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May 2, 2022

National Police Defense Foundation 21 Kilmer Drive, Building 2, Suite F Morganville, New Jersey 07751

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the New Jersey State Police, I would like to congratulate all of the honorees of the National Police Defense Foundation's 2022 Annual Awards Dinner. This year's honorees exemplify the Foundation's mission to protect and serve the efforts of law enforcement. The Foundation and its members are to be commended for their continued dedication and support to the law enforcement and first responder communities, as well as the citizens of New Jersey.

The National Police Defense Foundation is one of the largest police foundations in the nation. In addition to providing legal and medical support services to the law enforcement community, the Foundation has been pivotal in the establishment services to its benefactors. "Operation Kids" offers safety programs and initiatives to aid in the protection and well-being of children to include scholarships, posting rewards, youth athletic events, and programs aimed at helping critically ill children. The "Safe Cop Reward Program" aids in the arrest and conviction of persons who commit crimes against officers or first responders. Additionally, "Safe Net" offers a \$1,000 savings bond to a child who provides information that leads to the federal arrest and conviction of any pedophile soliciting victims on the internet. These programs are made possible through the monetary support of the members.

Once again, congratulations to the award recipients and a sincere thank you to the National Police Defense Foundation for your continued efforts in supporting those that serve their local communities on a daily basis. Enjoy your evening.

Sincerely,

Patrick Callahan Colonel Superintendent

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE 335 Adams Street, Suite 3200, Brooklyn, NY 11201

March 8, 2022

Mr. Joseph Occhipinti
Founder & Executive Director
National Police Defense Foundation
21 Kilmer Drive
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Dear Mr. Occhipinti,

On behalf of the men and women of the New York Field Office of the U.S. Secret Service, I extend my appreciation and congratulations to you and the National Police Defense Foundation as you celebrate over 25 years of service to the law enforcement community.

The strong relationships the Foundation has forged among the federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies have been instrumental in assisting the New York Field Office of the U.S. Secret Service accomplish its mission of protecting our world leaders and safeguarding our country's financial infrastructure.

We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to the Foundation for your continued support and dedication extended to our personnel and their families.

Congratulations to this year's honorees and to your many years of dedicated commitment to public service.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Freaney Special Agent in Charge New York Field Office

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RAYMOND A. TIERNEY DISTRICT ATTORNEY



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

National Police Defense Foundation 21 Kilmer Drive Building 2, Suite F Morganville, NJ 07751

To the National Police Defense Foundation and Tonight's Distinguished Honorees:

First, I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to Founder and Executive Director Joe Occhipinti and his foundation for the meaningful work that they've been doing for over twenty-five years. The National Police Defense Foundation provides invaluable services not just to our law enforcement community, but also to the community at large. Honoring your mission to "Protect and Support," you have established many noble programs to aid our often-unsung heroes, their families and children around the world. Through Safe Cop, Legal Defense, Operation Kids, Project SAFE-NET and countless other programs, numerous deserving individuals have benefited from your help.

Tonight, we honor men and women who have dedicated their careers to protecting our communities, and in some instances sacrificed their jobs and livelihoods. They have put their lives at risk on a daily basis to protect and serve the public. As a lifelong prosecutor, I appreciate the necessity of collaboration with outstanding partners to protect the public. As a federal prosecutor, I previously worked with SAC DeVito and benefitted from his and the ATF's great work, which is emblematic of all the great work being done by all of tonight's honorees. Some of tonight's honorees have been on the front lines putting their lives at risk to protect and serve our public; others have used their platforms to speak out about the more irresponsible aspects of recent so-called "criminal justice reform" laws that must be changed. To this impressive roster of honorees, I would like to congratulate you and thank you for your service.

As you have done, my office and I will do everything within our power to protect and support our law enforcement and the public.

Respectfully yours,

Raymond A. Tierney District Attorney

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PATRICK J. RYDER COMMISSIONER

May 11, 2022

Dear Friends:

It is a great privilege and honor to join you tonight at the National Police Defense Foundation's Annual Awards Dinner.

