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July 2017

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Resort And Conference Center At Hyannis

In April at the request of Chief Ross Atstupenas, 1st Vice President, Chief Kelley, Chief Coyle and Chief Barrett met with Cindy Kaladin, Senior Sales Manager, at the Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis. After careful negotiations with Cindy of their accommodations, we are back. During the 1990s, we had four conferences at this sight. It is completely remodeled and updated The Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis for the 92nd Training Conference of our organization. Many members have fond memories of Paddock Lounge across the street. We are glad to be back to Hyannis this year for a motivating and informative conference. You can chill by the two pools, take a stroll down Main Street and browse the many quaint shops, boutiques and restaurants or try a relaxing round of golf.

Check-in time will be Sunday, 3pm. The Executive Board quarterly meeting will be held in the Cape Cod Room at 4:15 pm. The Welcoming Reception will take place outside in the Cabana Tent (Weather permitting) from 6-7pm. Dinner that evening will be on your own. There are many fine restaurants in the immediate area including the restaurant in the hotel. The Social Networking Room will remain open. The staff at the Resort is looking forward to greeting us.

OPENING CEREMONIES

President, Douglas Johnston, will preside over the opening ceremonies which will commence at 8:30am on Monday, September 11th in the Grand 2 Room. Once again, we will honor the 16th anniversary of the attack on America and demonstrate our pride in our great country. Chief Paul MacDonald of the Barnstable Police Department will officially welcome us to his community and provide the color guard to open up our conference. After the invocation, we will commence the conference training.

CONFERENCE TRAINING

We graciously welcome back Eric R. Atstupenas, Esq., and General Counsel for the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association will open up the program Monday morning with a presentation on “Updates on Recent Supreme Court Decisions and Updates in the Law”. After his presentation, Chief Johnston will assign locations for the State Caucuses and other committee assignments.

VENDORS’ RECEPTION

On Monday afternoon, the vendors’ welcoming reception will take place in the Grand 1 Room, from 4-6pm. Please make every effort to attend this exhibit to show our appreciation for their longstanding support of our organization.

BUSINESS MEETING

On Tuesday, September 12th at 8:30am, President Douglas Johnston will open the business meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Reports from the Executive Director, Treasurer, Secretary and the Vice President of IACP, Richard Smith. Followed by a report by Assistant Dean Robert W. McKenna of the Justice System Training and Research Institute. Retired Detective Lieutenant of the Lincoln RI Police Department, Denis Riel, will present, “Leadership Framework for Law Enforcement: Description, Implementation and Sustainment”. President Johnston will address the membership and report on all committees and committee assignments. IACP Candidates will address the group.

PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION

The President’s Reception will be held on Tuesday, September 12th from 6-7pm in the Bass River Room. The reception will be followed by the banquet at the Bass River Room with the Installation of Officers and Presentation of the Heroic Award.

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June 15, 2017



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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The New England Association of Chiefs of Police organization is the only organization that represents six states in the United States. The organization has committed itself to represent the highest standards of honesty, commitment and professionalism. I am the second Chief of Police to serve as President of NEACOP from the Springfield Vermont Police Department. Chief Melvin W Moore was Chief of Police in Springfield VT. From 1937-1947 and he served as President of NEACOP from 1942 to 1943. He left Springfield Vt. Police Department to serve as Sheriff of Windsor County from 1947-1975. To serve as President of this association is one of the highest honors one could ever have.

Although we currently do not endorse candidates for elected office, that doesn't mean we can't move forward and meet our Congressional representatives in Washington to address our concerns that affect the New England law Enforcement Community. Our voices need to be heard and this organization recognized as one to reach out to by our congressional representatives concerning law enforcement issues. I have had the opportunity on behalf of CABT, Coalition against Bigger Trucks; to go to Washington D.C. on our fight against the increase of weight and length on the bigger trucks. As a reminder the NEACOP has endorsed a resolution opposing heavier and longer trucks. (See Web page for resolution)

I have sent letters to each senator in each of the New England States opposing the idea of heavier and longer trucks.

I had the opportunity to attend Law Enforcement night at the Boston Red Sox's game on May 1, 2017 sponsored by The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. I met Secretary Kelly of the Home Land Security and discussed some of the drug issues law enforcement has been facing amongst other issues.

We are teaming up with Roger Williams University to offer an online course for an Associate's Degree in law enforcement for those officers that did not have the opportunity to go to college. This will allow them opportunity for future advancements. The details of this will come out in the near future. We will enter into a MOU with Roger Williams at reduced prices.

NEACOP has changed the Line of Duty death benefit requiring that 1) That you are a member of the NEACOP and 2) That the death occurred shall only be awarded to a designated family member of a law enforcement officer who has been killed in police action in the line of duty or has died as the direct and proximate result of a personal injury sustained in the line of duty. These changes will be voted on at the annual conference in September. For the cost of belonging to the NEACOP this is cheap insurance which we hope no one ever has to use, but in this line of work it can happen to anyone.

In the upcoming conference there will be Valor of Honor Awards for those brave officers who risked their lives protecting the community they serve. We also have community Policing Awards recognizing different size police department on what they have done for their communities

In closing these are a few things that have been worked on this year, with many more to follow. It will be up to the leadership of your elected officials at NEACOP to move this organization forward. In September I will be handing the reins over to Chief Ross Atstupenas of Blackstone Mass Police Department. NEACOP will be in good hands and I wish him all the success in his presidency of NEACOP.

I want to thank the elected officers of NEACOP for their support throughout the year. Many hands make the work load lighter for everyone. I especially would like to thank the Executive Director, Retired Chief John "Jack" Coyle for his assistance throughout the year. Jack has always kept the communication flowing and kept me a breast of the issues at hand. Thanks again Jack.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas Johnston", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Douglas S. Johnston
President

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April 25, 2017

The Honorable Peter Welch
United States House of Representatives
2303 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Welch,

The Springfield Police Department provides law enforcement services to a population of approximately 9,400 residents, covering 49 square miles and has been described as one of the busiest departments in Windsor County. Route 11, a heavily traveled road that is one of the few roads running east to west in Vermont, runs directly through our town.

One of our duties as we protect the public we serve, is to respond to accidents on Route 11. My colleagues and I have seen firsthand the dangers associated with tractor-trailer accidents. I feel that any additional weight or length for these vehicles will add to the potential of turning accidents into serious accidents and serious accidents into more fatalities.

To me, it is commonsense that any time you add weight or length to a big truck, the operational characteristics that lead to safety concerns become more compromised. That is, bigger trucks - whether longer or heavier - have a higher potential to be less stable, leading to the increased potential for roll over and have longer stopping distances.

Accidents between two autos can be devastating and accidents involving a large truck and a much smaller passenger car, or cars, can be even more devastating. Law enforcement professionals, by the nature of our work, are intimately acquainted with the very personal impact that transportation policies enacted in Congress have on the daily lives of Vermont's residents. Thank you for voting against heavier trucks in 2015. Please continue to oppose any move to bring heavier or longer tractor-trailer trucks to our state's roads.

