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"Protecting and Supporting Law Enforcement"



PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD



Mick McHale

National President

*National Association of Police Organizations
(NAPO)*

The National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) is a coalition of police unions and associations from across the United States and was organized for the purpose of advancing the interests of America's law enforcement officers through legislative advocacy, political action, and education.

Increasingly, the rights and interests of law enforcement officers have been the subject of legislative, executive, and judicial action in the nation's capital. From issues of federal funding of State law enforcement and anti-terrorism efforts to federal policy on employee health, pension and other benefits, the actions of Congress and the Administration significantly impact public safety interests. These interests must be vigorously protected when considering the vital role law enforcement officers play in maintaining the peace and security of American society. NAPO works to influence the course of national affairs where law enforcement interests are concerned.

Founded in 1978, NAPO is the strongest unified voice supporting law enforcement officers in the United States. Michael "Mick" McHale serves as the National President of the National Association of Police Organizations. Mick is currently a Police Officer at the Sarasota Bradenton International Airport and recently retired as an Administrative Sergeant in charge of the Canine, Marine Patrol, Traffic Unit and Honor Guard for the City of Sarasota Police Department, Sarasota, Florida. Mick is the President of the Southwest Florida Police Benevolent Association and Senior Vice President of the Florida PBA. Prior to becoming President of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), Mick served as Executive Vice President, Recording Secretary, Area Vice President, and Sergeant at Arms. Mick has also served on several committees, including as Chairman of the Committee on Political Education, where he was responsible for overseeing the evaluation and endorsement of candidates for elective office across the country.

Mick began his career with Sarasota P.D. in 1990 and has served as a Patrol Officer as well as a Narcotics Detective (for 10 years), prior to being promoted to Sergeant. Mick also served as a Commissioner with the State of Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission for a six (6) year period after being appointed as a rank-and-file representative by then-Governor Charlie Crist.

The National Association of Police Organizations represents some 1,000 professional police associations and units and 241,000 sworn officers throughout the United States. NAPO serves its members through the advancement of federal legislation and policy, legal advocacy, and education.

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