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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By *Ralph M. Purdy*



Since our last news publication we have successfully negotiated labor contracts in the Village of Tarrytown, Police

Lieutenants; Town of Yorktown, Police Lieutenants & Captain; Town of Woodstock Police, Detectives, Sergeants; Town of Ticonderoga, Police, Sergeants; University of Hartford, Public Safety Officers; University of Wesleyan, Public Safety Officers; Village of Buchanan, Police, Detective, Sergeants; Village of Suffern, Police Dispatchers, Village of Sidney, Police & Sergeants. Delaware County Deputy Sheriff's Association we have filed for Binding Arbitration, this is the first for Sheriff's in the state of New York under the Public Employment Law.

We have won a representation election in Atlanta, Georgia, and New Orleans, Louisiana for Armored Car Guards and Security Officers. We have several petitions before the New York State Public Employment Relations Board for the NYS ECON Police Majors; the NYS Park Police Majors and the Town of Ticonderoga Police Dispatchers, as well as assisting the Nassau County District Attorney Investigators in their petition. We have met with the Rockland County 911 Police Emergency Dispatchers for affiliation and representation.

During this time we have processed numerous grievances, as well as disciplinaries and terminations. We have had several Labor Management meeting with various groups and this process within has opened communications between management and labor. We have instituted a Business Agent concept to better serve our members and assist our delegates and/or stewards. This is an experimental in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey. The BA will assist the local stewards in grievance hearings, informational meetings

and disciplinaries up to and including the mediation level. Our attorney's will either intercede at this level or intercede at the arbitration level. In some cases the BA will be at the bargaining table to maintain the flavor of the negotiations process so that he/she can be familiar with the various collective bargaining agreements.

As you are aware I have been doing most of this work myself. Time constraints have been difficult with the amount of traveling that has to be done. There are not enough hours in the day to address all of the concerns and issues that our members have and for this reason we have developed this concept so our members will be given the full attention of our leadership. Our policy has always been that we are only a telephone call away and if a member calls, the problem that they are calling about is important to them and therefore should be handled as expeditiously and professionally as possible.

Thank you for your continued support as we grow and become more serviceable to our members.

God Bless

Ralph M Purdy
President

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MINUTES of the ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETING of the UNITED FEDERATION OF POLICE OFFICERS, INC., NEW YORK STATE FEDERATION OF POLICE, INC., AND UNITED FEDERATION OF SECURITY OFFICERS, INC., held at Torchia's Restaurant, North State Road, Briarcliff Manor, New York, on Saturday, December 13, 2003, at 12:00 noon.

President Purdy opened the meeting with comments and reports for the following issues: Legislation both Federal and State; Negotiations update for various units within the private and public sectors; future outlook for the federations and negotiations with the International Union of Police Associations, and the organizing goals for 2004.

Paul Hartman, Secretary/Treasurer reported on the finances of the various organizations, informing the members present that in the year 2004 the New York State Federation of Police will terminate all professional fund raising. All of the Federations will operate on revenue generated from membership dues. United Federation of Police Officers, Inc. also has limited income from other benefit programs.

Nestor Gonzales, UFSO Vice President, reported that he would make himself available, to whatever extent his regular job permitted, to respond to members who are Spanish-speaking and that the union will, in the near future, be able to hire a staff person who is bilingual, in Spanish and English, for the office. An increasing number of the members of UFSO are more comfortable using Spanish as their primary language.

Election of Officers for 2004:

New York State Federation of Police, Inc., office of President, 3-year term that expired 12/31/03. Incumbent Ralph Purdy was nominated from the floor for reelection.

There being no other persons nominated, or expressing any interest in being nominated, the Secretary moved the nominations be closed and cast one vote on behalf of Ralph Purdy. So ordered.

