Greetings from our NLPOA National President

Happy New Year!

This New Year brings a new political administration for our country. We will continue to fight the fight. We will continue to hold political administrations and police departments accountable and we will continue to let them know about our concerns. Although the election was very negative we will continue all of our positive efforts.

The NLPOA will still continue to provide professional career development and EEO advocacy for its members.

The NLPOA will continue to network with the Latino community to reduce conflicts between law enforcement and residents.

The NLPOA will continue to provide scholarships and other support to students pursuing careers in law enforcement or related fields.

The NLPOA will continue to assist in community-based programs focused on crime reduction.

The NLPOA will continue to provide resources coupled with community efforts to advance the betterment of the communities we serve.

Respectfully yours,

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2017 National Conference will be held at Kansas City, Kansas October 11-14, 2017. Register now and get a discount. 2017 is on track to be one of the best conferences ever. The event is hosted by Northern Vice President Darrin Fulton and the Kansas City Chapter.

**Grant Opportunity**

**Police Associations Leading 21st Century Policing**

The Open Society Foundations invites local police associations in the United States to submit proposals for projects they wish to work on to increase trust among law enforcement officers and the communities they serve. We encourage projects that relate to the recommendations of the President’s Taskforce on 21st Century Policing published in 2015. There are no minimum and maximum grant amounts, but the anticipated grant range is $25,000 to $200,000. The grants are open to local police associations, or local chapters of national associations, and organizations do not need to have formal legal status to be eligible. The deadline for applications is February 24th, 2017.

Please visit their website for information and more details {https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/grants/police-associations-leading-21st-century-policing-20170112} for the full application requirements and instructions to submit your concept note. If you have any questions please contact them at policeassociations@opensocietyfoundations.org You may also sign up for their informational conference calls on Tuesday, January 31st from 3:30pm to 5:30pm (Eastern), and Tuesday, February 21st from 10:00am to 12:00pm (Eastern).
Join the NLPOA Inland Empire Chapter, CA Scholarship Fundraiser on Feb. 11, 2017, in Ontario, CA

Congratulating NLPOA San Diego County Chapter member Iris Garcia for being elected to the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of San Diego County, CA

NLPOA Ventura County Chapter, CA next Meeting Thursday, January 26, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at National University, 1000 Town Center Dr #125, Oxnard, CA
NLPOA Seattle Chapter Celebrates their Awards Dinner

Luis Angel Ramos Jr. and the NLPOA Central Florida Chapter Celebrate Three Kings Day

Azalea Park Elementary NLPOA Central Florida Chapter
NLPOA Fresno County Chapter Teams Up with Valley Children’s Hospital

NLPOA Sacramento Chapter Teams Up with Mangos for a Toy Drive

California State Meeting
March 25, 2017
Site location: Holiday Inn San Jose-Silicon Valley
1350 north 1st Street
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NLPOA Fresno County Chapter Annual Dinner
Dance Coat Drive

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The National Latino Peace Officers Association does not discriminate in its membership. As such, a percentage of our members are non-Latinos and have joined with us in supporting our goals and objectives.

NLPOA’s goal is to promote equality and professionalism in law enforcement. We accomplish by providing our members, and members of the community, with career training, conferences and workshops and by promoting education, career advancement, mentoring, and a strong commitment to community service in all of our activities.

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