

ITALEO Newsletter



MEMBERSHIP DUES

2026 MEMBERSHIP DUE

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TENTATIVE EVENT

CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISER

March 28, 2026

Italian American
Community Center

Portion of proceeds to be
donated to the 3 RPD officers
shot on 12/19/2025

More details to follow

JANUARY

2025 ITALEO Christmas Party Recap

Written by: Ellie Bonagura, ITALEO Corresponding Secretary

It was a great turnout and wonderful evening of music, celebration and recognition at our 2025 ITALEO Christmas party. The Webster Golf Club venue turned out to be a great spot to host our event. We decided to try something new this year and served a brunch/dinner menu and party attendees seemed to really enjoy it. The Belgium waffles were a big hit!

Nikki Rudd, news anchor and reporter from News10 NBC was our emcee for the evening and she kept our night fun filled and lively from the podium. Many awards were given out that night. We gave out "The Peacemakers Award" to RPD Detective Mario Correia, RPD Detective Matt Klein, and RPD Officer Chris Shingleton. "Special Recognition" went to Nick Sciaratta of the Rochester Red Wings. David Lipa from "Stop the 22 A Day" received "The Community Service Award." We recognized Frankie Guido from Pasta Villa as the "Business of the Year." "The Commendation Award" went to IPD Officer Brad Little. "Officers of the Year" was presented to RPD Captain Ray Dearcop, RPD Officer Jonathan Marsh and RPD Officer Edward First. Our very own Rose Hosbach received the "Sharon Rivaldo Stand Up for the Blue Award" for her hard work and dedication to our organization. Way to go, Rose!

A special "shout out" to Mike DiCataldo from NYRA Trophies and Awards for the beautiful plaques and trophies he made for the award recipients. Thank you, Mike!

Bobby C. was our DJ for the evening and the music he played got many people out on the dance floor, "to bust a move!" Many thanks to Bobby for the tunes!

Even though the evening was fun and festive, we had the three injured RPD officers, on our minds and in our hearts that evening. Father Joe DeMaio said a special blessing for them. RPD officers who received awards gave support at the podium, for their injured brothers.

As the year comes to a close and the festivities end, may God Bless and keep in our prayers, the men and women who leave their homes each and every day to protect us. So, hug your loved ones closer and count your blessings!

Happy New Year! Buon Anno!



Raffle Prize Winners



**50/50
Winner**



ITALEO would like to thank the following amazingly awesome and incredible people for their generous donations to the raffle gift baskets, table decorations, appetizers and party favors!

- Amico Pizza- Dave and Dawn Amico and Family
- ITALEO Board Member-Mark D'Angelo
- ITALEO Board Member- Tony DiFante
- Hollywood Trader's- Rafael Barreto
- ITALEO Board Member- Rose Hosbach
- Rochester Police Department-Detective Erin Rogers
- Rochester Red Wings- Nick Sciaratta
- ITALEO Board Member- Julia Sardellitti



Award Recipients

Peace Makers Award

presented to Officer Chris Shingleton, Det. Mario Correia & Det. Matt Klein (RPD)

Special Recognition Award

presented to Nick Sciaratta, Rochester Red Wings

Community Service Award

presented to David Lipa, Stop 22 Suicide

Sharon Rivaldo "Stand Up for the Blue" Award

presented to Rosalina Hosbach

Business of the Year Award

presented to Frank Guido, Pasta Villa

Commendation Award

presented to Officer Bradley Little, IPD

Officers of the Year Award

presented to Officer Jonathan Marsh, Officer Edward First, & Capt. Ray Dearcop (RPD)

LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

(From: New York State Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc.)

Mandatory Temporary Seizures of Firearms at Domestic Violence Events

Chapter 466 of 2025

Effective Date: In Effect (October 16, 2025)

Synopsis: Chapter 466 alters police officer responsibilities when responding to reports of domestic violence. The legislation amends Criminal Procedure Law § 140.10(6) to require, rather than permit, the temporary seizure of firearms[i] under specified circumstances. This change represents a meaningful shift from discretionary decision-making to mandatory action and applies even in cases where no arrest is made.

Prior to enactment of Chapter 466, police officers responding to reports of domestic violence[ii] were authorized, but not required, to temporarily remove firearms from a location if they were found in plain sight or in the course of a lawful search. Additionally, the Criminal Procedure Law mandated that police officers remove such weapons that are in the possession of any person arrested for a domestic violence offense.