United Federation of Security Officers, Inc., office of Secretary/Treasurer, 5-year term that expires 12/31/03. Incumbent Paul Hartman was nominated from the floor for reelection. There being no other persons nominated, or expressing any interest in being nominated, Vice President Nestor Gonzalez moved the nominations be closed and cast one vote on behalf of Paul Hartman. So ordered.

Two positions on the Board of Directors of the United Federation of Security Officers, Inc., having 5-year terms that expire 12/31/03. John Gregory and William Johnson, both incumbents, were nominated from the floor for reelection. There being no other persons nominated, or expressing any interest in being nominated, the Secretary moved the nominations be closed and cast one vote on behalf of each on the incumbents. So ordered.

General discussion ensued regarding the organizations, negotiations and other matters of general interest.

Motion to adjourn at 2:00 p.m. Without objection, so ordered.

2004 NYS POLICE OLYMPICS

New York Police & Fire Games
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From June 14 through 19, 2004

- 10k
- Bowling
- Cross Country Run
- Cycling
- Darts
- Golf
- Horseshoes
- Ironman
- Paintball
- Pistol
- Police Horse
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**2004 INTERNATIONAL
POLICE AND FIRE OLYMPICS**

Las Vegas, NV from
August 4 through 15, 2004

The events are too many to list in this Newsletter. For details visit their website at: www.lawgames.org The Rivera Hotel and Casino will be the host hotel and their rates range from \$72 to \$200 a day. Car rental (Budget Car Rental) rates range weekly from \$135 (economy) to \$599.99 (15 passenger van).

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The Federations of Police started out in 1934 as the Westchester County Police Conference, a primarily social organization of local PBAs that met once a month to socialize and to exchange information regarding salaries, working conditions, benefits and criminal activity in Westchester County, New York.

In 1976, the Westchester County Police Conference membership served as the startup organizations of Tri County Federation of Police, Inc. (TCF). TCF was a non-profit labor organization (now inactive) with membership of full-time municipal police officers in the New York counties of Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess. TCF provided to member PBAs a legal plan offering job-related services such as contract negotiations, defense of disciplinary actions and applications for disability pensions, as well as offering group welfare benefits such as life insurance, dental and optical coverage, disability insurance. There was also a personal legal service plan offering individual members a discounted rate on personal, family and real estate matters.

PBAs outside the TCF area, as well as other police and peace officers, expressed interest in the organization, but were unable to join due to a bylaw restricting membership. In 1980, New York State Federation of Police, Inc. (NYSFOP) was chartered as a non-profit labor organization with a membership field that included all full and part-time law enforcement officers as so defined in the Criminal Procedure Law of the State of New York, as well as police and peace officers established by other Federal and State statutes. This permitted the inclusion of district attorney investigators, correction officers, constables, federal agents, park police, and so forth. NYSFOP offers the same group and personal legal plan and welfare benefits, as TCF, to qualified active and retired employees throughout the state.

In 1981, United Federation of Police Officers, Inc. (UFPO) was chartered as a national non-profit labor organization. UFPO membership is open to active and retired public sector employees of the United States Government and/or any state or local government employed in any capacity to provide for the orderly administration of justice or to promote the public health, safety and welfare, as well as employees in the private sector who perform the same or similar work frequently performed by public sector employees. UFPO offers the same group and personal legal plan and welfare benefits, as NYSFOP.

For current information visit our website at www.www.policefederation.com or www.securityfederation.com

Our Mission

To promote the welfare of our members, including greater acknowledgment of their professionalism, betterment of working conditions and financial security for the individual members and their dependents; to endorse, support and propose legislation beneficial to our members and oppose any legislation contrary to the members' mutual well-being and financial security.

IN MEMORIAM

Deceased Member & Friends

- RETIRED POLICE OFFICER ELLIOT B. ARTIS JR.
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- RETIRED TROOPER JAMES F WILEY
NEW YORK STATE POLICE

EARLY RETIREES FACING HIGHER INSURANCE COSTS

Retirees in the future are likely to pay more for employer-sponsored health coverage, if they have it at all, a study by Hewitt Associates and the Kaiser Family Foundation concluded.



