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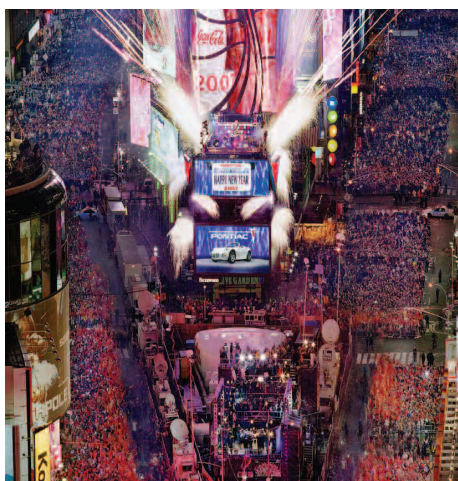
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Dear Fellow National Law Associate,

A New Year is upon us, and the Board would like to extend a Happy New Year to all of our members and their families. 2011 was a very eventful year for the NLEA. We held 4 luncheon meetings; the Installation Dinner at Battery Park Gardens; President's Night at Rockefeller University; a golf outing; picnic; Thanksgiving Eve, Eve dinner and the Holiday luncheon. The Board would like to thank everyone involved in making 2011 such a successful year! More specifically, we would like to thank Meryl Lutzkey of the New York State Attorney General's Office; NYPD Inspector Salvatore Dipace; Jim Cawley, Director of Security for the NBA (thanks for getting the league started, Jim) and, of course, Gerry Cooney, former # 1 ranked heavyweight contender for volunteering their time to speak to the membership! 2012 promises to be just as eventful and we cannot wait to get started!



Pictured to left; an estimated record crowd of 1.5 to 2 million people ring in the New Year in Times Square. Pictured to right; Lucky NYPD cop gets a big kiss from Jenny McCarthy.

Line of Duty Death of Police Officer Peter Figoski

In the early morning hours of December 12, 2011, Police Officer Peter Figoski was shot and killed while responding to a home invasion robbery in Cypress Hills, Brooklyn. When Officer Figoski and his partner, Glenn Estrada, arrived, two officers were already on the scene interviewing the victim and a witness. Unknown to the officers, the robbery perpetrators were still inside the basement apartment hiding. While struggling to apprehend one of the suspects, the second suspect appeared and shot Officer Figoski in the head. Officer Estrada, upon hearing the shot and seeing the armed male fleeing, broke from the first suspect, pursued the gunman on foot, and apprehended him after a two block foot chase. Officer Figoski is survived by four beautiful daughters and was posthumously promoted to Detective 1st Grade. **Our condolences and prayers go out to the Figoski family and members of the New York City Police Department. May God watch over them and provide them peace in this time of sorrow.**

In response, the NY Post, along with the New York City Police Foundation, set up a scholarship fund for his daughters. As of January 5th, the fund had nearly reached 2 million dollars. In addition,

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Fairway Market honored the memory of Officer Figoski by donating 10 percent of all sales from its Red Hook, Brooklyn; Plainview, LI; and Douglaston locations from 3 to 10 p.m. on Thursday, January

5, 2012 to the scholarship fund. To make a contribution to the fund, please make checks payable to:

Peter Figoski Scholarship Fund
C/O NY Police Foundation
555 Fifth Avenue, 15th Floor
New York, New York 10017
or visit
www.nycpolicefoundation.org



*A sea of blue paying tribute to Detective 1st Grade, Peter Figoski

Line of Duty Death of Special Agent John Capano

On December 31st, 2011, Special Agent John Capano of the United States Department of Justice - Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives was killed in the line of duty while attempting to subdue a robbery in progress at a pharmacy in Seaford, Long Island. Special Agent Capano was off-duty when becoming aware that a robbery was taking place, and immediately took action. Agent Capano's father, Jimmy Capano, is a retired NYPD detective. The following are words that were expressed by Acting Director B. Todd Jones:



Special Agent Capano was a 23-year veteran agent with the ATF, who will be mourned by his wife, son and daughter and thousands of friends and colleagues. Our thoughts and prayers are with them now.

His tragic death is another reminder that our brave agents, like all law enforcement officers, are always on the job, ready to respond to violent criminal acts.

A special mailbox has been set up and is operational immediately for you to express your condolences to the Capano family. Messages of sympathy may be sent to: capanowishes@atf.gov.

The NLEA has made a monetary contribution to both the Peter Figoski Scholarship fund and to the Capano family.

Our condolences and prayers go out to the Capano family and members of the New York City Police Department. May God watch over them and provide them peace in this time of sorrow.

