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Happy New Year



*Chief (Ret.) Larry Eggert Director of
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dues. Unfortunately due to a glitch in our IT department, in many cases, these notifications were sent out incorrectly labeled as "Late Notices". Also, some Life Members, who are not required to pay dues, have improperly received a dues notification. Along with these issues, the membership module is slow (up to 10 minutes wait time) in processing credit card payments for renewal of dues when you attempt to pay on the website. Essentially a perfect storm of problems! Our IT people are working on to address these issues. Please bear with us while we work to fix these problems.

Happy New Year to all the members of NYSACOP!! It appears that 2020 is shaping up to be an interesting year for the New York State Association of Chief of Police (NYSACOP) and for New York law enforcement officers in general . Among many challenges on the horizon, various new state legislation will become law this year and will significantly change the fabric of policing in this state. Our Association will be working closely with you to address these and future changes as they occur.

It is because of these and other problems over the past year that we have been preparing to switch to a new and improved website provider. Those efforts will soon bear fruit as we hope to go active with the new provider in the next 30 days. Once active, we should be able to restore all current website services and expand our offerings. Our current website address (www.nychiefs.org) will not change but the layout of the site will be significantly different. We will keep you posted as we move forward.

From all of us at NYSACOP, best wishes for a safe and happy new year.

By now you should have received an invoice for your 2020 membership

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2019 Training Conference PowerPoints available at:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1BvS5Rc3fadxehCa5wCYxvwriHLr1LzLN>

Welcome Back Joe!



In December, Chief (Ret.) Joe DelBianco attended his first Westchester Chiefs Association meeting after being sidelined due to heart surgery this summer. All the members of the association welcomed Joe with a "Walk In" at Doral Arrowwood.

Chief DelBianco is the NYSACOP representative for retired members of the Association.



Monroe County STOP-DWI Awards Luncheon



Monroe County STOP-DWI Law Enforcement Appreciation Awards Luncheon



Town of Greece Police Department – Agency Award



East Rochester Police Department – Officer Awards



Monroe County Sheriff's Office – Officer Awards

Monroe County STOP-DWI Program hosts an annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Luncheon to recognize local agencies & officers for the life-saving work they perform every day. Agencies are considered for awards based on their overall efforts to stop impaired driving. Individual award recipients are chosen by their agency for standout commitment to keeping roadways safe. An agency can submit up to five officers, or ten percent of their agency size. All officers submitted will receive a "Certificate of Appreciation" from the County Executive. Criteria for "Top Cop" is based on the overall efforts to making Monroe County roadways safer through education, arrests and training. A single award recipient from the lunch is selected at random to attend the New York State Highway Safety Symposium. The "Top Cop" award recipient will attend the National Lifesavers Conference. STOP-DWI funds the officer attendance at these events. The appreciation lunch is held to show our law enforcement members throughout Monroe County that we are committed to supporting their invaluable efforts, while emphasizing the impacts of these crimes that devastate so many local families each year. In 2019, 110 people attended the luncheon and training. The STOP-DWI appreciation luncheon is a forum that Monroe County is proud to hold each year in order to recognize and motivate officers and agencies to continue their efforts to eradicate impaired driving. By Peggy Duffy-Monroe County STOP-DWI Coordinator

Congratulations to the Award Winners!

Cortland PD Shop with a Cop event

On Tuesday December 17th, 2019 Cortland Community Oriented Policing Officer, Jesse Abbott, coordinated a Shop With A Cop event for those less fortunate who may otherwise not have received any Christmas presents. This is one of two events planned, the other one scheduled for 12/24/19. All shopping was done at the local Wal-Mart and funds were provided through fund raisers held by Cortland PD throughout the year. (More pictures may be found on the Cortland (NY) Police Department Facebook page.)



Shop with the Cops!

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New York News

George P. Beach, II Named Assistant Director of the FBI Office of Partner Engagement

Director Christopher Wray has named George P. Beach, II as the assistant director of the FBI's Office of Partner Engagement. He most recently served as the superintendent of the New York State Police. As superintendent, Mr. Beach commanded more than 5,000 troopers, investigators, and civilians. His command included patrol and general law enforcement, highway safety and traffic enforcement, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and the Office of Counter Terrorism, which includes the New York State Intelligence Center.

