



FBINAA Chapter Chat

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By Our Members

Welcome to **Chapter Chat**, a monthly communication bringing you all the member-focused news! Stay tuned each month for a new Chapter Chat that covers what's happening among your fellow Chapter and Session mates such as Chapter News, Promotions, Retirements, and when we sadly lose one of our Brothers and Sisters.

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California Chapter News



FBINAA Charitable Foundation with California Chapter

Congratulations to the California Chapter who beat all the other chapters in their donation to the Charitable Foundation. California beat out the Florida Chapter by \$1. California donated \$5,021.

Promotions



Aniceto "Ceto" Ortiz, *NA Session 269*

Congratulations to **Aniceto "Ceto" Ortiz, *NA Session 269***, who was appointed to Assistant Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol effective March 20, 2023. He will oversee all field operations statewide, which account for nine divisions, approximately 10,000 employees and the vast majority of the department's three billion dollar budget. He was previously the chief of the California Highway Patrol's Central Division based in Fresno.

Connecticut Chapter News

Promotions

Congratulations to **Thomas Conlan, *NA Session 275***, who was promoted to Chief of Police for the Town of Wilton Police Department. Chief Conlan joined the Wilton Police Department in 2000, where he most recently served as the department's executive officer.



Thomas Conlan, *NA Session 275*

Retirements



Chief John Lynch, *NA Session 247*

The Connecticut Chapter wishes the best of luck to Chief **John Lynch**, *NA Session 247*, on his retirement from the Wilton Police Department. Chief Lynch served the Wilton community for 38 years, with the last six as Chief. He will start his next chapter as the Chief of Police in Block Island, Rhode Island. Police Department. Insert your favorite JAWS quote here...

Congratulations and best wishes to Deputy Chief of Police and Connecticut Chapter Executive Board member **Susan Zecca**, *NA Session 263*, on her retirement after 35 years of Service to the City of Norwalk. The Connecticut Chapter e-board appreciates your continued service and dedication to our chapter.



Retired Deputy Chief of Police **Susan Zecca** being honored by Mayor Harry Rilling and Chief **James Walsh**, *NA Session 281*.

Passings

The Connecticut Chapter is sad to report the passing of retired New Britain Police Department Deputy Chief of Police **Edwin Mercier**, *NA Session 100*.

Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter News

The chapter would like to thank Verizon Frontline for their support of fallen police officers. On February 18, 2023, Temple University Police Officer, Sgt. Christopher Fitzgerald, was killed in the line of duty. Verizon Frontline immediately stepped up and donated a large sum of money to the family of Sgt. Fitzgerald. Thank you, Verizon Frontline, for your continued support of our chapter and police officers

throughout the country.

Promotions



Jay Ciarello, NA Session 276

Jay Ciarello, NA Session 276, recently retired from Hatfield Police Department and was sworn in as the new Chief of Police for New Hanover Township. Congratulations, Jay!

Passings

It's with sadness that we announce the passing of **Al DiGiacomo, NA Session 186**, who passed away on February 23, 2023 from cancer. Al was a 29-year member of Philadelphia Police Department and former Chief County Detective for the Chester County District Attorney's Office. He was a well known and highly respected member of law enforcement and he will be greatly missed.



Al DiGiacomo, NA Session 186



The Florida FBINAA Chapter will host its annual 2023 Training Conference at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront on July 9-13, 2023.

Promotions

Adam Geissenberger, NA Session 266, was appointed as the new Chief of the Pinellas Park Police Department.

Greg Lees, NA Session 259, was promoted to the rank of Major with the Broward Sheriff's Office on March 11, 2023.



Adam Geissenberger, MPA, MCJA · 1st
Captain at Pinellas Park Police Department
3h · 🌐

Today I was named the next chief of police. Humbled beyond words.



City of Pinellas Park, FL
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Adam Geissenberger, NA Session 266

Retirements

Chief **Michael Haworth, NA Session 213**, is retiring from Pinellas Park Police Department. Congratulations on a great career!

Announcements



Chapter Vice-President Rosanna Cordero-Stutz with Florida students of NA Session 285

Florida Chapter First Vice-President Rosanna Cordero-Stutz visited Quantico and took Florida Session 285 team out to dinner. Congratulation to 285 for their graduation!

Hawaii Chapter News

Promotions



Major Thomas Shopay III, NA Session 257

Thomas Shopay III, *NA Session 257* and a 23-year veteran of the Hawaii Police Department, was promoted to Major and assigned to the Technical Services Division. He is responsible for overseeing the department's Communications

Dispatch Center, Communications Maintenance Section, Computer Center, Records and Identification Section, and Traffic Services Section.

