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# THE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

By Marcello Muzzatti, President

On May 15th at the National Peace Officer’s Memorial Service we honored 165 fallen officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in 2010. Please keep their families in your thought and prayers. Everyday each of you put your lives on the line for the safety and protection of others. You serve with valor and distinction—this comes at a price. We honor these individuals for the sacrifice that they made. I applaud the individuals that work with the families and the support you give them. If you are called upon to help out in these situations please make the effort to step forward and give in any way that you can. We are brothers and sisters, we are united, and we are a family. Your help is very much appreciated.

The National Peace Officer’s Memorial Service is a National Committee supported and funded by the Grand Lodge of the FOP. Andy Maybo is the Chairman of this committee and once again his committee put together a great event. All of which could not have been accomplished without the help of his committee members along with the many volunteers that help at this event. I know that the families were very appreciative of the event and with the help of Monsignor Sal’s prayers the weather bloomed just in time! Thank you Monsignor!

During the recent disasters in the United States, the Disaster Action Response Team (DART) has not been activated but put on stand-by in case they would be needed. Andy Maybo has done a great job of staying in contact with the presidents of the states to see if they needed anything from us. If you are interested in being on the team please contact Andy Maybo who is the Chairman of this committee.

Nothing makes me happier than to see another successful Police Week come and go. This year’s success was because of all the hard work of all of our dedicated volunteers. A lot of time and hard work goes into putting together an event of this size. From getting the permits, ordering supplies, equipment, making sure the food is delicious and getting the vendors together. This all starts months in advance. We also added a few new things this year, a new command center; the “Hampton Trailer”, we sold Official Police Week T-Shirts, had canned soda in the food area. The one issue I will be working on before January is creating a new policy for vendors to supply tents, electricity and to identify rules and responsibilities.

I would like to thank Warren Keely of Road Trip Rentals who donated four RV Trailers for us to use on the site. It saved us a lot of time and money. The trailers he rents are new, clean and will work for any RV trip that you plan to take. Look for his ad in this paper.

The biennial conference is just around the corner. We have talked to many of the candidates that are running for positions on the National Board. I encourage all delegates to please get informed because all votes are important.

The MPD Labor Committee has taken a bold step by voting to increase the dues for their members in order to increase their ability to fight for your rights. The cost to fight these issues are ever growing and the money is going to keep you in the battle. I always said that I would have paid double of my dues when I was a member of MPD. Going around the country and asking what people pay in dues, we often find



that the cost can get into the hundreds of dollars a month but the benefits are tremendous. The members of MPD are going to benefit from this increase. The cost of doing business especially in the legal field is always high. Your support is what makes your union strong. If you need any proof, look at what they are doing to collective bargaining in other areas of the country.

As we get into the summer months you have to remember to stay hydrated and even though you may think about not wearing your vest please just let it be a thought and not a consideration. Your vest can save your life. I am always amazed at the number of officers who don’t always wear their seat belts when at work and think it will slow you down. It is a fact that with proper training with your seatbelt on; you will react properly in any given situation. I was at a K9/SWAT meet recently where I learned the phrase...Train like you deploy, deploy like you train. If you try to live by that it will help you on the street.

In closing I only can say to stay safe out there and watch your back. Have a safe summer and see you at the lodge.

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# LODGE OFFICERS

## From the Vice President

By Andy Maybo

### Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to continue letting me serve as your Vice President. I hope my article finds you well during these hot summer months.

As I write this article, we have just recently finished another successful Police Week. For those of you who may be unaware, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation in 1962, designating May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day. The Memorial Service began in 1982 as a gathering in Senate Park of approximately 120 survivors and supporters of law enforcement. Almost 30 years later, our National Service, more commonly known as the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service (NPOMS), as well as the additional Police Week activities, attracts thousands of survivors and law enforcement officers to our Nation's Capitol each year.

Each year, members of DC Lodge #1 work tirelessly to provide a safe environment for law enforcement officers from across the Country to come together (tent city) and share stories, purchase apparel, and unwind. I cannot thank our members enough for their hard work and dedication during this somber week.

This past year, the National FOP honored 165 officers on May 15th who were killed in the line of duty. These officers were honored and memorialized at the NPOMS. As Chairman of the National Memorial Committee, I am pleased to announce that each year, our NPOMS becomes stronger and more distinctive within the Fraternal Order of Police. However, we still have those who either leave early or attend earlier Police Week activities but do not attend the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service on May 15th. I do not think that many realize the message they are delivering to the membership, the surviving families, along with their fellow officers and friends by leaving early or by simply not attending. This is the National FOP Service for our brothers and sisters killed in the line of duty. In order to support our own families affected, we must attend!

Not only do we in Washington, DC have the privilege of hosting the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service, but we also have our local Washington DC Memorial Service. This year, DC Lodge #1 and the DC chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors did an outstanding job honoring our local officers who made the ultimate sacrifice. Again, I cannot stress enough how important it is for us to show up and show our support for the families of the officers many of us worked next to.

The Lodge, along with the National Memorial Committee, has also taken many steps to enhance communications. With the help of Marcello Muzzatti and Sterling Spangler, we have recreated our Police Week and DC Lodge #1 website. WWW.POLICEWEEK.ORG and WWW.DC-FOP.ORG have been revitalized to help disseminate information in a more advanced, user-friendly, website. I encourage everyone to visit these websites and utilize their many services and links.

The Disaster Aid Response Team (DART) has been placed on standby in a few situations but we have not yet deployed. I strongly believe our time is coming soon to reach out to our fellow brothers and sisters during a time of need. For those of you who are available to assist during a time of crisis, please make sure that your contact information is correct with the Lodge. In the event of a DART deployment, we will be sending out email blasts to all those available to respond. Our team is ready to de-

ploy on any given day. Although we have the manpower and vehicles, we are always trying to expand our resources. If you have any items you feel the DART team can use for a deployment (tents, camping supplies, water, etc...) please do not hesitate to donate these items to the Lodge.

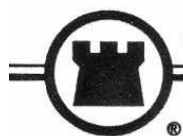
By time you are reading this article, we will also have had the 3rd Annual Hard Rock Café's Top Guns Legendary Burger Eating Contest. Each year, on June 14th, guests cheer their favorite law enforcement team on. This year the contest is between the Metropolitan Police, the United States Capitol Police, DC Protective Service, the United States Park Police, and the Maryland State Police. The law enforcement team, consisting of 3 officers each, who finishes the most burgers in three (3) minutes will win. So far, the United States Capitol Police holds the record for the past two (2) years. This year, the proceeds from this event will benefit the family of Maryland State Trooper, First Class Shaft S. Hunter. Trooper Hunter, age 39 and father of six, was recently killed in a motor vehicle accident in May 2011, while pursuing a speeding motorcyclist. This community event has become a local tradition within our law enforcement family and I would like to give a special thanks to Jordan Rosenblatt, Senior Sales and Marketing Manager for Hard Rock Café, for putting together such an awesome event.