Mr. Beach graduated from the New York State Police Academy in 1983 and served in the state police for more than 30 years, rising through the ranks and accepting leadership positions throughout his career. He also graduated from the FBI National Academy, a professional development course for rising law enforcement officers, in 1992. From 2007 to 2013, Mr. Beach managed the internal affairs and audits for 1,000 members and civilian staff. In 2013, he served as a lieutenant colonel, supervising a force of 3,200. During that time he was also an executive committee member of the policy development team and a technology working group co-chair. He also worked with the state police superintendent and state officials to coordinate resources, exchange information, and manage statewide emergency response. Mr. Beach was named superintendent in 2016.

Gov. Cuomo says New York State Police will absorb State Park Police Officers in union-backed move

This article is taken from the December 3rd, 2019 edition of the New York Daily News.

ALBANY — Park police who patrol the Empire State's green spaces and historic sites are being folded into the New York State Police, Gov. Cuomo announced Tuesday. "This administration has made unprecedented investments in our park system and with that came unprecedented growth in attendance," Cuomo said. "The current system is indicative of the mentality of the past and with this action we'll be able to deploy state resources more efficiently and effectively and better respond to any threats to the safety of the 74 million people who visit New York's parks and historic sites each year." A six-month analysis will give both agencies time to assess resources and determine how best to integrate park officers through an abbreviated academy for those who meet current State Police qualifications as well as future applicants. To view the full article, visit: <https://www.nydailynews.com/news/politics/ny-new-york-state-troopers-police-park-enforcement-officers-unions-20191203-joqpz42j6nefnjeygkk6g4nthm-story.html>

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5 stabbed during upstate New York Hanukkah celebration

This article is taken from the December 30th, 2019 edition of the Associated Press. As people gathered at a rabbi's home north of New York City to celebrate the seventh night of Hanukkah, police said a man stabbed and wounded five before fleeing in a vehicle.

The Saturday night stabbings come on the heels of a string of attacks targeting Jews in the region, including [a massacre at a kosher grocery store in New Jersey](#) earlier this month. The rabbi's home is in Monsey, a town not far from the New Jersey state line and one of several in the Hudson Valley that has seen an influx of Hasidic Jews in recent years. The Rockland County town is about 35 miles (56 kilometers) north of New York City. Police said the stabbings happened at around 10 p.m. Hours later, Brad Weidel, the police chief for the town of Ramapo, which covers Monsey, said that New York City police had located a vehicle and a possible suspect sought in connection with the attack. The NYPD hadn't confirmed whether anyone was in custody as of early Sunday morning. Authorities did not immediately provide a motive for the attack.

Five people were hospitalized, Weidel said. The extent of their injuries weren't immediately clear. For the full article, visit: <https://www.policeone.com/hate-crime/articles/5-stabbed-during-upstate-new-york-hanukkah-celebration-Lr0YIGV9Iq6gAse4/>

Man Who Sucker Punched NYPD Officer Released Without Bail; Police Unions Tweet Outrage

This article is taken from the December 28th, 2019 edition of NBCNewYork. A New York Police Department officer was punched and wrestled to the ground in Brooklyn this week, and it was all caught on camera. The Sergeants Benevolent Association tweeted video of the attack Saturday that shows 40-year-old Steven Haynes sucker punch the officer.

The NYPD says the officers had told Haynes to move off of the sidewalk where he had allegedly been drinking alcohol and blocking pedestrians. It was then that Haynes punched the officer and wrestled him to the ground. The officer's partner is heard calling for backup before shouting and using a baton to try to remove Haynes. Haynes was eventually removed and arrested on several charges including resisting arrest, assaulting an officer, and disorderly conduct. By Saturday, Haynes had been released. To read the full article [and watch the full video of the incident](#), visit: <https://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/man-who-sucker-punched-nypd-officer-released-without-bail-police-unions-tweet-outrage/2251603/>

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Man breaks into NYPD stationhouse, steals police uniform

This article is taken from the December 26th, 2019 edition of the NBC New York. A man in Brooklyn has been arrested after he allegedly stole a New York City police officer's uniform from her locker.