The study, "Retiree Health Benefits Now and in the Future," surveyed 408 large private sector employers that offer retiree health benefits. Kaiser analyzes health care issues, and Hewitt is a human resources consultant.

Last year, employers faced double-digit increases for retiree health plans, the study said. As a result:

- 71 percent of the employers who were surveyed increased retiree contributions to premiums. For employees who retired between 2002 and 2003 and before the age of 65, their contribution to premiums increased by 20 percent. For those who retired at age 65 and above, their share of premiums increased by 18 percent.
- 86 percent of employers plan to increase retiree contributions to premiums in the next three years.
- 10 percent said that last year they discontinued subsidized health benefits for future retirees, while 20 percent said they were likely to do so in the next three years. These employers primarily were referring to new hires, rather than current retirees.

Frank McArdle, manager of Hewitt's research office in Washington, D.C., described the offering of retiree health care benefits as "a delicate balancing act" for employers.

"Double-digit cost increases, shifting demographics, financial caps, global competition and the impact on the bottom line are driving large companies to re-examine their retiree health programs and make changes," McArdle said in a news release on the study.

Health insurance provided by their former employers help retirees with coverage that would be difficult to obtain if they retired before turning 65. At that age, they qualify for Medicare, the federal health insurance program, but many retirees still depend on employer-sponsored plans to cover services not provided by the federal program or to assist with Medicare's cost-sharing requirements.

The Kaiser/Hewitt survey was conducted prior to approval of new Medicare legislation that provides a prescription drug benefit for senior citizens. Tricia Neuman, vice president of the Kaiser Family Foundation, said drug benefits offered by employers to retirees tend to be more generous than what seniors can expect from the new Medicare plan.

"A big question is whether the new Medicare drug law will encourage employers to stay in the game," Neuman said in the release.

Legislative Report

By Ed Curran, President & Legislative Representative

In the September 2003 issue of the RPA Newsletter I reported on the problems we encountered during the 2003 Legislative Session, with our Health Insurance Protection Legislation, S.2501A and A.7175, due to opposition from police and fire unions.

As a result of this opposition, on May 7, 2003 the Senate introduced new Health Insurance Protection Legislation under S.498556 and on June 4, 2003 the Assembly introduced a companion bill under A.8771.

Both these new bills contain the same wording/protection we sought, in S.2501A and A.7175 for all public retirees not so protected, except that now under this new legislation, police and fire retirees are excluded. On June 20, 2003 this new legislation, which now protects retirees other than police and fire retirees, passed both the Senate and Assembly.

Now, as of this report, which is three months after the Legislature passed this new legislation, it still has not been forwarded to the Governor for his consideration. It is questionable as to what the Governor's reaction will be to this legislation, which excludes police and fire retirees.

Even though we consider this legislation to be discriminatory towards police and fire retirees, we do not wish to take any action until we see the Governor's reaction. Also we do not wish to alienate our relations with those public retirees, who would benefit from this new legislation.

I have already been in contact with key Legislators in regards to our options and actions, depending on the Governor's action on this legislation.





THE ALBANY REPORT

Veto Message:
Veto Message – No 176
TO THE SENATE:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill: Senate Bill Number 4986, entitled:

“AN ACT in relation to prohibiting a county, city, town, village, or public improvement or special district from diminishing the health insurance benefits provided to retirees and their dependents except under certain conditions:

NOT APPROVED

This bill would prohibit a local government from diminishing health insurance benefits provided to retirees or the health insurance contributions made on behalf of retirees unless a corresponding diminution in benefits or contributions is applied to the corresponding group of active employees. The bill would not apply to retirees of the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System. The bill would take effect immediately and apply to the period from May 15, 2003 to May 15, 2004.