Sincerely,

President Chief Douglas Johnston

Chief Douglas Johnston has been hard at work writing to all New England Congressmen and Senators on a resolution strongly opposing heavier and longer trucks.

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NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE Resolution Opposing Heavier and Longer Trucks

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) released its Final Report to Congress as part of the MAP-21 Comprehensive Truck Size and Weight Limits Study and recommended that there should be no changes in current truck size and weight limits;

WHEREAS, heavier or longer tractor-trailers would further endanger motorists and our colleagues who patrol the roads, and USDOT found in state testing in 2015 that heavier tractor-trailers had 47 to 400 percent higher crash rates;

WHEREAS, double-trailer trucks that are 91 feet in length, often called "Double 33s", were also evaluated as part of the USDOT study, and this truck configuration needs 252 feet to stop, which is 22 feet longer than the twin-trailer configuration operating on highways today;

WHEREAS, we know from our professional experience that heavier and longer commercial vehicles when involved in an accident increase crash severity by tending to increase the accident footprint

WHEREAS, tractor-trailers spend one-third of their travel miles on local roads and frequently travel on roads and streets adjacent to and through local municipalities;

WHEREAS, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) has a long standing policy opposing these bigger truck configurations for safety reasons and we are affiliated with IACP;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we oppose any increases in truck weight or length.

Resolved on this 15th day of April, 2017.

President Chief Douglas Johnston

AND THE BAND PLAYS ON IN SUPPORT OF THE IACP

New England Police Chiefs have served as President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police over a long span of time.

1895 – 1897	Benjamin P. Eldridge, Boston, MA
1922 – 1923	Philip T. Smith, New Haven, CT
1933 – 1934	Charles A. Wheeler, Bridgeport, CT
1949 – 1950	John M. Gleason, Greenwich, CT
1952 – 1953	Cyrille Leblanc, Gardner, MA
1965 – 1966	Philip Purcell, Newton, MA
1980 – 1981	William F. Quinn, Newton, MA
1988 – 1989	Charles D. Reynolds, Dover, NH
1995 – 1996	David G. Walchak, Concord, NH
2004 – 2005	Joseph G. Estey, Hartford, VT
2005 – 2006	Joseph Carter, Milford, MA
2015 – 2016	Terrance M. Cunningham, Wellesley, MA



Congratulations Chief Terrance Cunningham on his retirement from the Wellesley, MA Police Department. We appreciate his support and contribution as a member of the Executive Board of the NEACOP. We wish him all the best as Deputy Executive Director at IACP.

We will continue to rely on VP at large Chief Richard Smith of Wakefield PD. To keep us informed of the activities and news at IACP.



NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE AWARDS FOR COMMUNITY POLICING

Congratulations to this year's winners:

**Law Enforcement in communities
under 15,000 – Orleans, MA**

**Law Enforcement in communities
15,000 – 30,000 – Yarmouth, MA**

**Law Enforcement in communities
30,000 – 50,000 – Norwich, CT**

**Law Enforcement in communities
over 50,000 – Greenwich, CT**

Congratulations for a job well done!

IACP BOARD OF DIRECTORS – TALKING POINTS

January 2017

IACP CRITICAL ISSUES LISTENING TOUR

In late August and early September, the IACP conducted a series of critical issue forums in eight locations throughout the United States – Boston, Massachusetts; Houston, Texas; Seattle Washington; Los Angeles, California; Denver, Colorado; Orlando, Florida; Cincinnati, Ohio; and a cross border session in Detroit, Michigan, with Ontario, Canada, participants.

While we heard about many issues – there was a common theme among all the sessions – public trust, police morale, the recruitment and retention of police officers, the expectations placed upon police agencies, and the role of public safety officials in addressing public health issues.

What became clear is the many of the core elements of these issues extend beyond the scope of traditional law enforcement operations and demonstrate how the role of police officers has evolved to include responding to and addressing the impact of broader social, medical and community-wide topics.

Given the above – and given law enforcement’s regular engagement with persons affected by mental illness – IACP recently launched the **One Mind Campaign**.

The One Mind Campaign seeks to ensure successful interactions between police officers and persons affected by mental illness. To join the campaign, law enforcement agencies must commit to implementing four promising practices over a 12-36 month time frame.

FOUR STRATEGIES:

- Establish a clearly defined and sustainable partnership with one or more community mental health organizations(s)
- Develop and implement a model policy addressing police response to persons affected by mental illness
- Train and certify 100 percent of your agency’s sworn officers (and selected non-sworn staff, such as dispatchers) in Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety
- Provide Crisis Intervention Team training to a minimum of 20 percent of your agency’s sworn officers (and selected non-sworn staff, such as dispatchers)

The Listening sessions, where we had the opportunity to meet with more than 450 law enforcement professionals, and the association’s daily interactions with law enforcement, have helped us shape our policy priorities for the 115th Congress.

POLICY PRIORITIES FOR THE 115TH CONGRESS. HIGHLIGHT A FEW OF OUR TOP PRIORITIES.

- **Establishment of a National Criminal Justice Commission:** Support legislation that would form a National Criminal Justice Commission to conduct a comprehensive examination of all aspects of the criminal justice system and develop recommendations to address the broad range of new and emerging challenges that confront law enforcement today.

- **Barriers to Access Electronic Evidence:** Technologies and strategies that prevent law enforcement from accessing digital evidence when legally authorized are putting public safety at risk. Support legislative proposals that allow law enforcement to access digital communications and information pursuant to a lawful court order.
- **Asset Forfeiture:** As you know, the Asset Forfeiture Program enables law enforcement to deprive criminals of both the proceeds and tools of crime. The IACP opposes and proposal that eliminates or reduces the equitable sharing program.
- **Task Force on Violence Against the Police.** In December, after the most recent spate of attacks against the police, President De Lucca established a Task Force – of IACP members – to look more deeply at policy and operational approaches the IACP should be pursuing/supporting. The Task Force’s first in-person meeting will occur in late January.
- **Consensus Use of Force Policy.** Since April, we have been helping lead an effort – in partnership with the National Fraternal Order of Police – to build a consensus use of force policy will be released – in partnership with 10 other law enforcement associations.

Senator Sessions Endorsement for the US Attorney General.

The IACP has endorsed the nomination of United States Senator Jeff Sessions. The process included an in-depth discussion with the IACP Executive Board and Board of Directors – following a 45 minute in-person, discussion with the Senator and the IACP President and Executive Director/CEO.

Transition Planning. The IACP has been working hard to ensure our members’ collective voice is heard with the incoming Administration. In addition to the above meeting with Senator Sessions, we have been in regular contact with the transition team to offer our thoughts and priorities. This outreach effort began with President – elect Trump’s late summer responses to an IACP survey.

Upcoming Events. We are looking forward to seeing you at the IACP Annual Conference in Philadelphia from October 21 – 24. The Association will continue to focus on improving our members’ experience – and build from the success of San Diego – our 3rd largest conference in IACP’s history.