Finally, I would like to give a brief report on our Fund-Raising Committee. We have been doing well with the sales of our 9/11 ten year anniversary badges, however, we are not where we hoped to be. We had hoped to have many more sets sold by now. Regardless, I want to encourage all members of our Lodge to please direct family, friends, and fellow co-workers to our website for purchase of one of these badge sets. The badge sets are \$65 and include a badge, coin and lapel pin. Again, the success of this program can only be at the discretion of the membership getting the word out. Please help your Lodge by buying a badge set and spreading the word that these limited badges are available for sale.

In closing, I wish everybody a happy and safe summer. For those who will be attending the Conference in August, I wish you safe travels, along with a productive and successful Conference. Always remember, a Lodge is only as strong as its membership...please get involved and make this Lodge your own! God Bless and Be Safe!!!

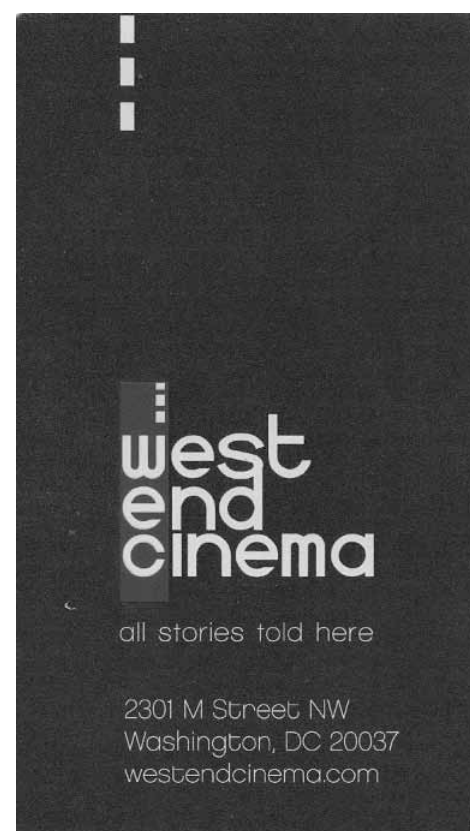
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# NATIONAL TRUSTEE

## Conductor/Immediate Past President

By Lou Cannon

Summer is here but the work of the FOP continues. Police Week 2011 is a memory and work on Police Week 2012 is already starting. As you plan for 2012 remember that it is Leap Year so everything jumps a day ahead.


The National Convention in Salt Lake City is coming up quickly. There is competition for National Officers this year. It is imperative that we make the correct choices. Candidates should be evaluated on their achievements and commitment. Their values, their integrity and their inclusion of the membership into the decision making process must be considered. The same is true for our local FOP choices when election time comes. Votes must be on an individual basis not on a "Slate" and not because of what they hand out or someone tells you. We must ask ourselves these questions; Have they been responsive to the membership?; Have they involved themselves in FOP Events?; Do they place the FOP ahead of their own personal self? With the current climate against unions our choices are critical. We need experience and commitment in our leadership, both in the FOP and our political leadership.

Our Lodge is currently offering a 9/11 Ten Year Anniversary Badge for sale. This is a great gift and an excellent way to support the Lodge. Orders can be dropped off or mailed to the Lodge and, if you wish, the Badge Sets will be picked up and brought to the Lodge for you to pick up to save the shipping charge. This also gives you an excuse to come and support the Club! Labor Committees should consider these as awards to be given to their personnel for achievements. I would also ask that you pass the word about these Badge Sets to other members in your agency and your friends. They also make a great remembrance to give to your children.


We recently lost a long time member and leader in John "Tex" Driscoll retired from MPD, NIH, and the Us Army. "Tex" is best remembered for flying his MPD Bell Ranger Helicopter underneath one of the DC Bridges, to show that it could be done in case of an emergency. For some unknown reason he was transferred from Aviation shortly thereafter. Our Lodge Chaplin Frank Weinsheimer is not doing well as of this writing. Please keep him in your heart and prayers. Which brings me to this

point; many of our past and present FOP leaders are older individuals who are now looking to the youth of the FOP to get involved and prepare themselves to take the reins. I am more than willing to mentor anyone who wants to learn more about the FOP, what it means and the history of this great organization. The Tommy Tagues, Sgt. Angels, Dan Marifinos, Chuck Terios, Chuck Bowens, Gary Hankins, Barbra Hamptons and yes even the Lou Cannons will not be around forever. The true spirit of the FOP, giving to the community, supporting of the membership and of law enforcement shall and must live on through you. Oh, I do intend to be around for quite some time yet, as my work is not done. Yes I will run again, and I hope that I continue to earn your support and respect. Should you need to contact me I can be reached at lcannon490@yahoo.com.

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## Dc Corrections Continues Slow Progress, Major Challenges Remain

Sergeant John Rosser  
Vice Chairman FOP DC Corrections Labor Committee

Fellow FOP Corrections Labor Committee Members,

**T**he long hot summer has come early to the Washington region. At the Jail, maintenance of an ancient and inefficient air conditioning system has been sketchy at best. Conditions have been barely tolerable. On extremely hot days, when the power fails, conditions become threateningly unhealthy. We are paying for failure to fix a problem that has existed for a decade.

Gray administration officials, confronted with this problem for the first time since their election last fall, are caught between expensive repairs, and life threatening heat conditions inside the facility. The Union and Management are working to keep a supply of water available for Officers and staff on the extremely hot days.

If you are working in these conditions you must log the *miserable hot conditions* in your log books. *You must slow all activity!!! Report to medical and your supervisor if you feel dizzy or nauseous* because of heat. *I repeat—Log everything in the log book.*

Members may file a grievance based on the unsafe and unhealthy working conditions. Regardless whether attempts are being made to “fix the heat problem”, the facts are that past agency executives attempted to contract maintenance and cut their budget. These agency actions, over the past four years, led directly to the shabby and unreliable air conditioning, elevators, and escalators.

I am not a mechanic. The Union can’t “fix the air”, *nor are we responsible for it.* We know what it feels like to work in intolerable heat. We have worked in the Jail during past summers when it was just as hot. As veteran Officers, we worked at Lorton where there was very little air conditioning, especially in the cell-blocks.

Recently several unfortunate incidents have occurred among our membership.

*We are not perfect.* One big change is the fact that Officers are not automatically put out on administrative leave because they made a mistake. The new Executive Management is respecting the recommendations of Hearing Officers in our disciplinary cases.

The Union wrote a letter to the National FOP to support our Labor Committee in DC in honoring our right to protect ourselves by way of carrying properly registered firearms. The national organization has written Chief Lanier endorsing our position. If you are stopped for carrying a “registered” weapon *please let the Union office know!*

Our fight to get a comparable retirement benefit is slowed due to the economy. This fight will not end until we have a benefit competitive with our neighboring jurisdictions. We must get the city to improve our retirement or recruiting and retention of Officers and Staff will be unsuccessful. It is shift bidding time at the Jail. This time, instead of 140 plus no bid posts there are only about two dozen. Bidding and post assignments will be done by seniority until a shift has reached its complement. We at the Union want fairness and consideration to govern this process.

Finally I must address members, especially our recently hired officers, who are asked to contribute money to efforts to fight the Union. These efforts are led by a few disgruntled members who are dissatisfied *all the time, about everything.*

Question what they tell you or show you before you throw away your hard earned money or sign any petition. These folks asking you to crusade against your Union are the true pro-management persons.

