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Dear Fellow National Law Associate,

As you are aware, the National Law Enforcement Associates has just marked its 65th anniversary. This accomplishment is a tribute to the Association's distinguished members who have supported this organization over the years. For this, I applaud you!

It is a privilege and an honor for me to have been voted as your new President. You can be certain that I will do my utmost to keep the policies and procedures, instituted by those who came before me, in place.

I believe that strong traditions, networking capabilities and long-lasting friendships are part of the foundation that has kept this organization moving forward for so many years. Together with these beliefs, my goals will be to keep the fine traditions of the organization going strong during my tenure with the NLEA. These traditions will include our luncheon meetings, the Annual Golf Outing, Lobster Picnics, the Christmas Party and, of course, our donations to deserving charities. Most importantly, I plan to keep the practice of making lifelong friends and developing exceptional networking capabilities in full force. Several of our past traditions have changed, for example no more lunches at Kennedy's, and no more Christmas Parties at the Jacob Javits Center due to renovations, some things change for the better and a new way of life will develop which will eventually become a tradition

While keeping with the Association's current practices, during my presidency I plan to complete the upgrade of our new website, create a password for protection, insure that all information contained therein is secure, and give all members the ability to access the site and retrieve up-to-the-minute information efficiently and more accurately. In addition, I plan to increase the NLEA's membership which will allow the organization to utilize the additional funding to subsidize meetings, events, charitable donations and future developments.

I want to thank you for giving me and our 2011-2012 NLEA Board the opportunity to serve such a prestigious organization. We look forward to the challenges ahead during the upcoming year and hope that, together, we can keep the Association robust for another 65 years!

It is my pleasure to introduce the NLEA Board for 2011-2012:

President – Kevin Fitzgerald  
1st Vice President – Al Becker  
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Sergeant-At-Arms – Manuel Gomez  
Treasurer – John N. Murphy  
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\*Commissioner Mulvey swearing in President Fitzgerald and the 2011-2012 NLEA Board

### **Our Sincerest Condolences**

We regret to report the passing of one of our senior members, Jim Knott. Jim, a retired Sergeant with the NYPD, was a member of National Law for over 25 years. Jim passed in January, and was living in North Carolina at the time of his death.

We also regret informing the membership of the passing of Eileen Corcoran, age 82, mother of retired State Police Captain, Eugene Corcoran. Gene is also a former Federal Marshall, and is currently a Deputy Commissioner with the NYC, Department of Buildings.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to both Jim and Eileen's families; may they rest in peace.

### **Many Thanks to a Great President: John Fox**

The Board would like to thank outgoing NLEA President, John Fox, for all of his hard work and dedication. John's vision has helped to further the organization's mission. John managed to add a few new venues to the NLEA repertoire; enabled the electronic newsletter, and established the new NLEA website. Thanks John, the Board looks forward to working with you in your new role as Chairman of the Board of Directors!

## Installation Dinner

On May 13th we held the Annual Installation Dinner at the Battery Gardens Restaurant. It was a special evening as outgoing President, John Fox, passed the torch along to new President, Kevin Fitzgerald. Recently retired Nassau County Police Commissioner, the Honorable Lawrence Mulvey, performed the ceremonial swearing in of the President, and shared his nostalgic thoughts of a young Kevin embarking on a career in law enforcement. Commissioner Mulvey also swore in the 2011-2012 NLEA Board. Keeping with tradition, the NYPD Emerald Society Pipes and Drums serenaded us during the cocktail hour, setting the stage for a very festive night. The NYPD Band, Jazz Ensemble continued by performing perfectly throughout the rest of the evening. The food was exceptional, as was the view of Manhattan Harbor and the Statue of Liberty during a picturesque spring sunset. We would like to thank the Pipes and Drums and the NYPD Band for lending their beautiful melodies and Battery Park Gardens for the atmosphere they helped to create with their impeccable décor and attentive service.



\*The NYPD Pipes and Drums emblem (left) and NYPD Band, Jazz Ensemble on right. Center is Battery Park Gardens Restaurant



\*Photo of Lady Liberty taken from terrace of Battery Park Gardens Restaurant on night of Installation Dinner

## Upcoming Events

### President's Night

President's Night, our end of season barbeque, is being held on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Rockefeller University, located 1230 York Avenue, NY, NY, at East 66<sup>th</sup> Street. Rockefeller University is a little known treasure in the Borough of Manhattan. Come join us at this park like campus setting. Beer and wine are included with admission, and parking is available! Admission is \$45 for members. Interested members can register and pay for this event by clicking here:

<http://www.nlea.us/events.html>.

