



FBINAA Chapter Chat

Chapter Chat is a monthly communication bringing you all updates submitted by members and chapters!

Please submit each month what's happening among your fellow Chapter and Session mates such as Chapter News, Retrainers, Promotions, Retirements, Awards, and Passings.

October 2023

By Our FBINAA Members

California Chapter News



L-R: Josh Ehlers, Randy Goddard, Scott Savage, Alex Hernandez, Jim Macedo, Christopher Williams, Max Santiago and Mike Barletta

California Chapter Board for 2024 was sworn in at the California Retraimer in Long



CHP Assistant Commissioner Ceto Ortiz, NA Session 269

Assistant Commissioner Ceto Ortiz, NA Session 269, with the California Highway Patrol (Sacramento Division), speaks to the media during a press conference at the CA Governor's Office of Emergency Services regarding the impact of Hurricane Hilary.

Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter News



Welcome Back Luncheon and Training

On September 28th, 2023, the Chapter held a welcome back luncheon and training for NA Sessions 286 and 287. The new members were recognized after an excellent presentation by retired FBI Special Agent Timmothy J. Latterner, who discussed



Life Members at the Welcome Back Event

While at the Welcome Back event, life members **Walt Stachelek, NA Session 137**, **Dan McCabe, NA Session 135**, and **John Easton, NA Session 147**, were recognized by President John Potts for their many years of involvement with the Chapter. Thank you for your support and dedication!



Executive Board and Members of NA Session 288

On September 21st, 2023, members of the Executive Board met with members of

NA Session 288 at FBI Headquarters in Philadelphia for a proper send off. At this lunch meeting, the soon to be NA members were given an opportunity to meet the board and ask questions about what to expect when at the NA.

Best of luck to our soon to be members!

Promotions



John M. Stanford, NA Session 271

Congratulations to **John M. Stanford, Jr., NA Session 271**, who was appointed interim Police Commissioner for the City of Philadelphia.



Tim Hak, NA Session 283

On September 26, 2023, **Tim Hak, NA Session 283**, was promoted to Chief of Police for Haddon Township, NJ. Tim began his career with Haddon Township in 2008 as a patrol officer. Later assignments include being a detective, detective sergeant, administrative sergeant, and Lieutenant.

In 2022, he was promoted to Captain. Over the course of his career, he was the President of the Camden County Detectives Association and he coordinated and facilitated the accreditation of the Haddon Township by the New Jersey State Chiefs of Police Association, making them one of the first departments in Camden County to have done so. Tim is a graduate of Rowan University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration.

Congratulations Tim and good luck in your new role!

Florida Chapter News

Florida FBINAA Raffles to Benefit Youth & Charitable Programs



Glock Handgun Raffle

<https://floridafbinaa.eventgroove.com/fall2023raffle>





CZ P-10M Handgun Raffle

<https://floridafbinaa.eventgroove.com/czhandgun2023>



Click on the either link above or open the links with the QR Codes to see each raffle item. Select the number of entries (aka: tickets) you want for each raffle opportunity. Your raffle payment and any optional donation to the Florida FBINAA, Inc. is tax deductible. This is a great opportunity for early holiday gifts and 2023 tax-deductible donations while supporting youth leadership and charitable efforts of the Florida FBINAA! Both drawings will take place on December 15, 2023, at 12:00PM via EventGroove online. Winners and all participants will be notified the same day. *The raffles are limited to U.S. Citizens, and you must check your state laws regarding the receipt of a firearm.*