*What other explanation can they give for their actions?* Are they unhappy because the past Director and Deputy are no longer with us? Are they unhappy because they may no longer be able to come to work late and leave early? Are they unhappy because they can no longer hold on to non-bid posts?

Times are changing at DOC. Things are beginning to look up for all our futures. *Fairness and Seniority are the rule.* This Union Board will continue to fight to get what we have earned. What we don’t need while we fight City Management is a rear guard internal fight by a few disgruntled, unsatisfiable FOP Union members whose true ambition is simply to get elected themselves!

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# LABOR

## Corrections from the Inside

Corporal Pablo Rodriguez  
Shop Steward  
Department of Corrections FOP Labor Committee

One of the hardest duties in public service is that of a Corrections Officer. This is especially true in Washington DC. Over twenty one years ago I applied for a job at the DC Department of Corrections. This agency was hiring hundreds of new Correctional Officers to comply with the court ordered mandatory minimum staffing resulting from inmate’s lawsuits. I began training at the Lorton Training Academy and received my first assignment at the Maximum Facility seven weeks later. I have witnessed good and bad management in our agency at every level of operations. I have witnessed all manner of assaults—inmate on staff and inmate on inmate. I have seen hundreds of home made weapons found during thousands of shakedowns. My career has rushed by very quickly.

One of the most unfortunate things told to me and the hundreds of Officers hired in the late 80’s and early 90’s was that “we had a good retirement”. This was a lie!

Today, in 2011, we labor under a system where you retire 30% below the poverty level. The current Union Executive Board battled Fenty administration officials trying to get a retirement for us. Officials resisted each step of the way. Finally Fenty was retired from office, opposed by all the city Unions. Our Union Leadership has now carried the fight to the Gray administration.

We make great sacrifices keeping the public safe from incarcerated individuals. One major sacrifice is life expectancy. Nationally Corrections Officers die at age 58.7. Stress is the silent killer. That is a full twenty (20) years below normal life expectancy.

**We labor under a system where you retire  
30% below the poverty level.**

Last year over 40,000 Correctional Officers were assaulted on the job. So far, nationally, this year alone, four Corrections Officers have been murdered on the job by dangerous inmates trying to escape. Each Correctional Officer murder can be directly attributed to budget cutting which placed dangerous inmates next to staff in insufficient, unsecure facilities, with little or no back-up. *Doing more with less in Corrections is fatal public policy!*

Today, we face all kinds of problems in DC; Very hot working conditions, cell blocks that are not adequately staffed, a poverty level retirement, late reliefs from duty, rushed lunch breaks occasionally, no place to park, no raises, furloughs, and a very hostile stressful working assignment.

*One good thing is the complete change in Executive Management.* No longer are we the subject of unbending hypocrisy and manipulation. Union pressure and well documented bad policy caused this change to occur. Once the economy improves our situation at the Jail should also improve dramatically. More Officers and Support Staff and an attempt to get a decent retirement will once again be reachable.

To accomplish these goals we must resist internal dissention and ignore the ever present nay-sayers. The one thing that will hurt us worse than bad management is internal Union Strife. We must ride out the current season, as we always have, with pride and professionalism as we patrol the toughest beat in Washington DC, our jails cellblocks and tiers.

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As most know Deputy Chief Stout’s last day is June 24th, 2011 and the union wishes him great success at his new job. The union would like to thank Steward Pete Donaldson and Steward Shawn Butterfield for there service since both have decided to resign from the executive board.

As per the President’s Executive Order and our collective bargaining agreement, the union and agency meet ever Thursday to discuss any and all labor relation issues and if interested in attending please contact Chairman Art Penn at 7039267750.

We continue to negotiate with the agency on new collective bargaining agreement while the current collective bargaining agreement remains in place (dated December 2000). Our next meeting will be in June with dates TBD in the near future.

We continue to fight the medical process/physical fitness testing and a new medical standard and physical fitness testing articles were proposed to the agency in the new collective bargaining agreement. Our goal is to create a fair and reasonable process of conducting medical examinations. FLRA has ruled in 2003 that the agency can establish a medical examination process and physical fitness standard but the agency MUST negotiate impact and implementation (I&I) of the program with the union.

It is your (employee) responsibility to invoke your union rights and you MUST request a union representative when you think you need a representative and/or when the agency is conducting an investigation. If any agency representative asked you what happen that is the start of an investigation and protect yourself request a union representative IT’S THE LAW (Weingarten Rights). If you receive any proposed action call us we will HELP and ASSIST.

We currently have 45 grievance cases at reply stage, decision stage, or arbitration stage and will work diligently on resolving each and every case. We have filed a third Unfair Labor Practice Charge with FLRA| against the Agency for failing to establish a date for arbitration hearings. All cases have had an arbitrator selected from our current permanent.

Replies as result of proposed actions must be filed within 14 calendar days, formal grievances must be filed within 15 calendar days, MSPB appeals must be filed within 30 calendar days, EEO must be filed within 45 calendar days from date of incident, knowledge of the incident, or receipt of notice. Please do not wait until last minute to file an action since if you are late they do not have to consider your action.

In order to be nominated for any union position, the member must be a lodge and labor committee member for at least 12 months prior to the nomination meeting in October 2011. Members must attend monthly meetings.

Elections are scheduled for November 2011. Further information will be either mailed or posted concerning the election process. Our next scheduled monthly

Union Executive Board

Here is an update on Union Executive Board personnel.  
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# LABOR

## Poll: Majority of Americans Oppose Cutting Rights of Public Employee Unions

An overwhelming majority of Americans oppose taking away some of the collective bargaining rights that public employee unions now have and almost as many oppose cutting the pay or benefits of those workers, according to a nationwide New York Times/CBS News poll conducted Feb. 24-27.

The bargaining rights issue has taken center stage in Wisconsin, where pro-union demonstrators continue to sit in at the statehouse, and in Ohio, where Democrats and Republicans are battling over it in the state Legislature. In both states, Republicans are pushing measures that would eliminate collective bargaining over benefits, like health care and pensions, and limit such bargaining to wages only.

Sixty percent of those surveyed strongly or somewhat strongly opposed taking away some bargaining rights, while 33 percent somewhat or strongly favored doing so, with 7 percent undecided. Thirty-eight percent put themselves in the “strongly opposed” column.

The Times said a slim majority of Republicans backed taking away some rights, but big majorities of Democrats and independents opposed doing so.

Fifty-six percent somewhat or strongly opposed cutting pay or benefits of public employees, while 37 percent favored such action, with 7 percent undecided.

Americans were roughly split on the question of whether governors were pushing collective bargaining

restrictions for political reasons or to reduce deficits. Forty-five percent believed their motive was reducing deficits, while 41 percent said it was too weaken unions.

The public also had mixed reactions to whether police and firefighters should be able to retire after 25 years even if they were in their 40s and 50s. Forty-nine percent said they should be allowed to do so,

**Sixty percent of those surveyed ... opposed taking away some bargaining rights.**

while 44 percent said they shouldn’t, with 6 percent undecided.

A separate poll, conducted Feb. 24-27 by the Pew Research Center, found that Americans sided with the public employee unions over Wisconsin’s Republican governor, Scott Walker, on the collective bargaining issue by 42 percent to 31 percent, with 9 percent siding with neither and 18 percent undecided.