Police say 28-year-old Baruch Ezagui broke into the 71st Precinct station in Crown Heights on Tuesday night and ransacked a female officer's locker before changing into her uniform, the [New York Daily News](#) first reported.

Ezagui told an officer that he had been promoted to detective and that he worked at the NYPD's headquarters at 1 Police Plaza, according to police. He was arrested right at the precinct and found to be in possession of drugs.

Ezagui was charged with criminal trespass, impersonation of police officer and possession of drugs and stolen property, according to the report.

<https://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/man-steals-nypd-officers-uniform-from-her-locker-says-he-was-promoted/2250707/>

NY State Police testing new vertical light bars on vehicles

The New York State Police has modified the light bars on top of their police cruisers to make emergency vehicles more noticeable.

[WHEC reports](#) the new light bars sit both horizontally and vertically atop police vehicles. The goal is to make vehicles more noticeable, especially from the side of the road, so drivers have more time to move over. "It's incredibly dangerous on the side of the roadway and most of the people don't have any idea because they've never been on the side of the road and if they have it's only been for moments," Trooper Mark O'Donnell told WHEC. "But the police officers, the firefighters, the EMS people...their 8 to 12-hour shift is in the roadway or on the side of the road, so give us a break." NYSP plans to test the new lights to see if they impact driver behavior and emergency vehicle safety, WHEC reports.

O'Donnell couldn't say how long NYSP is planning to test the impact of the new light bars or how much they'll cost. For the full article, visit: https://www.policeone.com/officer-safety/articles/ny-state-police-testing-new-vertical-light-bars-on-vehicles-KBp52St69tu16uaz/?utm_source=PoliceOne+Member+Newsletter&utm_campaign=8a946b108c-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_12_19_09_42&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ca044a84ea-8a946b108c-59044859

Bells and Badges for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign

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This Holiday Season the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police partnered with the Salvation Army for their annual Red Kettle fundraising campaign. Pictures from the event supplied by Cortland PD!



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National Police News—Tech Crime Trends

Ransomware: Cybercriminals are adding a new twist to their demands

This article is taken from the December 13th, 2019 edition of ZDNet Security publication. Ransomware could be getting even nastier: a security firm is warning over a new trend among some ransomware attackers to not just encrypt data, but steal some of it and use it as leverage to ensure a target pays up. In several recent cases it has been reported that the ransomware gang have not just encrypted data but also threatened to leak the data, too. Emsisoft says these attacks elevate the ransomware threat "to crisis level" and called on government organizations to immediately improve their security.

"If they do not, it is likely that similar incidents will also result in the extremely sensitive information which governments hold being stolen and leaked," Emsisoft said by its calculations that in 2019 across the US, ransomware attacks impacted at least 948 government agencies, educational establishments and healthcare providers at a potential cost in excess of \$7.5 billion. The impacted organizations included 103 federal, state and municipal governments and agencies, 759 healthcare providers and 86 universities, colleges and school districts. For the full article, visit: <https://www.zdnet.com/article/ransomware-cybercriminals-are-adding-a-new-twist-to-their-demands/>

Inside 'Evil Corp,' a \$100M Cybercrime Menace

This article is taken from the KrebsOnSecurity news and investigative website. The U.S. Justice Department this month offered a \$5 million bounty for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a Russian man indicted for allegedly orchestrating a vast, international cybercrime network that called itself "Evil Corp" and stole roughly \$100 million from businesses and consumers. As it happens, for several years KrebsOnSecurity closely monitored the day-to-day communications and activities of the accused and his accomplices. The \$5 million reward is being offered for 32 year-old Maksim V. Yakubets, who the government says went by the nicknames "aqua," and "aquamo," among others. The feds allege Aqua led an elite cybercrime ring with at least 16 others who used advanced, custom-made strains of malware known as "JabberZeus" and "Bugat" (a.k.a. "Dridex") to steal banking credentials from employees at hundreds of small- to mid-sized companies in the United States and Europe. From 2009 to the present, Aqua's primary role in the conspiracy was recruiting and managing a continuous supply of unwitting accomplices to help Evil Corp. launder money stolen from their victims & transfer funds to Russia, Ukraine and other parts of Eastern Europe. These accomplices, known as "money mules," are typically recruited via work-at-home job solicitations sent out by email and to people who have submitted their resumes to job search Web sites.

