



## Publick Occurrences Awards 2010 Call for Entries

The New England Newspaper & Press Association is accepting entries for the 20<sup>th</sup> annual *Publick Occurrences* awards. Editors are invited to enter their paper's best work in reporting and/or photojournalism during the contest year, June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010. One entry will be allowed per newspaper (Sunday/Weekend editions are not considered separate newspapers in this competition).

The award recognizes individual or team stories, series, spot news coverage, columns or photojournalism that ran in print and/or online. Editors should view this entry as their "best work of the year." This competition is open to all members of NENPA. Up to eight Publick Occurrences awards will be presented to daily/alternative newspapers, and up to eight will be presented to non-daily community/specialty newspapers. The winners will be announced at an awards luncheon at the NENPA fall conference, which will be held on October 21, 2010 at the Crowne Plaza in Natick, MA.

These awards were established in 1990 to recognize individual and team merit at New England newspapers to mark the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Publick Occurrences, the first newspaper published in America. Four days after it appeared in 1690 in Boston, Publick Occurrences was suppressed by the royal governor.

Recent winners of the Publick Occurrences awards included: an examination of rental housing from the perspective of landlord and tenant; a year-long series on the integration of Burmese refugees that prompted the U.S. State Department to look into the practices of a refugee resettlement organization, which resulted in the revocation of its contract; coverage of the murder of a 12-year-old girl that led to the governor's push to pass legislation that would keep tighter reins on repeat sex offenders; a three-day series examining the state of regional healthcare; and deadline coverage of a man who took hostages at a Hillary Clinton campaign office.

Please fill out the entry form and send it with your submission and a check for your \$75 entry fee. Make your check payable to the *New England Newspaper & Press Association*.

### Entry for the Publick Occurrences Award

Name of newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

Name of entry / date of publication \_\_\_\_\_

Name of writer(s), photographer(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

**An editor's note describing your entry is encouraged and should be attached to this form.**

Entries must be postmarked by **Friday, July 9, 2010**, and they are to be mailed/delivered to the New England Newspaper & Press Association, 370 Common St., 3rd Floor, Suite 319, Dedham, MA 02026.

Should you have questions on the entry, please contact George Geers, [gnews@empire.net](mailto:gnews@empire.net) (603) 226-1020