

**COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**114<sup>th</sup> Congress Disclosure Form**  
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*"Accountability, Policies, and Tactics of Law Enforcement within the Department of the Interior  
and the U.S. Forest Service"*

**For Individuals:**

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**For Witnesses Representing Organizations:**

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Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: Federal Law Enforcement Officers  
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**For Nongovernment Witnesses ONLY:**

1. Please attach/include current curriculum vitae or resume. (ATTACHED)
  
2. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Please list any contracts or payments originating with a foreign government related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment.

## Chris Schoppmeyer Bio

Residence:



Retired in January 2014, after serving 33 ½ years as a federal Wildlife Agent or Uniformed Officer with the US Fish & Wildlife Service, first as a Wildlife Inspector and then as a Refuge Law Enforcement Officer, with the last 26 years serving with the NOAA Fisheries Service, Office of Law Enforcement as a Special Agent, stationed in New Castle, NH.

Chris has been a member of FLEOA since 1980 and served as an Agency President for NOAA Fisheries Service, Office for Law Enforcement, Chapter President for NH Chapter 67 and for the past 7 ½ years as a National Officer in the capacity of National Vice President for Agency Affairs.

During Chris's tenure as the National VP for Agency Affairs, he created the Environmental & Natural Resources Working Group in FLEOA to address agency and legislative issues specific to the non-traditional law enforcement community.

**Chris J. Schoppmeyer**



Resume

**ATTRIBUTES & RELEVANT QUALIFICATIONS**

- FLEOA members since 1990
- Served as NOAA Fisheries Service Agency President for six years from 2003 to 2008. In a seven year effort, prevailed in getting retirement credentials approved and issued for retired special agents.
- Formed FLEOA NH Chapter 67 in 2004
- Currently serving second term (7 years) as the FLEOA National Vice President for Agency Affairs
- Conduct quarterly Agency President conference calls with National President Jon Adler
- Served as liaison to the annual Whistleblower Convention in cooperation with the Government Accountability Project (GAP) and the Project on Government Oversight (POGO).
- In conjunction with USDA Graduate School project, originated the idea and assisted with crafting language for Congressional legislation that would allow federal Executive Branch employees to transfer sick leave to qualified employees. Worked with FLEOA professional lobbyist Andrew Quinn from Quinn & McAllister Associates and Representative James Moran and Staff Assistant Christopher Gaspar to introduce HR 3028 – Federal Employees Leave Transfer Act of 2011.
- Assisted with FLEOA's support for HR 452 – the Gun Trafficking Prevention Act of 2013, bipartisan legislation that imposes stronger penalties for straw purchases of illegal firearms. Appeared as FLEOA Representative for two press conferences.
- Spearheaded FLEOA's support for Department of Interior Secretary Sally Jewell's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Jobs Creation for Youth & Veterans. Acted as liaison to identify projects with Department of Interior agencies and coordinated resources necessary to complete priority projects.
- Organized and orchestrated the FLEOA Environmental & Natural Resources Working Group to give a greater voice to non-traditional law enforcement agencies in the federal law enforcement community.
- Served as FLEOA & NLEOM liaison for the Law Enforcement Appreciation events with the Boston Red Sox, organizing the first FLEOA Foundation Game in 2013.

## EDUCATION

Unity College  
Unity, Maine 04988  
Major: Conservation Law Enforcement  
Degree: Associate Applied Science

Daniel Webster College  
Portsmouth, NH  
Major: Organizational (Business) Management  
Degree: Bachelor of Science

## EMPLOYMENT

**1987 to January 2014** NOAA Fisheries Service, Office for Law Enforcement, Special Agent, Enforcement of federal marine resources, statutes, regulations, & treaties within the United States, Territories & Possessions. During a 10-month assignment, served as Staff Assistant to a NH congressman, focusing on environmental issues. Maintained effective inter-agency relationships on the federal, state, county, and local levels. Served on the United States Attorneys Office for the District of New Hampshire Anti-Terrorism Advisory Committee and the Identity Theft Working Group. **Mandatory retirement at age 57.**

**1983 to 1987** US Fish & Wildlife Service, Newburyport, MA. Refuge Law Enforcement Officer, Responsible for patrolling and documenting public use and natural resource violations on refuge lands.

**1980 to 1983** US Fish & Wildlife Service, Lawrence, NY  
Wildlife Inspector, Conducted regulatory compliance of federal fish & wildlife regulations focusing on the import & export of live exotic animals and products fabricated from wildlife species.

**1977 to 1980** NH Fish & Game Department, Concord, NH  
Biological Aide & Fish Culturist, Conducted research and management projects on marine and anadromous species of fish, Investigate dredge & fill complaints of tidal marshes, laborer for hatchery operations.

## UNCOMPENSATED POSITIONS

**2001 to Present** Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA), serving as National Vice President for Agency Affairs. Coordinate activities and address issues involving 65 federal law enforcement agencies, educating Congress on federal law enforcement issues.

**2008 to 2009** Town of Newmarket, NH. Appointed by the Town Council to serve as Chairman of the Forensic Oversight Committee for an audit conducted on town expenses.

**1984 to 1997** Town of Newmarket, NH Conservation Commission  
Member & Chairman,

During that time period responsible for setting aside the first conservation lands in the town, fostering and supervising the town's first Natural Resource Inventory & Conservation Plan, drafting and fostering through the town meeting a warrant article responsible for the town setting aside 50% of the land use change tax penalties for land conservation and associated projects. Responsible for attaining support from the Town Board of Selectman for the Lamprey River being designated Wild, Scenic & Recreational status by the National Park Service in the Town of Newmarket, NH.

Created and continue to serve as the Co-Chairman of the Town of Newmarket NH Resident Youth Fishing Derby, held every Father's Day weekend.

### **JOB-RELATED TRAINING COURSES**

06/2010 – Graduate School- Executive Leadership Program  
12/2005 – Field Training Officer School  
09/2003 - Leadership Potential Seminar  
03/2000 – Contracting Officer's Technical Representative  
11/1999 - Reid Advanced Interviewer  
02/1999 - Financial Crimes Investigator  
01/1999 - Managing Multiple Projects  
09 & 10/1998 - Team Building & Leadership  
03/1988 - NMFS Special Agent Basic  
02/1988 - Marine Law Enforcement Program  
08/1987 - Criminal Investigator's Training Program  
1984 – Massachusetts Environmental Police Deputy Training  
1983 - Basic Police Land Management Law Enforcement Program  
1981 – US Fish & Wildlife Service, Wildlife Inspector School

### **JOB-RELATED HONORS, AWARDS, MEMBERSHIPS, ETC.**

2001 - NOAA/ NMFS Silver Award (Unit Citation)  
2001 – NH Congressional Law Enforcement Award  
2000 – Coastal Conservation Association, Conservationist of The Year  
1999 – US Attorney's Office, Connecticut, Certificate of Recognition  
1997 - FLEOA Investigative Excellence Award  
1997 - NOAA/ NMFS Bronze Award  
1997 – Conservation Law Enforcement Chief's Special Agent of The Year  
1993 - NH Governor Conservationist of the Year  
1993 - Chevron National Conservation Award, Citizen Volunteer Category  
1990 - Strafford Rivers Conservationist of the Year  
1985 – US Fish & Wildlife Service, Certificate of Achievement

**REFERENCES** Available upon Request