A majority of Republicans sided with Walker, while more than two-thirds of Democrats backed

the unions. Independents were split, with a slight plurality favoring the unions. Those surveyed who had incomes of less than \$75,000 a year favored the unions by a large margin, while people earning above \$75,000 sided with Walker by a small margin that was within the poll’s margin of error.

Thirty-six percent said the salaries and benefits of most public employees were “about right,” 26 percent said they were too high and 25 percent said they were too low, with 9 percent answering “depends” and 4 percent undecided.

Despite the support for public employee unions on collective bargaining rights, labor unions in general did not get a strong vote of support from the public. Thirty-three percent viewed them favorably, 25 percent had an unfavorable opinion and the rest were undecided or hadn’t heard enough about them.

Thirty-seven percent said labor unions had too much influence, 19 percent said they had too little, 29 percent said they had the right amount and the rest were undecided. In what was perhaps a reflection of how labor’s clout has lessened during the last decades, the 37 percent who currently believe it had too much influence was way down from the 60 percent in a 1981 poll.

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# LABOR

## US Park Police Labor Committee News

Ian Glick, Chairman

On June 8, 2011, the US Park Police Fraternal Order of Police held our 2nd Quarter General membership Meeting and Awards Ceremony. At the Awards Ceremony, the following awards were issued:

**Combat Medal:** Detective Irving Paul Edwards III, Detective Glenn Luppino, Detective Wayne Humberson and MPD Detective Dan Lewis

**Lifesaving Medal:** Detective Irving Paul Edwards III, Detective Glenn Luppino, MPD Detective Dan Lewis

**Certificates of Recognition** were issued to: Detective William Sepeck and Detective Sergeant Robert Steinheimer

On June 8, 2009, U.S. Park Police detectives were attempting to question Trey Joyner regarding a homicide investigation. Officers had credible information that Joyner was armed. Upon stopping his vehicle, Joyner began to flee, but turned back to his car to retrieve a handgun that had dropped to the ground as he exited. As Joyner picked the gun up off of the ground, a detective ran to Joyner and grabbed him and a brief struggle ensued. Joyner pointed the loaded gun at the detective during this struggle and as he ignored repeated commands to drop the gun. The detective then fired his own gun, striking Mr. Joyner in his torso at close range. The detective fell back as other officers fired their weapons.

Detective Irving Paul Edwards III, Detective Glenn Luppino, Detective Wayne



Humberson and MPD Detective Dan Lewis are hereby awarded the Combat Medal for "ENGAGING IN COMBAT WITH AN ARMED ASSAILANT AT GREAT RISK TO HIS OWN LIFE AND WITH ALL DUE DILIGENCE TO PROTECT THE LIFE OF THE PUBLIC FOR WHICH HE SERVES"

Detective Irving Paul Edwards III, Detective Glenn Luppino, MPD Detective Dan Lewis are hereby awarded the Lifesaving Award for "for Saving the life of another through an act of dedication and professionalism exemplifying the highest standards of law enforcement"

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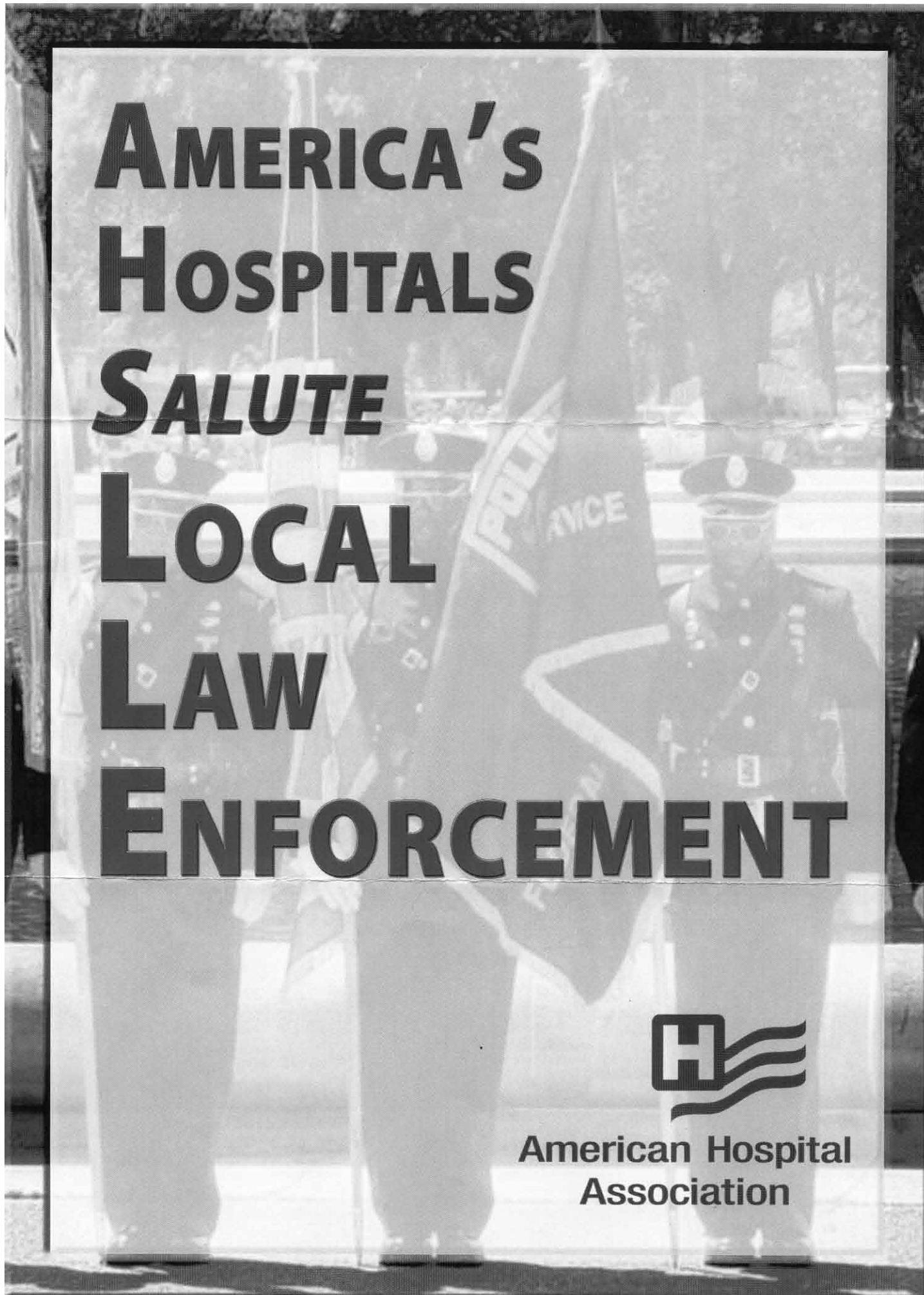
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# NATIONAL NEWS

## 60th National Conference and Exposition

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August 14-18



In August 2011, the National Fraternal Order of Police will conduct its 60th National Conference and Exposition in Salt Lake City, UT. Hosted by the Utah State Lodge, this event represents ninety-six years of professional law enforcement experience for the largest and oldest law enforcement labor organization in the United States. The conference dates are August 14-18, 2011, and will be held at the Salt Palace Convention Center.

