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Don't Miss Out on NAPO's 48th Annual Convention

July 19 – 22, 2026 ~ Detroit, Michigan

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Join us for [NAPO's 48th Annual Convention](#) being held at the Marriott Hotel at the Renaissance Center in Detroit, Michigan. The riverfront hotel located in downtown Detroit welcomes you with a contemporary design and a newly renovated modern lobby and restaurant. The hotel offers stunning views of the Detroit River and Ontario, Canada.

Participate in setting NAPO's legislative priorities for the upcoming 120th Congress, midterm elections, and hear from prominent national law enforcement figures about the latest developments in police labor practices and services.

Very Special Thank You to Mark Young and the Detroit Police Lieutenants & Sergeants Association and Craig Miller and the Detroit Police Officers Association for sponsoring many of the convention's events. Without their financial support and tireless efforts, many of the events simply would not be possible!

To register, view the working agenda, get travel discounts, or to learn more about NAPO's Annual Convention, please visit: <https://www.napo.org/convention26>

NAPO Victory! Senate Passes Fighting PTSD Act

In a victory for NAPO, the Senate passed the Fighting PTSD Act (S. 825), reintroduced by Senators Grassley and Chris Coons (D-DE), by voice vote on June 10. This important bill would require the Attorney General to propose a program for making treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder and acute stress disorder available to all federal, state, and local public safety officers. The bill acknowledges the prevalence of PTSD within the public safety profession and the need to address PTSD and acute stress disorder among officers to make certain they get the treatment and help they need.

This legislation is an important first step to giving all officers access to confidential, state-of-the-art treatments for PTSD and acute stress disorder. By recognizing the instances of these disorders within the profession and guaranteeing treatments and resources are widely available, we can work to ensure that suicide will no longer be one of the top killers of public safety officers.

The Senate also passed by voice vote additional National Police Week bills:

- The Promoting Police Leadership Act (S. 4394), which would task the DOJ with developing a broad training curricula framework for commander-level personnel in consultation with state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies, academic institutions, and at NAPO's insistence, representatives of rank-and-file officers.
- The Carla Walker Act (S. 1890), which would fund a pilot program for the DOJ to use forensic genetic genealogy to investigate, solve, and prosecute cold cases and other hard-to solve crimes.
- The Tribal Warrant Fairness Act (S. 3041), which would grant the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) the authority to execute arrest warrants on behalf of Tribal law enforcement and allow the USMS to assist Tribal law enforcement in searching for missing children.

We continue working with Senate leadership to pass the last of our 2026 National Police Week bills, the Officer John Barnes and Chief Michael Ansbro PSOB Program Expansion Act (S. 3897), which would make vital changes to the PSOB Program to increase transparency and accountability and ensure the Program honors and supports officers and their families who have sacrificed so much in service to their communities. We are considering all possible opportunities to pass this important bill, including attaching it as an amendment to a larger, must-pass bill like the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) or an appropriations package.

NAPO Meets with Administration Regarding Crypto Legislation

NAPO met with Administration officials, Senate Banking Committee staff, and other law enforcement representatives on June 10 to continue the discussion regarding our concerns with the Digital Asset Market Clarity Act (H.R. 3633), which establishes regulatory frameworks for cryptocurrencies and digital assets and is a priority for President Trump. NAPO was joined by the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the National Association of Assistant U.S. Attorneys (NAAUSA).

House Majority Whip Tom Emmer (R-MN), one of the architects of the bill, joined and kicked off the meeting, highlighting the importance of law enforcement's support for the bill and the need to regulate crypto markets. David Sacks, Chair of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology, and Andrea Gacki, Director of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), followed Whip Emmer to discuss the need for the bill and highlighting the enforcement provisions that are included to counter illicit activities in decentralized finance (DeFi).

While we appreciate the provisions in the bill that enhance law enforcement's ability to investigate digital assets and support the need to regulate cryptocurrencies and digital assets, NAPO remains concerned with the section of the bill that would regulate crypto blockchains. Specifically, it would exempt mixers, tumblers, and DeFi ledgers from regulations that govern money-transmitting businesses or individuals engaged in money transmitting. As it is currently written, the language could create gaps in oversight and accountability that sophisticated criminal actors may exploit and make investigations more difficult, limit the ability to trace illicit financial activity, and produce new obstacles to holding offenders accountable.

If there is not a path forward to tightening up the proposed regulations for crypto blockchains, the enforcement measures currently in the bill must be strengthened to assist law enforcement counter illicit finance tools. NAPO continues working with the Senate Banking and Judiciary Committees as well as the

Administration to ensure that the Digital Asset Market Clarity Act contains sufficient safeguards to protect public safety and promote effective investigative and enforcement tools.

