



NATIONAL POLICE DEFENSE FOUNDATION

The NPDF is an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation that funds "Safe Cop" and "Operation Kids" Programs.

NPDF Newsletter

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COLUMN



Dear NPDF Member & Supporter:

Thank goodness the winter is behind us and we look forward to a more promising spring and summer! In retrospect, the NPDF had some difficult times this winter involving a record increase of armed assaults on our police, including eleven police shootings within a 24 hour period. Fortunately, the NPDF effectively responded to those shootings by posting our \$10,000 Safe Cop reward.

On a more positive note, NPDF officials were present in a local U.S. Virgin Island courtroom when ATF S/A William Clark was acquitted of murder charges. According to the US Department of Justice, the agent took appropriate police action when intervening in a domestic violence assault that ultimately saved the life of the agent and female victim. The NPDF effectively exposed to Members of Congress and media that this prosecution appeared to be retaliatory in light of increased federal enforcement efforts on the island. I hope all members will be able to attend our May 5, 2011 Annual Awards Dinner to help us honor S/A Clark and his superiors who will receive our "Profile in Courage Award".

Joseph Occhipinti
Founder & Executive Director

MEMBER UPDATES



DMV PLATES IN PA

NPDF Members can now order our new PA Safe Cop License Plates. (\$50 Fee)

RIVER ROSE CRUISE

On 9/25/10, the NPDF held its West Point Cruise on board the "River Rose" that departed from Newburgh, NY. The NPDF Board has agreed to offer the cruise again in September 2011 and we hope it will be a sellout.



NPDF HOLIDAY PARTY A SUCCESS

The NPDF celebrated its Holiday Christmas Party on December 5, 2010 at Vetri's Restaurant in Howard Beach, NY.



REMINDER ON LAPSED MEMBERSHIP

2010 members who have DMV Safe Cop plates and NPDF member badge credentials are required to renew their membership annually. It is simple to renew by going on line at www.npdf.org or call 888-SAFE COP or fax the renewal notice to 732-862-1444. The NPDF is mandated by DMV laws to report lapsed memberships so arrangements can be made to surrender the Safe Cop license plate.



NPDF DELEGATE PRESENTED PAPD WTC FLAG

NPDF Delegate George Greco, a former NPDF Honoree, was presented with a historical PAPD flag that flew over Ground Zero by The Port Authority Police. This memorial flag was presented in recognition of Mr. Greco's outstanding support on behalf of the law enforcement community. The awards presentation took place at the prestigious "Tiro A Segno" Club in Greenwich Village by Lt. Dan Carbonaro (PAPD-JFKIA) where it is on display.

Member Updates
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f **NPDF IS NOW ON FACEBOOK-VISIT NPDF AT FACEBOOK**

The NPDF is now posted on Face Book at National Police Defense Foundation and look forward to some new friends.

NPDF DONATION ACCESSORY PROGRAMS

In an effort to increase donations, any member who makes a \$10 donation will now receive a complimentary NPDF Key Chain or wallet badge.



IN MEMORIAM

A moment of silence for our deceased members that include Brian Ricconi, John Dabenne and Ted Buczek, a survivor of the shield who served on the NPDF Advisory Board. Condolences to Delegate Robert Hendley on the recent loss of his son.

SPECIAL THANKS to Webmaster Mike Ceglio, Terence Gordon and Michael Julian Kovadlo for their invaluable service to the NPDF.

NEW NPDF COALITIONS

The NPDF Board has now approved the creation of two new coalitions, the “Peace Officers Defense Foundation” that will represent the interests of nationwide Peace Officers, as well as fund our newest initiative, “Save a K-9 Officer” program, that will donate to police departments bullet proof vests for their police dogs. The coalition will be administered by retired Chief of Patrol Joseph Chierchio of the NYC/TLC.

The second coalition, “Firefighters & EMS Defense Foundation” will represent the interest of these public safety fire officers. This coalition will implement and fund “Save a First Responder” program that will post a \$10,000 reward for public information leading to the arrest and conviction of any arson whose fire results in the death of a first responder. The coalition will be administered by retired FDNY Firefighter Vincent Tummino.

