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Dear Fellow National Law Associate,

Within a span of 10 hours, the law enforcement community lost two brave men who were killed in the Line of Duty; Nassau County Police Officer Geoffrey Breitkopf and New York City Police Officer Alain Schaberger.

On the evening of Saturday, March 12th, Police Officer Breitkopf, assigned to the Nassau County Police Department's Bureau of Special Operations, was tragically killed while responding to a scene where a knife-wielding satanist had been gunned down by officers less than 10 minutes earlier. Officer Breitkopf was wearing plain clothes with a rifle at his side when he approached the house. Not realizing Breitkopf was a fellow officer, another uniformed officer standing on the lawn outside the Massapequa Park address pulled out his gun and shot him. Much controversy has surrounded this heart-rending incident. The Board does not wish to focus on the controversy, but rather the inherent dangers that law enforcement officers face each and every day, even in moments that seem innocuous. Officer Breitkopf faithfully served with the Nassau County Police Department for 12 years, and is survived by his wife and two young boys. **Our condolences and prayers go out to the Breitkop family and members of the Nassau County Police Department. May God watch over them and provide them peace in this time of sorrow.**

A fund has been established to benefit the children of Police Officer Geoffrey Breitkopf. All those who wish to donate can do so by sending a check to the Nassau County PBA located at 89 East Jericho Turnpike in Mineola 11501. Please make checks payable to the Geoffrey Breitkopf Memorial Fund.



In the early morning hours of Saturday, March 13th, Police Officer Alain Schaberger, assigned to the 84th police precinct in downtown Brooklyn, was murdered when a suspect wanted for domestic violence crimes pushed him off a porch causing him to fall down into a basement access stairwell. Officer Schaberger faithfully served with the New York City Police Department for 10 years. His death reminds us all that as law enforcement, we must take every precaution possible, particularly when dealing with domestic violence situations.

The murder of a police officer is not a solitary event. It is an assault upon society. And today, our society grieves with Alain's loved ones over this terrible loss. **Our condolences and prayers go out to the Schaberger family and members of the New York City Police Department. May God watch over them and provide them peace in this time of sorrow.**

On Friday, March 18th, both officers were laid to rest in separate ceremonies. Many officers from all over the New York area attended both funerals which took place just 18 miles apart in Suffolk County.



Ceremonial guard officers carrying our fallen heroes. Pictured to left; Officer Breitkopf. Pictured to right; Officer Schaberger.

Line of Duty Death of New York State Trooper, Kevin Dopson

In the early morning hours of Saturday, March 26th, NYS Trooper Kevin Dopson was performing a traffic stop on Interstate 290 in the town of Tonawanda, located 8 miles northeast of Buffalo, New York. Trooper Dopson was struck by a passing vehicle while addressing the stopped motorist on the side of the Highway. Trooper Dopson, a 14 year veteran, was stationed out of the State Police Barracks in Clarence, NY. He was 43 years old when he died. **Our condolences and prayers go out to the Dopson family and members of the New York State Police. May God watch over them and provide them peace in this time of sorrow.**



“Move Over Act”

In a press release, State Police officials cited the tragic irony of Dobson's expected involvement in an upcoming summer traffic initiative designed to enforce the state's new "Move Over Act." The new law, which took effect Jan. 1, requires drivers to change lanes and slow down, whenever possible, when they see a police car or any emergency vehicle at the side of the road, often with a stopped vehicle. The law is entitled the Ambrose-Searles "Move Over Act", and is named after State Trooper Robert W. Ambrose and Onondaga County Sheriff's Deputy Glenn M. Searles. Both were killed while their patrol vehicles were stopped on the side of the road.

This tragedy comes on the heels of the death of Nassau County Police Officer Michael Califano, who was killed while performing a traffic stop along side of the Long Island Expressway in February. Please discuss this law with family and friends so that others are aware of the danger that imperils officers making performing traffic duty on our roadways.

