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INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION REGION 11 - FLORIDA



**Free Food*

REGION 11 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Free Food*

G.G.'s of NEW YORK RESTAURANT

Meeting Starts at 7:15 PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021

*IF YOU ARE EATING:
PLEASE ARRIVE AROUND 6:30 PM*

G.G.'s of N.Y. Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria



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**NORTH OF COMMERCIAL BLVD - SOUTH OF THE TRAFFIC LIGHT AT
PROSPECT ROAD (NW 56 Street) on the EAST side of State Road 7.**

Region 11 members eat for *Free.

We request that a \$5.00 gratuity be left for your waitress.

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***LIMITED MENU
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MASKS ARE OPTIONAL

Directions and full menu on www.ggsofny.com



IGs of New York Welcomes



INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION
REGION 11

FREE Dinner Menu for Members

Please choose one of the following:

Chicken Parmesan with Pasta

Sausage, Pepper & Onion Over Penne

Spaghetti and Meatball

1/2 Broiled Chicken with Vegetables

Broiled Sole with Vegetables or Pasta

Served With:

Tossed Green Salad with House Dressing

Or Minestrone Soup

BEVERAGES:

ICED TEA, COFFEE OR SODA

Cash Bar Available

REGION 11 WILL BE HOSTING A RAFFLE THE WINNER WILL BE PRESENTED WITH



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\$500 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO *GUN WORLD

**THE WINNER OF THE RAFFLE WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE DRAWING
ON **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021,**
AT THE **REGION 11 MEMBERSHIP MEETING.**
WINNER DOES NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT**

***Gun World**, a very reputable company located at 1700 North Powerline Road in Pompano Beach, Florida 33442 is a State-Of-The-Art, environmentally and shooter-friendly shooting range, gun shop and training facility. This location is where we, in Broward County, schedule the HR218 qualification training.

The Region 11 Board recently purchased a \$500 Gift Certificate at Gun World so our region could hold a Raffle for a Prize that would provide the winner with \$500 worth of buying power at Gun World.

**PLEASE SUPPORT REGION 11.
FRIENDS, FAMILY, ASSOCIATES CAN PURCHASE TICKETS**

The winner will be picked at our membership meeting on November 17th, 2021.
YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE AT THE MEETING OR BE A MEMBER TO PURCHASE TICKETS

WINNER WILL BE CONTACTED FROM THE INFO YOU PROVIDE ON THE TICKET STUB

IF THE CERTIFICATE IS USED TO PURCHASE A FIREARM, THE PURCHASER MUST PASS A BACKGROUND CHECK AND MEET ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS REGARDING FIREARM PURCHASES.

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE \$5.00 EACH OR FIVE TICKETS FOR \$20.00

Checks and cash are accepted. Please request how many tickets you want, provide your name, address and phone number. I will print your name and phone number on the ticket and placed them in our sealed ticket box. I will be selling tickets at our November 17th meeting. Please see me, Richard Kreuter, or any of our Board Members to obtain your raffle tickets at that time.

If you want your raffle tickets by mail, please make your checks payable to "IPA Region 11" and send to: IPA Region 11, 1293 North University Drive, Suite #109, Coral Springs, FL. 33071. **THANK YOU.**

GOOD LUCK !

A personnel change within the region was recently passed by the board. Paul Goldstein has been appointed as the Sergeant-At-Arms for our region. Paul currently is a Palm Beach County Deputy and our designer for our challenge coins.

Laszlo Pozsgai has been appointed as our Senior Travel Advisor. Laszlo has been an extremely busy man. He is currently the Clinical Coordinator at Bethesda Hospital East, Staff Registered Nurse and Charge Nurse at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York. Unfortunately, due to his busy schedule, he hasn't been able to join us at many of our meetings. In 2019 Laszlo was responsible for successfully engineering a trip to Hungary, where he was born and served in law enforcement. Several Region 11 members attended the trip, and it was loved by all. Hence, his newly deserved position. Laszlo, we are looking forward to seeing you again real soon. Rich Kreuter, 1st VP



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BRAND NEW FOR 2021-2022
REGION ELEVEN CHALLENGE COINS



These photos are of our newest Region 11 Challenge coin design. This is the second challenge coin that was designed by Paul Goldstein, a Life Member of Region 11 and our new Sergeant-at-Arms. Paul designed our very first beautiful challenge coin several years ago, which has since sold out.