I disapproved a similar bill in 1999 that would have applied to the State and local governments because: (i) no systemic evidence was submitted that the State or local governments were reducing retiree health benefits; (ii) the bill would have prevented employers from making changes that would produce savings without materially affecting benefits; and (iii) the 1995 collective bargaining agreements between the State and its employee unions included a mutual recognition of the need to reassess health benefits for retirees. See: Veto No. 67 of 1999.

This bill attempts to overcome my objections to the prior bill by limiting its scope to include only local governments and not the State.

While I agree with the sponsors that retirees should not be made to bear a disproportionate share of cost-savings measures imposed by governmental employers, I am constrained to disapprove this bill because it would inappropriately restrict the efforts of localities to control health care costs in this time of fiscal uncertainty. The bill would impose a blanket prohibition against any reduction in benefits applicable only to retirees, regardless of the context in which that reduction occurs, thus effectively locking all municipal employers into their existing benefit structure and contribution level for retirees. Thus, for example, municipalities would be forbidden from considering

new federal or state benefits in their retiree benefit package, such as a new Medicare prescription drug benefit, even if the new benefits were similar to the benefits currently provided by the governmental employers. Since this bill would prevent the enactment of reasonable, nondiscriminatory cost-saving measures and discourage the investigation of innovative solutions to the rapidly increasing health care costs facing municipalities, I am compelled to disapprove it.

The bill is disapproved. (signed) GEORGE E. PATAKI

FEDERATION MAILBOX



Dear Mr. Purdy,

Thank you for participating in Putnam Family and Community Services' 2003 Harvest Moon Countryfest. It was an extraordinary evening filled with dining, dancing and a great deal of fun and laughter. Your generosity in contributing an ad to our Commemorative Journal was greatly appreciated and I have enclosed a copy for you as a keepsake.

Again, thank you. Your support of Putnam Family and Community Services is invaluable and makes it possible for us to enhance people's lives in a very meaningful way, especially for those that may not be able to afford such needed services.

I look forward to having you join us next year as we strive to meet the changing needs of Putnam County residents so that all may shine under the "Harvest Moon".

With gratitude,
Edythe S. Schwartz, ACSW
Executive Director

Ralph,

I just wanted to express my personal thanks for the very generous \$2,500 pledge of support you have made to the museum project. Please know that your longstanding support is highly valued!

Craig W. Floyd

OFFICERS OF THE MONTH

Officer of the Month • August 2003

Police Officer Gregory Mosier, of the Kansas City, MO, Police Department. Officer Mosier is assigned to the Metro Patrol Division.

Originally planning a career in medicine, Greg Mosier was lured to law enforcement as he felt it afforded him the same opportunity to help our nation's citizens, but in a more challenging and exciting atmosphere. Knowing this, his friends and colleagues still affectionately refer to him as "Doc".



During the early morning hours of March 26, 2003, Officers Mosier, Aaron Shillcutt and David Ferber III were responding to a call for assistance when they heard screams and shattering glass. The residents of a home, which was engulfed in flames, were trapped inside and frantically calling for help. A family member had managed to escape, and was able to tell the officers the number of whereabouts of those trapped inside. The burglar bars on the windows, designed to keep the occupants safe from intruders, now held this family hostage. Although flames blocked both the front and rear doors, with little regard for their own safety, the three officers entered crawling under a wall of flames to reach the desperate victims inside.

Unable to visualize their whereabouts through the thick black smoke, Officers Mosier, Ferber & Shillcutt inched their way in the direction of the terrified voices. They made this hazardous trip repeatedly until the two adults and five children trapped inside the inferno were rescued. Thrilled that all seven residents were safe but concerned that Officer Ferber was not present, Officers Mosier and Shillcutt reentered the structure one last time. There they found Officer Ferber, suddenly overcome by smoke inhalation, struggling to crawl toward the exit. His was the eighth life saved that evening.

