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## NNOAC Board of Delegates Meeting Held in Oklahoma City

*Keynote Speaker: General Barry R. Mc Caffrey, Director, O.N.D.C.P.*

On June 28-29, 1996, 50 Delegates of N.N.O.A.C. met at the Marriott Hotel in Oklahoma City for their semi-annual meeting which was hosted by the Association of Oklahoma Narcotic Enforcers (A.O.N.E.). A reception prior to the meeting was hosted by Midwest Publishing, Inc., Phoenix, Arizona for all attendees. Luncheon on the meeting day was hosted by Community Safety Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota. A.O.N.E. made arrangement for Coalition Delegates to tour the Oklahoma State Capitol and the site of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sloan with a welcome address by John Duncan, President of A.O.N.E.

The keynote speaker was General Barry R. Mc Caffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy. Efforts by Thomas Constantine, Director of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) made General Mc Caffrey's appearance possible.

The General's speech covered the goals of O.N.D.C.P. through a five year plan.

- Motivate America's youth to reject illegal drugs and substance abuse.
- Increase the safety of America's citizens by substantially reducing drug related crime and violence.
- Reduce health, welfare, and crime costs resulting from illegal drug use.
- Shield America's air, land, and sea frontiers from the drug threat.
- Break foreign and domestic drug sources of supply.

The General gave his commitment to support state and local law enforcement officers in their efforts to stem the flow of drugs. An invitation was extended to the Coalition Board to meet with him in Washington, D.C., to discuss cooperation between O.N.D.C.P. and N.N.O.A.C. The Coalition thanks General Mc Caffrey for his

appearance before our Board and his support of our efforts.

Other speakers at the meeting were:

**Donnie R. Marshall, Chief, Domestic Operations, Drug Enforcement Administration (D.E.A.),** representing Thomas Constantine, Director, D.E.A., discussed the Meth Conference, D.E.A.'s close relationship to state and local law enforcement, and continued support of the Coalition.

**Jerry Mc Dowell, Chief of Asset Forfeiture/Money Laundering, Department of Justice** discussed the recent supreme court decision upholding asset forfeiture.

**Dr. William Jefferds, National Interagency Counterdrug Institute** spoke on training and support for state and local law enforcement.

**Jay Moore, Regional Counterdrug Training Institute** related continued training for state and local law enforcement and support of the Coalition.

**Brian Mc Auley, President, California Narcotic Officer's Association** presented information on the pending November initiative in California to legalize marijuana for medicinal purposes.

### **N.N.O.A.C. Board Meets With General Mc Caffrey In Washington, D.C.**

On August 13, 1996, Chairman Richard M. Sloan, Vice Chairman Tim Nelson, Treasurer Robert Ferris, and Jeffrey A. Greczyn, representing Secretary James Van Pelt met with General Barry R. Mc Caffrey, Director O.N.D.C.P. in the old executive branch of the White House. The meeting was positive, continuing the bond between the Coalition and O.N.D.C.P., an open door policy with the Coalition being invited to participate in all meetings pertaining to drug law enforcement and drug strategy.

### **N.N.O.A.C. Member at Large -- John D. Cohen**

#### **Washington Report**

Since the Oklahoma City meeting, the illegal drug issue has become one of the principle issues of the presidential campaign. The candidates have each articulated program and policy initiatives that they believe will help reduce the flow of drugs into our cities and towns. Senator Dole's proposals focus on expanding the role of the military in border and interdiction activities. President Clinton seems to be more focused on continuing support to state and local law enforcement and continuing treatment and education programs.

FY 97 funding for counter drug activities were approved through a continuing resolution. Some specifics of this funding initiative include increased funding for the Byrne Grant, and for domestic drug law enforcement initiatives.

Additionally, the Congress passed and the President signed the Immigration Reform Bill. The Bill that was signed into law did not include the controversial Gallegly amendment that would have prevented the children of illegal immigrants from attending school. The Coalition joined several other national law enforcement groups in expressing concern over this controversial amendment. It was dropped from the Bill by the Conference Committee.

The Congress passed and the President signed the Comprehensive Methamphetamine Control Act to help authorities respond quickly to an upsurge in methamphetamine use. The law lets authorities seize chemicals and it increases the penalties for trafficking in chemicals and possessing equipment to produce methamphetamines. The Coalition supported this legislation.

The Administration introduced legislation that would make it an environmental crime to dispose of chemicals used to produce illicit drugs – with substantial penalties.

On another positive note, the Department of Justice did not introduce any legislation to modify the asset forfeiture system. This was partially due to concern raised by law enforcement groups, including the Coalition. However, stay tuned because this is not a dead issue.

Finally, there has been a lot of political rumblings that would attempt to place the blame on recently reported increased teenage drug use, on the Administration or Congress. The facts are as follows: in 1992, use of drugs by individuals between the ages of 12 to 17 began to increase. This followed several years of decrease. This increase became more pronounced during the years when Congress failed to fund school drug education programs such as the Safe and Drug Free Schools initiative.

Next year, regardless of the outcome of the election, promises to be very busy. The Coalition will

continue to be a significant player in the development of National Drug Policy.

### **N.N.O.A.C. Press Releases**

#### **September 16, 1996**

National Narcotic Officers' Associations Coalition urges Congress to stop playing politics with the drug issue and pass President Clinton's Drug Budget.

#### **September 18, 1996**

The National Narcotic Officers' Associations Coalition requests that political posturing be separated from policy decision making.