OPERATION KIDS

2011 NPDF AWARDS DINNER

On Thursday May 5, 2011, the NPDF will be holding its annual awards dinner at “Russo’s on the Bay”, Howard Beach, NY. This year’s honorees include (1) Man of the Year: NPDF Legal Counsel Michael Cornacchia, a former federal prosecutor and defense attorney who represented one of the defendants in the famous “Duke Lacrosse” prosecution (2) Woman of the Year: Patricia Coulaz of the “Gift of Life” program which has saved over 5,000 critically ill babies (3) Lifetime Achievement Award: DEA ASAC James Hunt (4) Presidents Award: Anthony Archipete of DUI Service in Monroe PA and (5) Profile in Courage Award: ATF SAC Hugo Barrera, ASAC Joseph Anarumo and S/A William G. Clark. The ticket cost is \$95 per person which includes a gourmet cocktail hour, open bar, choice of seven dinners and music. All NPDF Corporate and Associate members who are executives are urged to support our dinner journal. Tickets can be purchased at www.npdf.org or call 877-325-KIDS and as always \$25 from each ticket sale is donated to Operation Kids.

2010 STATE TROOPERS AWARDS DINNER



Man of the Year

On October 14, 2010, the NPDF State Troopers Coalition held its annual awards dinner at the prestigious “Venetian” in Garwood, N.J. The distinguished honorees included Port Authority PD Superintendent Michael Fedorko, NJ Lt. Governor Kim Guadango, NJ Senator Gerald Cardinale, FBI SSA Philip Scala (Ret) and Det. John Russiello (Ret) of the Federal Law Enforcement Foundation. The proceeds from this awards dinner which helps fund “Operation Kids” raised over \$50,000. Special Thanks to our sponsors, Administrator Sgt. James Dobak (NJSP) and Associate Member Harry Kalicovic for their efforts.

PROPOSED OP KIDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

On March 1, 2011, NPDF officials traveled to Santo Domingo to help celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Dominican National Police. Major General Jose Armando Polance Gomez received a NPDF award in recognition of his life long accomplishments and modernization of its police force. There were also preliminary discussions to fund an Operation Kids elementary school in that city for police families since a Dominican Police Officer earns \$190 per month.



SPORTSMAN FOR CHARITY FUNDRAISER

On June 3, 2011, the “Sportsman for Charity” organization will be hosting a “Sports Clay” Shooting fundraiser at the Peconic River Sportsman Club, Manorville, NY. The proceeds from this event will benefit “Operation Kids” and represents the second such fundraiser for the NPDF. All NPDF Members are urged to call 631-727-5248 or visit www.sportsmanforcharity.org to learn more about sponsorship. Special Thanks to NPDF Delegate George Greco for again recommending the NPDF.

NPDF UNVEILS NEW PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT ON OPERATION KIDS

SAFECOP PROGRAM

NPDF HUMANITARIAN MISSION TO ECUADOR



On 8/9/10, NPDF officials traveled to Quito, Ecuador to hand deliver a ventilator to Lt. Sammy Vinueza who is on life support in connection with a job related shooting that left him paralyzed in 2000. Despite a 7.2 earthquake, the NPDF officials accomplished their mission and were able to establish a formal relationship with the Administrator at the Police Hospital in Quito, as well as representatives of the Ecuadorian National Police Foundation. It should be noted that this marked the second time the NPDF provided assistance to Lt. Vinueza, the first being in January 2006 when he was given a donated motorized wheel chair at the NPDF annual awards dinner. Special thanks to NPDF Delegate Sgt. Mike Barry for his assistance in securing the donated ventilator.

SAFE COP REWARD POSTED FOR SLAIN LAKEWOOD COP

On 1/14/11, Lakewood P.O. Christopher Matlosz, a 5 year veteran of the Lakewood (NJ) P.D. was killed in the line of duty by a suspect who was associated with the dangerous street gang, "The Bloods". The NPDF posted the \$10,000 Safe Cop reward as did other organizations and the suspect was captured the next day. What was disturbing about this assassination were allegations that this gang had hired a "hit man" to arbitrarily kill law enforcement officers in retaliation of the suspects arrest.

CBS NEWS REPORT ON SAFE COP REWARD PAYMENT

On 12/17/10, during an exclusive CBS News interview, NPDF officials presented Eugene James a \$10,000 Safe Cop reward in recognition of his assistance that led authorities to arrest and convict the murderer of Paterson (NJ) P.O. Tyrone Franklin



who was killed in the line of duty on 1/7/07 during a botched robbery attempt. The NPDF arranged for Mr. James to meet the mother of the slain officer that was both emotional and gave some closure to this unfortunate death. You can view the news report at www.npdf.org.