Police Fatalities Increase 13% in 2011 as compared to 2010; 42% since 2009

According to the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), a total of 173 federal, state and local law enforcement officers died in the line of duty during calendar year 2011. 153 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty in 2010, and 117 in 2009. This represents a 42% increase in line of duty law enforcement deaths from just two years ago. For the first time in 14 years, more officers died from firearms-related incidents than traffic-related incidents. Sixty-eight officers were shot and killed in 2011, up 15 percent from 2010 when 59 officers died from gunfire. The number of officers killed by firearms has now risen during each of the past three years. Traffic-related incidents claimed the lives of 64 officers this year, a 10 percent decrease from 2010 when 71 officers died on the roadway.

<u>Shooting Fatality Type</u>	<u># of fatalities</u>
Ambush	5
Domestic Disturbance	9
Traffic Stop/Pursuit	6
Attempting Arrest	14
Robbery in Progress	5
Burglary in Progress	4
Disturbance Call (non-domestic)	6
Investigate suspicious persons/circumstances	9
Accidental Shooting	3
Other	7
TOTAL	68

Of the 173 fatalities, 162 were male and 11 were female. The average age of officers killed was 41. The average time in service was 13 years. Please visit <http://www.nleomf.org/assets/pdfs/reports/2011-EOY-Report.pdf> at the NLEOMF website to see the report in full.

There were 14 states that endured 5 or more law enforcement line of duty deaths. They are in descending order:

- Florida 14
- Texas 13
- New York 11
- California 10
- Georgia 10
- Tennessee 7
- North Carolina 7
- Missouri 6
- Ohio 6
- Arizona 5
- Louisiana 5
- New Jersey 5
- Michigan 5
- Virginia 5

The following is a listing of all the law enforcement officers in New York and New Jersey who lost their lives in the line of duty in calendar year 2011. May they rest in peace.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Police Department</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>LOD Death</u>
P.O.	Christopher Matlosz	Lakewood P.D.	NJ	1/14/2011
C.O.	Casimiro Pomales	NYS Department of Corrections	NY	1/28/2011
P.O.	Michael J. Califano	Nassau County P.D.	NY	02/05/2011
Officer	John Falcone	Poughkeepsie P.D.	NY	02/18/2011
P.O.	Geoffrey Breitkopf	Nassau County P.D.	NY	03/12/2011
P.O.	Alain Schaberger	NYPD	NY	03/13/2011
Trooper	Kevin P. Dobson	New York State Police	NY	03/26/2011
Trooper 1	Anthony R. Fotiou	New Jersey State Police	NJ	03/28/2011
Deputy	Kurt Wyman	Oneida County Sheriff's Office	NY	06/07/2011
Deputy	Jeffrey Alexander	Chemung County Sheriff's Office	NY	06/12/2011
Detective	Fermin "Sonny" Archer	NYPD	NY	06/14/2011
Detective	Tina Rambo	Ocean County Prosecutor's Office	NJ	08/01/2011
P.O.	Sherman Abrams	NYPD	NY	09/12/2011
Patrolman	Joseph Wargo	Mount Arlington P.D.	NJ	10/16/2011
Detective	Michael Morgan	Newark P.D.	NJ	11/07/2011
P.O.	Peter Figoski	NYPD	NY	12/12/2011
S.A.	John Capano	ATF	NY	12/31/2011

*There was zero line of duty deaths of law enforcement officers in Connecticut in calendar year 2011.

Please click on the following link to see a letter from the President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) regarding the NLEOMF report:

<http://www.theiacp.org/About/WhatsNew/tabid/459/Default.aspx?id=1704&v=1>



Holiday Luncheon

The Annual NLEA Christmas Luncheon was held on December 9th at Pier Sixty located at Chelsea Piers (23rd Street and the West Side Highway). The event began at noon with a packed cocktail reception followed by the Luncheon in the dining hall where a packed house enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of fine dining and conversation. We are happy to inform you that the afternoon was a tremendous success as we had the good fortune to be addressed by Gerry Cooney, the best all-time boxer ever to hail from Long Island. Gerry entertained the audience with his boyish charm and warm delivery of heartfelt stories ranging from his childhood, his well-chronicled amateur and professional boxing career, and the ups and downs of his life since his retirement from the ring. Gerry's life is an inspiration to all, as he faced adversity in his life and attacked it with the power and precision of a heavyweight champion! Thank you Gerry; not only for taking the time to speak to our group, but for the humanitarian causes you continue to fight for today. You truly are a blessing, and we wish you the best.



