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ELECTION 2012: NAPO VICTORY

PRESIDENT OBAMA WINS REELECTION

“Tonight, more than 200 years after a former colony won the right to determine its own destiny, the task of perfecting our union moves forward.” President Barack Obama remarked during last night’s acceptance speech at a victory rally in Chicago. NAPO is a proud supporter of President Obama endorsing him and Vice President Biden in the 2008 and 2012 election cycle. An Presidents reelection is a victory for rank-and-file law enforcement.

President Obama and Vice President Biden have been strong supporters of collective bargaining rights for law enforcement and supported defined benefits pensions; both top priorities for NAPO. As leaders, they have never wavered in their support for funding programs (COPS Hiring, Byrne JAG and BVP) that support law enforcement and have made officer safety a priority for the Department of Justice. They have hosted NAPO’s TOP COPS at the White House all four years they have been in office and Vice President Joe Biden has attended the 2008 and 2012 NAPO Conventions.

Although the 2012 elections didn’t change the overall majority control of the House of Representatives and the Senate, this result was still a favorable outcome for NAPO because Democrats were victorious in maintaining control of the Senate. The Democrats have 53 seats with a net gain of 2 seats. Republicans have 45 seats with a net loss of 2 seats. Currently, the Senate has a total of 51 Democrats, 47 Republicans and 2 Independents.

Please review the list of the Senate races and victors listed below. The highlights represent key races that were considered to go either way:

State	Senator	Party	Incumbent
Arizona	Flake	Republican	
California	Feinstein	Democrat	Incumbent
Connecticut	Murphy	Democrat	
Delaware	Carper	Democrat	Incumbent
Florida	Nelson	Democrat	Incumbent
Hawaii	Hirono	Democrat	
Indiana	Donnelly	Democrat	
Maine	King	Independent	

State	Senator	Party	Incumbent
Maryland	Cardin	Democrat	Incumbent
Massachusetts	Warren	Democrat	
Michigan	Stabenow	Democrat	Incumbent
Minnesota	Klobuchar	Democrat	Incumbent
Mississippi	Wicker	Republican	Incumbent
Missouri	McCaskill	Democrat	Incumbent
Montana	Tester	Democrat	Incumbent
Nebraska	Fischer	Democrat	
Nevada	Heller	Republican	Incumbent
New Jersey	Menendez	Democrat	Incumbent
New Mexico	Heinrich	Democrat	
New York	Gillibrand	Democrat	Incumbent
North Dakota	Heitkamp	Democrat	
Ohio	Brown	Democrat	Incumbent
Pennsylvania	Casey	Democrat	Incumbent
Rhode Island	Whitehouse	Democrat	Incumbent
Tennessee	Corker	Republican	Incumbent
Texas	Cruz	Republican	
Utah	Hatch	Republican	Incumbent
Vermont	Sanders	Independent	Incumbent
Virginia	Kaine	Democrat	
Washington	Cantwell	Democrat	Incumbent
West Virginia	Manchin	Democrat	Incumbent
Wisconsin	Baldwin	Democrat	
Wyoming	Barrasso	Republican	Incumbent

Senate committee assignments will change in the new Congress. One committee of importance to NAPO is the Senate Judiciary Committee, which is likely to remain in the chairmanship of Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT). NAPO has developed a strong relationship with his office and this will continue to be beneficial to our lobbying efforts. As committee positions become available NAPO will provide updated information.

In the House of Representatives, there are 435 seats with 218 needed for majority. The Republicans will continue to be the majority party with 232 seats and a net gain of 0 seats. The Democrats have 191 seats with a net gain of 5 seats. *Please note, at the time of publication not all races have been finalized.* Currently there are 241 Republicans and 190 Democrats, with a total of 4 vacancies.

Please review the list of the key House races and victors listed below:

State	District	Member	Party	Incumbent
California	7th	Bera	Democrat	
California	10th	Denham	Republican	Incumbent
California	30th	Scherman	Democrat	Incumbent
California	36th	Ruiz	Democrat	
California	44th	Hahn	Democrat	Incumbent
California	52nd	Peters	Democrat	
Colorado	6th	Coffman	Republican	Incumbent
Florida	9th	Grayson	Democrat	
Florida	18th	Murphy	Democrat	
Florida	26th	Garcia	Democrat	
Georgia	12th	Barrow	Democrat	Incumbent
Illinois	8th	Duckworth	Democrat	
Illinois	10th	Schneider	Democrat	
Illinois	11th	Foster	Democrat	
Iowa	3rd	Latham	Republican	Incumbent
Iowa	4th	King	Republican	Incumbent
Massachusetts	6th	Tierney	Democrat	Incumbent
Minnesota	6th	Bachmann	Republican	Incumbent
New Hampshire	2nd	Kuster	Democrat	
North Carolina	8th	Hudson	Republican	
Ohio	16th	Renacci	Republican	Incumbent
Pennsylvania	12th	Rothfus	Republican	
Rhode Island	1st	Cicilline	Democrat	Incumbent
Texas	23rd	Gallego	Democrat	
Utah	4th	Matheson	Democrat	Incumbent

Committees in the House and the Senate have term limits. Seven House panels will have new chairmen in the 113th Congress, although the control will likely stay with the Republican Party. Financial Services, Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, Judiciary, Transportation, Science, Space and Technology and the Rules Chairmanships are all up for grabs. NAPO takes particular interest in the Judiciary and Homeland Security new leadership. The Judiciary Chairman, Lamar Smith of Texas is to be replaced by Rep. Bob Goodlatte of Virginia and Homeland Security Chairman, Peter King of New York by Rep. Candice Miller of Michigan.