Membership. Our membership count as of December 31, 2016 (these are all highs for the end of calendar year – our member year concludes on June 31, 2017... where we are targeting yet another high count)?

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP – 26,806

TOTAL INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS – 2,202

TOTAL COUNTRIES – 136

MESSAGE FROM THE JUSTICE SYSTEM TRAINING & RESEARCH INSTITUTE at Roger Williams University



Well into the second decade of the partnership between the Justice System Training & Research Institute at Roger Williams University and the New England Association of Chiefs of Police, the professional development of police leaders throughout the region continues in earnest. Over 3,800 officers have attended the Field Training Officer, First Line Supervisor, Mid-Management, and Executive Development courses delivered at the Institute before returning to their respective agencies well versed in contemporary supervisory and management techniques.

In support of the Institute's efforts to prepare command staff leaders throughout New England, another round of John D. Coyle Scholarships have been awarded this spring for attendance in the fall 2017 Command Training Series: Executive Development Course. The recipients for the next session are Major Joseph Razza of the Johnston Police Department (RI), Captain Ernest Lavigne of the West Warwick Police Department (RI), Lieutenant Scott Plummer of the Bedford Police Department (NH), and Sergeant Matthew Waugh of the Holliston Police Department (MA). Each of the recipients were nominated by their respective chief and selected following an evaluation of the nomination by a university review committee. Previous recipients for Coyle Scholarship since inception in 2014 were Captain Thomas Dolan, Johnston, RI, Captain Sean Perrin, Narragansett, RI, Lieutenant Angela Deneault, Jamestown, RI, Captain Kenneth Furtado, Warwick, RI, Lieutenant Anthony Harrington, Auburn, ME, Sergeant Richard Brown, West Greenwich, RI, Deputy Chief James Sullivan, Dennis, MA, Deputy Chief Christopher Young, Rockland, ME, Lieutenant David Bissonnette, Middletown, RI, and Major Frank Levesque, Johnston, RI.

As you may know, the work of the Institute occurs within the academic endeavor of the university's School of Justice Studies and its faculty of the criminal justice, legal studies, and cybersecurity programs. Last year Dean Stephanie Manzi, Ph.D., an advocate for the RWU-NEACOP partnership, returned to the faculty after over ten years in her administrative role and I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge how her support over that time enhanced the alliance. Beginning July 1, 2017 Eric Bronson, Ph.D., will assume the responsibilities as Dean of the School of Justice Studies and he is excited about joining the work of the partnership.

In addition to the professional development workshops, seminars, and courses at the university and throughout New England, the Institute plays a role in connecting the profession of policing to the accomplished faculty in the School of Justice Studies as well as the faculty to the profession. Some recent examples of those connections include Dr. Julie Coon's citizen satisfaction survey work for a municipal police department, Dr. Melissa Russano's work on interview and interrogation research and training for municipal police departments, as well as Dr. Sean Varano's and Dr. Stephanie Manzi's action oriented research addressing crime and violence in a major New England city. All of the faculty's research and teaching continue to inform the efforts of the Institute.

I hope that you will be able to join us and participate in some of the work we have been engaged in. Please take some time to visit our web site at www.sjs.rwu.edu/jstri to review the scheduled offerings throughout the next year.

As always, please let us know how we can be of service to you.

Robert W. McKenna, M.S., J.D.

Roger Williams University

Interim Dean – School of Justice Studies

Director – Justice System Training & Research Institute



The most recent Command Training Series: First Line Supervisor class pictured here at the Institute graduated on May 5, 2017 and consisted of 38 police supervisors representing police departments from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

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In Memoriam



IN THE LINE OF DUTY:

Sgt. Christopher Gardner

University of Maine Police Dept., (November 24, 2017)

IN MEMORIAM:

Chief Oliver Much (Ret.)

Ashby, MA (May 6, 2017)

Chief Howard Anderson

West Bridgewater, MA (April 6, 2017)

Chief Daniel A. Welch

Kingston, MA (April 2, 2017)

Chief Brian Costa

Keene, NH (March 9, 2017)

Florida R. Kelley

Pawtucket, RI (March 2, 2017)

(Mother of Ret. Chief George Kelley, NEACOP Treasurer)

Chief Robert E. Hayden, Jr. (Ret.)

Brockton, MA (February, 25, 2017)

Kathleen "Katy" (Desmond) Hayden

Wife of Retired Chief Robert Hayden, Brockton PD,
(February 16, 2016)

Chief Henry F. LaBombard (Ret.)

Southwick, MA (February 25, 2017)

Chief George K. Stone, (Ret.)

Hampden, MA (February 4, 2107)

Chief Paulino P. Rodriques, (Ret.)

Falmouth, MA (June 19, 2017)

Horace Costa

Taunton, MA (Dec. 29, 2016)

Father of Rev. David A. Costa,

Chaplain of NEACOP

Chief Armando J. Betro (Ret)

Walpole, MA (Dec 23, 2016)

Chief Richard H. Johanson, LPD (Ret.)

Lincoln, RI (Dec. 17, 2016)

Chief John A. DeBassio (Ret.)

Cohasset, MA (Oct, 2016)

Chief Greg Begin (Ret.)

Weare, NH (Oct, 2016)

Chief Richard A. Benoit (Ret.)

New Bedford, MA (September 28, 2016)

Chief Michael Saharceski, Jr., (Ret.)

Montague, MA (August 15, 2016)

Chief Egbert D. Hawes Jr.(Ret.)

Little Compton, RI (August, 2016)

Chief Edward J. Finnegan (Ret.)

Lee, MA (July 12, 2016)

Chief James A. Flynn, Jr., (Ret.)

Merrimac, MA (March 19, 2016)

Chief Norman McLindon (Ret.)

Bellingham, MA (March 3, 2016)

Chief Thomas Kinder (Ret.)

Ashland, MA (February 28, 2016)

Chief Richard A. Nicholas, Sr., (Ret.)

Dalton, MA (June 16, 2017)

A Police Officer's Prayer...

Lord I ask for courage, courage to face and conquer my own fears,

I ask for strength of spirit to lead others.

I ask for dedication, dedication to my job, to do it well.

Dedication to my community, to keep it safe.

Give me Lord, concern for others who trust me

and compassion for those who need me,

and please Lord, through it all be by my side.



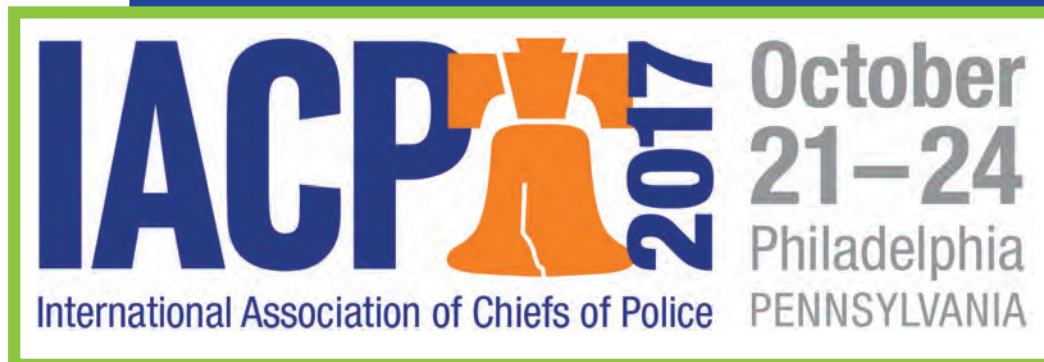
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All reservations must be booked through onPeak. Rooms at the group rate are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so be sure to make your hotel reservation today!