This incredible challenge coin; shown front and back; is selling for \$10.00 each. The design is a beautiful depiction of our South Florida region areas encompassing both coasts with alligators, palm trees, flamingos, sandy beaches, colorful beach umbrellas, chairs and SUNSHINE! We celebrate the proven success and love for these coins celebrating our Broward, Collier, Hendry, Lee and Palm Beach Counties Region 11's brothers and sisters.



REGION 11

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2021



First and Foremost, I want to let everyone know of a few changes we made regarding the Region 11 committee. Welcome to Paul Goldstein who has been appointed to the position of Sgt-at-Arms. Due to IPA Guidelines and Laszlo Pozsgai's commitment to his other outside obligations this change was necessary. Laszlo however will continue serving on the board in the position of Senior Travel Advisor. Congratulations. You have been promoted. This will give him the time he needs to fulfill both of his endeavors.

Another change is that Tony Romano will be stepping down as our Chaplin. Our brother, Michael Calderin, will be assuming his role. Welcome aboard Mike.

An IPA board meeting will be held at Duffy's in Boca Raton on November 12th. We will discuss the upcoming membership meeting on the 17th of November. We will also discuss the raffle for the \$500.00 gift certificate at Gun World that will be held at our November 17th meeting. I will be looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting. One winner. Buy tickets.

The new Region 11 coins are available for sale at our meetings. Cost of these coins will be \$10.00 + shipping and handling (if required by mail).

Bob Hurley was scheduled to attend the NDC Conference in Kentucky this October. But, I received an email from Joe Johnson, USA IPA President in reference to the cancelation of the upcoming NDC. Here is a copy:

"IPA US Section Regions, Region Presidents, and NDC Delegates,

With reluctance, the NEC has voted not to hold the NDC in person this year, but to instead hold a virtual meeting as was done last year. The board felt that the COVID situation would not allow us to safely have an in-person meeting, and we agreed that everyone's safety was the highest priority.

The NEC and NDC meetings will be held on the same dates as originally scheduled---26 and 27 October---with start times to be determined. Meeting logistics will be dealt with in subsequent communications. Any registration fees that have been paid will be refunded.

All the normal rules and processes outlined in the bylaws will still apply, except those that by their very nature cannot apply. Each eligible region is required to be represented at the NDC, either by its own delegate or by proxy. (A region must have a minimum of 25 “ordinary” or life members to be eligible to participate in the NDC.) If you have not submitted your Declaration Form, please do so as soon as possible. If the cancellation of the in-person NDC has resulted in a change as to who will represent your region, please send in a new Declaration Form, and indicate on it clearly somewhere that it is REVISED.

Please ensure that, if you were planning to attend the event in Louisville, you make whatever changes or cancellations to travel arrangements that are necessary. Hotel cancellations for the Hilton Garden Inn Louisville Downtown can be made by calling 502-584-5175.

National officer elections, being handled by the separate process outlined in the bylaws, will take place as scheduled.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact S-G Ellwood Cushman (sg@ipa-usa.org).”

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Johnson

President - United States Section

International Police Association

www.ipa-usa.org

Since this is the last newsletter for 2021, I would like to wish our membership, their families and friends a safe and healthy holiday season.

I look forward to seeing an incredible membership turnout at our next meeting this November 17th. The four meetings scheduled for 2022, all of which will be at G.G.’s Restaurant, will be as follows:

Wednesday, February 16th, 2022

Wednesday, May 18th, 2022

Wednesday, August 17th, 2022

Wednesday, November 16th, 2022



Regards,

Region 11 President,

Mike Zibrin

A FUNNY, HYPOTHETICAL (??) STORY

After stopping a mugger and protecting his girlfriend, a Marine reflected on his actions and decided the criminal deserved an apology.

To the Guy Who Tried to Mug Me in Downtown Savannah the night before last.

Date: 2010-09-27, 1:43 am. E.S.T.

I was the guy wearing the black Burberry jacket that you demanded that I hand over, shortly after you pulled the knife on me and my girlfriend, threatening our lives. You also asked for my girlfriend's purse and earrings. I can only hope that you somehow come across this rather important message.