He most recently served as Captain of the Area II (Kona) Criminal Investigation Division. Prior to that, Shopay served as Lieutenant of the Area II Criminal Investigation Section, Lieutenant of Kona Patrol, Lieutenant and Sergeant of the Special Response Team, Area II Vice Section, and Kona Patrol.

In August 2012, he received the department's second-highest honor, the Silver Medal of Valor, for risking his personal safety barricading explosive ordinance found near an electric plant.



Captain Tuckloy Aurello, NA Session 282

Tuckloy Aurello, NA Session 282 and a 20-year veteran of the Hawaii Police Department, was promoted to Captain and assigned to the Criminal Intelligence Unit/Office of Professional Standards. Aurello most recently served as Lieutenant of the Records and Identification Section. He previously served as Lieutenant of Hilo Patrol, Detective in Area I Juvenile Aid Section, Detective in Area I Criminal Investigation Section, Sergeant in Accreditation, Area I Traffic Enforcement Unit, Field Training Officer, as well as serving in Patrol in the Puna and Kona districts.

Aurello received the Officer of the Month award from the Aloha Exchange Club of East Hawai'i in July 2006 for his work investigating a burglary in a Kea'au subdivision.

Illinois Chapter News

Retirements



Chief Tim Edmiaston, *NA Session 281*

Lt. Tim Edmiaston, *NA Session 281* is retiring from the Normal Police Department after 29 years of service. Tim has been appointed Chief of the Lexington Police Department in Illinois and will begin his new position May 1st. Congratulations!

Iowa Chapter News

Passings



Captain Brian Batterson, *NA Session 257*

On April 6, the Marshalltown community lost a devoted public servant and a great friend. Captain **Brian Batterson**, *NA Session 257*, served the community as a police officer from 1991-2022. Brian was a graduate of the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy, Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command, and the FBI National Academy.

Brian retired in June of 2022, following a stellar and decorated law

enforcement career. Brian was from Minnesota and loved the Golden Gophers. He would occasionally talk about the Vikings, and we liked to tease him about his choice of sports teams.

Brian was a humble and dedicated professional. He served in every assignment imaginable inside the police department. He distinguished himself as a detective, member of the tactical team, and in various leadership positions. Brian helped lead the department through many critical events and difficult times. Brian was a steady voice and calming presence during the 2018 tornado and 2020 Derecho events.

More importantly, Brian was a devoted family member. He loved his wife and children dearly. Brian spoke of them constantly. He was a supportive friend and colleague for many. He was always willing to help his fellow officers be successful. He was the voice of common sense and reason. His advice was always measured and on point. We miss him and his leadership at the police department.

Brian was taken from us far too soon. He made the police department and community better. His work mattered and he made a difference. He helped countless people. Please keep Brian and the Batterson family in your thoughts. If you are so inclined, please say a prayer. We will never forget Captain Batterson, and we will carry his legacy forward.

Kansas/ Western Missouri Chapter News

Our wonderful FBI Kansas City Division Training & Civic Liaison Specialist Brittany Briggs is expecting her first child this coming July with her husband Jacob! She greatly helps our Chapter with our Relaxers, events, and overall support! Congrats and good luck on your upcoming addition!

Promotions

Eric Schmitt, *NA Session 282*, was promoted to Chief of Police in Branson, Missouri as of December 15, 2022! He had served as the Assistant Chief for the past five years with Branson Police Department before his promotion. Congrats on being named as the Chief!

Andy Munsterman, also *NA Session 282*, was named as the Chief of Police in Warrensburg, Missouri and sworn in on January 27, 2023. He had been leading the department as the Interim Chief for the past year and prior to his attendance at the National Academy in June, 2022. Congrats on this well-deserved promotion to Chief!

Retirements



Assistant Chief Steve Owen, *NA Session 276*

Assistant Chief **Steve Owen**, *NA Session 276*, announced his retirement from the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department effective March 9, 2023! Steve started his career as a Cadet in 1991 and became an Officer in 1994. He worked his way up through the ranks over the years and has served as the Assistant Chief since June 2022. Steve was assigned in nearly every unit and area of the KCKPD over his 32 years of service. His attendance at the FBI NA was the highlight of his career!

Steve is going to enjoy some time off to travel and then relocate to Florida this fall where he will pursue a second career! Congrats on your retirement and enjoy the Florida sun!

New England Chapter News



Chapter Meeting in Maine

On Friday March 24th, the New England Chapter hosted a luncheon training at the Sable Oaks Sheraton Hotel in South Portland Maine. Over 50 members from Vermont, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine attended. Ralph Twombly from Priority Learning gave an excellent presentation on creating a culture that promotes recruitment and retention. It was great to see everyone again and share a good meal and training.