Deadline is July 31, 2017.

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Louis J. Fusaro, Sr.

Chief of Police (Ret.)

Connecticut's Own Blue Blood Family

Chief Louis J. Fusaro, Sr. was the Chief of Police for the City of Norwich, CT until his retirement July 6th, 2016. He spent the previous five decades in law enforcement. He started his policing career with the U.S. Army, Military Police Corps in 1966, and is a combat veteran who served in Vietnam in 1967-1968. He was a forty-eight-year veteran of the Norwich Police Department, having joined the force in 1968, immediately after his honorable discharge from the military. Chief Fusaro rose through the ranks of the police department; starting as a patrolman (walking a beat) to eventually becoming its Chief in 1997. He is a proud graduate of Saint Patrick Cathedral School and the Norwich Free Academy. He earned a degree in law enforcement from Mohegan College, is a graduate of the Command Training Institute at Babson College in Wellesley, MA, and the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA (166th Session) and numerous other law enforcement training programs and seminars throughout his tenure in police service.

In his five decades in policing, Chief Fusaro was very active in the law enforcement community. He has been a career long member of the Police Association of CT (PAC). He was its Local Vice President, served on the PAC Executive Board, and was elected its President. He served in that capacity for more than fifteen years. Chief Fusaro serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the CT Police Memorial Foundation. He is a past Secretary (nearly 20 years) and a member of the Executive Board of the regional Law Enforcement Council of CT (LEC). He is a Life member of the Connecticut Police Chief's Association (CPCA), having served multiple terms on its Board of Directors, and is a Past-President of CPCA and past Chairman of the CT Police Foundation. He is a Life member of the FBI National Academy Associates and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). He is also a Life member of the New England Association of Chiefs of Police (NEACOP) and continues to serve on the Board of Directors, as its Secretary, after more than sixteen years.

During his tenure, Chief Fusaro was a member of the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) and Violent Crime Task Force as well as the U.S. Attorney's, Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council (ATAC) and Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF), the CT Statewide Narcotics Task Force East and served on the Executive Board of the CT Intelligence Center (CTIC). In June of 2000, he was appointed by the Governor of the State of Connecticut to the Police Officers Standards and Training Council (POSTC), the governing body for the Connecticut Police Academy. He continued to serve in that capacity for over twelve years, until his last term ended.

Once becoming Norwich's Chief of Police, he was pro-active in introducing new and innovative law enforcement programs and technologies into the Department in areas and programs such as; Criminal investigation and patrol tactics and reporting, Community Policing and Outreach, Crime Prevention, Domestic Violence Officer and a Victim Advocate, a Volunteer Police Chaplaincy Program, Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT), Cyber Crime, Sexual Offender Monitoring, a Cold Case Investigations Unit



both local and regional, a Training & Recruitment Unit, a Polygraph Unit, local Arson Task Force, Traffic Safety education and enforcement, and Drug and substance abuse enforcement and education, School Resource Officer (SRO) program, DARE and, of late, an Adopt-a-School Patrol Officer program, Neighborhood Security Camera system; installed in the Greenville, Downtown and Harbor sections, and an Employee Award & Recognition program.

During his tenure, he was honored to become a member of the Norwich Catholic Diocese's "Blue Mass Committee" that honors and remembers those in law enforcement, of all faiths, who made the ultimate sacrifice, and celebrates the living who are or have served their communities in law enforcement. He was pleased and thankful to be appointed the committee's Chair by the Bishop of Norwich, Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D., for many years.

Chief Fusaro has also been involved in a variety of civic organizations in the community. He received the City of Norwich's first "Community Service Award" for outstanding personal service to the community. Under his lead, the Department has continued to encourage partnerships with local community groups and organizations promoting his philosophy of bringing the police and citizens closer together to foster a better and safer community through Community Policing.

Over the years, he has been a member of and a volunteer for the following organizations;

- Blue Mass Committee (Past Chair)
- Norwich Free Academy – Board of Corporators
- NAACP Member, Norwich Chapter
(President's Award and multiple Awards of Recognition)
- Core Plus Credit Union – Board of Directors
- St. Vincent DePaul Place – Board of Directors
- East Great Plain Volunteer Fire Co. – Life member
- Italian American War Veterans, Post #20
- United Italian Society
- Italian Heritage and Cultural Committee
(Italian Man of the Year 2007)
- Literacy Volunteers (Past Norwich Chairman)
- Tommy Toy Fund – Board of Directors (Vice-President)
- Norwich Elks Club, BPOE #430
- Norwich Safe Communities Coalition (Past Chairman)
- American Legion (former Italian Citizen of the Year)
- Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post #594
(inaugural First Responders' Award 2014)

Chief Louis J. Fusaro, Sr. (ret.) is a proud husband, father and grandfather. He and his wife Jane have two married sons (L.J. & Heather and Tim & Jodi) and four grand-children; Jack, Mac, Sophia and Maggie. He is the son of Mrs. Isabella DePinto Fusaro and the late John (Jake) L. Fusaro, a former city Councilman for nearly two decades in the 1960s and 1970s. He has one brother John L. Fusaro, Jr. and his wife Joanne.

Chief Fusaro is a native of the City of Norwich. He has made a lifelong commitment to public service. His sons are continuing the family's tradition of Public service and law enforcement. Louis J. Fusaro, Jr. is a retired Connecticut state police Major and the current Chief of police for the Town of Groton, Connecticut; and Timothy M. Fusaro is a Captain with the CT Corrections Department supervising prison sexual assault

investigations throughout the State of Connecticut. These facts caused WFSB Channel 3 to call this law enforcement family "Connecticut's Blue Bloods" in a TV news segment.

Other Retirements in CT: Groton city police chief will retire June 1st, Chief Thomas Davoren. Darien Police Chief Duane Lovello a 35 year

veteran with the department will retire after 10 years as Chief, February 15, 2017. December 2016, after 16 years with the Brookfield Police Department, Chief Robin Montgomery will be passing his position to the second in command, Maj. James Purcell. Acting Police Chief Shawn Sequeira is scheduled to be sworn in as Permanent Police Chief July 1st. We wish them all well in their retirement and future endeavors.

MASSACHUSETTS NEWS



We congratulate Executive Board Member NEACOP, Chief Mark Leahy on his retirement from Northborough PD and appointed Executive Director of the Massachusetts Police Chiefs Association. Congratulation Mark and all the best in your new position.

