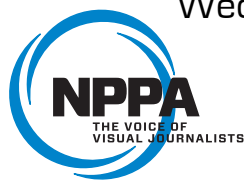


The Right to Photograph & Record in Public

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The program for law enforcement, fire/rescue, and emergency management personnel and their PIOs will be held on Wednesday, September 16th, 2015, 1pm to 5pm, in the Student Center Ballroom on the San Jacinto College Central campus, 8060 Spencer Highway, Pasadena, Texas. Free parking will be available in parking lot P20.

We will email a San Jac Parking Pass to all registered attendees and sponsors.

This program is offered at no charge to Law Enforcement, Fire/Emergency Medical Service personnel and Public Information Officers at any Texas government agency or department.

Law enforcement officers will receive 4 Hours of TCOLE credit

Program Summary

The *Right to Photograph & Record in Public* program for Law Enforcement Officers and Organizations will address First and Fourth Amendment rights, search and seizure, exigent circumstances, federal civil rights lawsuits against police agencies as well as an analysis and update on the most recent cases and court rulings dealing with these issues.

Mickey H. Osterreicher, general counsel for the National Press Photographers Association, will discuss the “coextensive” right of both the press and the public to photograph and record as well as provide practical advice regarding the best ways to handle these situations.

The benefit for law enforcement is to avoid costly federal civil rights lawsuits that have cost municipalities money they can ill afford to pay. Time permitting, we will also discuss the impact of social media and the use of drones in newsgathering.

The program format is a 4-hour training presentation and discussion.

See reverse side for complete program description

The Houston/Galveston Regional PIO Network, Society of Professional Journalists–Houston Professional Chapter, The Houston Chronicle, Vinson & Elkins, NPPA Region 8, San Jacinto College, The Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Institute of Texas, and the Pasadena Police Department are pleased to support this event and to work with NPPA to provide education and training about these important public issues.



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Ever since 9/11, there has been a heightened awareness of anyone taking pictures or recording events in public. This issue has only been exacerbated by the widespread proliferation of cellphone cameras and the ability of everyone to post photos and recordings on the Internet and social media sites, where they may be viewed and shared, in many cases going “viral” with thousands of views.

Many in law enforcement have the erroneous belief they can order people to stop taking pictures or recording in public. Interference and in some cases arrests stemming from those actions have led to a number of court cases resulting in six-figure settlements, new policies and procedures and sometimes serious disciplinary actions against the officers involved.

As the general counsel for the National Press Photographers Association (NPPA), representing 7,000 visual journalists throughout the country, Mickey H. Osterreicher, Esq. deals with these issues on a daily basis. As a uniformed reserve deputy with the Erie County Sheriff’s Department since 1976 and a former photojournalist in print and broadcast for almost 40 years, he brings a unique perspective to this growing problem.

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