First, I'd like to apologize for your embarrassment; I didn't expect you to crap your pants when I drew my pistol after you took my jacket. The evening was not that cold, and I was wearing the jacket for a reason, my girlfriend was happy that I just returned safely from my 2nd tour as a Combat Marine in Afghanistan. She had just bought me that Kimber Custom Model 1911 .45 ACP pistol for my birthday, and we had picked up a shoulder holster for it that very evening. Obviously, you agree that it is a very intimidating weapon when pointed at your head ... isn't it? I know it probably wasn't fun walking back to wherever you'd come from with crap in your pants. I'm sure it was even worse walking bare-footed since I made you leave your shoes, cell phone, and wallet with me. (That prevented you from calling or running to your buddies to come help mug us again)

After I called your mother or Momma, as you had her listed in your cell, I explained the entire episode of what you'd done. Then I went and filled up my gas tank as well as those of four other people in the gas station, on your credit card. The guy with the big motor home took 153 gallons and was extremely grateful! I gave your shoes to a homeless guy outside "Vinnie Van's A-Go-Go", along with all the cash in your wallet. [That made his day!] I then threw your wallet into the big pink limo that was parked at the curb after I broke the windshield and side window and keyed the entire driver's side of the car. Earlier, I managed to get in two threatening phone calls to the DA's office and one to the FBI, while mentioning the President as my possible target. The FBI guy seemed intense, and we had a nice long chat (I guess while he traced your number etc.). ☺

In a way, perhaps I should apologize for not killing you ... but I feel this type of retribution is a far more appropriate punishment for your threatened crime. I wish you well as you try to sort through some of these rather immediate pressing issues. I can only hope that you can reflect upon, and perhaps reconsider, the career path you've chosen to pursue in life.

Remember, next time you might not be so lucky. Have a good day!

Thoughtfully yours, Semper Fi

National Police Association Asks Supreme Court to Overturn Ruling that Holds Police Accountable for the Actions of Suspects

In the current atmosphere of demoralizing and defunding American law enforcement, the Supreme Court of the United States will soon be hearing an appeal of a Tenth Circuit ruling in **Bond v. City of Tahlequah**. A ruling that could have dangerous consequences for both police officers and the citizens they serve. The National Police Association recently filed an amicus (“friend of the court”) brief with the United States Supreme Court arguing that SCOTUS should overturn the judge-made rule used in the **Bond** decision. A decision that potentially thrusts law enforcement officers into murky territory when making use of force decisions. In an oddly disturbing decision, the court decided that the officers’ use of force should be analyzed from the perspective of whether the officer did anything to instigate or exacerbate the situation leading to the use of force by the officer.

In other words, in this case just the officers’ act of engaging the suspect was said by the court to have provoked the suspect into resisting and threatening them with deadly force. The suspect was the ex-husband of the 911 caller, who was so frightened that she called the police, fearing for her own safety. The ex-husband attacked the responding officers with a hammer after they requested numerous times that he drop it. It seems like a pretty cut and dried case of a deadly threat being met with deadly force except in the minds of some judges. The Tenth Circuit seems bent on making police use of force an even a higher liability than it already is for law enforcement.

To understand this better, realize that on every call each officer has to deal with highly ambiguous situations every day. Some are low level risk but many have the potential to be deadly to any officer or citizen and that danger often occurs almost instantaneously. The level of actual threat faced by a police officer is clear only in retrospect. It is only once a critical situation is resolved that the actual threat can then be examined, at length, by experts and the courts. The officer, on the other hand, had to enter the situation without knowing the “actual” threat from the “possible” threats! On every call, every police officer’s mind is racing with possible outcomes and intensely trying to maintain a situational awareness for ALL the possible threats, and the best options for dealing with them.

Hindsight eliminates all the variables and makes the outcome seem obvious in the eyes of the critics and the courts. Saying an officer should have done this or that to mitigate the suspect’s actions is an exercise in fantasy. The officer in any situation involving a human being is dealing with one of the most unpredictable creatures on earth. To advance or retreat, enter a garage or not, attempt to use a TASER or not, are all only certain in retrospect. The vast majority of situations in an officer’s career are resolved without force regardless of the actions the officer takes. It is the suspect who decides the level of force and violence the situation demands. The court standards for the last few decades have been, “did the officer use a reasonable level of force based on all the facts presented to that officer?” In other words, “was that force used reasonable based on what the officer believed was happening *at the time of the incident?*” The actions and motivation of the officer prior to the force used have never been the issue since the officer couldn’t predict the actions of the subject involved and had to act based on his or her best judgment.