UPDATE ON 9/11 POLICE MEMORIAL

The NPDF September 11th Police Memorial that was vandalized has been repaired and is ready for its final resting place to mark the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attack. The NPDF commissioned in 2001 world renowned sculptor Franco Minervini to create this limestone memorial that depicts a policeman at attention with a police dog at his side and in its backdrop is a furlled American flag and two angels looking toward heaven. The NPDF offered to donate the memorial to the State of New Jersey, but instead they offered public lands at the PNC Art Center alongside the NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial (NJVVM). The plan was cancelled due to opposition by that NJVVM board and as a result the NPDF is still considering other locations for the memorial.



NEW DISGUISED WEAPON POSTED ON WEBSITE

The NPDF website has been updated to reflect a new disguised weapon that poses a danger to law enforcement. The newest alert is how criminals are disguising dangerous weapons to look like "toy guns" by using a special Duracoat paint. I encourage all Law enforcement members to visit our website and educate themselves on these disguised weapons, especially in light of increased police shootings.

LEGAL DEFENSE

NO JUSTICE FOR CHIEF HENDERSON

There still has been no trial date for Bound Brook NJ Police Chief Kenneth Henderson who has been under indictment for over seven years for alleged official misconduct. A NPDF investigation disclosed that Chief Henderson appears to have been "politically" indicted after he reported township officials for housing discrimination that resulted in a \$500,000 fine by the US Department of Justice. It appears by all legal standards to be a "whistle blowing" case. The Chief still remains suspended without pay and is contemplating bankruptcy. The original county Prosecutor in this case has departed and there are hopes that either the new prosecutor might dismiss the indictment or the other option is to file a federal law suit alleging that the Chief's civil rights were violated due to his failure to receive a speedy trial as mandated by the constitution.

JUSTICE PREVAILS FOR ATF AGENT

On 10/18/10, NPDF officials were part of a distinguished few to be present in a local St. Thomas courtroom when an unbiased and courageous judge saw fit to dismiss murder charges against ATF S/A William Clark. An independent NPDF investigation disclosed disturbing allegations that this selective prosecution was retaliatory due to increased federal enforcement efforts

on the island that exposed corruption and organized crime activity. In fact, St. Thomas (USVI) is considered the Murder Capital of the world based on its per capita assessment.

The NPDF investigation disclosed S/A Clark took heroic police action when he intervened in a dangerous domestic violence attack that saved the lives of a female neighbor, as well as himself. The suspect had a history of domestic violence and prior criminal arrests and at the time of the shooting was nude in the street and had a blood alcohol level of 0.29%. It was a protracted and emotional prosecution that drew support from many law enforcement organizations, Members of Congress, the ATF Administration and US Department of Justice. The NPDF is honored to recognize S/A Clark and his two superiors, SAC Hugo Barrera and ASAC Joseph Anarumo with a "Profile in Courage" Award, which will be presented at the 2011 NPDF Awards Dinner on 5/5/11. S/A Clark has been reassigned to the Rochester NY ATF Office where he resides with his wife and daughter.





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- Free initial legal consultation to NPDF Members.
- Access to legal and medical support services.
- Access to NPDF approved insurance and financial specialists.

Annual membership fee entitles the member to all of the above benefits, plus:

- NPDF Membership card and Three NPDF courtesy cards.
- Two vehicle window decals.
- Participation in NPDF Affinity Mortgage, Car Insurance, Bank and Credit Card programs.
- Participation in NPDF organizational license plate program (NY, NJ & PA)
- Access to discounted automobile purchasing and leasing programs.
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- \$2,000 Line of Duty Death Benefit (Law Enforcement)
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TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: Is this a New Application or Renewal

- ___ **A** \$25 Law Enforcement (Full Member Package & Benefits)
(Includes all Public Safety Officers)
- ___ **B** \$35 Honorary Member
(No Member Benefits, 1 Member Card & 1 Vehicle Decal)
- ___ **C** \$150 Silver associate Membership
(Full member package & benefits noted above)
- ___ **D** \$350 Gold Membership (Full member package that includes additional 5 courtesy cards, (2") member badge with credentials in Leather wallet, membership certificate and wallet badge)
- ___ **E** \$500 Platinum Membership (Full member package, plus 10 courtesy cards, (2") member badge with credentials in a leather wallet, membership certificate, wallet badge and one ticket to Annual Awards Dinner.

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