Not five months later, Officer Mosier and his partner Officer Hanson become involved in a situation which no doubt had impacted on the drug trade in Kansas City. Knowing that a large amount of methamphetamine was being distributed in the area, Officers Mosier & Hanson ran a license plate check on a vehicle whose driver was acting suspiciously and as they had surmised, the plates had been issued to different make and model vehicle. Realizing his vehicle was being observed by the officers, the suspected spun off making every effort to lose the tail. Once apprehended, they officers learned not only that the driver had a suspended driver's license, but that he was in fact a known narcotics distributor. A subse-

quent search revealed drug paraphernalia and quantities of methamphetamine.

Ironically, this team player has had to battle his toughest adversary alone. During a routine physical exam in the summer of 2002, Officer Mosier, then only 26 years old, was diagnosed with cancer. He underwent painful surgery and endured several cycles of chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Sergeant Sean Hess stated colleagues marveled at the fact that throughout this entire ordeal, "Officer Mosier maintained an upbeat, positive attitude and approached the situation with the same determination and tenacity that he exhibits at work.

Declared cancer free by his physicians, Mosier has returned to the job he loves.

Officer of the Month • September 2003

Patrol Officer Jeffrey Scott Postell, of the Murphy (NC) Police Department. Officer Postell has served with the department since July 2002.

Veteran law enforcement officers will tell you that in their world life can change in the blink of an eye and no one can attest to that more than Officer Postell, who with less than one year on the job became the most famous cop in the country. Few rookies are launched into the spotlight by capturing one of the FBI's Most Wanted, fewer still would have handled it as well as this young man.

Nearing the end of his shift Officer Postell noticed a suspicious person lurking behind a local market. As the officer approached, the vagrant attempted to hide behind a pile of milk crates. Although at first it appeared that he had a weapon, Officer Postell soon realized that it was a flashlight, and ordered the suspect to come out into full view. The suspect, who identified himself as Jerry Wilson, cooperated and allowed Postell to take him into custody. So far, all in all, a pretty routine arrest.

The first officer to respond to the call for backup was Cherokee County Sheriff's Deputy Sean Matthews whose reaction at first confused Officer Postell. Deputy Matthews stared down at the handcuffed man, who he immediately recognized as a fugitive the FBI had hunted for five years. Lying there was the notorious Eric Robert Rudolph who had terrorized the citizens of Atlanta and Birmingham.

In his short time with the police department, Officer Postell has impressed many of Murphy's citizens. He organized a community policing initiative working to improve public safety in the town's low-income housing developments, and continues to work with local neighborhood watch programs.

Officer of the Month • October 2003

Newark, New Jersey Auto Theft Task Force (Newark ATTF) as its Officers of the Month for October 2003.

Originally the counties of Newark, Essex and Union, New Jersey combined their efforts to halt the significant increase of this type of crime and to increase the number of arrests and recovered vehicles. In May 1999, however, the rate of auto theft in Newark escalated to the point where it was necessary that the city form its own task force to work solely within its boundaries.

Officers assigned to the Newark ATTF were issued unmarked vehicles such as SUV's and pick-up trucks to patrol the city in search of stolen autos. Reckless and suspicious drivers were soon targeted by the ATTF, their license plates checked to determine if the vehicles were stolen. Since its inception, the Newark ATTF has initiated over 3,000 arrests and recovered more than 850 stolen motor vehicles.

Like most major cities, crimes committed in Newark, New Jersey are not limited to car thefts and patrolling this inner city's streets has many unforeseen hazards. On May 25, 2003 Sergeant Arthur Jorge, Detectives Vernon Bradbury, Angel Gonzalez, Mike Walker and Matt Ruane, noticed a vehicle they believed to be stolen. It was apparent that the individuals standing around the vehicle were intoxicated and that any encounter could result in a violent altercation between them and the police.