Too often, courts, politicians, and journalists seem to think police work is a science, and we can engineer our responses to a threat, when, in fact, policing is an art and each officer develops an artist’s skill at adapting to a constantly changing environment of challenges and threats. If a person decides to become an assailant the options for the assaulted officer instantly become limited based on the threats the officer faces. Failure to respond properly not only has the liability of lawsuits, prosecution, and discipline, but also the possibility of injury or death!

As can be imagined, the situations that often cause death or serious injury to officers, like domestic disturbance calls, such as the one faced by the officers in this case, are rife with stress and ambiguity. Will the suspect comply, attack, resist, be intoxicated, aggressive, agreeable, or gone? Every officer has been trained for such calls and responses, but soon learns on the street no one formula or tactic solves the complex situations created in the dynamic situations they find.

Ultimately, if the Bond decision is upheld, traditional police work will become almost impossible. If law enforcement no longer operates under the “reasonable officer standard” police officers will become little more than report takers, forced to merely document the aftermath of violence rather than insert themselves into the middle of it to save lives

and property. To say that an officer should approach or not, should enter or not, should arrest or not, are questions only answered in hindsight and judging an officer in error for not knowing the unknowable is absurd on its face. We cannot know what someone else is thinking, planning, or feeling and if an officer acts reasonably is a perfect standard for an imperfect world.

The very presence of a police can make the intensity of a situation greater, and a large percentage of those arrested are often impaired, distressed, or dealing with mental health issues, adding to the liability and risk to all involved. The law enforcement officer is always balancing the risks involved for everyone, with a priority to keep themselves safe so they can continue to protect all of those involved. The motive, thoughts, or intentions of those being dealt with in an enforcement situation are beyond knowing and we can only hope the Supreme Court will recognize that fact and reverse the Tenth Circuit Court's decision.

If this ruling is allowed to stand, as a police trainer, I cannot fathom how to instruct police officers to react to the court's demand to anticipate the motive, emotions, intent, or thoughts of subjects they are dealing with every day. Police work is often a series of guesses and hunches based on training and experience; we can't expect officers to correctly anticipate a subject's every move and thought. If SCOTUS decides to place the responsibility of "20/20 hindsight" squarely on the shoulders of American law enforcement, it will be crime victims who will ultimately pay the greatest price.

About the author:

Former police lieutenant Dave Smith is an internationally known speaker, writer and law enforcement expert. Dave completed his college degree at the University of Arizona while fighting forest fires with the "Coconino Hot Shots" and then began his police career with the Tucson Police Department. In 1978 he joined the Arizona Department of Public Safety, holding positions in Patrol, SWAT, Narcotics, Training and Management. In 1980 he developed the popular "JD Buck Savage" video training series, was the lead instructor for the Calibre Press "Street Survival" seminar from 1983 to 1985, and was instrumental in developing Calibre's timeless "Tactical Edge" officer survival book. Dave holds numerous instructor certifications in firearms, defensive tactics, and human performance and is a proven expert witness and consultant.

In 1989, Dave joined the Law Enforcement Television Network (LETN), developing and hosting cutting-edge police, security and public safety training as its Director of Education and was the general manager of Calibre Press until January of 2002. Dave continued to instruct the "Street Survival" seminar through 2012 as its senior instructor, managing the most comprehensive update to the seminar since 2003. Dave has authored hundreds of articles for publications including Police Chief, Law and Order, The Trainer, Police Marksman, the Calibre Press Newsline, PoliceOne, Officer.com, Law Officer and POLICE magazine.

Dave was the Director of Video Training for the online Police One Academy and both produced and hosted PoliceOne's award winning "Roll Call Reality Training" segments. He currently trains through Arizona-based "Winning Mind LLC," is a regular columnist for POLICE magazine, the author of the popular book In My Sights and is a frequent media analyst concerning law enforcement issues. Dave can be reached via his website at www.jdbucksavage.com or on his Facebook fan page as "JD Buck Savage."

The [National Police Association](http://nationalpolice.org/) is represented by Robert S. Lafferrandre of Pierce Couch Hendrickson Baysinger & Green, L.L.P., of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The case is Bond v. City of Tahlequah, No. 20-1668 before the United States Supreme Court. The NPA's amicus brief can be read [here](#).

<https://nationalpolice.org/>

GARDEN SNAKES CAN BE DANGEROUS...