Gov. Charlie Baker signed a law that doubles death benefits for families of fallen first responders. The bill will increase the benefit from \$150,000 to 300,000 for families of law enforcement, fire, emergency services personnel killed in the line of duty.



Trooper Thomas Clardy and Officer Ronald Tarentino, Jr. were added to the Hero's Wall at National Police Week in Washington DC May 15 – 21. Police gathered from all over the country to honor officers who have fallen in the line of duty throughout this past year. The names of nearly 400 officers will be added to the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington this year.

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security is again asking for your assistance in soliciting nominations for the Gorge L. Hanna Memorial Awards for Bravery from police departments across the Commonwealth. The nomination form, criteria and checklist are available online at: <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/george-l-hanna-memorial-awards-for-bravery.html>

Please note that the nomination period is for calendar year of 2016

Nominations must be received by June 19, 2017 for consideration by the Committee. You may send your electronic nominations to anjeza.xhemollari@state.ma.us or mail them to:

Executive Office of Public Safety and Security
Attention: Anjeza Xhemollari
One Ashburton Place, Room- 2133
Boston, MA 02108

Please let me know if you have any questions on the nomination process.

Thank you,

Anjeza Xhemollari
Office Support Specialist II to
Jennifer Queally, Undersecretary for Law Enforcement
Executive Office of Public Safety and Security
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Western Mass.

The Western Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association held their 29th Annual Police Memorial Day Services on Wednesday, May 17th at the Western Mass Police Academy at Springfield Technical Community College. They remembered the 47 Law Enforcement Officers who are currently on the Police Memorial Monument and have given their lives in the line of duty. The Police Memorial Monument is completely refurbished and they have made it a place where family members, fellow officers and the general public can go to reflect and remember our fallen officers.

Lastly here is a list of the retired Chiefs of Police in Wmass for last year.

- Ashfield Police Department – CHANGE Chief Diane Wilder TO Chief Beth Ann Bezio
- Athol Police Department – CHANGE Chief Timothy Anderson TO Chief Russell T. Kleber
- Easthampton Police Department – CHANGE Chief Bruce W. McMahon TO Chief Robert J. Albert
- Egremont Police Department – CHANGE Chief Brian A. Shaw TO Tyler A. Rac
- Leverett Police Department – CHANGE - Chief Gary G. Billings TO Chief Scott D. Minckler
- Shelburne Police Department – CHANGE Chief Steven A. Walker TO Chief Gregory D. Bardwell
- South Hadley Police Department – CHANGE Chief David J. Labrie TO Chief Steve Parentela
- Sunderland Police Department – CHANGE OIC Sergeant Brendan Lyons TO Chief Erik J. Demetropoulos
- University of Massachusetts Police Department – ADD Chief Tyrone A. Parham



A Law Enforcement Legend Retires.



Photo of Chief Vespia's last day (l-r: Chief William Devine (ret.), Chief Richard Tamburini, Chief Vincent Vespia, Jamie Hainsworth, Chief Hugh Clements (NEACOP Executive Board))

South Kingstown Police Chief Vincent Vespia retired November 1, 2016 after 57 years in law enforcement. Vespia replaced Chief Clinton E. Salisbury in 1981. Vespia served as project manager on the public safety headquarters that opened 1998. He joined the Rhode Island State Police after getting out of the Army 1959. He investigated a 1969 murder of a West Warwick bartender that resulted in four Coventry police officers being convicted. In 1972, he was appointed acting chief to reorganize the Coventry Police Department. He turned down an offer to become Coventry's permanent chief and returned to the state police to investigate organized crime, according to a biography released by the South Kingstown Police Department. Vespia was in the inaugural class inducted into the Rhode Island Criminal Justice Hall of Fame in 2012. Charlestown Chief Jeffrey S. Allen, who served with Vespia for 26 years, admires the endurance and resilience of his former boss. "This is not an easy job," said Allen, who hasn't been alive as long as Vespia has worked in law enforcement. Allen remembers the 2012 Hall of Fame induction, when Vespia told about stuffing his jacket with newspapers to keep warm as a motorcycle trooper and having to use pay phones to check in because they didn't have radios. "Think of all the changes" since then, said Allen. All the best in your retirement Vin!

Chief Vespia was the Grand Marshal in this year's Aquidneck Island (Newport) National Police Parade held May 7th. A job well done and a great supporter of NEACOP.

A Promotional Ceremony was held on March 14th at the West Warwick High School Auditorium in West Warwick. The Oath of Office was taken for the following positions: John F. Magiera, Colonel; Gary M. Appolonia, Major; Peter A. Appollonio, Jr., Captain; Jason P. Senerchia, Lieutenant; Stephen J. Blais, Sergeant. Colonel Richard G. Silva, (Ret.) and Detective Sergeant Jeffrey T. Petrarca (Ret.) were presented plaques to acknowledge their dedicated service to the Town of West Warwick. Congratulations to all for their achievements.

Paul King, 35 years with the Pawtucket Police Department (last 7 as Chief) retired and accepted a position as head of security at Curry College in Milton, MA. Happy retirement and good Luck Chief! Tina Goncalves

was named interim Chief. She has 18.5 years with Pawtucket PD. We wish her all the best.

Congratulations to Chief Richard Silva of the West Warwick PD on his retirement.

Chief David Randall announced his retirement from the Scituate Police Department. Chief Donald Delaere, Jr. is his replacement. Good luck to both gentlemen.

We congratulate Chief Sidney Wordell of the Little Compton PD on his retirement. He was the former 1st Vice President of NEACOP and 1st VP of the RI Chiefs of Police Association. Sid has 27 years of service (ten as Chief) with the Little Compton PD. We wish Sid all the luck in the world in his new endeavors.

On June 13th, The Criminal Justice Hall of Fame induction ceremony took place at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick. This year's inductees are:

Captain Charles "Ted" Dolan, Pawtucket Police Depart (ret.)
Administrator of the Division of Motor Vehicles (ret.)

U.S. Marshal Jamie Hainsworth, U.S. Marshal
for the District of Rhode Island, Chief of Police, Glocester (ret.), Great supporter of NEACOP for many years

Colonel Kenneth Mancuso, Chief of Police, Cranston (ret.)

Chief Anthony Pesare, Chief of Police, Middletown
Major, Rhode Island State Police (ret.)

Justice William Powers., Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court (ret.) deceased

The Honorable Joseph Walsh, Mayor of the City of Warwick 1976-1984
Rhode Island State Legislature 1969-1976



MAINE NEWS



Maine is one of nine states that driver's licenses won't be valid IDs for domestic flights in 2018. Residents of Kentucky, Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Washington will have to use alternative ID forms (passport, military ID, or permanent resident card) to pass TSA security checkpoints – even for domestic travel. The IDs from these 9 states do not meet the federal government's minimum security standards. In order for states to pass the government's security standards, they must verify every ID applicant's identity, put anti counterfeit technology in the production of the cards and conduct background checks on those who issue driver's licenses.