The National Fraternal Order of Police holds its National Conference every two years to set the goals and agenda for the organization. The business of the order is conducted, seminars are offered, Constitution & By-Laws are reviewed and changed, the Executive Board is elected, National Trustees and Committee Chairs report their activities, and exhibitors from around the country showcase their products and services at our EXPO.

Law enforcement officials from all over the country are expected to attend, including: police chiefs, administrators, sheriffs, training officers, fleet managers, federal officers, correction officers, and procurement staff.

DC Lodge #1 Delegates will be housed at the Red Lion at a rate of \$149.00 per night

Delegates are appointed by President Muzzatti

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# EVENTS

## Cinco De Mayo

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# NLEOMF

## 316 Fallen Law Enforcement Officers are Honored During Candlelight Vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

*Attorney General Eric Holder leads the lighting of candles and reading of the officers' names; 152 officers were killed in the line of duty in 2010, a 25% increase over 2009*

The names of 316 law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty—152 of them in 2010—were formally dedicated on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Friday evening in Washington, DC.

U.S. Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. led the lighting of candles and reading of the fallen officers' names during the 23rd annual Candlelight Vigil, held at the Memorial grounds. Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano and Linda Moon-Gregory, national president of the Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.), also participated in the annual tribute to officers who have died in the line of duty, a special part of the National Police Week observance in the nation's capital.

The 152 officers who died in 2010 represent an increase of almost 25% over the number of officers who died in the line of duty in 2009. In addition, 164 officers who died in previous years, but whose deaths had been lost to history, were added to the Memorial this year. The monument in Judiciary Square now contains the names of 19,298 fallen law enforcement officers — from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, and federal law enforcement and military police agencies — who have died in the performance of duty throughout U.S. history.

"The safety of our communities and the freedoms we enjoy as a nation have always come at a price," said Craig W. Floyd, Chairman and CEO of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, which maintains the Memorial and is one of the leading organizers of National Police Week each May. "In 2010, the price paid by our heroic and dedicated law enforcement officers was especially high, and the loss felt by their loved ones and colleagues was heavy. These heroes died providing for our safety and protection, and their service and sacrifice will always be remembered on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial," he said.

Between 2009 and 2010, law enforcement fatalities increased by 25 percent, a discouraging development driven by a 20 percent increase in the number of officers killed in gunfire incidents. Still, for the 13th year in a row, traffic-related fatalities were the leading cause of officer fatalities with 71 officers killed in the line of duty.

The number of officers shot and killed rose last year, from 49 in 2009 to 59 in 2010. The 2010 total included 10 officers who were gunned down in five multiple-fatality shooting incidents in Fresno (CA), San Juan (PR), Tampa (FL), West Memphis (AR) and Hoonah (AK).

Thirty-eight states and Puerto Rico experienced officer fatalities in 2010. Texas had the most officer deaths, with 16, followed by California with 11. Florida, Georgia



and Illinois each had nine fatalities. Nine federal law enforcement officers also died in 2010, including three from the U.S. Border and Customs Protection and two agents from the U.S. Border Patrol.

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# NLEOMF

## National Law Enforcement Museum Acquires Steel Beam from Ground Zero



WASHINGTON, DC  
The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund is pleased to announce the acquisition of a noteworthy and special artifact — a structural beam collected from Ground Zero in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. The beam is about 60" tall and weighs approximately 2,200 pounds. It is currently housed in the Museum's off site collection facility outside Washington, DC, until the Museum opens in late 2013.

As we mark the ten-year anniversary of September 11, 2001 — the deadliest day in law enforcement history—the National Law Enforcement Museum is especially honored and grateful to receive this gift from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

What started out as an ordinary morning on September 11, 2001, turned into a violent and deadly day, when terror struck American soil. Among the thousands who died were 72 law enforcement officers, including 37 from the New York and New Jersey Port Authority and 23 from the New York City Police Department—all of whom are forever remembered at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

The acquisition of this remarkable piece will better enable the Museum to illustrate the events of that fateful day and of law enforcement's heroic response to the


terrorist attacks. It will forever serve as a tangible reminder and a way by which to honor the admirable law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice on that day.

"I am excited that the Memorial Fund was among a handful of groups selected to receive a piece of history such as this. This artifact will help our efforts to share with the American public the sacrifices made by so many on that tragic day — a day when we lost more law enforcement officers than any other day in our nation's history," said Craig W. Floyd, Chairman and CEO of the Memorial Fund.

Part of the Museum's core exhibitions include a History Time Capsule exhibition, which looks at the history of law enforcement in the United States. Currently, the Museum has several items from September 11, 2001, including a tool box, air tank, American flag, and a piece from one of the airplanes.

Authorized by Congress in the year 2000, the National Law Enforcement Museum ([www.LawEnforcementMuseum.org](http://www.LawEnforcementMuseum.org)) will be an architecturally inspiring, 55,000 square foot, mostly underground museum that will be located adjacent to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in downtown Washington, DC. The Museum will tell the story of American law enforcement through high-tech, interactive exhibits, collections, research and education.

The Museum gratefully acknowledges Brent Clark, Law Enforcement Ambassador; Richard Dore, President, FOP Lodge #333, Dutchess County, NY; Lee Lelpi, President, 9-11 Family Foundation; and Christopher Ward, Executive Director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for their assistance with the acquisition of this steel beam and for their support of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's efforts to build the National Law Enforcement Museum.



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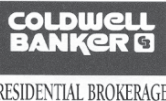
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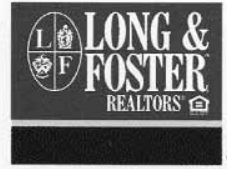
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# Police Week Volunteers

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Although we seem to have the hang of it, each year presents new and different challenges as we strive to improve, add more equipment and increase what we offer. No matter how small it started off or how large it has grown, it has always been our member volunteers who make this event happen.

The *Police Week Committee* works all year long; planning, organizing, applying for permits, ordering, repairing and much more. But, when *Police Week* is upon us it is our dedicated volunteers who make it all happen.

Most work their regular tours of duty along with all of their hours at the site. Many generously use their own leave to give us 40 plus hours of their time.

Although most of our volunteers are active members of law enforcement, we have been very fortunate to have their families also chip in their time along with associate civilians who take time off of their regular jobs to help out.

We cannot thank the volunteers enough for all they do to make this event a success.

We dedicate this issue of *Simulcast* to all of them!

Inside this issue are many of the candid photos taken during Police week. There are over 900 photos in all and we clearly could not put all of them in, so we have placed some here and the rest on our facebook page.









