

"First they ignore you,
then they laugh at you,
then they fight you,
then you win."
Mahatma Gandhi



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OLA NEWS EXCLUSIVE - NBC'S PATRICK HEALY
WE GET PRESS PASSES FROM LAPD

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Jail support team could use your help this morning! We've got LOTS of arraignments all day. Meet us at 100 Centre St! #ows. Total of about 240 arrests made yesterday, many injuries #ows cc: @OccupyArrests

#OccupyHawaii

@malamaikaaina @jillybear77
I LOATHE EVERYTHING APEC
TAKES AWAY HAWAIIANS JOBS
AND AMERICAN MFG=TO ASIAN
MONARCHS/PLUTOCRATES=NO
DEMOCRACY

@OccupyLabot

RT @LATimescitybeat Occupy LA
plans to march Thursday morning
in the financial district: <http://lat.ms/t6i19q> #occupyla

[LOS ANGELES] Occupy Los Angeles News was granted an exclusive interview with NBCUniversal's assignment reporter Patrick Healy. Mr Healy confirmed that the mainstream media and press of Los Angeles must get "passes to go into certain places."

Who determines who has access to news and media within LA? The Los Angeles County Sheriff Department and LAPD according to Mr. Healy.

Patrick Healy was very gracious to extend a brief moment of his time to OLA News while visiting the OLA encampment on Tuesday in preparation for the NBC 5 p.m. news.

I shared with Mr. Healy the account of Tim Pool of Ustream.TV/theother99. Mr. Pool covered the Occupy Wall Street eviction via live stream earlier and throughout yesterday. He said the main stream media or no media at all were allowed by the NYPD to cover the Occupy Wall Street eviction. He went further to say, "I asked the press why are you guys leaving? They said 'if I lose my NYPD press pass I lose my job.' The press went on."

OLA News asked Mr. Healy's opinion of Mr. Pool's comment. The long time reporter said he would be "surprised if that happened."

CurrentTV's Keith Obermann reported yesterday that New York's billionaire Mayor Michael Bloomberg instructed his police department to prevent press coverage of the 1 a.m. raid on Zuccotti Park. The mayor said it was done "to protect members of the press."

What "pass" does a large mainstream media organization like NBCUniversal

have to obtain to ensure "freedom of the press" locally?

Patrick Healy proudly showed all his "passes" which he needed in order to cover the news in Los Angeles. He had a neck loaded full with them. Each was explained.

There was a smaller dark blue NBCUniversal standard employee badge. It was on a chain with other bigger ones loudly pronouncing themselves in the background. He pulled forward the largest one a lime green plastic badge labeled with the word "Sheriff" on top. Then somewhere else on it was the word "Press." It was secondary in nature. He also had a more polished one—dark blue and very official looking. It read "LAPD." It too had the word "Press" somewhere stamped on it but in subservience to the approving or authorizing law enforcement agency.

Mr. Healy said the press must "get passes" to go to "certain places" within Los Angeles to report. These "passes allow us to go beyond police tapes and lines" but "not crime scenes," he declared.

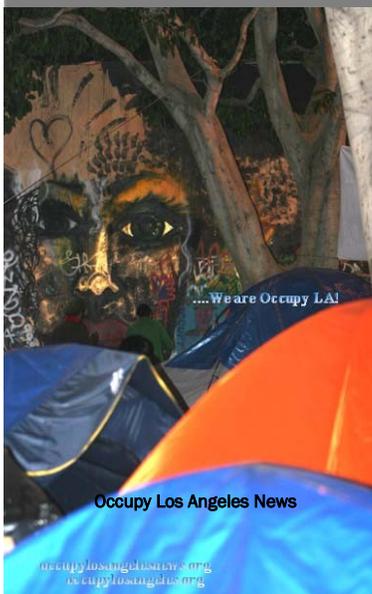
It is a well known fact "crime scenes" are off limits generally to journalists and others for fear of contamination of evidence or other reasons. But Mr. Healy revealed a more privileged area drawn with "police tapes and lines."

Are there restrictions upon the American main stream media and press? Are corporations and law enforcement personnel granting them the right to cover the populace? Does every journalist have to go to some LAPD layman and ask for permission to be a part of the "Fourth Estate?"

OLA News unfortunately found the apparent answer to all of the above to be troubling.

Mr. Healy ended our interview by saying, "I didn't go per se, the company [NBCUniversal] goes and get them for us from the LAPD."

Mitch, Reporter/Photographer, Occupy LA Media, Los Angeles





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Thank you to @ home occupier Phil for his food and supplies donated to OLA. Below Phil is walking in protest of yesterday's OWS raids.



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