Money mule recruiters tend to target people looking for part-time, remote employment, and the jobs usually involve little work other than receiving and forwarding bank transfers. People who bite on these offers sometimes receive small commissions for each successful transfer, but just as often end up getting stiffed out of a promised payday. For the full article, visit: <https://krebsonsecurity.com/2019/12/inside-evil-corp-a-100m-cybercrime-menace/>

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Department of Justice Announces Interim Policy on Emerging Method to Generate Leads for Unsolved Violent Crimes

The Department of Justice announced its *Interim Policy* on forensic genetic genealogy (FGG), an emerging investigative technique that will combine technological advancements in DNA analysis and searching with traditional genealogy research. FGG is a unique investigative method that can generate leads used by law enforcement to not only identify unknown suspects but to help identify the remains of homicide victims.

“Prosecuting violent crimes is a Department priority for many reasons, including to ensure public safety and to bring justice and closure to victims and victims’ families,” said Deputy Attorney General Jeffrey A. Rosen. “We cannot fulfill our mission if we cannot identify the perpetrators. Forensic genetic genealogy gets us that much closer to being able to solve the formerly unsolvable. But we must not prioritize this investigative advancement above our commitments to privacy and civil liberties; and that is why we have released our *Interim Policy* – to provide guidance on maintaining that crucial balance.”

The Department’s policy, which went into effect on Nov. 1, 2019, is designed to balance the Department’s relentless commitment to solving violent crimes and protecting public safety against equally important public interests – such as preserving the privacy and civil liberties of all citizens. In order to do so, the Department’s *Interim Policy on Forensic Genetic Genealogical DNA Analysis and Searching* (found at www.justice.gov/forensics) provides the first comprehensive guidance to law enforcement on the use of FGG. For the full article, visit: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/department-justice-announces-interim-policy-emerging-method-generate-leads-unsolved-violent>

Trump signs order creating national commission to study police and justice system

This Article was taken from the December 23rd, 2019 edition of the Washington Post.

With little fanfare, President Trump in late October signed [an executive order](#) creating the Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice. The commission is one that police and civil rights groups have sought for years, looking for big ideas on how to approach national problems confronting law enforcement, such as diversifying police forces, addressing racial inequities and using technology to improve crime-fighting. An identically named panel was formed by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1965, and led to advances such as the creation of the 911 emergency call system and improved training for law enforcement. A bill to once again create such a commission was introduced in the Senate in 2017, and again this year, but never moved even though senators on both sides of the political aisle declared their support and it didn’t seem particularly controversial. The NAACP Legal Defense Fund, the National Urban League and the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights also endorsed the bill as a way to enact criminal justice reform on a large scale. For the full article, visit: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/crime-law/2019/12/23/trump-signs-order-creating-national-commission-study-police-justice-system/>

News from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund

128 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FATALITIES NATIONWIDE IN 2019

Washington, DC—The number of law enforcement professionals nationwide who died in the [line of duty in 2019 decreased 18 percent over the previous year](#) according to the [National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund](#), a nonprofit group that has long tracked officer fatalities. The Memorial Fund announced in its [2019 Preliminary End-of-Year Law Enforcement Fatalities Report](#) that 128 federal, state, local, tribal and territorial officers died in the line of duty over the past year, representing an 18 percent decrease over the 157 officers who died in the line of duty in 2018.

Firearms-related fatalities claimed the lives of 49 officers in 2019, a six percent decrease compared to the 52 officers killed in firearms-related incidents in 2018. Handguns were the leading type of firearm used against law enforcement in 2019. Of the 49 officer fatalities, 27 officers were shot and killed with a handgun; seven were shot and killed with a rifle and one officer was killed with a shotgun.

Traffic-related fatalities decreased 12 percent with 43 deaths in 2019 compared to 49 deaths in 2018. The number of officer deaths from other causes decreased 36 percent over the number of deaths from other causes in 2018.