March Meeting

Our March meeting was held at Gallagher's Steakhouse on March 15th, two days before Saint Patrick's Day. Many joined us for a night of fine dining and celebration; some were even spotted sporting Shamrock green, or Irish green as it's often called; a distinct color breakdown and part of the Irish flag and celebration coloring. According to the Herald Standard, to be true to the holiday a person should wear these shades of green. As is our tradition, this meeting is held to inform the membership of new nominations for the upcoming year's board. However, unlike year's past, this meeting witnessed an occurrence which will be explained in a following news item.

Although the March meeting was great, we missed several great boxing matches as the NYPD Boxing Team squared off against the An Garda Siochana Irish Police Boxing Team, at the New York Athletic Club. We hear from our members who, despite being extremely torn, decided to attend this exiting, traditional event, that the bouts were highly spirited and competitive. Dan O'Leary, a NLEA member works hard every year in developing and promoting this project. Good job Dan.



UPCOMING BOARD ELECTION

Dear Fellow Members,

On March 15, 2011, we held the March Monthly Meeting at Gallagher's Steakhouse. This meeting was held to inform the membership of the Nomination Committee's recommendations for this year's Board. The Chairman, Terry Loftus, presented the nominees for this year as Kevin Perham for 2nd Vice President, Manuel Gomez for Sergeant at Arms and Jose Sandoval for the open position on the Board of Directors. After this announcement the committee took nominations from the floor. Arthur Lynch was nominated from the floor for the open Board of Directors position. So as is required by the Constitution, we will have an election at the April 5th Meeting at Legends Restaurant. To have an election we need 10% of the membership in good standing (i.e., dues paid for 2011) to attend. **You must be present to vote.** The ballots will contain all members from the Nominating Committee's selection process (posted on the website) and Arthur Lynch, who was a floor nomination. This process is one that ensures the integrity of our selection process. The Board asks that the membership please make an effort to attend the next meeting and participate in the selection process. Members can pay their dues at the door.

Announcements

Congratulations are in Order

NCPD Commissioner Lawrence Mulvey Retires

The NLEA would like to congratulate Nassau County Police Commissioner and NLEA member, Lawrence Mulvey on his retirement from the office. A 28 year Police Veteran, Commissioner Mulvey has left his mark restoring morale to the Department and developing innovative programs that have driven down the crime rate in Nassau County. His retirement dinner was held on March 24, 2011 at Oheka Castle in Huntington. The Dinner was attended by over 600 friends and colleagues. Good Luck on your retirement. You haven't changed a bit in 30 years, Boss.



New President of the Traffic Squad Benevolent Association

We would like to congratulate NLEA member John Valles on his new position as the New President of the Traffic Squad Benevolent Association (TSBA) as of March 1, 2011. The Traffic Squad Benevolent Association is the oldest fraternal organization in the New York City Police Department. Founded in 1906 and officially organized on December 11th, 1908 the TSBA originally consisted of officers assigned to the Mounted Unit, and the then Bicycle-Traffic Squad, officer's duties were many but included using their bicycle or horse to chase and catch runaway horses, a significant cause of pedestrian fatalities at the turn of the century. Additionally, with automobile use quickly on the rise, officers were tasked with enforcing the city's newly enacted Traffic Regulations. On foot, bicycles and horses, these officers brought some semblance of order to the then extremely chaotic city streets. Currently, in addition to promoting camaraderie and fraternalism, the Traffic Squad's Goals are simple: to assist both members and the public in developing a better appreciation for the very difficult job of the traffic enforcement officer or agent. Way to go John, best of luck with your new post!



John Jay College, Distinguished Alumnus Award

We would also like to congratulate another NLEA member, Larry Loesch. Larry has been selected to receive the John Jay Alumni Association's 2011 "Distinguished Alumnus Award." on April 12th. Please visit this link for more information: www.jjay.cuny.edu/2011reunion. Congratulations Larry on this well deserved honor!