Chapter 466 amends the Criminal Procedure Law to now require that, when responding to a report of domestic violence, a police officer must temporarily seize any firearm found at a location in plain sight or in the course of a lawful search and the following circumstances are present:

1. The victim responds affirmatively to the suspect threat questions in the “Victim Interview” Section found on Page A of the New York State Domestic Incident Report (DIR) ; or
2. The victim responds affirmatively to the lethality assessment questions (“Has Suspect ever...”) in the “Prior History” Section found on Page B of the DIR[iii]; or
3. The responding officer has a reasonable belief that it is necessary to remove the firearm to protect the victim or other persons present, or to prevent risk of further violence or threat.

Law enforcement agencies are authorized to retain custody of the firearm and license for a maximum period of five days (one hundred twenty hours). At the conclusion of this period, the firearm and license may be returned to the owner only if no legal impediment exists. Such impediments include, orders of protection, extreme risk protection orders (ERPO), pending criminal charge(s) or conviction(s) that would prohibit such possession[iv], or any court order that prohibits possession of firearms.

What You Need to Know: The new law essentially eliminates the “option” of temporarily removing firearms found only in plain view or during a lawful search (i.e., a search conducted via consent or by warrant) at the scene of a domestic violence call/report; and now requires such removal (along with the owner’s license). This is mandatory, even if no arrest takes place.

While the new law does tie some of the conditions for firearm seizure to affirmative responses to questions found in the DIR, it does provide broad authorization for an officer to take possession where he/she reasonably believes it is necessary to protect the victim(s) and other persons present at a domestic violence scene from further violence or threat.

Law enforcement can only take custody of the firearm(s) for a maximum of five days. Prior to the new law’s enactment, a holding period of 48 hours was only permitted. This process, of course, only applies to licensed firearms. Law enforcement should be diligent in ensuring that an owner is not subject to an existing order of

protection, ERPO, relevant pending charges, or any other court order prohibiting firearm possession before returning the firearm(s).

The new law does not alter existing authority and obligations concerning arrests for domestic violence offenses. The Criminal Procedure Law continues to require that police officers remove any firearms in the possession of a person arrested for a domestic violence offense. Firearms found on the person of the arrestee, or discovered through plain view, voluntary consent, or pursuant to a search warrant, must be seized. Additionally, under New York law, a person licensed to possess a firearm on a premise must produce their license upon request by a police officer[v]. All searches and seizures must comply with constitutional safeguards, and where uncertainty exists regarding the scope or legality of a search, consultation with counsel or the local prosecutor is strongly advised.

Additional Impact: The mandatory nature of firearm seizure under Chapter 466 has operational implications for police agencies across New York State. In the last year where data is available,[vi] there were over 52,600 victims of domestic violence in non-New York City counties, and over 160,000 calls to domestic violence hotlines across New York State. While not every call or incident may yield a firearm, public safety agencies should anticipate an increase in the number of firearms taken into temporary custody.

Public safety agencies should consider revising existing policies governing domestic violence response, firearm seizures, property handling and return procedures to explicitly reflect the mandatory nature of the new law, the five-day custody limitation, and required checks prior to firearm return.

Careful and thorough documentation of firearm seizures should be emphasized. Officers should document all seized firearms and licenses with precision and be able to articulate the basis for such seizure, particularly when relying on a reasonable belief that confiscation will avoid harm to the victim(s) and others present.

***** Disclaimer: This advisory is provided for informational and awareness purposes only and is intended to summarize recent statutory changes. It does not constitute legal advice and is not intended to supersede or replace departmental policy, procedures, general orders, or training. Members must be guided by their agency's policies, supervisory direction, and applicable collective bargaining agreements, and should consult their department's legal counsel or the appropriate prosecutor's office regarding questions of law, interpretation, or application.***

[i]Firearms" includes rifles, dart guns, stun guns, disguised guns, imitation weapons, shotguns, antique firearms, black powder rifles and shotguns, and muzzle-loading firearms.

[ii] For purposes of this memo, "domestic violence" or "domestic violence offense" are defined as family offenses found in Criminal Procedure Law Section 530.11.

[iii] A copy of the most recent version of the NYS Domestic Incident Report can be found here: <https://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/ojs/documents/dir.pdf>.