As Commissioner of the Nassau County Police Department, I am especially grateful for the support that the NPDF provides to the law enforcement community. I also offer my sincere congratulations to tonight's honorees:

Chief Carmen Best (Ret.)
ATF Special Agent Adam Daniels
SAC John DeVito
Jack Citarelli
Hon. Bruce Blakeman
SAC Anthony Salisbury
Edward Cetnar

On behalf of the members of the Nassau County Police Department, I give my very best wishes to the National Police Defense Foundation for continued success.

Enjoy your evening!

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Ryder Commissioner of Police

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20224

February 22, 2022

Mr. Joseph Occhipinti
Executive Director
National Police Defense Foundation
21 Kilmer Drive
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Morganville, NJ 07751

Dear Executive Director Occhipinti,

It is an honor to attend and represent Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation at the National Police Defense Foundation's 2022 Awards Gala. I look forward to celebrating the many successes achieved by law enforcement in protecting the people of the United States of America.

On behalf of IRS-Criminal Investigation in New York, I personally thank you and the NPDF for your outstanding service and support of law enforcement and our communities through programs that include Operation Kids and Safe Cop. The NPDF continues to promote a sense of strength and unity in bringing our Federal, State, and local partners together in celebrating our many accomplishments.

Congratulations to this year's award recipients for their dedication to protect and serve the citizens of the United States. Thank you to the NPDF for your unwavering support of the law enforcement mission.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Fattorusso, Jr. Special Agent in Charge

Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation

New York Field Office

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE MAYOR NEW YORK, NY 10007

May 11, 2022

Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone to the National Police Defense Foundation (NPDF) 2022 awards gala.

Our city is strengthened by its men and women in uniform who share a sense of responsibility to protect and defend their fellow New Yorkers. Since 1995, the NPDF has been dedicated to its mission of supporting and uplifting the law enforcement community. By offering crucial medical and legal assistance to those it serves, the NPDF provides members of the law enforcement community with the vital tools they need to protect New Yorkers to the best of their abilities. Tonight's gala is an excellent opportunity to fund the NPDF's scholarship program, as well as to recognize the accomplishments of those who have made a positive impact on our city, and beyond. I am proud to join the NPDF in applauding all those being recognized tonight for everything they do to forge a better, brighter, safer future for all.

On behalf of the City of New York, congratulations to this year's honorees. I extend my best wishes for a memorable gala and your continued success.

Sincerely,

Eric Adams Mayor

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U.S. Department of Justice

United States Attorney Eastern District of New York

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April 14, 2022

Mr. Joseph Occhipinti
Executive Director
National Police Defense Foundation
21 Kilmer Drive
Building 2, Suite C
Morganville, NJ 07751

Dear Mr. Occhipinti:

On behalf of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York, I am honored to accept your invitation to attend the National Police Defense Foundation (NPDF) Awards Dinner. For over 25 years the NPDF has been a great friend to the law enforcement community, and you should be extremely proud of your success.

I applaud the NPDF for fostering relationships between federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. Interagency collaboration promotes efficiency and enhances the ability of law enforcement to protect and serve our communities.

It is truly a privilege to be a part of this very special awards dinner that recognizes the great work law enforcement, civilians, and legislators do every day keep our communities safe. I congratulate the award recipients, and I thank you for including the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York.

Very truly yours, Carolyn Pokorny

Carolyn Pokorny

First Assistant United States Attorney

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February 7, 2022

Mr. Joseph Occhipinti
Executive Director
National Police Defense Foundation
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Morganville, NJ 07751

Dear Executive Director Occhipinti,

I am honored to accept your invitation to attend the National Police Defense Foundation (NPDF) Awards Gala. It will be my pleasure to represent the U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service, and to be in the presence of such an esteemed group of professionals. The NPDF has served the law enforcement community well since its inception and should be extremely proud of all it has accomplished throughout the years.

The efforts made by the NPDF to enhance interagency cooperation continues to strengthen the law enforcement community's ability to serve and protect our great nation. The NPDF has done a tremendous job to honor and acknowledge the many accomplishments and sacrifices made by our fellow law enforcement and legislative colleagues. I sincerely thank you and the members of the Executive Board for allowing this tradition to flourish and remain a positive influence on our way of life.

I congratulate this year's honorees for their dedication to duty and unwavering support to maintain law and order throughout the U.S. The work of the NPDF is greatly appreciated, and I look forward to enhancing our already strong partnership.

Sincerely

Special Agent in Charge

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