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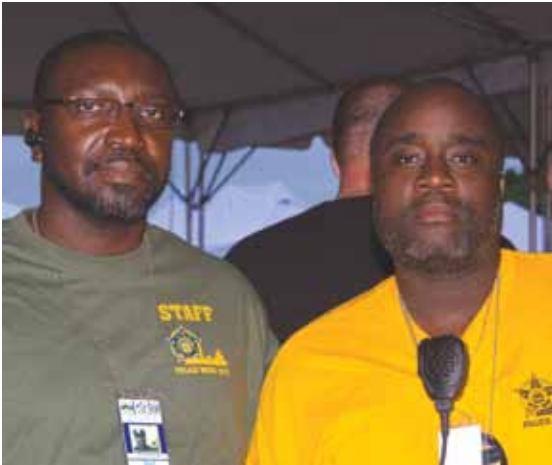




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# MISCELLANY

## The Iron Shields Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club Washington, DC Chapter is Actively Seeking to Recruit Members

The Iron Shields Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club was started in late 2006 in Suffolk County, New York. At the time, many members still being active in their various Law Enforcement agencies, bonded together for a fresh concept of motorcycle riding and service to local community. In the years since the very first meeting and rides of the New York chapter, the Iron Shields LE MC has grown in the Mid-Atlantic region.

Maryland was the second chapter to form and incorporate in the year 2007. From the very beginning, we became a sister and brotherhood of riders who share many common interests with the most important one of all, the love to ride.

Iron Shields LE MC, also has a few selected non-law enforcement members who are just as dedicated to upholding the club's standards and commitments to support officers in need, local charities and each other.

The Iron Shields Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club has become a National entity, with chapters in New York, Maryland, West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania and recently Washington, DC, with future possibilities of chapter expansions to Virginia and New Jersey.

Our Washington, DC chapter consists of law enforcement officers active, retired and civilians who enjoy motorcycle riding. We bond as one to form the Washington, DC chapter of the Iron Shields Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club.

The future as we see it hold endless possibilities for our chapter. We are hoping for the startup of Southern and Western Maryland Chapters, as Iron Shields continues to grow within the Maryland chapter. Our membership is growing rapidly.

We know that our members work crazy schedules and we only require that you attend two membership meetings and one sanctioned event a year. Our meetings are scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month, each being held at the DC FOP Lodge. We try to gather and ride as a club once a month as well as riding to support local charities. So if you like to ride, we offer a variety of opportunities in which we get together to do what we love.

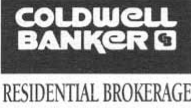
All bikes are welcome; however yours must be at least 800cc. Our members have all levels of riding experience from the weekend warrior to members of Police De-

partment Motor Units. "When we ride, we ride as one." Where we ride? Well, that depends on where the road leads us. Along with our member rides, we also ride to support others such as:

- Police Unity Tour & Law Ride
- Fire & Police Leukemia Ride
- COPS Ride & America's 9/11 Ride
- "Bikers for Boobs" which benefit breast cancer research
- and many more

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## LEP Tag Now Available in Maryland

Our new tag for members with vehicles registered in Maryland is now available. You can view the full color sample of the tag on our website at [fop.org/images/new\\_fop\\_plate.jpg](http://fop.org/images/new_fop_plate.jpg) Please see the following for obtaining these new tags.

**Instructions for obtaining LEP tags.**

We will need the following from the FOP member who wishes to obtain the NEW MD “LEP” Tag, this member **MUST** appear in person at the FOP Lodge:

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- 2. Copy of their Driver’s License
- 3. Copy of their Insurance Card
- 4. Copy of their current Registration card or Temporary registration card (if they just bought it) showing that the vehicle is registered under their name.
- 5. \$12 Application fee for each tag

The FOP member will have 30 days upon receipt of the tag, to provide a copy of the new registration card showing that the tag is registered under the member’s name or they will be flagged.

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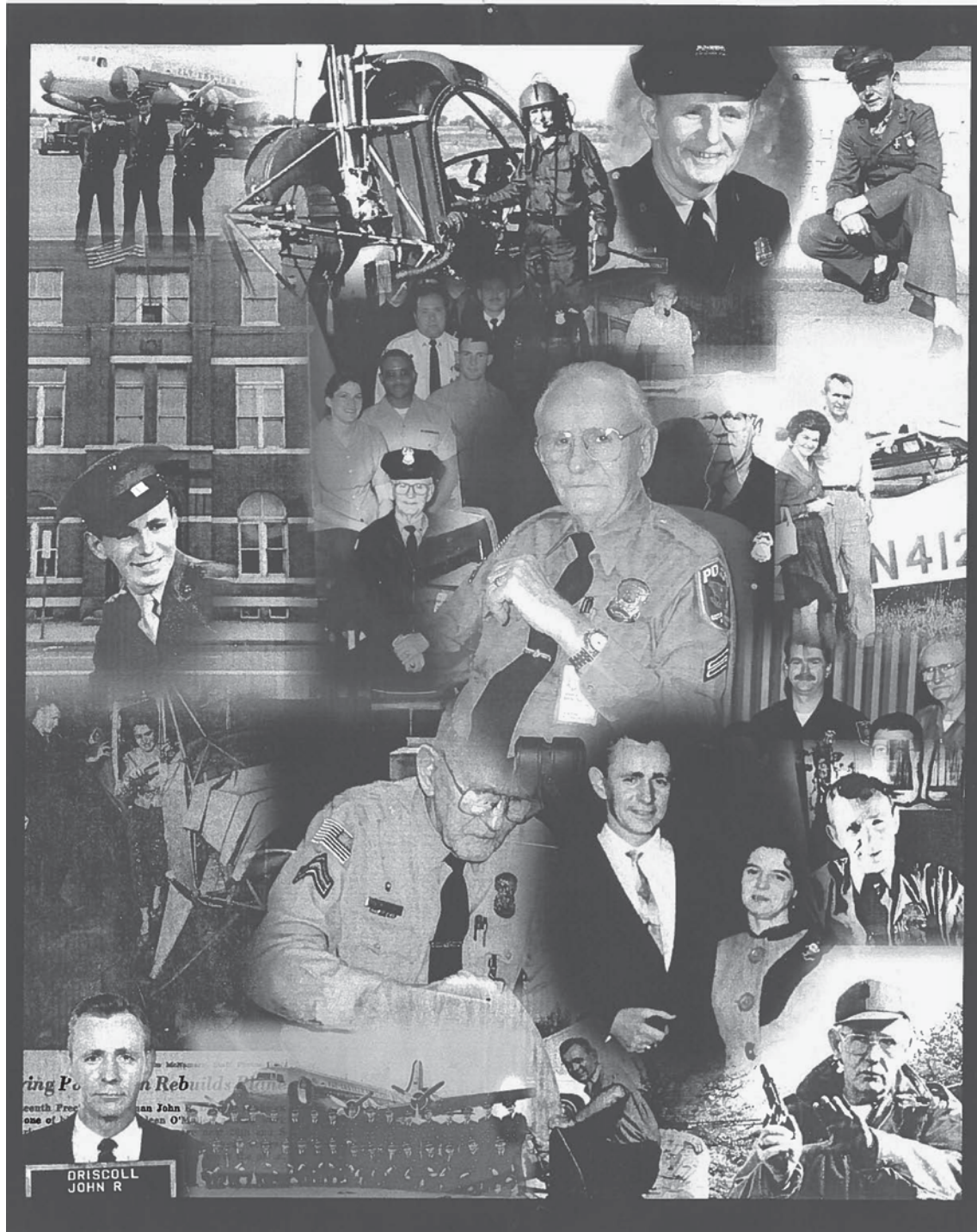
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## John "Tex" Driscoll A Call to Service

By Lou Cannon

**H**ow fitting for John "Tex" Driscoll to receive his final call to service on Memorial Day, May 30, 2011, and be laid to rest on June 6, 2011, Victory in Europe Day.