The Rockefeller University is a world-renowned center for research and graduate education in the biomedical sciences, chemistry, bioinformatics and physics. Founded in 1901 by John D. Rockefeller, the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research was the country's first institution devoted exclusively to biomedical research. Throughout Rockefeller's history, 23 of its scientists have won Nobel Prizes, 21 have won Lasker Awards and 14 have garnered the National Medal of Science, the highest science award given by the United States.



\* Entrance gate to the Rockefeller University with Founder's Hall in the distance

### HR 218 Qualification

The Rockland County Police and Public Safety Academy have arranged an NLEA, HR-218 qualification course for Thursday, July 28th, 2011 at 1100 hours. This course is in addition to the qualification course that they run for our members in the fall.

After firing a passing score, each retired officer will be issued a card. The card states that the retired officer passed a qualification course, the date, a photo of the retired officer, the type of firearm used (revolver or semi-automatic or both) and a phone number for the Rockland County Sheriffs Communications Center, manned 24/7, that can be called to verify the information shown on the card.

Members who wish to attend should contact James Fey at [jamesfey@rocketmail.com](mailto:jamesfey@rocketmail.com). Please provide your name, the Department you are retired from, and the type of weapon or weapons you wish to qualify with, by Friday, July 22nd, 2011.

Please prepare the required affidavit and bring it with you the day of the shoot. The affidavit needs to be notarized ahead of time. We have attached a blank affidavit at the end of this newsletter. There is a \$50 fee (one weapon qualification) or \$90 fee (two weapon qualification) for officers retired /separated from departments outside of Rockland County; payable in cash, check or money order. Please also find directions to the facility, and an informational regarding the HR218 process at the end of the newsletter.

### **Take Me Out to the Ballgame**

#### **Brooklyn Cyclones – July 13<sup>th</sup>**

Come join us at beautiful MCU Park in Coney Island as the Brooklyn Cyclones take on the Auburn Doubledays. The Doubledays hail from Auburn, New York, and are a minor league team of the Washington Nationals. The Cyclones of course, are a vital part the Mets. Tickets are \$5 apiece. There is a pre-game barbeque from 1700-1900 hours, including food and soft drinks. There are approximately 30-50 tickets available, which will be sold first come, first serve. Interested members should contact Manny Gomez at [mgomez@mgsecurityservices.com](mailto:mgomez@mgsecurityservices.com).



\*MCU Park, Home of the Brooklyn Cyclones pictured right

### **News of Interest**

#### **Facebook and Twitter: Great for Law Enforcement; Bad for Law Enforcement?**

Since the inception of Social Networking sites like Facebook and Twitter, police have used this new medium to their investigative advantage. However, as reported by Fox News, criminals may now be turning the tables on law enforcement. While police have for some time used social networking sites to identify and investigate suspected criminals, now criminals are using such sites to identify and investigate law enforcement officers, including undercover police. In addition, hostage-takers and suspects who barricade themselves in buildings are monitoring social media to track police movements in real time, and gang members are launching their own surveillance operations targeting police.

The scare first began when Phoenix police discovered a DVD inside a suspect's car in October. Phoenix authorities issued a "security alert," telling law enforcement officials that officers were being "targeted" on Facebook and that posting photographs and other personal information on social media "may create serious officer safety consequences." It also may create serious safety consequences for the friends and family, including young children of officers who appear in many of the photos on DVDs recovered by authorities.

At a conference held in Phoenix to discuss the issue, one detective was quoted as saying, "You can have your Facebook locked down as tight as you possibly can, but if your friend's not doing it, you're compromised."

Phoenix police have been unable to determine who produced the DVDs and how many of them were distributed. The investigation is ongoing.

Meanwhile, police departments around the country are reporting that criminals are using social networking sites to monitor police operations and personnel. For instance, Milwaukee Police Department officials contend "criminal elements" now monitor social media while they're in the middle of holding a hostage or barricading themselves inside a building.

They specifically referenced a December standoff on Interstate 94 in Wisconsin that lasted hours, as a gunman who allegedly stole an SUV refused to surrender. Local news outlets aired live video of armed police hiding behind a door and aired live video of snipers getting into what was supposed to be a secret position. All of that information can end up on social media almost instantaneously. Milwaukee PD's Communication Director stated, "The element of surprise is everything, and social media is taking away the element of surprise that we need to keep people safe when we have tactical situations."

