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Dear National Law Associate,

I hope Hurricane Sandy has spared you and your family from any hardship but I am sure we have many members who have suffered loss as a result of this storm. We have been getting emails and calls from members asking if they can be of assistance to any NLEA member. We have some members offering the use of their homes in NY and out of state if anyone is interested. Please contact me if you or any member you know needs assistance and I will follow up.

We will have an abbreviated newsletter this month since as I write this I am watching my battery run down and have to run out to search for a location with WiFi to transmit this email. The rain or snow is beginning to fall outside my window bringing another challenging storm to our area. As if things aren't bad enough! I, like many others, am only inconvenienced by a lack of electricity and heat and feel for those who have lost loved ones, their homes or all of their belongings. It is amazing to see, as many of us had seen during September 11<sup>th</sup>, the outpouring of support from New Yorkers eager to help each other in a time of need. I have added a note below regarding the NY Police Disaster Fund. Please help if you can.

I must mention our October Luncheon speaker Art Cashin of CNBC and UBS. Art provided an extraordinary recap of the events which led to the financial crisis we have today. His humor and insightful commentary were greatly appreciated. In addition, Art is the Chairman of the Fallen Heroes Fund which provides funds to windows and families of fallen Police and Firemen. Thank you Art for taking the time from your busy schedule to be with us.

The venue at Delmonico's was outstanding and on par with our drive to offer you the best value for your dollar. We had a sold out event! Unfortunately, those who did not RSVP could not sit at a table, but accommodations were made so those who did not RSVP stayed and ate at the bar. As a reminder please remember to RSVP and use Paypal to hold your seat at our events.

I hope the recovery is a speedy one for you and your family and we can move on to celebrate the coming holidays.

Regards, Al

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## Below is the updated newsletter after the power came back on!

Within a span of 5 days, Nassau County lost two of their Finest in the line of duty: Police Officer Joseph Olivieri and Police Officer Arthur Lopez.

On Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, Police Officer Olivieri, while assisting with the investigation of a multi-vehicle car accident by exit # 35 on the Long Island Expressway, was struck and killed by a sports utility vehicle. Officer Olivieri began his career as a Police Officer with the NYPD, having served 5 years prior to being sworn in as a Nassau County Police Officer, where he served for 14 years. Officer Olivieri is survived by his parents, his 18-year-old son Daniel, and his 21-year-old daughter Amanda. This marks the second line of duty death of a Nassau County Officer while performing duty on the Long Island Expressway. Last year, Police Officer Michael Califano lost his life while conducting a vehicle stop.

On Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Police Officer Lopez, was investigating a car he thought was involved in a motor vehicle accident when he and his partner pulled the car over on 241<sup>st</sup> Street and Hempstead Avenue, located in Nassau County at the border of Queens County. As Officer Lopez approached the vehicle he briefly exchanged words with the motorist, who suddenly exited his vehicle and shot Officer Lopez in the chest, mortally wounding him. His partner, Officer Clarence Hudson, immediately performed CPR, as the murderer, later determined to be Darrell Fuller of Queens, sped away on the southbound Cross Island Parkway. A short time later, Fuller pulled over an innocent motorist, Raymond Facey of Queens, shot him in the head, and left him for dead in the right lane of the Parkway. Fuller then raced away in Facey's car and dumped it a short time later in Middle Village, Queens.

After an approximate 7 hour manhunt, including NCPD, NYPD and several other agencies, Fuller was found, shot in the leg and shoulder in Saint Albans, Queens. Fuller was arrested, and Nassau County Detectives placed the handcuffs of slain officer Lopez on Fuller.

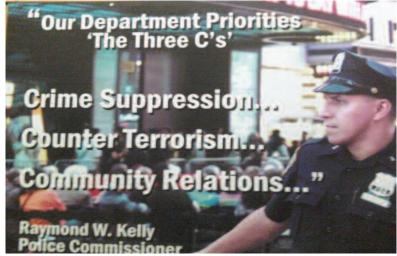
Our condolences and prayers also go out to the Olivieri and Lopez families and members of the Nassau County Police Department. May God watch over them and provide them peace in this time of sorrow.





