. Three leopards, one Grizzly bear, and two monkeys were captured and sent to the Columbus, Ohio Zoo. One monkey was unaccounted for, but police believe it was eaten by a lion or a tiger.

According to the Denver Post, Ohio Governor John Kasich signed an executive order on Friday covering ownership of dangerous wild animals, which will strengthen enforcement of existing laws, and said he will push for tighter regulations through legislation.

The tragedy drew a visceral and irate national response as the local sheriff received hundreds of angry calls in reaction to photos that showed the bodies of dead tigers and lions lying in a field. The decision to immediately kill the animals in lieu of another solution was the decision of the local Sheriff with the aid of the Director Emeritus of the Columbus Zoo. Unfortunately, circumstances dictated that the animals had to be taken down to protect the lives of all concerned.



*Pictured left: Posted sign warning of animal escape. Right: Lion killed by local police at farm in Zanesville, Ohio.

Upcoming Events

“Thanksgiving Eve, Eve Dinner Meeting”

As is our tradition, the November meeting will be on Thanksgiving Eve, Eve; Tuesday, November 22nd at 6PM. This dinner will be held at Legend’s Restaurant, located at 6 W. 33rd Street, between 5th Avenue and Broadway. The cost of this event is \$65, but as many can attest, it is well worth it! Parking will be made available.

Holiday Luncheon

Our Annual Holiday Luncheon will be held on Friday, December 9th. This year, “Gentleman” Gerry Cooney will attend and speak to our group. As a professional boxer, Gerry finished with a record of 28 wins and 3 losses, with 24 knockouts. The event will be held at Pier 60 restaurant, located at Chelsea Piers. We held the event at this location last year, and received such wonderful reviews that we contracted with Pier 60 Restaurant for this year as well. Please join us for an afternoon of festive holiday fun, fine dining and beautiful views of the Hudson River. The cost of this perennially well-attended event is \$100. The flier for the holiday luncheon will come out shortly.

Mark Your Calendars

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Thanksgiving Eve, Eve Dinner	Legend’s Restaurant 6 West 33 rd Street	11/22/2011	6:00 PM
Holiday Luncheon	Pier 60 Restaurant at Chelsea Piers	12/9/2011	12:00 PM

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