The lame duck session begins Tuesday, November 13th after seven weeks of recess. Speaker of the House John Boehner (R-OH) said that the House Republican's goal for the lame duck will include replacing the sequester and extending all of the tax rates while gearing up for tax and entitlement reform next year. Members of both chambers have several items on the to-do-list, including unfinished fiscal 2013 appropriations, the farm bill, defense authorization and addressing the sequester.

Last night President Obama perfectly highlighted his agenda for the next 4 years, "I return to the White House more determined and more inspired than ever about the work there is to do and the future that lies ahead." NAPO is proud to support this Administration and continue to work with them to improve the lives of America's finest.

**NOMINATE AN OFFICER FOR
THE TOP COPS® AWARDS!**
**THE 2013 TOP COPS® CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE ON
SUNDAY MAY 12, 2013 AT THE
OMNI SHOREHAM HOTEL,
IN CONJUNCTION WITH NATIONAL POLICE WEEK.**

It is that time of the year again! We are trying to generate as many quality TOP COPS® nominations as possible. Please consider nominating a fellow officer. We would appreciate you sharing this form with colleagues and friends in law enforcement. Feel free to post the attached nomination form wherever you feel it appropriate. The nomination form is also available in PDF format on our website (www.napo.org) or **click here**. Help us ensure that all states and territories are represented at the 20th Annual TOP COPS Awards® Ceremony. **The deadline for nominations is January 11, 2013.**

We appreciate any help you can provide. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Loranger at eloranger@napo.org or (800) 322-6276.

Save the Dates!

Please Make Note of NAPO's 2013 Events

25th Annual Police, Fire, EMS & Municipal Employee Pension & Benefits Seminar

Sunday, February 17 – Tuesday, February 19, 2013
Encore at Wynn Las Vegas – Las Vegas, Nevada

20th Annual TOP COPS Awards Dinner

Sunday, May 12, 2013
Omni Shoreham Hotel – Washington, District of Columbia

NAPO Lobbies on Capitol Hill

Monday, May 13 – Tuesday, May 14, 2013
Washington, District of Columbia

NAPO's 35th Annual Convention

Saturday, July 20 – Wednesday, July 24, 2013
Millennium Maxwell House Hotel – Nashville, Tennessee

Please visit www.napo.org for detailed event information and exhibiting/sponsorship opportunities.

Contact us at (800) 322-6276 or via e-mail: info@napo.org with any questions



NAPO proudly introduces **The 25th Annual Police, Fire, EMS, and Municipal Employee Pension & Benefits Seminar** scheduled for February 17 -19, 2013 Las Vegas, Nevada at the Encore at Wynn Hotel. The goal of this event is to educate your members of pension and union representatives along with their providers on the latest issues surrounding the pension and benefits industry.

New this year, NAPO is teaming-up with Opal Financial Group to improve the Pension & Benefits Seminar. The seminar is spotlighting key issues you want to know about, including reducing healthcare costs in the midst of new regulations, revising your asset allocation strategy, responding to DB versus DC plan debate, the outlook nationally and internationally on a new presidential administration, realistic projections of earnings and assumption rates, preservation of assets, and much more.

For seminar and hotel registration please [click here](#).



TOP COPS Awards® Nomination Form National Association of Police Organizations

The 20th Annual TOP COPS Awards® Ceremony

Requirements: All nominees must meet the following requirements in order to be considered.

- Nominee(s) must be a sworn law enforcement officer from any federal, state, county or local law enforcement agency within the United States, its territories and possessions.
- Nomination must be submitted by a sworn law enforcement officer, who must provide his/her signature in the space designated below, certifying the facts as accurate.
- Nomination must involve an incident or case occurring or concluding between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2012.

Instructions:

Please write a short essay on why your nominee should be considered for a 2013 TOP COPS Award®. This essay should be composed specifically for consideration of a 2013 TOP COPS Award® on a separate sheet of paper. Remember to be as specific as possible with references to dates, events, etc. In addition, you will need to complete the areas below and attach this form to your essay. We encourage you to send additional information in support of your nominee: newspaper articles, police reports and video tapes all help our judges in their decision making process. Kindly send your package by January 11, 2013 to:

The Twentieth Annual TOP COPS Awards®
National Association of Police Organizations, Inc.
317 South Patrick Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Nominee:

Title: _____

Full Name: _____

Department: _____

Work Street Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Telephone (W): _____ Telephone (H): _____

Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Nominator:

Title: _____

Full Name: _____

Department: _____

Work Street Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Telephone (W): _____ Telephone (H): _____

Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Signature: _____

**Kindly send
your package,
postmarked
no later than
January 11,
2013.**