May 18th in Augusta, law enforcement agencies from across Maine joined forces to honor police officers who have died in the line of duty. Dedicated on May 25, 1991, 84 names are now engraved in granite on the Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial which is located in front of the Maine State Capitol. Fifteen game wardens are on that memorial, more than any other branch of law enforcement in the State of Maine. Today's ceremony follows that of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., at Judiciary Square. Each year on May 15 in Washington, D.C., all law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty are honored. In 2016, 145 U.S. police officers died in the line of duty.

Maine Chiefs of Police Association is promoting MLEAP (Maine Law Enforcement Accreditation Program). MLEAP sets the standard for law enforcement in Maine. The Accreditation program offers credibility, professionalism, transparency and excellence that is accessible and affordable to any Maine law enforcement agency. Contact: www.mainechiefs.com/MLEAP or call 207-799-9318 for more information.



Photos by Steve McCausland

VERMONT NEWS



By Chief Douglas Johnston, President NEACOP

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund is teaming up with a variety of professional sports organizations to host Law Enforcement Appreciation events. For the latest information on sporting events with Major League Baseball and the National Hockey League, please visit www.lawmwmorial.org/sports.

RETIRING CHIEFS

Barre Town Vermont Police Department Chief Michael Stevens who has been Chief of Police for 26 years has announced his retirement from the department effective July 1, 2017. We wish Mike well on his retirement.

Williston Vermont Police Department Chief Todd Shepard who has been Chief for 5 years will be retiring effective date of September 8, 2017. All the best on his retirement.

NEW CHIEFS

Barre Town Vermont Police Department has a new Chief of Police, William Dodge who is currently a sergeant with the police department. William will have a starting date of July 1, 2017 replacing the retiring Chief of Police Michael Stevens. We wish him good luck in his new position.

The Vermont Chiefs/Sheriffs Conference will be held June 7-9th at the Lake Morey Inn in Fairlee Vermont. To start the conference out will be golfing for those who golf on Wednesday during the day with a meeting planned for the Vermont Chiefs at 4:30 in the afternoon with dinner following that. At the conference on Thursday there will be training and discussions on Enforcing Vermont's paraphernalia laws, Labor Law update, Vermont Incident Base Reporting System, Governors Highway Safety Awards and a Presentation by Commissioner of Public Safety Thomas Anderson followed by a banquet dinner. On Friday for those who can get away there will be more golf, but not for me got to get back to work!



Come join the Vermont Association of Chiefs of Police at their 2017 Scholarship Golf Tournament, Monday, August 14th at the Vermont National Country Club in South Burlington, Vermont. Mail, email or fax player registration/sponsors forms to: Chief Robbie Blish, P.O. Box 212, Woodstock, VT 05091, 800-457-7501, fax 802-457-4790 or email: rblish@townofwoodstock.org. We hope see you there!

NEW HAMPSHIRE NEWS



Over the last year, New Hampshire has been on the front lines of the nation's Opioid Crisis, which for many New Hampshire Police Chiefs, created some new and difficult challenges for their agencies on how to quickly adapt and find new solutions which went far beyond investigations and arrest. We were also asked to be part of many multi-discipline teams of stakeholders across the state in order to find new ways to create more resources for drug addicted

individuals needing help. The solutions for us varied from everything to specially trained Police Officers serving as Addiction Resource Officers to Recovery Coaches. We also started new educational programs in the schools called LEAD (Law Enforcement Against Drugs). This new model of prevention education, could help prevent the next generation of, drug addicted teens and young adults. We also will be hosting a one week LEAD certification class in the Lakes Region which would train several Officers in each agency on how to teach the material in their schools. For more on that go to; www.leaddrugs.org

Also in the last year, New Hampshire Chiefs of Police partnered with several New England McDonald's Restaurant franchise owners on a Community Police Officer recognition program to award Officers identified by their agency who went above and beyond to strengthen the relationship with their communities. The awards were presented at McDonalds restaurant's around the state and a percentage of all the food sales sold for that day, went to the Chiefs association for training and to support our charities. The new partnership was a huge success for New Hampshire Law Enforcement, their communities and McDonald's owners around the state.

Since June 2016, Chief Glen Droulet of Northwood Police was the New Hampshire Chiefs of Police President and in June 2017, Chief Andy Shagoury of Tuftonboro Police will move up as the new President of the New Hampshire Chiefs of Police. In October 2016, New Hampshire State Police swore in a new Colonel, Chris Wagner, a former Captain in Support Services who replaced Colonel Bob Quinn who promoted to Assistant Commissioner.

In March 2017, our 5th VP of NEACOP, Chief Robert Cormier of Tilton Police participated in the Special Olympics Final Leg in Austria as part of team of 80 Law Enforcement Officers from around the world who ran the Flame of Hope through 51 towns and cities in Austria and into the opening ceremony of the World Winter Games. Over 2700 athletes from around the world participated over the two weeks.

NH Chiefs of Police also had a busy year testifying on several public safety related bills such as de-criminalization of marijuana, detail and flagger requirements, forfeiture rules and removing the pistol permit requirement to name a few. Working with our lobbyist and partners we will continue to oppose legislation that threatens public safety and work with legislation that works towards making New Hampshire a safer state.



NH Chiefs also took time this year to remember, Chief Mike Maloney of the Greenland Police Department on the 5th anniversary of his death, being shot in the line of duty while assisting the Attorney Generals Drug Task Force serve a warrant on April 12th, 2012.

On May 9th, 2017, NH Chief, Brian Costa, Keene PD passed away. Brian was hired by the Keene PD in 1996 and he came up through the ranks, promoting to Captain in 2011 and was sworn in as Chief, May 2015. Chief Costa was an active member of the NH Chiefs of Police and very active in his community. He was well liked and respected by our association and he will be greatly missed.

The New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police will have their 7th Annual Public Safety Trade Show at the Radisson Expo Center in Manchester. All public safety personnel are invited with free entry. Free Training, 100 vendors. Stop by and see the latest in vehicles, electronics,

NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE, INC.

January 3rd Executive Board Member Meeting



A Meeting of the Executive Board of the New England Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc. was held on January 3rd, 2017 at 4pm at the Courtyard Marriott Portsmouth, NH.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by President D. Johnston at 4:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by President Johnston

Opening Prayer: Led by Ex. Director J. Coyle

Roll Call: Secretary L. Fusaro called the Roll with a quorum as follows:

OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE BOARD:

President, D. Johnston	present
Executive Director, John D. Coyle	present
Secretary, Louis J. Fusaro, Sr.	present
Treasurer, George Kelley	present
Parliamentarian, Charles Reynolds	present
Chaplain, Rev. David A. Costa	absent
Chief Counsel, Aram P. Jarret	absent
Accountant, Edward F. Yazbak	absent
RWU Cmd. Series Dir. R. McKenna	present
1st Vice Pres. Ross Atstupenas	present
2nd Vice Pres. Kevin Schofield	absent
3rd Vice Pres. Michael Metzler	present
4th Vice Pres. Brian Sullivan	absent
5th Vice Pres. Robert Cormier	present
Sgt-at-Arms Donald Hull	present
Rick L. Hayes	present
L. Barrett	present
Joseph Little	present
Mark Leonard	present
Peter Morency	present
R. Blish	absent
Hugh Clements	present
Douglas Wyman	present
Paul Fitzgerald	absent
Patrick Foley	present
Joseph Szarejko	absent
Immed. Past Pres. T. Smith	present
At-large J. Desmarais	absent
IACP Pres. T. Cunningham	absent
IACP V.P. Richard Smith	present

OTHERS:

Peter King, Staff Photographer
Robert McKenna, Cmd. Train. Series – RWU

PRESENTATIONS:

David Fox, Director of Security, Irving Oil gave a presentation to the board membership regarding "Supply Chain Interruption" – risk and mitigation strategies.