New York/Eastern Canada Chapter News

Promotions



James Spellman, *NA Session 240*

James Spellman, *NA Session 240*, was promoted to Deputy Chief/Commanding Officer, Office of the Chief, in the Investigations Division of the New York State Attorney General's Office on March 2, 2023. Spellman, a 36-year Law Enforcement veteran is based at the Attorney General's main office in lower Manhattan, New York City.

Oregon Chapter News



Our annual spring training event went very well, and Paul Butler's presentation was outstanding. A big thank you to DPSST and the FBI for supporting and assisting with the training.

The Oregon representatives for Session 286 are Kevin Barton (Gresham Police Department), Chris Lindsey (Portland Police Bureau) and Bradley O'Neil (Clackamas County Sheriff's Office).

2nd Vice-President, Erroll McCrea reports Fiona Hansen, a 15 year old junior at Corvallis High School, scored the highest and has been selected to attend the Youth Leadership Program in June. We look forward to her presentation related to her experience at the fall re-trainer.

Promotions

Congratulations are in order for **Josh Brooks**, *NA Session 277*, who has been promoted to the rank of Deputy Superintendent with the Oregon State Police. Well done Josh!

Tennessee Chapter News

The TN/KY FBI NAA Annual Conference is still accepting registrations from members and not limited to the two host states. Come enjoy the hospitality of Downtown Nashville and the venues on Lower Broadway, receive 24 hours of POST certified training and network with fellow NA graduates. Hotel accommodations are excellent and at a rate unavailable other than through our conference.

[Registration Link](#)

Promotions

Eddy Chamberlin with the Chattanooga Police Department has been promoted to Captain and will be assigned to the Community and Development Bureau. He is a graduate of the *NA Session 279*.



Captain Ronnie Barrett, *NA Session 284*

Captain **Ronnie Barrett** with the Gatlinburg Police Department will assume the position of Chief of Police on June 2, 2023. Ronnie is a graduate of the *NA Session 284* of the FBI National Academy. He will be the 11th Chief in that Department's history. Ronnie has been with Gatlinburg Police Department for 27 years.

Retirements



Major Brian Rice, *NA Session 241*

Major **Brian Rice** will be retiring from the Johnson City Police Department effective the end of April. He will be transitioning to a job with the State of Tennessee. Brian is a graduate of the *NA Session 241*.



Bob Fohrd, *NA Session 231*

Bob Fohrd, *NA Session 231*, has announced his upcoming retirement from the Hendersonville Police Department in June 2023. Bob is a past president of the Tennessee Chapter, hosting our first Nashville conference in 2020 amid the complexities of the Covid crisis.

Texas Chapter News

Promotions



Chief Richard Brooks, *NA Session 227*

Chief Richard Brooks, *NA Session 227*, was appointed to be the Chief of Police in Aubrey, Texas. Congratulations!

Retirements



Assistant Chief Sharon W. St. Martin, *NA Session 236*

Assistant Chief Sharon W. St. Martin, *NA Session 236*, will retire from the Deer Park Police Department at the end of April with 45 years of service. Her immediate plans are to sleep late, skip the commute, and travel as much as possible.

Virginia Chapter News



Virginia Chapter Board with Session 285

Members of the FBI NA Virginia Chapter Board visited Quantico on March 2, 2023 to have dinner and fellowship with the Virginia members of Session 285. It is always a great experience to interact with the current session and it gives past attendees a chance reminiscence. Best of luck to you all!



FBINAA Chapter Leadership Summit

Major Ed O'Carroll (Ret.) and Deputy Chief Greg Geist had the opportunity to attend the FBINAA Chapter Leadership Summit for Virginia. They had a great time being back at Quantico for a week learning and networking.

Retirements



Ret. Major Ed O'Carroll, NA Session 269

Ed O'Carroll is retiring from the Fairfax County Police Department after 33-years of dedicated service to his community. As the Major Crimes Bureau Chief, O'Carroll led a team of 240 sworn professionals and volunteers responsible for investigating all serious and violent crimes across the county. In 2022, there were 936 Crimes Against Person (assaults, homicide, sex offenses, kidnapping, and human trafficking) cases and 2,952 Crimes Against Property (robbery, arson, vandalism, extortion, fraud, and embezzlement) cases. Of these, O'Carroll's violent crimes division investigated 22 homicides. Ed is a proud graduate of *NA Session 269*. Ed plans to stay active in the LE community as a civilian and will be working with companies to continue supporting our mission.

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