Snakes also known as Garter Snakes (*Thamnophis sirtalis*) can be dangerous. Yes, grass snakes, not rattlesnakes. Here is why:

A couple in Sweetwater, Texas, had a lot of potted plants. During a recent cold spell, the wife was bringing a lot of them indoors to protect them from a possible freeze.

It turned out that a little green garden grass snake was hidden in one of the plants. When it had warmed up, it slithered out and the wife saw it go under the sofa.

She let out a very loud scream. The husband (who was taking a shower) ran out into the living room naked to see what the problem was. She told him there was a snake under the sofa.

He got down on the floor on his hands and knees to look for it. About that time the family dog came and cold-nosed him on the behind. He thought the snake had bitten him, so he screamed and fell over on the floor.

His wife thought he had had a heart attack, so she covered him up, told him to lie still and called an ambulance. The attendants rushed in, would not listen to his protests, loaded him on the stretcher, and started carrying him out.

About that time, the snake came out from under the sofa and the Emergency Medical Technician saw it and dropped his end of the stretcher. That's when the man broke his leg and why he is still in the hospital.

The wife still had the problem of the snake in the house, so she called on a neighbor who volunteered to capture the snake. He armed himself with a rolled-up newspaper and began poking under the couch.. Soon he decided it was gone and told the woman, who sat down on the sofa in relief.

But while relaxing, her hand dangled in between the cushions, where she felt the snake wriggling around. She screamed and fainted; the snake rushed back under the sofa.

The neighbor man, seeing her lying there passed out, tried to use CPR to revive her. The neighbor's wife, who had just returned from shopping at the grocery store, saw her husband's mouth on the woman's mouth and slammed her husband in the back of the head with a bag of canned goods, knocking him out and cutting his scalp to a point where it needed stitches.

The noise woke the woman from her dead faint, and she saw her neighbor lying on the floor with his wife bending over him, so she assumed that the snake had bitten him. She went to the kitchen and got a small bottle of whiskey and began pouring it down the man's throat. By now, the police had arrived. They saw the unconscious man, smelled the whiskey, and assumed that a drunken fight had occurred. They were about to arrest them all, when the women tried to explain how it all happened over a little garden snake! The police called an ambulance, which took away the neighbor and his sobbing wife. Now, the little snake again crawled out from under the sofa and one of the policemen drew his gun and fired at it. He missed the snake and hit the leg of the end table. The table fell over, the lamp on it shattered and, as the bulb broke, it started a fire in the drapes. The other policeman tried to beat out the flames and fell through the window into the yard on top of the family dog who, startled, jumped out and raced into the street, where an oncoming car swerved to avoid it and smashed into the parked police car. Meanwhile, neighbors saw the burning drapes and called in the fire department. The firemen had started raising the fire ladder when they were halfway down the street. The rising ladder tore out the overhead wires, put out the power, and disconnected the telephones in a ten-square city block area (but they did get the house fire out).

Time passed! Both men were discharged from the hospital, the house was repaired, the dog came home, the police acquired a new car, and all was right with their world.

A while later they were watching TV and the weatherman announced a cold snap for that night. The wife asked her husband if he thought they should bring in their plants for the night.

And that's when he shot her.



**REGION 11 CHAPLAIN
MICHAEL CALDERIN**

Reverend Michael Calderin is a full time Police and Fire Chaplain who works on providing CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management) and Peer Support to first responders who experience traumatic incidents. Michael is a Certified Mental Health Professional and Certified Addictions Professional.

Michael is also an active member of the International Conference of Police Chaplains. He also serves as the Chaplain for the Broward 10-13 Club, the Fraternal of Police Lodge 32, and the National Police Defense Foundation.

The below prayer is from Father Mychal Judge. Father Mychal was also a Police Chaplain prior to working in the Fire Service.

FATHER MYCHAL JUDGE WAS A FRANCISCAN PRIEST AND CHAPLAIN OF THE NEW YORK CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE WAS KILLED ON SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001, WHILE ADMINISTERING LAST RITES TO A DYING FIREFIGHTER AT THE FOOT OF THE SOUTH TOWER OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER. THIS WAS HIS PRAYER.



**Lord,
TAKE ME WHERE YOU WANT ME TO GO;
LET ME MEET WHO YOU WANT ME TO MEET;
TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT ME TO SAY;
AND KEEP ME OUT OF YOUR WAY**



We Will Never Forget