Texas had the highest number of fatalities with 17 officers who died in the line of duty. New York had 11 deaths, followed by California with 9 and Alabama with 7. Georgia, Illinois, and Tennessee each had six officer deaths. Florida and New Jersey each had five, followed by Louisiana, Mississippi, and Washington each with four officer deaths. Ohio and Colorado each had three officer deaths. Eighteen states and the District of Columbia recorded no line of duty deaths in 2019.

Of the 2019 fallen officers, 119 were male and nine were female. The median age was 43 years with an average length of 14 years of service. On average, each officer left behind two children.

“While we’re certainly pleased to see a decline in the number of officer line-of-duty-deaths this year, the reality is that more than a hundred officers lost their lives,” said National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund CEO Marcia Ferranto. “That means we’ve still got a great deal of work to do. We’ve been tracking this information for more than 20 years, and the loss of even one life is difficult, particularly when these brave men and women wake up every day to keep the rest of us safe.”

There are currently 21,910 names of officers killed in the line of duty inscribed on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC, dating back to the first known death in 1786.

The statistics released are based on preliminary data compiled by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and do not represent a final or complete list of individual officers who will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in 2020. For a complete copy of the preliminary 2019 [Law Enforcement Fatalities Report](#), go to: www.LawMemorial.org/FatalitiesReport.

New York State Park Police Daring River Rescue in Niagara Falls



Picture from the Buffalo News article

Pictured is Major Clyde Doty of the New York State Park Police preventing a man from being swept over Niagara Falls. Police were initially called to the scene for a victim in the water holding onto a branch less than 100 yards from the brink of the Falls. Niagara Falls Fire Department officers initially entered the water to attempt a rescue. Major Doty positioned himself downriver in 50 degree water in case the victim was swept further towards the Falls. During the initial rescue attempt by the Falls Fire Department, the victim broke away and was swept downriver. Major Doty was able to intercept the man before he was swept over the Falls. The man was unable to assist in his own rescue due to hypothermia. Major Doty held the semi-conscious man against the swift current for over an hour until Falls Firemen were able to haul both men out of the river. For the full article and video of the rescue, visit: <https://buffalonews.com/2019/11/07/rescue-underway-in-niagara-river-above-the-american-falls/>

Northeast Counterdrug FREE Training Opportunities



Law Enforcement Intelligence—Basic

This course provides attendees with a more broad-based view of the multiple, inter-related skills and techniques used for transforming narcotics data into useful work products. The course uses the “Intelligence Cycle” to systematically process data from raw, unrelated information into “actionable” end products that provide a clearer understanding of the problems faced by police agencies today. Uniform officers can immediately put aspects of the course to work as effectively as detectives or criminal analysts, The “Intelligence Cycle” is introduced early in the course and is used throughout the course in a practical case-development project that requires them to apply their new found knowledge.

When: February 27th thru 28th, 2020—Registration at 0830. Course duration 0900 thru 1700 each day

Cell Phone in Drug Trafficking Investigations

This course is a detailed introduction as to how cell phone data can be used by investigators to enhance drug trafficking investigations. Instruction will cover use of historical communication data (records), real-time surveillance options, physical cell phone forensics considerations, and solutions that all law enforcement personnel should know. Legal issues about how to obtain and use this data will be covered as well as surveillance operations considerations, company-specific considerations, courtroom presentation issues, and other related matters. At the end of this course, students will have a very thorough understanding of what is possible with communication data in narcotics investigations, the several primary categories of available data, and how to determine the servicing companies for communications devices and accounts.

When: January 9th thru 10th, 2020—Registration at 0830. Course duration 0900 thru 1700 each day

Both courses will be held at Hilbert College, 5200 South Park Avenue Hamburg, NY 14075

To register for these courses visit: www.counterdrug.org

Hosted by:

Northeast Counterdrug Training Center,
US Attorney’s Office Western District of NY, Erie County Chiefs of Police Association,
Hilbert College Institute for Law & Justice,
Erie County Law Enforcement Foundation, Inc.

If you have questions, please contact NCTC at 717-861-2070

Northeast Counterdrug Training Opportunity

2020 Training Conference Reminder

Save the Date



The New York State Association of Chiefs of Police 2020 Training Conference will be held from July 19-22 at the Queensbury Hotel in Glens Falls, N.Y. (Adirondacks Lake George Region). Registration information will be posted in the near future!