We appreciate the continued engagement and discussion regarding our concerns with the legislation and remain dedicated to finding a path forward.

NAPO President Mick McHale Inducted into Florida Law Enforcement Hall of Fame

On June 6, NAPO President Mick McHale was honored by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and inducted into the 2026 Hall of Fame in Tallahassee, Florida along with four other law enforcement leaders. McHale is also the Senior Vice President of the Florida Police Benevolent Association (PBA) and the President of the Southwest Florida PBA.

“This esteemed recognition is one of the greatest honors in my entire law enforcement career,” said McHale. “To be recognized among so many distinguished men and women who have dedicated their lives to serving others, is a privilege beyond words.”

McHale began his career with the Sarasota Police Department in 1990 and served as a patrol officer, K-9 officer, narcotics detective, and K-9 sergeant prior to becoming the Administrative Sergeant in charge of the Canine Unit, Marine Patrol, Traffic Unit, and Honor Guard. He retired from the Sarasota Police Department after serving nearly 27 years. He is currently assigned to Bradenton International Airport in Sarasota.

Throughout his career on the NAPO Executive Board, including in his current role as President, and the Florida PBA Executive Board, McHale has been a vigorous advocate for protecting and defending the rights of law enforcement officers and improving their working conditions. He served on the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission and the Committee on Political Education. He continues to lobby lawmakers in the Capitol to pass legislation benefiting law enforcement officers and their families. As NAPO President for the past 11 years, McHale has been a driving force for passing critical legislation through the United States Congress that has enhanced the rights of law enforcement officers across the country.

COPS Office Announces Nearly \$700 Million in FY 2026 Grants

The Department of Justice’s Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) released the Fiscal 2026 Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) for nearly \$700 million in grants to support state and local law enforcement on June 9.

The released NOFOs include:

- The [COPS Hiring Program](#) provides direct funding to state, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies for the hiring and retention of career law enforcement personnel to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. *Up to \$158 million will be available.*
- The [Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act \(LEMHWA\) Program](#) provides funding to improve the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for law enforcement and their

families through training and technical assistance, demonstration projects, and implementation of promising practices related to peer mentoring, access to mental health services and wellness programs. *Up to \$9 million will be available.*

- The [Preparing for Active Shooter Situations \(PASS\) Program](#) provides funding for scenario-based training that prepares officers, deputies, and other first responders to safely and effectively handle active-shooter and other violent threats. This year's program will train at least 20,000 first responders through scenario-based, multi-disciplinary training classes. *Up to \$10 million will be available.*
- The [Anti-Heroin Task Force Program](#) provides funds directly to state law enforcement to locate and investigate illicit activities through statewide collaboration related to the distribution of heroin, fentanyl, or carfentanil or the unlawful distribution of prescription opioids. *Up to \$34 million will be available.*
- The [Anti-Methamphetamine Program](#) is designed to investigate illicit activities related to the manufacture and distribution of methamphetamine. Funding must be used to locate or investigate illicit activities such as precursor diversion, laboratories, or methamphetamine traffickers. *Up to \$13 million will be available.*
- The [STOP School Violence Prevention Program](#) provides funding to improve security at schools and on school grounds in the grantees' jurisdictions through evidence-based school safety programs. *Up to \$73 million will be available.*

Priority consideration for the COPS grants will be given to jurisdictions that cooperate with federal law enforcement to address illegal immigration and coordinate and participate with the Homeland Security Task Force (HSTF).

For more information on COPS Office NOFOs, please visit <https://cops.usdoj.gov/grants>. The grants.gov application deadline for these grants is July 23 and the justgrants.gov application deadline is July 29.

NAPO's Legislative Positions & Sponsor/Cosponsor Updates

You can now see if your U.S. Representatives and Senators support NAPO's priority legislation on our new interactive [Sponsor/Cosponsor map](#) on our website. The interactive map accompanies the latest "[Legislative Positions](#)" document, which is also available on the NAPO website under "News and Political Action". NAPO's Legislative Positions is a document that highlights all the legislation that we have taken an official position on or are monitoring during the 119th Congress. The map and Legislative Positions document are continually updated to reflect the work we are doing on Capitol Hill.

If you have any questions about any of the legislation that NAPO is currently working, please contact NAPO's Director of Governmental Affairs, Andy Edmiston, at: aedmiston@napo.org or (703) 549-0775.

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