As the officers approached, one of the suspects pulled a concealed handgun from his pocket and dropped it to the ground. Alerting his partners to presence of a weapon, Detective Ruane retrieved the gun as Detectives Bradbury and Walker attempted to handcuff the suspect. Without provocation, the suspect began kicking and screaming wildly as a second suspect grabbed Detective Walker by his uniform shirt pulling him to the ground. By now a large crowd had gathered making the situation even more volatile. The by-standers were screaming profanities and threats as the suspects were calling for them attack the police. As Detective Walker attempted to shield himself from the attack, Detective Gonzalez struggled to subdue the attacker and put him into custody, meanwhile Sergeant Jorge was able to notify dispatch and call for back-up. Having been trained to work as a team the officers were able to make the necessary arrests without any shots being fired, or without anyone being seriously injured.

Recovering stolen vehicles is just one of the many services that the ATTF provides. The unit has recovered approximately 500 firearms since its inception the unit, and has issued over 12,000 summonses for moving violations, and captured over \$200,000 in currency.

Officer of the Month • November 2003

Officer Misiak, a seven year veteran with the department, he has been assigned to its community policing program since May 2002.

On August 14, 2003 the northeast United States experienced a catastrophic blackout that plunged hundreds of cities, including Hamtramck, into darkness. The entire department was working overtime during this national crisis trying to maintain peace and calm in a city which was virtually dark. The police department was able to operate with portable generators; however, the telephone system was completely inoperable for many hours.

At 10:40 p.m. an alarm sounded at a local jewelry store and officers, including Officers Misiak and Scott Zelenock, were dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival the officers noticed the shattered window of the storefront and a suspect fleeing the scene. With little regard for their own safety, Officer Misiak and Officer Scott Zelenock gave chase attempting to apprehend the suspect. Just as Officer Misiak was drawing near, the suspect turned and fired one round from a sawed-off 12 gauge shotgun. The slug tore into Officer Misiak's left arm at the elbow, nearly severing it.

Despite unimaginable pain and severe blood loss, Officer Misiak continued to chase the suspect and finally tackled him. With the assistance of his partner, Reserve Officers Mark Radtke, Melanie Babij and Reserve Sergeant William Wilford, the suspect was taken into custody. Officer Zelenock applied pressure to Officer Misiak's wound as Officer Misiak was raced to the hospital for emergency surgery. Doctors confirmed that if not for the quick actions of Officer Zelenock and the three reserve officers would surely have died from his injury.

Officer Misiak lost five inches of bone in his left forearm, with mere fragments of his elbow remaining. He has endured seven surgeries, with at least two more expected. His courageous actions earned him the department's Citation for Valor, while his attacker was charged with nine separate felony charges. His demonstration of bravery and determination should be recognized in ways that will not easily be forgotten."

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Jeanine Pirro, District Attorney

THE WASHINGTON REPORT

By Craig W. Floyd

The National Law Enforcement Museum will host a combination of historical and contemporary themes and exhibits. The five over-arching themes that capture the core of the Museum are:



- American Democracy and Law Enforcement
- The History of Law Enforcement
- Being an Officer
- Perceptions of Law Enforcement
- Remembrance

These themes are meant to paint an over all picture of law enforcement in the United States. The exhibits will combine these many themes while using media, artifacts, and interactive displays to create friendly learning environments. A few of the planned exhibits are:

- The Locker Room
- The Academy Classroom
- Roll Call
- Take the Case
- Forensics Lab
- The Lock Up/Corrections

For more information about the National Law Enforcement Museum, please click on the "Museum Updates" button on the website.

Law Enforcement Officer Fatalities Reach 148 for 2003

Shootings and Automobile Accidents Cited as Leading Causes of Death

In the year 2003, 148 law enforcement officers across the nation were killed in the line of duty. The number of officers killed last year is the second year in a row that the number has been well below the decade-long average of 166 annual police deaths. The 142 male and six female officers who died worked in 38 of our nation's 50 states, as well as Puerto Rico and one federal agency.