Membership Renewal Reminder

Are your dues up-to-date or do you owe past dues?

Now you can check online by signing into your online profile at:

www.nychiefs.org/members/login

Your **2020** membership renewal will come through as an automated email to your preferred email address that is listed in your membership website profile. If you are ready to renew for **2020** now, login anytime to update your membership contact information and dues.

If you have issues logging in or forgot your username or password, please contact the NYSACOP office at (518) 355-3371 or by emailing leggert@nychiefs.org.

Postal membership renewal notices will only be mailed to those who are past due and may not be aware of the electronic change. If you or someone you know has not yet renewed and is waiting on a paper renewal, please have them contact our office to go over the new procedure.

To pay your membership dues, go to:

- Members
- Manage Membership
- Renew

Please select a payment method:



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Please be sure to update any profile information for accurate record keeping and to ensure receipt of your Chief’s Chronicle.

***PLEASE REFER US TO OTHER INTERESTED CHIEFS OF POLICE AND
COMMAND STAFF!***



NYSACOP GTSC Law Enforcement Liaison Report

January 2020

By *Dominick Macherone*

“Traffic Tuesdays-The National Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors (TSRP) Webinar Series”: (at the time of this publication no January 2020 TSRP webinar was announced)

“2020 Training Schedules for ARIDE and DRE Classes”: The training schedules for the two-day Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and Drug Recognition Enforcement (DRE) classes for 2020 that are supported by the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee can be found on the following link: <https://trafficsafety.ny.gov/training-and-events>. Questions on the training can also be directed to NYS DRE Coordinator Renee Borden at the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee at Renee.Borden@dmv.ny.gov.



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“2020 NYS STOP-DWI Super Bowl Enforcement Crackdown - Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over- January 31, 2020 - February 3, 2020”: The Super Bowl has become



synonymous with drinking and celebrating, making roads on Super Bowl weekend dangerous. That is why as game day quickly approaches the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is teaming up with the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee and law enforcement to remind football fans that designated drivers are the best defense against the dangers of drunk driving. Super Bowl is a festive night in homes and bars across America, but if your night involves alcohol, plan for a sober ride home. Remember, ***Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk***. To help plan for this enforcement mobilization visit the NHTSA **Traffic Safety Marketing** page for the latest campaign materials and marketing techniques to maximize your high visibility enforcement efforts at: <https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/drunk-driving/buzzed-driving-drunk-driving/super-bowl-li#>. As law enforcement professionals and highway safety advocates your efforts will help reduce the number of drunk and impaired drivers on the roads and save lives. By increasing State enforcement efforts, raising public awareness through paid, earned, and social media, and maximizing your local resources, you can make a marked difference. So please join our “Super Bowl Team” of law enforcement officers, state and local traffic safety advocates, and STOP-DWI New York in this year's impaired driving enforcement mobilization. Additional resource materials are available on the Traffic Programs Page of the NYSACOP website at www.nychiefs.org, GTSC’s new website at trafficsafety.ny.gov, and the STOP-DWI New York homepage at www.stopdwi.org.

“STOP-DWI NEW YORK Mobile App – Have A Plan”: [The Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee](http://The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee) and representatives from the New York STOP-DWI Foundation wish to remind all partners of the release of its free **“Have A Plan”** mobile application. The app encourages people to have a plan to get home safely if they are impaired by alcohol or drugs. We encourage and look to our law enforcement agencies to promote and market this free program in your communities. To download the app simply visit www.stopdwi.org/mobileapp.

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“Special Attention NYS Law Enforcement Agencies – DMV “P Memo” Distribution”:

It has come to our attention that many enforcement agencies and officers are unaware of the issuance, accessibility, and/or existence of DMV “P” memos. A “P” memo is correspondence issued by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to inform law enforcement agencies of changes to the V&TL, DMV regulations, reporting requirements, and other information that is pertinent to the enforcement community.

DMV sends “P” memos by email to enforcement agencies. Each agency designates a person to be the point of contact to receive and distribute the memos. The email address of the contact person must be given to DMV so the address can be added to the “P” memo distribution list. DMV should be notified whenever a contact person changes so DMV can update the distribution list. You can access and update the information that DMV has for your agency’s point of contact at eSeriesMemos@dmv.ny.gov. We recommend that you find out who DMV has on file as the point of contact to receive and distribute “P” memos for your agency, as it may be necessary to update the information.

