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Weekly Policy Update

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I. Congratulations to the new NJLM Officers and Board Members

We hope that you enjoyed the 100th Annual League Conference and found our educational programming worthwhile and beneficial. As you know, the Conference featured a wide array of important public policy issues for elected officials and valuable certifications opportunities for our appointed officials. Thank you for making the 2015 Conference a huge success and for your continued support.

Additionally, our congratulations to the following Mayors for their election as Officers of the League:

The Hon. Joseph Tempesta, West Caldwell, President;
The Hon. Albert Kelly, Bridgeton, First Vice President;
The Hon. James Cassella, East Rutherford, Second Vice President
The Hon. Colleen Mahr, Fanwood, Third Vice President.

Congratulations to the League's new Board members:

The Hon. Sean Elwell, Elsinboro;
The Hon. Raymond Heck, Millstone;
The Hon. Edward Mahaney, Mayor, Cape May City
The Hon. Sylvia Petillo, Mayor, Hopatcong.

II. Order Issued to Suspend Police Car Camera Mandate Law

The Council on Local Mandates (COLM) has issued a formal order enjoining the "implementation and enforcement of the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118.1 [the police car camera mandate law]." A copy of this order can be at: <https://nj-njslom.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/6469>

This stay will be in effect until either the COLM makes a final determination in this matter or the legislature fully funds this mandate. *See Order par. 3.* For more background on this matter, please see the League's letter of September 29th at: <https://nj-njslom.civicplus.com/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/253>

The practical effect of this order will be that, for the time being, the decision to outfit "police cruisers" that are "primarily used for traffic stops" with either dash cams or body cams will be a matter to be decided locally, and not mandated by the state.

We urge you to bring this notice to the attention of your police department, purchasing agent, and municipal attorney.

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Sincerely,

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