

NCISS – Working for You!

I hope everyone had a great Labor Day weekend and time with friends and family. In our investigative and security professions, 24/7 services, we find holidays often are working days. I want to thank each of you for your membership and support of NCISS. The relationship of NCISS and members is important. I last reported that it has been relatively quiet on the legislative front; however, I expect that to change after the upcoming elections and when we see a new President and Congress in January 2017. We have seen a few activities, reported monthly by Lobbyit for NCISS. Look for the activity for August to be emailed soon. Here is a reminder of recent activity, since my last report to membership:

- In the month of June, Lobbyit met with the Senate Commerce Committee to discuss reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and drone regulation, discussed labor-related policy riders with House Appropriations Committee staff, and drafted and submitted a comment to the Office of Personnel Management concerning their proposed rule to ban the use of questions about past convictions in federal hiring decisions until after a conditional offer of employment was made.
- In the month of July, Lobbyit met with the offices of Senator Lamar Alexander to discuss Senate Joint Resolution 34, (sponsored in the House by Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC)) which would block implementation of the Department of Labor's proposed "Overtime Rule". Lobbyit also met with Senate Appropriations Chairman Thad Cochran's office, and House Speaker Ryan's office to discuss the prospects for the inclusion of a series of important policy riders in an "omnibus" appropriations bill at the end of calendar year 2016
- NCISS Regulatory Alert -- Drone Rule Released

The following is an alert from the NCISS Legislative Committee and Lobbyit. This full NCISS Regulatory Alert is available at <http://conta.cc/28WORbL>

On Tuesday, June 21, 2016 the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) released their final rule on the operation of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV - or "drones"), covering a broad spectrum of commercial uses for drones weighing less than 55 pounds.

Addressed in the rules are: Drone operators, Waivers, Pilot Certification, UAS Certification, Respecting Privacy, and Other Requirements.

- NCISS Regulatory Alert -- New FAA Drone Rule - Aeronautical Knowledge Test

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Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) new small drone rule for non-hobbyists becomes effective 08/29/2016. One very important step users have to take is to obtain your remote pilot certificate. Under the new rule-also known as Part 107-the person actually flying a drone must have a remote pilot certificate with a small UAS rating, or be directly supervised by someone with such a certificate.

This is a good time to remind our members that you will begin receiving dues renewal notices by mail and email. If you joined NCISS after June 2015, your dues are on your anniversary date. If you joined prior to June 2015, your dues are by December 31st. This change is due to the switch to MemberClicks association management software. This switch has many benefits, specific to joining and dues – it provides a secure means to pay online. This message will not be spam or subject to hacking; however, if you are uncertain or have any questions – please contact myself, our Executive Director Carol Ward, or your Regional Director.

NCISS is now on social media – be sure and visit and join the pages, share the news and encourage others. NCISS will also join and follow your pages.

Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/NCISS.Association> (please note the period between NCISS and Association)

Twitter – https://twitter.com/nciss_assoc @nciss_assoc (please note the underscore between NCISS and Association)

YouTube – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3lsMjDxG-rGTU3enyVfgcg>

The NCISS Store is almost ready to open! Soon you will be receiving a special message about the NCISS Store, hosted by EmbroidMe of Davenport IA. Members will be able to shop for NCISS branded apparel everyday 24-7. Each garment will be embroidered with the NCISS Logo on the left chest. The embroidery charge is included in the prices shown. Custom embroidery, including your custom agency or association logo placed on any of the garments. Be sure and look for this special message!

Finally, a few important items since my last report. First, I want to thank our Vendors and Sponsors renewing their support of NCISS this year – Mechanic Group (Diamond), PI Magazine (Gold), Yergey Insurance (Bronze), EmbroidMe (Bronze) and Supporters Office Depot, IRB Focus, PI Now and ParcelDocs. To our Vendors & Sponsors, we also want to welcome our newest, a Diamond sponsor, TracersInfo. Each of these offer unique benefits to NCISS - <http://www.nciss.org/vendors-sponsors> that save your dues many times throughout the year.

Be sure and frequently visit the NCISS website – www.NCISS.org – for the latest news, alerts and benefits. You are not just a member. You are a supporter of NCISS and our profession - a protector of your agency. Thank You!

Thank you for your NCISS support and membership!

Honored to serve you, Dean

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