Nicholas R. DeMauro Executive Director & CEO of L.E.A.D. gave a presentation describing his non-profit organization Law Enforcement Against Drugs.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Ex. Director J. Coyle reported he had received a letter from Chief Mark E. Leonard of Veazie, ME. The letter concerned the death of SGT Christopher Gardner of the University of Maine Police Dept. who was a resident of the Town of Veazie. It described the sergeant's death and requested that NEACOP review it to see if it meets the criteria for its line of duty death

benefit. The Ex. Director read the two-page letter into the record. After discussion, a **Motion** to approve the Death Benefit at \$2,500 was made by R. Hayes, second by P. Foley and the vote was all in favor.

A draft Amendment to the By Laws of the Association regarding the Line of Duty Death Benefit criteria was passed out by C. Reynolds the Parliamentarian and By Law Committee Chairman. After much discussion, a **Motion** was made by M. Metzler, second by P. Foley to amend the draft to add "surviving parents" if no spouse or children, and the requirement that the agency head must be an ACTIVE member of NEACOP to qualify for the benefit, all were in favor. The revised amendment is to be brought back to the Board's April meeting.

SECRETARY:

L. Fusaro indicated that a quorum was present and minutes of previous meeting and proposed new members were emailed to board members prior to the meeting for review and meeting action.

A **Motion** was made by P. Foley seconded by P. King to approve the minutes and proposed new members that included T. Cunningham added as a new Life member. Everyone voted in favor.

TREASURER:

Treasurer G. Kelley's Report; See the Handout (balance sheets and profit/loss). Treasurer G. Kelley briefed the Executive Board members on his report. He also noted that we did well financially in deferring the expenses of the Conference with registration income from the vendors.

Motion made to accept the report by M. Leonard, second by P. King – all in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – No report

IACP Convention – Housing lottery will be held in February for hotels.

NEACOP Convention – J. Coyle noted that the convention program was being worked-up. It would be held at the Ashworth in Hampton Beach NH Sept. 20-23 2015. He expects to have a contract with the hotel by Jan. 15th. He also noted that in-coming President T. Smith was in agreement with the arrangements. Jerry Schofield indicated that we should be doing a more extensive advertising for the annual convention. J. Coyle said that the new website should be a big help in getting the word out as the convention will be prominently located on the web page. It was also noted that with the help of the State V.P.s, we could get email blasts out with save the date info by the State Associations for our convention. P. Foley also suggested that we get them to send out the Awards info as well.

Command Training Series – R. McKenna, RWU handed out his report. He gave an overview of the report to the Board members. He noted that there was still a fund balance for the Forum programs.

92nd NEACOP Conference – R. Atstupenas reported that the committee is "working on it".

Community Policing – R. Hayes reported that the CP applications are out on the website. P. Foley made a **Motion** to name the CP Award as "All New England Community Policing Award", second by R. Atstupenas, all in favor. He also said he would be talking to the other NE association to get the word out.

Medal of Valor – M. Leonard noted that the application is on the website for the Award that will be presented at the Sept. 2017 Annual Conference.

Jimmy Fund – P. Foley reported that the Jimmy Fund had a very successful year. He also outlined what was coming up in this year.

Website – J. Coyle said he was working well with the webmaster all weekend to keep the website up to date with relevant information.

COMMUNICATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS: A **Motion** was made by P. King and seconded by P. Foley at 5:43 pm to recess until the Breakfast networking meeting the next morning. All were in favor.

Breakfast Networking Meeting 1/4/2017 – The meeting was re-convened by President D. Johnston at 8:10 am.

New Executive Board member Charles Rumsey was sworn-in by the Executive Director J. Coyle and congratulated by all.



The President noted that the next meeting would be at RWU on April 5th.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20am.

Respectfully submitted by Louis J. Fusaro, Sr., Secretary LJF/ljkf



NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE, INC.

April 5th Executive Board Member Meeting

A Meeting of the Executive Board of the New England Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc. was held April 5th, 2017 at Roger Williams University Portsmouth, RI.



Call to Order: Meeting called to order by President D. Johnston
Pledge of Allegiance: Led by President Johnston
Opening Prayer: Led by Ex. Director J. Coyle
Roll Call: Secretary L. Fusaro called the Roll with a quorum as follows:

OFFICERS:

President, Doug Johnston	present
Executive, Director, John Coyle	present
Secretary, Louis Fusaro, Sr.	present
Treasurer, George Kelley	present
Parliamentarian, C. Reynolds	absent
1st Vice Pres., R. Atstupenas	present
2nd Vice Pres., Kevin Schofield	present
3rd Vice Pres., Michael Metzler	present
4th Vice Pres., Brian Sullivan	present
5th Vice Pres., Robert Cormier	absent
Sgt.-at-Arms, Donald Hull	present

DIRECTORS:

Hugh Clements	absent
Paul Fitzgerald	present
Patrick Foley	absent
Charles Rumsey	absent
Joseph Szarejko	absent
Douglas Wyman	absent
Rick Hayes	absent
Joseph Little	absent
Robbie Blish	present
Loring Barrett	present
Peter Morency	present
Mark Leonard	present
Immed. Past Pres. Ted Smith	absent
At-Large John Desmarais	absent
IACP Rep. T. Cunningham	absent
IACP VP Richard Smith	present

OTHERS:

Chaplain, Rev. David A. Costa	absent
Staff Photographer Peter King	present
RWU Cmd. Series Dir. R. McKenna	present
Chief Counsel Aram P. Jarret	absent
Accountant, Edward F. Yazbak	absent

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Coyle noted that the 124th IACP will be held in Philadelphia, PA on October 21st -24th. The hotel lottery result placed NEACOP in the Embassy Suites, Center City in Philadelphia. We have 40 rooms reserved for our members.

He reported that the NEACOP 92nd Conference committee went to the "Resort & Conference Center at Hyannis" on Cape Cod to review it as a possible site for our September convention this year. As a result of that meeting and site review the Ex. Director had a proposed contract for the event there. Dinner for banquet; Prime Rib or Salmon, rates; Single \$532. Double \$631, Dates for convention Sept. 10-13th. He requested a meeting with the Conference Committee, after the E-Board meeting to finalize the site selection. (Note: the committee decided on the Resort & Conference Center at Hyannis, MA for the conference.)