This press release was to clarify that an endorsement by any individual state association that is a Coalition member should not be construed as an endorsement by the Coalition as a whole. The By-Laws of the Coalition prohibits endorsement by the Coalition of any candidate for President of the United States.

#### **October 2, 1996**

National Narcotic Officers' Associations Coalition's support for President Clinton's investigations of allegations regarding C.I.A. illegal drug activity

### **N.N.O.A.C. Conferences**

**Arizona Narcotic Officer's Association**, July 29, 1996. Chairman Sloan attended and spoke about the Coalition.

**National Drug Enforcement Officer's Association**, July 29, 1996. Vice Chairman Nelson attended and spoke about the Coalition.

**Narcotic Enforcement Officer's Association**, September 9, 1996. Chairman Sloan invited to attend, but was unable to, due to conflict as California Narcotic Officer's Association was same week.

**California Narcotic Officer's Association**, September 10, 1996. Chairman Sloan spoke at C.N.O.A. general session giving Coalition update.

**California Narcotic Officer's  
Association**

**1996 Quarterly Executive  
Board Meeting**

The California Narcotic Officer's Association will be holding their quarterly Executive Board Meeting at the Hyatt Islandia, San Diego, on January 9, 10, 1997. N.N.O.A.C. attendees are welcome to come early and attend C.N.O.A.'s Board meeting. Please notify Robert Hussey at C.N.O.A. office (805) 287-0195 if you plan to attend.

**1997 C.N.O.A. Conference**

The California Narcotic Officer's Association will be holding their 1997 Conference at the Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel, #1 Old Golf Course Road, Monterey, California, 93940. (408) 372-1234, November 22 - 25, 1997. C.N.O.A. golf tournament will be held on November 21, 1997 at the Monterey Country Club.

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**Board of Delegates Meeting  
January 10, 11, 1997**

**Hyatt Islandia  
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For room reservations, call Robert Hussey at N.N.O.A. C. office (805) 290-2834 prior to December 10, 1996 to be placed on the master rooming list. Guest room rates are \$89.00 plus tax, per room, per night, single or double occupancy.

This meeting is being hosted by the California Narcotic Officer's Association, whose Executive Board Meeting will precede N.N.O.A.C's meeting, on January 9, 10, 1997. N.N.O.A.C. attendees are welcome to attend C.N.O.A.'s Board Meeting. Please let Mr. Hussey know if you plan to attend.

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## NATIONAL NARCOTIC OFFICERS' ASSOCIATIONS COALITION

The National Narcotic Officers' Associations Coalition (NNOAC) was created in July, 1994 in Chicago, Illinois, as part of an effort to reestablish the Edward R. Byrne Memorial Fund. The Byrne Fund, which had been responsible for aiding our nation's war on drugs, was eliminated in 1994. However, as a direct result of NNOAC's efforts, the Byrne Fund was reestablished by Congress the same year.

In addition to monitoring the narcotics section of the Byrne Fund, NNOAC focuses on domestic drug-related crime issues. NNOAC, which is comprised of 30 individual state narcotic associations, representing more than 50,000 narcotic law enforcement officers, serves as an umbrella organization, coordinating the efforts of these associations.

NNOAC allows the state and local narcotic officer's associations to work through their individual state associations, thus, allowing for an additional voice in the nation's capitol. Each state is responsible for appealing to their state congressmen and legislature to attain support for their issues. The Coalition actively researches, monitors, and supports legislative initiatives designed to increase the effectiveness of narcotic enforcement and law enforcement in general. Below is a list of NNOAC's goals and objectives:

- To ensure that the Edward R. Byrne Memorial Fund is fully funded in order to maintain the multi-jurisdictional task forces, which are the backbone of narcotic enforcement.
- To maintain, increase, and intensify drug asset revenue sharing - the most important tool that narcotic law enforcement has today.

- To assist in the preparation of the National Drug Strategy .
- To place more emphasis on the domestic side of the drug strategy by increasing state and local level involvement on the direction taken in the fight against drugs.
- To increase unification, networking, and act as a liaison for the exchange of information.
- To have an impact on legislation affecting narcotic officers and narcotic enforcement in the United States.
- To act as a conduit for the exchange of information, intelligence, and training guidelines affecting narcotic enforcement.
- To identify and refer members to quality training for narcotic law enforcement officers to ensure their safety and effectiveness.
- To act as a resource for states that want to establish a narcotics officers association.

Over the past two years, NNOAC has been responsible for reestablishing the formulation of the Edward Byrne Fund, and has assisted in passing legislation associated with the assault weapon ban and the crime bill. They have participated in policy meetings with other law enforcement organizations on asset forfeiture, the national drug control strategy, and the methamphetamine strategy.

Also, NNOAC has been responsible for increasing the President's law enforcement focus more towards local and state law enforcement participation. NNOAC has testified on Capitol Hill on a variety of drug issues, including the Byrne hearings and assets forfeiture hearings. In addition, a member of NNOAC was part of the President's Law Enforcement Steering Committee, which consists of national law enforcement groups.

This committee is responsible for advising the President on key law enforcement issues.

Since the inception of NNOAC, all of the Regional Information Sharing System (RISS) projects have been a valuable and essential tool for the Coalition, and for the law enforcement community in general, in identifying and detecting narcotic violators.

To become a member of NNOAC, you must first either establish or have a local or state narcotic association. The membership fee is \$300 for new member associations, and \$200 every year thereafter. For information on how to become a member or for additional information on NNOAC, please contact:

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