A gang expert from Albany, N.Y., said gangs in his area are actively conducting "surveillance" operations on police using their mobile devices, and many officials noted that sites like Facebook and Twitter can turn private videos into "viral" sensations.

Conversely, law enforcement officials from around the nation are making better use of social networking sites for their purposes. Police departments have begun setting-up Facebook and Twitter accounts to broadcast messages to the public concerning public safety, and to debunk myths or rumors about ongoing police operations. This method of communication is an excellent way of strengthening police/community relations.

For more on this story, please visit: <http://www.foxnews.com/scitech/2011/05/10/officials-warn-facebook-twitter-increase-police-vulnerability/?test=latestnews>

### **New NLEA Website**

As reported in our last newsletter, the Board has hired a web designer who is in the process of building a new NLEA website. The new website is being created with our members in mind. The new website will maintain many of the features of the current website, but will be enhanced both aesthetically and operationally. Our goal is to make the site as accessible and user-friendly as possible. It will also be password protected. Each member will be asked to register on the site, and create a password. This database will serve as a roster

similar to the one the NLEA printed in the past. Each member will soon be able to find and contact other members for assistance. In addition, this new website will include a mass email feature where the membership will be able to receive updates and view the newsletters. We will notify all members when the time comes to register.

**Golf Outing**

The NLEA held its annual golf outing at beautiful Shawnee Inn in the Poconos on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. The golf gods must have been looking down on those who participated. On day 1 the weather threatened, but held-up well and day 2 was spectacularly sunny. The Shawnee Inn staff was friendly and accommodating. The golf, food, drink and company were all spectacular. We would like to extend a big thank you to Kevin Vaughan for putting this event together. We are already looking forward to next year's outing! We will let the membership know well in advance of dates and times for this wonderful event.



\*Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort, Shawnee, Pennsylvania

**Mark Your Calendars**

| <u>EVENT</u>                     | <u>LOCATION</u>   | <u>DATE</u> | <u>TIME</u>      |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------|------------------|
| President's Night                | Rockefeller University<br>1230 York Avenue NY,<br>NY (at E. 66 <sup>th</sup> st.) | 6/14/2011   | 1730-2030        |
| Brooklyn Cyclones<br>Game        | MCU Park, Coney<br>Island, Brooklyn   | 7/13/2011   | 1700-end of game |
| Annual Picnic                    | Alley Pond Park   | 9/9/2011    | 1100-???         |
| Thanksgiving Eve, Eve<br>Meeting | TBD   | 11/22/2011  | 1800-2200        |
| Holiday Luncheon                 | Chelsea Piers   | 12/9/2011   | Noon             |

Kevin Fitzgerald  
President

John W. Kenna  
Executive Secretary

**Directions to the Rockland County Police Firearms Training Facility:**

**The Firearms Facility is not located at the Police Academy**

The following address will put you on the road that the range is located on, approximately one-quarter mile west of the range entrance:

470 Old Route 304  
New City, NY 10956

ALL VEHICLES PARK OUTSIDE OF THE FENCE – Please park your vehicle with the rear toward the fence (back in)

DO NOT HANDLE FIREARMS IN THE PARKING AREAS

**From the Palisades Interstate Parkway (PIP):**

Take the PIP to exit 9E (I 87 South)

Proceed South on I 87 for approximately 1 mile to exit 12 (Route 303)

Follow signs to Route 303 NORTH (becomes 9W North)

Proceed North on Route 303/9W North for a total of 5.8 miles to the intersection of 9W & Route 304 (traffic light).

Continue North for 1 mile to the next traffic light.

At this traffic light make a left onto County Route 90 (not marked from the South)

Proceed 150 YARDS and the Firearms Training Facility is on your left.

(Note: Route 303 ends by merging into Route 9W NORTH)

From the Tappan Zee Bridge going North on Route 87:

Proceed North on I 87 to exit 12 (Route 303)

Follow signs to Route 303 NORTH (becomes 9W North)

Proceed North on Route 303 / 9W North for a total of 5.8 miles to the intersection of 9W & Route 304 (traffic light).

Continue North for 1 mile to the next traffic light.

At this traffic light make a left onto County Route 90 (not marked from the South)

Proceed 150 YARDS and the Firearms Training Facility is on your left.

(Note: Route 303 ends by merging into Route 9W -NORTH)

From the North - Starting at the intersection of Routes 9W and 202 going South on 9W:

From 9W & 202 Proceed south on 9W for 1.9 miles to a traffic light.