SECRETARY:

Secretary L. Fusaro noted that the minutes of previous meeting and listing of proposed new members were emailed out to the E-Board members prior to the meeting.

A **Motion** was made by P. Morency and seconded by R. Atstupenas to accept the minutes and proposed new members, all in favor.

The Secretary made note of the large number of proposed new members, saying it was the largest number he could remember in recent years. He praised those who solicited and sponsored the new members since our last meeting. He again noted that the membership is the strength of our association and encouraged all E- Board members to continue to work at growing the membership (especially the State V.P's who make up the Membership Committee).



TREASURER:

Treasurer Kelley's Report was handed out (See Handout).



He said that the President and 1ST Vice President worked hard and brought in a lot of money for the past convention activities and said that the same needed to be done for this year's convention in order to reduce our expenses. Getting Vendors is the key; he noted we had 25 last year. He said that the new site is a great place for vendors and with a 9 Hole Par 3 Golf Course attached to it there are many opportunities for additional income.

A **Motion** was made by R. Atstupenas and seconded by P. King to accept the report as presented, passed with all in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – Investment results previously noted by Treasurer (above)

Solicitation Report – No report.

IACP 124th Conference – Previously reported by Ex. Director (above).

NECOP 92nd Conference – Previously reported by Ex. Director (above).

Medal of Valor – It was noted that, to date, there are a large number of nominees from different Depts.

Command Training Series – R. McKenna reviewed his hand out. He also said that enrollment continues to be good. Four John D. Coyle Scholarships have been awarded from 8 applications. He noted the new Dean is Eric Bronson. He and President Johnston met with Dr. Matt Kite regarding the possibility of obtaining AS/BS degrees on-line at perhaps a reduced rate for NEACOP member Depts. He said they will keep working on this matter and will report back to us.



Other Committee Reports – None.

COMMUNICATION:

Ex. Director Coyle reported that since the inception of the Line-of-Duty Death benefit we've never received a Thank You note. However, he got one from Mrs. Chris Gardner (mother) of the deceased SGT Gardner and he read it to the membership.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Oversized Trucks – President Johnston proposed to sign a letter of support, as a result of the presentation at a prior meeting, which he passed out. **Motion** by R. Atstupenas, second by D. Hull to support the proposal against Oversized Trucks and letters by the President to federal representatives and senators, all voted in favor.

Proposed By-law Amendment – Previously passed out. **Motion** by P. King second by P. Fitzgerald to recommend the amendment to Article VII of the By-laws by adding Section 3; that defines the reasoning and qualifications for the line-of-duty death benefit and requires that the agency head must be an Active member of the NEACOP, to the full membership at next convention, all were in favor.

Amend Article VIII of the Bylaws by adding the following to Section 3:

The Heroic Awards Committee shall, based on a review of the circumstances, make its recommendation to the Executive Committee for the awarding of the *NEACP Line of Duty death benefit*. Death benefits shall only be awarded to a designated family member of a law enforcement officer *who has been killed in police action in the line of duty or has died as the direct and proximate result of a personal injury sustained in the line of duty*.

- (a) Eligible beneficiaries shall include, the surviving spouse; in the event there is no surviving spouse, the children; or in the event there is no surviving spouse or children, the parents.
- (b) Line of duty eligibility shall be limited to deaths resulting as the direct and proximate result of personal injury sustained:
 - (1) When officers acting in an official capacity are responding to an assigned criminal or public safety complaint or event;
 - (2) When officers are in direct or proximate interaction with a person or persons who are suspected of or are engaging in unlawful conduct; activities threatening the safety of the of the public; or activities threatening the officer.

The NEACP Line of Duty death benefit shall only be approved for payment when at the time of the precipitating event, the deceased was a sworn member of a law enforcement agency whose chief, superintendent or designated agency head was an Active Member of the New England Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc.

Upon adoption of the above, Article VIII, present Sec. 3 and 4 shall accordingly be re-numbered as Sec. 4 and 5.

NEW BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **Motion** was made for Adjournment at 11:35pm by P. King and seconded by P. Fitzgerald for a working lunch. All were in favor. (no votes were taken at lunch)

Note: Next E-Board meeting will be Thursday July 6th at the Red Jacket South Yarmouth, MA.

Respectfully submitted by Louis J. Fusaro, Sr., Secretary LJF/jkf

HEROIC AWARD

NEACOP Medal of Valor

The NEACOP Medal of Valor is awarded in recognition for heroic acts every day, risking their lives to save others throughout New England and will be recognized for their acts of exceptional valor from our Association. This is the highest heroic award that a police officer can receive from the New England Association of Chiefs of Police and the highlight of our conference.

President Douglas Johnston announces the appointment of Mark E. Leonard as chairman of the very prestigious Heroic Award Committee. After careful consideration NEACOP will award the following with the Medal of Valor at the 92nd Annual Training Conference Banquet, Tuesday, September 12th.

Lincoln, RI Police Department – Sgt. Walter Plasaek, Ofr. Christopher Hannon & Ofr. Matthew Paradis

Williston, VT Police Department – Sgt. Brian Claffy & Ofr. Eric D. Shepard

Central Falls, RI Police Department – Sgt. Derrick Levasseur, Ofr. Bari Cameron & Ofr. Yomaira Rodriguez



CVS and PDKF: Medication Disposal for Local Police Departments

CVS/pharmacy® is teaming up with The Partnership at Drugfree.org to create an innovative community donation program through which local police departments can apply to receive a drug collection unit to help their communities safely dispose of unwanted medications, including controlled substances.

Law enforcement drug collection programs help rid communities of unwanted medications that may otherwise be diverted, abused or contaminate our water supply.

Law enforcement agencies can apply here.

This may be a great resource to circulate among your many local law enforcement partners!

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LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION EVENTS

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund is teaming up with a variety of professional sports organizations to host Law Enforcement Appreciation events to raise awareness and honor America's law enforcement officers. Please check back often for updates and new events.

Questions? Contact Matthew Palardy, Director of Law Enforcement Relations (973) 525-2812 or mpalardy@nleomf.org

July 6, 2017
Pittsburgh Pirates at Philadelphia Phillies
Time: 6:05 pm

July 8, 2017
Chicago White Sox at Colorado Rockies
Time: 7:10 pm

July 30, 2017
Cleveland Indians at Chicago White Sox
Time: 1:10 pm

August 5, 2017
New York Yankees at Cleveland Indians
Time: 7:10 pm

August 6, 2017
Detroit Tigers at Baltimore Orioles
Time: 1:35 pm

August 11, 2017
Cincinnati Reds at Milwaukee Brewers
Time: 7:10pm

August 23, 2017
Colorado Rockies at Kansas City Royals
Time: 7:15 pm

August 25, 2017
Seattle Mariners at New York Yankees
Time: 7:05 pm

August 27, 2017
Pittsburgh Pirates at Cincinnati Reds
Time: 1:10 pm

September 8, 2017
Anaheim Angels at Seattle Mariners
Time: 7:10 pm

September 22, 2017
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Time: 7:05 pm

September 30, 2017
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