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NAPO VICTORY, Priorities Included in NDAA

The final text of the Fiscal 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) was released last night and in a significant victory for NAPO, it incorporated much of our priority legislation that we have been working to include: the Honoring our Fallen Heroes Act, the Improving Police CARE Act, the PROTECT Our Children Reauthorization Act, the Chief Herbert D. Proffitt Act, and comprehensive counter-UAS authorities for state and local law enforcement and corrections.

The **Honoring Our Fallen Heroes Act**, recognizes exposure-related cancers as line of duty injuries and would cover them under the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program for death and disability benefits.

The **Improving Police Critical Aid for Responding to Emergencies (CARE) Act** establishes baseline standards for trauma kits purchased using grant funding under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) and requires the development of best practices for training law enforcement officers to use trauma kits, and for deployment and maintenance of the kits in vehicles and government facilities.

The **PROTECT Our Children Reauthorization Act** reauthorizes and improves the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program to combat child exploitation and abuse.

The **Chief Herbert D. Proffitt Act** covers retired law enforcement officers who are killed or permanently and catastrophically disabled due to their previous work in the line of duty under the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program.

It also includes **comprehensive counter-UAS authority for state and local law enforcement and corrections**, giving state and local agencies the authority to detect, track, identify, and mitigate drones that threaten public safety. Under the NDAA, agencies will be allowed to detect and track a drone, identify who is operating it, and disrupt, or bring it down if it poses a credible threat. These authorities are allowed when drones threaten large public events or venues, critical infrastructure, public spaces, or prisons, jails, and detention centers.

The House is expected to take up the bill this week and the Senate to follow the week of December 15. NAPO sent **a letter** this morning to House and Senate leadership expressing our support for the inclusion of these important provisions in the FY 26 NDAA and advising them that we stand ready with any efforts to advance the bill through Congress.

NAPO thanks House and Senate leadership for their support, Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Charles Grassley (R-IA) and Ranking Member Richard Durbin (D-IL), House Judiciary Committee Chair Jim Jordan (R-OH) and Ranking Member Jamie Raskin (D-MD), and the bills' sponsors for their support and efforts to help us get these important bills included in the FY26 NDAA.

Please monitor NAPO's website, www.napo.org, and Facebook page: [National Association of Police Organizations](#), and follow us on X at [NAPOpolice](#) for breaking news and updates.

NAPO's 37th Annual Police, Fire, EMS, & Municipal Employees Pension & Benefits Seminar

REGISTER TODAY to take an active role in safeguarding the future of your plan and retirement by registering for **NAPO's Annual Pension & Benefits Seminar** at Caesar's Place in Las Vegas, Nevada January 25 – 27.

The purpose of this Seminar is to educate pension system and employee representatives along with their providers and vendors on the latest issues surrounding the pension and benefits industry. It will focus on the policies of the second Trump Administration, Executive Orders, lawsuits, and the new Congress. Slow but steady progress appears to be being made regarding inflation and the cost of living. Growing concern about our National Debt and the logjam in Congress, though, have threatened the U.S. credit rating and public confidence as a whole. The desire for stability and some sort of predictability remain vital in equity markets, and the battle over foreign policy and trade and tariffs continues.

We will continue to address the growing use of AI as well as liability risks & practical advice for fiduciaries. Benefits themselves continue to be viewed as a key component of recruitment and retention. We will examine these areas and more as we evaluate the effect of these trends on public employment benefits and security, and the near- and mid-term future for U.S. and world economic conditions.

For information contact NAPO's Director of Events, Elizabeth Loranger, at 800-322-6276 or eloranger@napo.org.



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Please take the time to nominate examples of outstanding police work for this prestigious award. We count on you, our members, to help us get the word about TOP COPS out and obtain nominations for officers nationwide. Join us in honoring America's Finest by nominating a case today. **The nomination form is attached and can be found on our [website](#), and it must be postmarked or faxed to (703) 684-0515 by January 9, 2026.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact NAPO's Director of Events, Elizabeth Loranger, at eloranger@napo.org or (703) 549-0775.

2026 will mark the 33rd year that NAPO has hosted the TOP COPS Awards®. The TOP COP Awards® Dinner will take place May 12, 2026, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, again coinciding with National Police Week. With your help and partnership, the TOP COPS Awards® will continue to be a tremendous success!