\*Funeral procession for Officer Lopez passes as volunteer fire departments suspend the flag.

We would be remiss if we didn't mention the heroism of another fallen hero, NYPD Police Officer Artur Kasprzak. Officer Kasprzak was off-duty when Hurrican Sandy's floodwaters rushed through his family's Staten Island home. Officer Kasprzak quickly rushed seven members of his family — including his 15-month-old nephew and godson Max — to the attic where they would be safe. After securing his family, he went to the basement of his home to see if there was anyone left behind. Somehow he got trapped in the basement and drowned. Officer Kasprzak demonstrated selfless bravery while protecting his loved ones. Our condolences and prayers also go out to the Kasprzak family and members of the New York City Police Department. May God watch over them and provide them peace in this time of sorrow.



\*Officer Kasprzak's image was used to emphasize the NYPD's core Department priorities

#### **Congratulations are in Order!!**

The NLEA would like to congratulate former NYPD Chief of Department and 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Commissioner, Joseph Dunne, on his appointment as Security Chief of the Port Authority. In this capacity, Commissioner Dunne will oversee the 1,500 officer PAPD. He will also be in charge of all other security staffs at all of the agency's facilities, which include all three major area airports, the bridges and tunnels which connect New York and New Jersey, regional ports, the Port Authority Bus Terminal and the World Trade Center. Congratulations and best of luck Commissioner, the Port Authority is lucky to have a true gentlemen as a leader!!





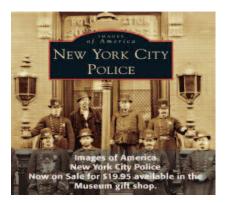
\*New PAPD Security Chief, Joseph Dunne

# **Police Museum**

The New York City Police Museum, located in lower Manhattan, sustained substantial damage to its infrastructure. Fortunately the Museum's collection remains intact.

It will take the Museum time to recover and it will remain closed during the rebuilding process. All events and educational programs for the foreseeable future are cancelled. Please check the Museum's website at www.nycpm.org for updates and the Museum will send out an email when it reopens for business.

Please consider purchasing your holiday gift items from the museum's online store or you may visit their satellite store in Tanger Outlets Deer Park, Long Island (store #341).



# **Hurricane Sandy Relief**

# New York Police Disaster Relief Fund

Five New York City Police Department Police Unions Established a Disaster Relief Fund to provide immediate assistance to Police Officers directly affected by the devastation of Hurricane Sandy.

The goal of the organization is to provide monetary and grant relief for uniformed members of the New York City Police Department and Police Officers in the State of

New York that have suffered economic loss as a result of a catastrophic disaster. Currently, in excess of 1,500 members of the NYPD have been directly affected by Hurricane Sandy.

Contributions can be made to the New York Police Disaster Relief Fund: 233 Broadway, Suite 1801 New York, NY 10279

# NLEA member sets up Hurricane Relief Fund

NLEA member Joseph Miller has set up a Hurricane Sandy relief fund. Please read his note below, and if you can, make a donation to a very worthy cause!

OK FAMILY AND FRIENDS, IT'S TIME TO GIVE BACK, PLEASE HELP! - OK, so enough talk about how to help those in need from Hurricane Sandy. Having grown up and worked in the NY & NJ area, it's hard sitting down here in NC and looking at the utter devastation that I'm seeing without doing something about it. So I refuse to do that anymore. On this Saturday, November 10th, my cousin, Joe Kurnos (From VA), and I are loading up a truck with needed supplies and heading up to the NY/NJ area. We will most likely hone in on the Little Ferry, Hoboken area but could head over to Staten Island as well, all depends on how much we have. The owner of the local UHAUL in VA is from Elizabeth, and he is going to give us a good rate on a truck. Joe has already gone over to Costco and Walmart and loaded up on cleaning supplies, food, blankets, gloves, jackets, flashlights, batteries, etc, and I am hitting the local stores here in Raleigh. The Mason Lodge #282, in Wake Forest, NC, has already donated \$400. Depending on how much support we get from others, will depend on how full this truck will be. We are looking for cash donation which we will use to buy the above mentioned items. As they always say, no amount is too small, \$5, \$10, \$20, or more from everyone would mean a lot! We will let everyone know how things go and post photos when we get back. To contribute via PayPal, please use the link below. Thanks to everyone!