At this light, County Route 90 (there is a right turning lane) turn Right.

Proceed 150 YARDS and the Firearms Training Facility is on your left.

If additional information is required call: (845) 786-7490 or (845) 786-7491.

**Rockland County Police Academy**  
**Information Sheet**  
**For Officers Retired /Separated from Departments Outside of Rockland County**

**Fee: \$50 for one weapon or \$90 for two weapons**

**Payable in cash, check or money order.**

The Rockland County Police Academy has established a range qualification program for retired / separated officers. On scheduled dates and times, Academy range personnel will conduct the New York State qualification course of fire as published (50 rounds required). All times and scoring requirements will be adhered to as published. A passing score of 70% is required for passing. Upon successful completion of the course of fire a photo ID card similar to the one below will be issued.

S. 1132 Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act  
(HR 218)

ANNUAL FIREARMS QUALIFICATION CARD  
Rockland County Police Academy  
Pomona, New York 10970

On \_\_\_\_\_ 2011 Retired/separated Officer:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Successfully fired a law enforcement Handgun  
Qualification Course; using the following firearms:

Semi-Automatic    Revolver

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
NY State DCJS Police Firearms Instructor

To participate in this program, you must register on line and receive a confirmation of the date and time for you to appear at the range facility. Once scheduled, your position will be held unless you cancel at least 24 hours prior to your appointment.

Officers who retired / separated from out of county departments will be charged \$50.00 for one firearm or \$90.00 for two firearms during the same range visit. This fee is payable in cash, check or money order made out to Comm. of Finance/Police Academy. If you qualify on a semi-automatic, your qualification is good for any semi-automatic. If you qualify on a revolver, your qualification is good for any revolver. If you wish to qualify with both a semi-automatic and a revolver, bring one of each weapon. If you wish to qualify on one weapon, a semi-automatic or a revolver, just bring that one weapon.

These fees are due regardless of the outcome of the qualification. All fees will be collected prior to qualification firing. Should a retired /separated officer fail to qualify on the first attempt, that individual will be provided a second attempt with the same firearm, during that range visit, at no additional charge, unless prevented by extenuating circumstances.

**Each retired / separated officer will be required to provide the following items:**

**A valid NEW YORK Pistol Permit or a current HR218 card.**

**A current retired / separated photo ID from your former department.**

**A notarized 2011 affidavit (Download from this site)**

**A safe, functional handgun.**

**A safe, functional holster. No crossdraw, shoulder or ankle holsters.**

**A minimum of 50 rounds of FACTORY ammunition (no reloads) per firearm.**

**Reloading devices if desired for revolvers, required for semi-automatics.**

**Safety equipment: Wraparound eye protection, hearing protection and a baseball type hat. \***

\*A limited number of eye and hearing protectors are available for loan.

2011 Outside Rockland Letter

**2011 AFFIDAVIT**

State of \_\_\_\_\_

SS:

County of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ being duly sworn, deposes and says:  
(Print Name)

1. That I make this affidavit in support of my application for qualification with a handgun at the Rockland County Firearms Training Facility;

2. That I reside at:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

3. That I separated from the following public agency as a law enforcement officer:

\_\_\_\_\_;

4. That my separation from the agency listed in Paragraph 3, above, was not for reasons of mental instability;

5. That at the time of my separation from the agency listed in Paragraph 3, above, I was in good standing with said agency;

6. That prior to the time of my separation from the agency listed in Paragraph 3, above, I was authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of, or the incarceration of any person of, any violation of law, and had statutory powers of arrest;

7. That prior to my separation from the agency listed in Paragraph 3, above, I (check one)

(A) \_\_\_\_\_ was regularly employed as a law enforcement officer for an aggregate of 10 years or more; or,

(B) \_\_\_\_\_ retired from service with such agency, after completing any applicable probationary period of such service, due to a service-connected disability, as determined by such agency;

8. That I am not under the influence of alcohol or another intoxicating or hallucinatory drug and/or substance;

9. That I am not prohibited by Federal law from possessing a firearm; and,

10. That, since my separation in good standing from the agency listed in Paragraph 3, above, I have not been involved in any action, event or condition that, if considered prior to my separation, would have prevented me from retiring in good standing;

11. That I have been trained and am currently safe and proficient in the operation of the firearm or firearms that I will use for the purpose of qualification and that I am familiar and proficient with the safe and proper use of the holster or holsters I will use during the qualification process.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:

Sworn to before me this day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary public)  
2011 Qualification