You see those of that knew Tex were well familiar with his life of service that included a retirement from the US Army as a Military Police Officer, Metropolitan Police Department, and the National Institutes of Health Police Department. He also served in the FOP as Chairman of the NIH Labor Committee for many years. So it is no wonder that our Heavenly Father would call him to service to help guard the gates and probably settle a dispute with the Angel's Union.

Tex was originally from Philly, the "City of Brotherly Love" where the compassion he demonstrated his entire life was formed. He also was active in his community and served his church. Tex was a role model for many of us in law enforcement, the FOP and life.

Before the FOP was a union Tex was member and a supporter. When Tex retired and went to NIH it was of no surprise to be contacted and told "We need Lodge 1 here to get things working!" He crossed many lines working with all sides and all persons to get the job done.

He cared for all of his families. He always placed his own family first, then his LE family and his FOP family. He leaves a legacy that will be hard to duplicate. He leaves a void in many of us that knew him. He has earned this rest, however something tells me he is not resting but organizing and helping. Farewell my brother, my friend.

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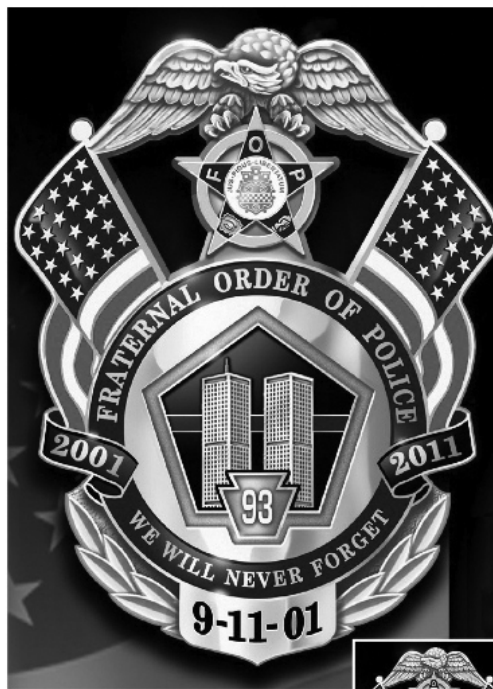




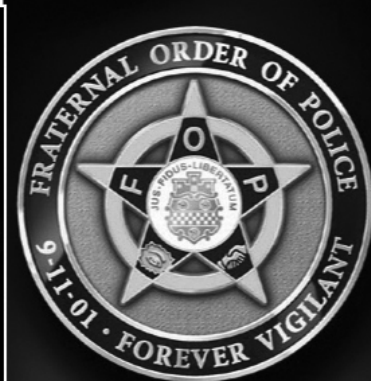
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## Teen Violence: How Police Can Have an Impact

By Karen L. Bune

*Law enforcement officers called to respond to a school for an incident between young people need to be keenly aware of the vertical transmission of domestic violence to teen dating violence*

They are young and growing adolescents who want nothing more than to fit in with their peers. They want to be hip, cool, and tuned in to the latest technology. In today's complex world, they want to be part of the "in crowd" and yet they strive to be individuals. Perhaps, they possess a streak of wildly bright orange colored hair, a touch of bright blue color on their finger and toenails and maybe even some tattoos, body piercings, and other trendy body adornments. While they strive to fit in they also desire to be different. Many of them are smart, and a number of them are afforded unique opportunities that those before them never had the ability to access.

Generally, the youth of today have enhanced exposure to the world around them through academic outlets, social media and a host of other activities which place them in situations that can foster the rapid loss of innocence and the hastened demand for maturity which, in and of themselves, can produce greater pressures in various aspects of these young people's lives. Wanting to be independent they also want to be part of something. Wanting to be alone, they also want to be together. Wanting to obey, they also want to rebel.

In present times, young people seem to have less time to savor their progression from childhood to

adolescence and the expectations placed on them by others along with those they place on themselves are great. Females wear make-up and dress provocatively earlier. They begin dating and are sexually active sooner than the preference of their parents and teachers. Males retain a desire to exhibit their masculinity defined by their ability to conquer and demonstrate sexual prowess. They want to be the magnetic draw for their female counterparts and hope to inspire the awe and admiration of their male peers. The adolescents' perception of romance, intimacy, sex and love are, oftentimes, colored by the bombardment of various media portrayals.

### Varying Backgrounds, Similar Status

Many of these young people reside in well-heeled communities and are a product of loving and healthy family relationships. Others may be products of broken home. Some may have been exposed to domestic violence, drug and alcohol addiction, and other familial dysfunctions. It is not uncommon for these young people to mirror what has been unveiled in their developing years.

For those who have been exposed to domestic violence situations, the vertical transmission of the cycle of violence can reverberate in their youthful dating situations. The elements of power and control that are dynamic components of any domestic violence situation carry over into the dating relationships of these youth. More often

than not, the male takes control, dominates the female, and lacks the essential and communication skills vital to any healthy relationship.

Instead of employing effective verbal communication to discuss differing perspectives and resolve differences, violence becomes the immediate and predominant replacement. Similar to adult relationships, victims in teen dating relationships can be either female or male. Pushing, shoving, slapping, throwing one's partner to the ground, kicking, spitting, punching, pulling hair, strangling, threats, displaying a weapon with the threat to intimidate, harm, or even potentially kill, are not uncommon actions among young people in teen dating relationships. Demeaning comments, name calling, and verbal threats as well as yelling and shouting are complimentary elements of emotional abuse that embrace the physical violence.

### Behavior Driven by Hormones & History

Teens, who so desperately want to be accepted as part of the "in-crowd" and who want to prove they can handle themselves without adult intervention will tolerate these violent and abusive relationships. For some, it seems normal because they were raised in an environment where they witnessed a similar pattern of behavior. For others who may have been raised in more functional and healthy environments, they accept the behavior because they begin to believe they did something wrong to deserve it. Furthermore, they don't want to be looked upon with disapproval by their peers, and they don't want to disclose the violence by reporting it to school authorities, parents, or law enforcement because they would be ratting out those

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in their cohesive youth group for which they strive so hard to be a part of and gain acceptance.

As a result, when the first demeaning comment is followed by another, and the first violent action that occurs is levied with additional ones of consistently increased violence, the pattern of dating violence has begun. These young victims, both female and male, endure the emotional abuse, physical violence, and they suffer in silence. For the most part, they tell no one. They don't want to feel any sense of disapproval, disappointment or disgust by their parents, teachers, or other adults in their lives. Similar to their adult counterparts who share the cycle of violence, they hide their bruises, provide excuses for their tears, and rationalize the behavior of their significant other. They suffer in silence.