[iv] In New York State, any felony conviction, many domestic violence misdemeanors, and certain misdemeanors involving violence or threats prevent firearm ownership. Members should verify pending charges or convictions prior to returning a firearm. See NY Penal Law § 400.00(1) & 265.00(17).

[v] See NY Penal Law § 400.00(8).

[vi] <https://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/crimnet/ojsa/domesticviolence2023/index.htm>.

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Message from President Franco:

As we welcome the start of 2026, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your continued commitment to ITALEO and to the law enforcement community we proudly support.

Our mission—to stand behind those who serve, protect, and sacrifice—remains as important as ever. None of this is possible without the dedication, generosity, and involvement of our members.

As we move into the new year, we remain focused on strengthening our impact, expanding our outreach, and ensuring that ITALEO continues to be a trusted source of support for those who need it most.

Thank you for believing in us and for standing with law enforcement. I wish you and your families a safe, healthy, and successful New Year.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Scholarship Corner:

Featuring Brady Ruffalo, one of our 2024 Sharon Rivaldo Memorial Scholarship recipients.



Brady is going to be graduating in the spring with a bachelor's degree in Exercise Science. He's currently applying to grad school and was recently accepted at Nazareth University. He will begin his graduate work towards a Doctor of Physical Therapy this summer. Brady will be playing his last season of lacrosse this spring. He is on the Student Athletic Advisory Committee this year, taking on this leadership role for his team.

Upcoming Events:

DATE	EVENT
January 2 nd	IASC General Meeting
January 5 th	IASC Board of Director Meeting
January 7 th	IACC Bi-weekly Luncheon 12PM
January 8 th	IASC Bi-weekly Luncheon
January 22 nd	IASC Bi-weekly Luncheon
January 28 th Every Last Tuesday of Month	SSC Monthly Club Dinner
January 28 th	IACC Bi-weekly Luncheon 12PM
February 1 st Support President Franco & Special Olympics	Polar Plunge Ontario Beach Park 12PM
March 3 rd	ITALEO Membership Meeting SSC @ 6PM
March 28 th ***Tentative Date***	ITALEO Casino Night IACC

ITALEO will have a donation page to support the 3 RPD officers that were shot on 12/19/2025 and will be providing dinner for the family on 01/10/26.

RECIPE CORNER

Italian Wedding Soup

<https://thecozycook.com/italian-wedding-soup/>

1 Tablespoon olive oil	Soup
Meatballs	1 yellow onion, diced
½ lb. ground beef, 85% lean	1 ¼ cups carrots, diced
½ lb. ground pork	2 celery ribs, diced
1 egg, beaten	3 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 cup <u>Italian breadcrumbs</u> ,	8 cups chicken broth,
¼ cup Parmesan	2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
cheese, grated	¾ cup acini de pepe pasta,
3 cloves garlic, minced	uncooked
1/3 cup fresh parsley, finely	4-5 cups fresh spinach
chopped	salt/pepper, to taste
¾ teaspoon salt	To Garnish
¼ teaspoon pepper	Parmesan cheese, freshly
	grated

Instructions

Stove Top Method (See notes for Crock Pot & Instant Pot Methods)

1. Gently **combine the meatball ingredients**, don't overwork the meat. Roll into **¾-inch balls**.
2. **Heat olive oil** in a large soup pot over medium-high heat.
3. **Brown the meatballs** in batches for about 2 minutes. The middle of the meatballs will finish cooking in the soup. Remove and set aside.
4. **Add the onions, carrots, and celery** and soften over medium heat for 6 minutes, until softened. **Add a splash of olive oil** during cooking if needed.
5. **Add the garlic and Italian seasoning** and cook for 1 minute.
6. **Add the chicken broth**. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer.
7. **Add the cooked meatballs** and simmer gently while you **boil the pasta separately** until al dente. Drain once cooked through and add the pasta to serving bowls. (Otherwise, the pasta tends to absorb the broth during storage. If you don't anticipate leftovers, you can cook the pasta in the soup or add the cooked pasta to the pot of soup.)
8. **Stir in the spinach** and cook until wilted, about 2 minutes.
9. Ladle the soup into serving bowls and garnish with freshly grated Parmesan cheese. *Serve!*



If you'd like to submit an Italian Recipe to include in the next newsletter, please email us at:

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