“P” memos are also posted on the DCJS eJustice portal. Agencies can easily access the portal by going to Resources; to Ref Library; to Law Enforcement; then to DMV Resources where the “P” memos are filed.

We hope this information is helpful and that you give this matter your immediate attention.



Memo Number: "P" 11

Memo Subject: IRP Updates

The NYS Department of Motor Vehicles has issued a new memo for your information.

If you are a liaison or an administrative contact, and you are having problems opening the attached PDF, please contact us at eSeriesMemos@dmv.ny.gov.

If your agency’s email address changes or if you would like to unsubscribe, please inform us immediately at eSeriesMemos@dmv.ny.gov.

This Message Contains Attachment(s): [P11 - IRP Updates.pdf](#)

This message was sent by the [New York State DMV](#)

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“LEXIPOL Webinar – Reducing Risk on the Road: How to Keep Officers Safe During Roadway Operations”: On December 13, 2019 LEXIPOL hosted a webinar entitled “Reducing Risk on the Road: How to Keep Officers Safe During Roadway Operations”. The routine nature of traffic stops and accident response obscures the truth—roadway operations are inherently dangerous for law enforcement officers. So far this year, 15 officers have died as a result of “struck by” incidents. And in a recent survey, more than 1 in 10 people said they have either

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struck or nearly struck a first responder stopped on or near the road. Reducing the risk associated with law enforcement roadway operations starts with deepening our understanding of the problem and incorporating the latest technology and research. Join LEXIPOL's Gordon Graham and a panel of experts to learn how your agency can take steps to make the roads safer for officers. You'll learn:

- The importance of changing behavior & procedures to address risks involved with roadway operations;
- Highlights from a recent survey on distracted driving;
- How traffic crash reporting, safety analysis and records can inform safety efforts
Research on the effectiveness of vehicle warning lights;

You may have missed the opportunity to take part in this webinar; however, it can still be viewed at the following link: <https://info.lexipol.com/law-enforcement-roadway-safety>.

“New York Traffic Activities from the Field”: “Welcome New York’s New SADD State Coordinator”: Please join us in welcoming New York’s newly selected Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) State Coordinator Lauren Zimmerman-Meade. Lauren will be teaming up with the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee and law enforcement across the state to help prevent teen driving crashes and improve safety on New York’s roadways. In her role as the SADD State Coordinator, Lauren Zimmerman-Meade will build upon GTSC’s work promoting safe teen driving by creating, equipping, and sustaining a network of student-run chapters in schools and communities focused on peer-to-peer education. Lauren can be contacted by email at lmeade@sadd.org or by phone at (518) 749-0060; please offer her your support whenever possible to Lauren in this traffic safety partnership.

“Save-the-Date - Empire State Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Conference – May 13-14, 2020”: The Empire State Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Conference (ESLETS) is scheduled for May 13 & 14, 2020 at the Hunter Mountain Resort in Hunter, NY. The conference is a two-day event for Law Enforcement only. The conference will provide training, skills and knowledge to address contemporary highway safety issues and challenges; **designed by law enforcement - for law enforcement**. The planning committee for the conference includes representatives from the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC), New York State Police, New York Sheriff's Association & New York State Association of Chiefs of Police. Conference registration information will be posted and linked to the New York State Police Traffic Safety Page at https://troopers.ny.gov/Traffic_Safety/. **“Highlighting Traffic Safety Initiatives Beyond the Borders of New York”**: This month we’re featuring a December 28, 2019 story by Larry Higgins of NJ Advance Media on distracted driving being the leading cause of fatal crashes in New Jersey in 2018; the link to the story is: <https://www.nj.com/news/2019/12/making-a-call-texting-and-drinking-coffee-killed-the-most-drivers-last-year-in-nj.html>. “

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The Dangers of “Arranging the Truth”



By Gordon Graham

Editor’s note: This is the latest installment in the Real Risk Management series, designed to introduce the breadth and depth of risk management by organizing risk into 10 Families. To request earlier articles from the series, please contact Shannon Pieper, [Lexipol](mailto:spieper@lexipol.com) Marketing Communications Director, at 949/276-9938 or spieper@lexipol.com.