### The Role of Law Enforcement

It is imperative that the law enforcement community as well as the judiciary be attuned to this disturbing phenomenon. When police are called to respond to a school for an incident between young people, when they are summoned to a home for a 911 hang-up call and discover only young teenagers in the home, and when they see young people shouting in the street as they drive by in their cruisers, they need to pay close attention to the circumstances. The events should not be rapidly dismissed as a tiff between adolescents. Critical questions should be posed, the nature of the event considered, and close attention should be paid to observing any signs of physical injury that may have resulted from violence that should not necessarily be

explained away as accidental by the youth involved.

Law enforcement officers can play a key role in detecting teen violence. Those who are deployed as resource officers in the schools or in the community need to be keenly aware of the vertical transmission of domestic violence to teen dating violence. Through their efforts, they can educate young people in both the schools and the community about the warning signs and dangerous effects of teen dating violence as well as the resources available from allied community agencies, Victim/Witness Programs, and other relevant outlets. There should be regular community forums held on the subject of teen dating violence to educate schools, parents, and residents of the community to recognize the signs and symptoms and to know of appropriate intervention methods to help these young people free themselves from abusive and violent relationships early in their lives.

On February 19, 2011, The Honorable Herman C. Dawson of the 7th Judicial Court of Maryland in Prince George's County hosted a teen-dating violence summit at a local high school. Recognizing the increasing number of cases involving violence in teenage dating relationships, he became proactive in his effort to educate the community through this summit that included various professionals speaking on the topic. His commitment to this cause has only begun, and Judge Dawson plans to continue his efforts with additional community outreach in the future.

Across the nation, it is critical that the issue of teen dating violence be addressed. There must be a concerted and ongoing effort to educate, develop and enhance

existing resources, and provide assistance to young victims of teen dating violence who have a chance to be saved from a life that, without attention and immediate intervention, can destroy their young lives in so many ways.

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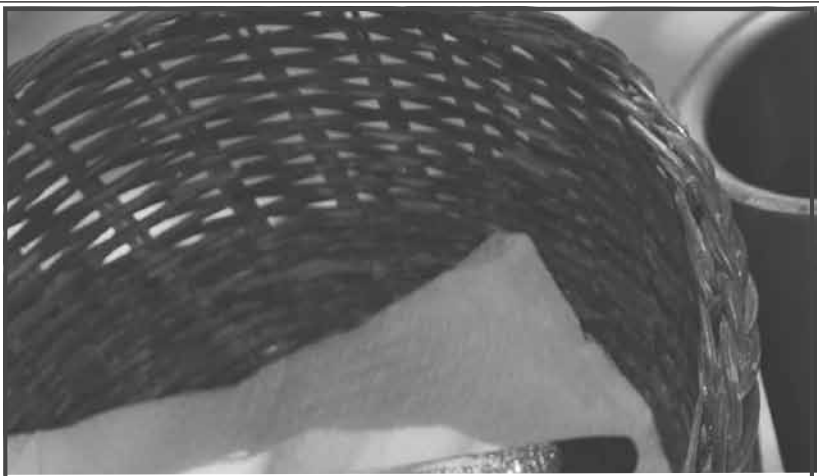


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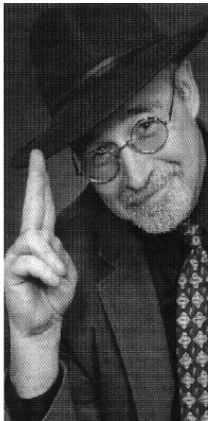
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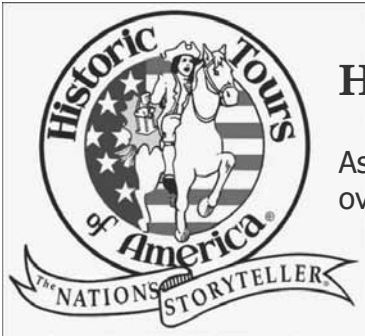
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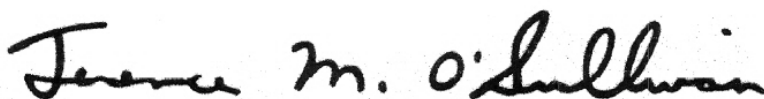
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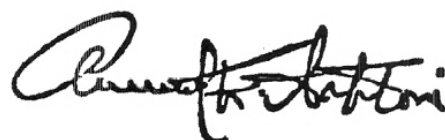
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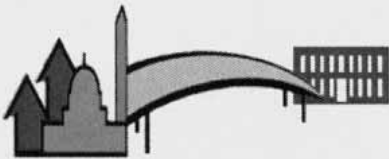
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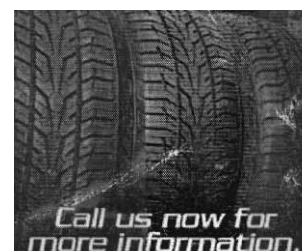
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There has been a lot of media coverage recently regarding the scandals on the Hill. With the recent reports on Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y., and earlier this year Rep. Christopher Lee, R-N.Y., it is easy for agendas to be lost or forgotten. This is a good time to reacquaint yourself with your Congressman or Senator and their staff to remind them of our legislative agenda. Remember, the letters and phone calls are easier than personal visits, but not as effective.

If you have a chance, drop by the Congressional office on the Hill and sign the log, drop off a business card and talk to the staff. If you can't make it to the office on the Hill, stop by the local offices. When bills come up for committee hearings or votes, and support is needed, it is easier to get the meeting with the Congressional person or their legislative assistant if you have a track record of interest. Remind them that you are constituent and an active member of the FOP, and that their views and concerns will be passed on to other members.

To keep abreast of our legislative agenda, you can enroll on the National FOP Grassroots web site and they will send weekly updates on Congressional activities of our interests. Members who feel they don't have the time for the visits to the Congressional offices to assist in lobbying for support may find it easier to do a one-time donation to the FOP PAC. These donations are used to support our legislative agenda.



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## FOP Top Priority Introduced in the Senate

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, applauded the introduction of S.985, the "Law Enforcement Officers' Retirement Equity Act."

"Nearly 30,000 Federal law enforcement officers do not receive equal status with their Federal law enforcement colleagues under current pay and retirement laws of the government they so proudly serve," Canterbury said.

This legislation, introduced by Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), would provide these brave men and women with 6(c) benefits and the ability to retire after twenty (20) years of service at the age of fifty (50), or twenty-five (25) years of service at any age. This is the same benefit currently received by most criminal investigators and Federal law enforcement officers in several agencies. This legislation will also provide for savings in training costs, improve recruitment and retention of qualified officers, and enhance public safety.

"These dedicated men and women put their lives on the line as law enforce-

ment officers for different agencies throughout the Federal government," Canterbury said. "Agencies like the Department of Defense and Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, FBI, U.S. Postal Police, Federal Protective Service, National Institute of Health, US Mint, and the Bureau of Printing and Engraving. They serve as our Federal government's first line of defense, and are asked to face the same hazards as their State and local counterparts. When one of them falls in the line of duty, their names are added to the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial here in Washington, DC."

"Since the OPM will not amend its outdated LEO definition and the judicial review process has failed, the best and fairest remedy to this injustice is legislation amending U.S. Code to grant all GS-0083 officers LEO status," Canterbury said. "We strongly endorse the passage of this bill and applaud the efforts of Senator Mikulski on the important issue of Federal retirement."

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