http://sandyrelief.chipin.com/hurricane-sandy-relief

# Fraternal Order of Police, Hurricane Relief Effort

The FOP has also set up a Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund. The following is a flyer created by the members from the FOP:

# PLEASE HELP !!!

In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, there are still many people without power, food and the everyday things needed to survive. Many have lost everything. The FOP is setting up a collection site at FOP Headquarters in order to help these individuals. The items most needed are listed below. Please open your hearts and donate !! Blankets Garbage Bags Toiletries Batteries

# **Flash Lights Cleaning Supplies Baby Items (diapers, wipes, formula, clothes etc.)**

Items can be dropped off at State Headquarters, Monday thru Friday from 11 am to 4 pm.

If any additional information is needed, you can contact VP Joe McGarry at 516-314-0155

#### IN ADDITION:

Any members who lost their vehicle due to Hurricane Sandy and are interested in one of the following vehicle models: Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Subaru or Ford can contact Keith Donnelly, General Manager at Westbury Jeep, at krd@westburyjeep.com. Mr. Donnelly has graciously agreed to assist our members in obtaining a replacement vehicle.

When emailing Mr. Donnelly you MUST include that you were referred by VP Joe McGarry from the FOP as well as the type of vehicle you are interested in along with your name, a phone number where you can be reached and an email address. Mr. Donnelly will then be in touch with you for any further information needed.

## Letter from NLEA member Mike Sweeny describing a generous and selfless act of our brothers and sisters in blue from Virginia

I wanted to let the NLEA know about an act of great generosity, friendship and patriotism, exhibited recently by a Police Captain from Fairfax, Virginia who saw that our New York law enforcement community and neighbors were in need as a result of hurricane Sandy, and acted.

Namely, Captain Laura Kenyon of the Fairfax City Police Department in Virginia. In summary, Laura Kenyon and I became friends of mine while attending the 208th Session of the FBI National Academy and like many who network with other law enforcement agencies we remained friends and in contact over the past 12 years. Since graduation Laura had visited New York on occasion and was always appreciative by the friends she met here and the hospitality shown to her and her family by the NYPD and others in the New York Law Enforcement Community. In part because Laura was our guest at the NLEA Luncheon held at Wolgangs and she really enjoyed the company of our membership and friendships she felt she made while at this meeting.

Upon hearing of the crisis in New York, as a result of Hurricane Sandy, Laura took it upon herself through friends, family, coworkers and her Fairfax City Police Association, to spear head a collection of needed items and the delivery of these donated items from Virginia to New York City in just a few days after Hurricane Sandy struck. (On October 29th, 2012) Laura contacted me on Monday, November 5th, 2012 and informed me that she had put this fund drive together and had collected some items that our New York police officer, families and communities may need to help get them through the disaster and that she intended to drive to New York from Virginia on Wednesday, November 7th, 2012 starting her trip at 0100 hours, with hopes of arriving in downtown NYC (1st pct) at 0700 hours. I promised that I would meet her and ensure her donation would be given to persons in need with a focus on our law enforcement community. Ultimately, Laura arrived in NYC as promised but what I did not anticipate was that she also had two (2) m

Lance Henrickson played "Murphy" in the 1975 film, Dog Day Afternoon

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(almost all of which were brand new with tags still attached). She had collected so much stuff that she was able make disaster relief drops at the 1st Pct in lower Manhattan, Breezy Point, Queens, the 122 Pct (Staten Island borough) and then to the area of Staten

Island that was worst hit. Since Laura had two trucks and a pickup full of items she got the assistance of her brother, Thomas Haller and Fairfax City Police Officer Matt Lasowitz to help with the delivery. These three amigos from Virginia drove all night and personally off loaded the trucks at each destination, finally unloading the last box in the snow storm created by the Nor'easter that hit New York mid day on November 7th. Upon completing the deliveries, exhausted, hungry, soaking wet and freezing from the snow fall, they all got into their empty vehicles and drove back to Virginia without even accepting a cup of coffee or hot lunch as a symbol of our appreciation.