"The Memorial Fund is committed to honoring every fallen police officer," said NLEOMF Chairman Craig W. Floyd. "Yet, as we honor those fallen heroes from the past, we must also look to the future and demand the safest possible working conditions for our law officers."

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NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2004
Schedule of Activities

May 8, 2004 (Saturday)

Law Ride Charity Poker Run
Registration: 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Coleman Power Sport; 14105 Telegraph Road;
Woodbridge, VA 22192
703/497-1500 B Scenic 140 mile ride at the foot of the
Blue Ridge Mountains.
All proceeds are donated to the National Law Enforcement
Officers Memorial Fund.

May 10, 2004 (Monday)

10th Annual Blue Mass
Noon at St. Patrick's Catholic Church
10th & G Streets, NW
Washington, DC
202/347-2713

May 9, 2004 (Sunday)

9th Annual Law Ride
Line up begins at 9:00 a.m. in Lot 8 of R.F.K. Stadium in
Washington, DC.
The procession will leave RFK promptly at 11:00 a.m.
and ride to the National Law Enforcement Officers
Memorial, located on the 400 Block of E Street, NW.
Contact: www.lawride.com

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May 12, 2004 (Wednesday)

Police Unity Tour Arrival Ceremony
2:00 p.m.
Begun in 1997, the Police Unity Tour has raised over
\$900,000 for the NLEOMF.
Contact: 973/443-0030; email unitytour1@aol.com or
visit www.policeunitytour.com. POLICE UNITY TOUR
CD RELEASE DATE ANNOUNCED

2004 TOUR BRINGS OFFICERS FROM ACROSS
BOTH OCEANS

May 13, 2004 (Thursday)

16th Annual Candlelight Vigil, National Law Enforcement
Officers Memorial
8:00 p.m. at the 400 block of E Street, NW
202/737-3400
It is advised that anyone attending take the Metro Red
Line to Judiciary Square.

May 14, 2004 (Friday)

Second Annual Steve Young Honor Guard Competition
Fraternal Order of Police Grand Lodge
8:30 a.m. at Grant's Statue at 1st Street, just west of the
U.S. Capitol.
Contact: Ken Roske via email: or
visit www.policeweekhonorguard.com

National Concerns of Police Survivors' Seminars
Concerns of Police Survivors 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Hilton Alexandria Mark Center
(Registration is Mandatory)
This marks the 20th Anniversary of the Concerns of
Police Survivors.

Ninth Annual Emerald Society & Pipeband March and
Service

National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald
Societies, Inc.
Assemble at 4:30 p.m. at New Jersey Avenue & F
Street, NW.
Step-off promptly at 6:00pm.
March will proceed to the National Law Enforcement
Officers Memorial.
Contact: National Conference Office: 301/858-0972
or email: PESWASHDC@aol.com.

May 15, 2004 (Saturday)

23rd Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Day
Services
Grand Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police
Grand Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary
Noon at the West Front of the United States Capitol,
Washington, DC
Contact: Sharon Valtierra, NPOMS2002@aol.com
or Marcello Muzzatti, MMuzzatti@aol.com

FOP/FOPA Wreathlaying Ceremony
National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial
3:30 p.m. at the 400 Block of E Street, NW

May 16, 2004 (Sunday)

National Police Survivors' Seminars
Concerns of Police Survivors
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Hilton Alexandria Mark Center (Registration is Mandatory)



PLANNING FOR NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2004

*National Police Week is always the calendar week in which
May 15th, National Peace Officers Memorial Day falls.*

The 16th Annual Candlelight Vigil will be held at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial on Thursday, May 13, 2004. Sponsored by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), the event will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Memorial grounds, located at Judiciary Square, on the 400 block of E Street, NW, Washington, DC. A reading of the names newly engraved on the Memorial immediately follows the ceremony.

Everyone is welcome to attend; no tickets are required.

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