*NLEA President Kevin Fitzgerald with the one and only Gerry Cooney, pose for the camera at the Holiday Luncheon.

February Meeting

February's meeting will be held at Bobby Van's Steakhouse, a venue that has become a staple of the NLEA lineup. We will hold the meeting in "the vault" dining room, which offers a unique 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. Bobby Van's is located across from the New York Stock Exchange at 25 Broad Street, between Exchange Place and Beaver Street. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7th at 12 noon. The cost of the event is \$60. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Congratulations

We would like to recognize two distinguished law enforcement officials on reaching pinnacle appointments in their respective agencies: NLEA member James C. Burke and Thomas V. Dale, a good friend to the NLEA. **Congratulations and best wishes to Commissioner Dale and Chief Burke!**

Police Commissioner, Nassau County Police Department

On January 2nd, Thomas V. Dale was sworn in as the Police Commissioner of Nassau County. A member of the NYPD since 1970, Commissioner Dale has served in managerial positions during some of the most tumultuous times in the NYPD's recent history. In a career spanning more than four decades, Commissioner Dale has served in the patrol and detective bureaus, organized crime control and the terrorist task force. From 2003 to 2010, he commanded Patrol Borough Queens South, supervising eight precincts during a time when major crime declined 17 percent.

Commissioner Dale also developed the security plan for the 2004 Republican National Convention in New York City and orchestrated initial patrol operations on September 11, 2001, when he was one of the first senior law enforcement officials on the scene.

In his role as Chief of Personnel, Commissioner Dale managed a \$5.8-million budget for his office and was responsible for recruitment, promotions, transfers and medical, pension and personnel evaluations.

Chief of Department, Suffolk County Police Department

New Suffolk County Executive replaced the two highest positions in the Suffolk County Police Department as item # 1 on his agenda. He named Edward Webber Police Commissioner, and our own James C. Burke, the former Commanding Officer of the Suffolk County District Attorney's Squad, as Chief of Department. The appointment of Chief Burke comes at a crucial time for the Suffolk County PD, as they are dealing with a very challenging investigation involving the discovery of numerous female bodies found in the Gilgo Beach area.



*Pictured to left, Thomas V. Dale, Nassau County Police Commissioner; pictured to right, James Burke, Chief of Department, Suffolk County Police Department.

Gridlock Buster of the Year

Congratulations are also in order for NLEA member John Valles. John is the Director of the NYPD Traffic Enforcement District, and was recently named “Gridlock Buster of the Year” by Sam Schwartz (AKA Gridlock Sam) in the January 4th edition of the New York Daily News. John is the point person mobilizing 3,000 traffic agents whenever events occur which can cause traffic mayhem in New York City. Examples of events that can cause these crippling effects are demonstrations such as Occupy Wall Street protests; traffic accident investigations and the visit of countless politicians and foreign dignitaries.

When a Gridlock Sam reader raises a traffic issue, John is always eager to find a solution. In addition to the Sloan Public Service Award he received in 2000, John now adds Gridlock Buster of the Year to his already impressive resume. Congratulations John on a job well done!

President of Westchester Detectives Association

Congratulations to NLEA Member Bernie McNally as he was installed as President of Westchester Detectives Association on December 9th. Cheers Bernie and good luck during your term.

Golf Outing

This year's golf outing will be returning to the Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort. The dates of the outing are Wednesday, May 30th and Thursday, May 31st. The price is \$350 for a single player and \$280 per person for a Double. We are looking for sponsors for the golf outing, including hole sponsors as well as prize donations. Members can refer any potential sponsor/donators to Kevin Vaughn, the NLEA golf outing coordinator, by emailing him at jkevinv@hotmail.com. We are looking forward to another great outing.



Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort

Membership Dues

Dear Members, with the New Year comes the task of collecting membership dues. This year’s dues will remain as they were last year at \$45.00. The dues collected are necessary to keep the organization running well. This year dues can be submitted via PayPal, located on our website, www.nationallaw.org under the membership area. Please note that there is a \$3.50 administrative fee for paying online. Please click on the below link and you will be redirected to the site. You can also submit your payment via U.S Mail by sending a check to the NLEA, PO Box 5604, Hauppauge, NY 11788. Make the check payable to the NLEA Inc. Please include your name and membership number.

Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
February Meeting	Bobby Van’s Steakhouse - 25 Broad Street	2/7/12	12:00 PM
March Meeting	TBA	TBA	TBA
Installation Dinner	TBA	TBA	TBA
Golf Outing	Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort	May 30 and 31	N/A

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