My faith in humanity is restored by Laura Kenyon and her generosity. Who would have thought a friendship kindled 12 years ago while attending the FBI National Academy would result in my privilege to get to know such an extraordinary, caring, motivated and selfless law enforcement professional. While all of us probably have similar friendships and associates made from interactions and training taken as Law enforcement professionals, I thought Laura's efforts to help us in New York, while in crisis was exemplary and her story should be told.

I am hopeful that the NLEA can express in some way our gratitude to our friend Laura, her brother Thomas, Officer Matt Lasowitz, their friends and the Fairfax City Police Association.

*I have some photos depicting the donations being delivered if you would like them for any publication and will forward upon request.* 

Captain Laura Kenyon can be contacted at: Fairfax City Police Department 3730 Old Lee Highway Fairfax, VA 22030 Office # 703-3857964 Cell # 703-965-1319 E-mail: <u>LKenyon@ci.fairfax.va.us</u> \*\*\*Please drop them an email thanking them for their support!\*\*\*

# Thanksgiving Eve, Eve Dinner

Our annual Thanksgiving Eve, Eve dinner will be held at Bobby Vans downtown in their famed vault room. The event will begin promptly at 6PM on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> and will include your choice of Filet Mignon, Chicken or Fish (you'll have plenty of turkey on Thursday!). We will have a 3 hour bar including unlimited beer, wine and soda. This sit-down meal will of course include all classic steakhouse sides, salad, dessert and coffee. This event sells out every year, so make sure you purchase your tickets early. The cost of the dinner is \$70.



\*Bobby Vans Bank Vault Dining Room

# NLEA Annual Christmas Luncheon Friday, December 14th, 2012 at Noon



Can you believe that we are already talking about Christmas? Well the Christmas luncheon is a little more than a month away so start making your table arrangements now. We will be back at Pier Sixty, Chelsea Piers again this year. They have done a terrific job for us the last two years. We were able to hold the price at \$100 which includes the one hour cocktail party followed by the four course lunch. More information and the Christmas Luncheon flyer can be found on our website at http://www.nationallaw.org/News.aspx?mode=nw&newsid=53

Our guest speaker this year will be former NY Ranger hockey player, Sean Avery.

The General Chairmen this year will be 2nd Vice President Manny Gomez.

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# More News

# Membership Dues

Dear Members, as with every year we start with our dues collection for 2013. This year's dues will remain as they were last year at \$45.00. The dues collected are necessary to assist in the operations of the organization. This year dues can be submitted via PayPal, located on our website, www.nationallaw.org. Use the link on the left hand side of the home page titled pay yours dues. Please note that there is a \$3.50 surcharge for using PayPal. You can also submit your payment via U.S Mail. You can send it to NLEA, PO Box 5604, Hauppauge, NY 11788. Make the check payable to NLEA Inc. Please include your name and membership number.

If you are in arrears, you will be sent a separate email informing you of the amount you owe. Please respond to this email, if you don't you will be removed from the NLEA Roster.

# Membership Recruitment

Please do your part in keeping our membership strong by recruiting a new member. As Board members have discovered, many good candidates for membership have no idea of the existence of our association. Please let others know how great our organization is!!

| <b>EVENT</b>       | LOCATION        | DATE     | TIME    |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------|---------|
| Thanksgiving Eve,  | Bobby Vans      | 11/20/12 | 6:00PM  |
| Eve Dinner         | 25 Broad Street |          |         |
| Christmas Luncheon | Chelsea Piers   | 12/14/12 | 12:00PM |

# <u>Mark Your Calendars</u>

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