Police Unity Tour

NLEA member Don Kleber, along with Duane Lovello, Chief of the Darien CT Police Department. Deputy Chief Tom Fowler of Branford, CT and Chief Ed Kulhawik of Eastham, Massachusetts, will be participating in the annual Police Unity Tour; a fundraiser to provide monies to the National Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation (NLEMF). Last year, the NLEMF was presented with a check for 1.1 million dollars from proceeds raised from this honorable event. The proceeds are being used to restore the face of our National Memorial and to insure that the names engraved on the face of that marble appear as new as the first day they were inscribed. To make a donation, you can go to www.firstgiving.com/donaldkleber and contribute via a credit card, or you may write a check to the Police Unity Tour, P.O. Box 528, Florham Park, N.J. 07932

Troop "NYC" Inaugural Memorial Day Ceremony

The NYC Troop of the New York State Police will be holding its first annual Awards and Retirement Dinner on Thursday, May 5th, at 6:00PM. The event will take place at the Glen Island Harbour Club, located on Weyman Avenue and Glen Island Park, New Rochelle. Tickets are \$75 per person. For those interested, please call 917-492-7108/7111.



Pictured is the Glen Island Harbour Club, New Rochelle, New York.

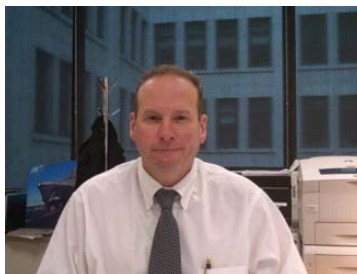
NYS Pistol Permit Holders Listed Online?

A newly created website located at www.whospackingny.com offers a database of all New York residents who have a permit to own a gun; including retired law enforcement officers. The database includes all permit holder's names and addresses. The website justifies the listing by citing the law which governs the filing of pistol permit applications. An excerpt from the law states the following: *The name and address of any person to whom an application for any license has been granted shall be a public record.* However, the site appears to have been taken down. Those attempting to visit the site are directed to the home page of the U.S. Department of Justice. As of now, the information is not public. We will keep you posted of any further developments.

Upcoming Events

April Meeting

In April we are returning to Legend's Restaurant, located at 6 W. 33rd Street. This event promises not only to be a fun and informed lunch gathering, but also a very important event in terms of the future composition of the NLEA Board; and Board of Directors, as we will be voting for these positions.



Our guest speaker for the event will be Inspector Salvatore DiPace Jr.; Commanding Officer of the NYPD, Counterterrorism Bureau's Lower Manhattan Security Coordination Center and Lower Coordination

Center and Lower / Midtown Manhattan Security Initiatives. In this role Sal oversees 30 Police Officers and interacts with public / private partners to improve coordination and information sharing between law enforcement and the private sector in a NYPD state-of-the-art Coordination Center in Lower Manhattan. Utilizing an Advanced Technology Surveillance System, Sal's unit improves situational awareness to guard against terrorist attacks. Prior to his present assignment Sal served as Patrol Borough Manhattan South and Patrol Borough Queens North Counterterrorism Coordinator, and was Commanding Officer of the 110th Precinct and Roosevelt Avenue Task Force.

Please make every effort to make it to Legend's on the 5th. The food and atmosphere will be outstanding, we have a great presentation lined up, and you will be performing a great service to the organization by casting a vote for the members you feel are most deserving of representing you on the Board.

Holiday Luncheon

We realize that Spring has just arrive (although the weather is not yet cooperating), but we would like to announce that the we have just signed a contract to return the Holiday Luncheon to the Pier 60 Restaurant at Chelsea Piers. As many of you know, we had a wonderful experience at Pier 60 last December, and are looking forward to bringing you a terrific event next December!

Mark Your Calendars

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
April Meeting	Legend's Restaurant 6 W. 33 rd Street	4/05/11	12:00PM
Installation Dinner	Battery Gardens - Inside Battery Park	5/13/11	6:00PM
President's Night	Rockefeller University 12 York Avenue	6/14/11	5:30PM
Holiday Luncheon	Chelsea Piers	12/9/11	12:00PM

Golf Outing

Please keep in mind that our annual golf outing will be taking place on June 1st and 2nd in Shawnee Pennsylvania. We have posted a flier for the event on our website at <http://www.nlea.us/index.html>. Any questions regarding the outing should be directed to Kevin Vaughan at jkevinv@hotmail.com.