Gordon Graham here again! Thanks for taking the time to read this piece on Family Six of the 10 Families of Risk—information risks. Let me start with one of my dad’s favorite jokes, the headline from TASS (the Soviet Union news outlet at the time, common spelling Информационное агентство России) at the end of the Space Race:

Space Race Over

Russians Finish Second

Americans Finish Next to Last

While true, the above statement is grossly misleading. Yes, the Russians did finish in second place—and the Americans did finish “next to last”—but, of course, there were only two players in the Space Race.

Our current President (Mr. Trump) has used the phrase “fake news” since the start of his presidency. I recognize the risk in talking about anything political and I am not taking sides, but Mr. Trump isn’t identifying anything new. “Fake news” has been around forever. Since the start of time people have been saying things and doing things to alter your thinking and change your mind on a given issue.

In the WSJ (that is the *Wall Street Journal*, Lieutenant) yesterday, there was a great opinion piece by Andy Kessler, “Follow Michael Crichton’s Rule.” I have always enjoyed the writings of Mr. Crichton (M.D. from Harvard University, author, screenwriter, film director, film producer, and TV producer, who also had five wives—and I think I am busy!) and certainly enjoyed his books that were turned into movies, so naturally, the article caught my eye.

In a nutshell, Mr. Kessler’s article is about the uneasy relationship between hard science and public policy. The author of this piece is brilliant (that means I agree with him). One of the examples he uses involves another popular person, Carl “Billions and Billions” Sagan and his ongoing talk about how a 5,000-ton nuclear exchange between warring powers would cause temperatures to drop below freezing for three months. While there was no empirical evidence to back this statement, no one would take the other side of the argument. Physicist Freeman Dyson summed up why: “It’s an absolutely atrocious piece of science, but who wants to be accused of being in favor of nuclear war?”

Mr. Kessler continues with myriad examples of when hard science conflicts with public policy, including secondhand smoke, the \$15 minimum wage, net neutrality, free college, day care, medical care and others. But the line that really stuck with me comes from Michael Crichton.

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Prior to his death in 2008 at the age of 66 (I guess being married five times is an indicator of something, but I will stay away from that discussion), Crichton gave a lecture at Caltech entitled “Aliens Cause Global Warming.” (There are a lot of smart people at Caltech, and oddly enough they were not named in the “Operation Varsity Blues” scandal—why should be obvious to anyone who can find a sailboat in the marina. I digress, but I enjoy making the editor of these pieces look things up to make sure I have not gone further off the rails.) And it is from this lecture that Mr. Kessler derives his article title. Crichton stated, “Once you abandon strict adherence to what science tells us, once you start arranging the truth in a press conference, then anything is possible.”

In law enforcement, we are living the effects of the phenomenon Crichton identified. When I address groups of non-law enforcement personnel and they learn I had a history in the profession, I am regularly challenged with the accusation, “You cops kill too many people.” When I ask them, “How many people do cops kill every year in the U.S.?” they are silent—as quiet as, you know, that person in church.

I then tell the audience that every year, cops in America kill 1 million people (and I write it on the overhead projector device)—and no one disagrees! They nod. When I tell them it is not a million, it is only 100,000, they continue to nod. When I tell them that I lied to them and it is not 100,000—they can take away a zero, and it is only 10,000—that is when they disagree. “You are trying to tell me that the 800,000+ cops in America who make a million contacts a day are only killing 10,000 people? That is a lie!”

I agree with them—it IS a lie! DROP ANOTHER ZERO. On average cops in America kill about 1,000 people a year! Then I see the cell phones coming out and people are fact checking what I have just said. It is true! Cops in America kill less than 1,000 people a year—and having been in the business for 46 years, I can say with total honesty that 80% of the people cops kill needed to be “dead” right then.

When I follow up with “Are you aware that doctors in America are killing in excess of 250,000 people a year?” again the cell phones come out. But again, it’s true: The third-highest cause of death in America is medical malpractice.

Information! Where does it come from? How do you separate the chafe from the grain? How do you verify what you are being told is true? More on this in our next writing, but until then, please be safe. And pick your doctor wisely.

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