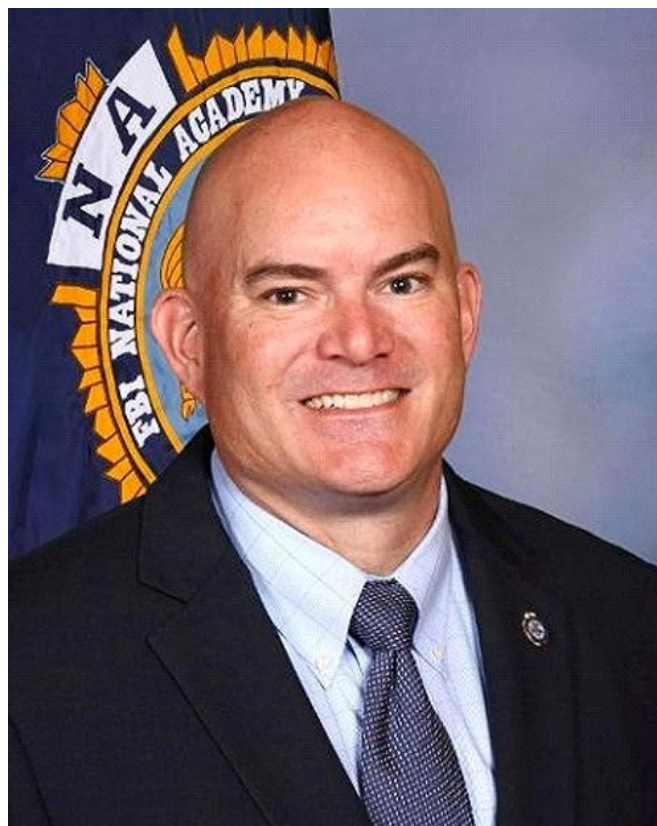
The proceeds from the raffle(s) will benefit the Florida FBINAA Snowden Youth Scholarship Program, Florida FBINAA Youth Leadership Academy, FBINAA Youth Leadership Program, or contributions to organizations that support youth leadership in criminal justice, such as the Florida Association of Police Explorers. Additionally, the proceeds may be given to the FBINAA Charitable Foundation to assist FBINAA members in need during crisis. Individuals may purchase one or more entries for this raffle, and the random drawings will take place on the date/time and location noted on the EventGroove website for each raffle. One raffle ticket will be drawn for each item automatically. No purchase or contribution is necessary but is welcomed. Attendees who wish to participate in the raffle but choose not to donate will be given one raffle entry.

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The Florida FBINAA Chapter is hosting two raffle campaigns from September 2023 to December 2023 to support the Youth Leadership Programs and the charitable efforts of the FL FBINAA. For more information, please click [here](#).

Retirements



Sean Visners, NA Session 276

Sean Visners, NA Session 276, retired from Sunrise Police Department as the

Georgia Chapter News

Promotions



William "Billy" Hitchens III, NA Session 229

On September 14th, Governor Brian Kemp announced that **William "Billy" Hitchens III, NA Session 229**, will serve as the State's next Colonel and Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety. Colonel Hitchens will assume his new position beginning October 1st, 2023. Colonel Hitchens began his career with the Georgia State Patrol in 1995 and worked his way through the ranks to serve as Lt. Colonel and Deputy Commissioner prior to this prestigious appointment.

Colonel Hitchens and his wife, Angie, have two children and reside in Statesboro, GA.



Joshua Lamb, NA Session 259

On September 14th Governor Brian Kemp announced that **Joshua Lamb, NA Session 259**, will be promoted as one of the State's next Lieutenant Colonel's and Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety. Lt. Colonel Lamb will assume his new position beginning October 1st, 2023. Lt. Colonel Lamb graduated from the 74th Session of the Georgia State Patrol Trooper School and served in numerous positions, to include the Director of Training, GSP SWAT Team Commander and Executive Officer to the Deputy Commissioner prior to this prestigious appointment.

Lt. Colonel Lamb and his wife, Alison, have two daughters.

Retirements



Chris Wright, NA Session 251

Colonel **Chris Wright**, the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Safety retired October 1st, 2023. Colonel Wright began his career with the Georgia State Patrol in 1994 and a graduate of the 69th Trooper School. He worked his way through the ranks and various divisions until his appointment as Commissioner in September of 2020. Colonel Wright is a graduate of **NA Session 251** and an active member of the Association.

Thank you for your service Colonel Wright!

Nebraska Chapter News



*The Nebraska Chapter enjoys a day of baseball.
Photo credit to Lauren Bell, FBI Omaha*

The Nebraska Chapter held our fall luncheon recently at Werner Park, home of the KC Royals AAA affiliate, Omaha Stormchasers. Over 60 participants enjoyed lunch and a talk from guest speaker, Trev Alberts UNL Athletic Director. After lunch, the lucky chapter members who had taken the afternoon off, enjoyed perfect weather for a baseball game and a home team win!

Promotions



Captain Victoria (Tori) Boldt, NA Session 286

Nebraska Chapter member **Victoria (Tori) Boldt** was promoted to the rank of Captain within the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office in Papillion, Nebraska. Tori is a recent graduate of the **NA Session 286** of the National Academy and was appointed to lead the Sheriff's Road Patrol. Congratulations Tori!

New England Chapter News

Retirements

Mark Donka, NA Session 199, retired from full time law enforcement with a total of 43 years in July of 2022. In his retirement, he has taken a job as Emergency Management Coordinator for a school district in Vermont. He is responsible for seven schools throughout Windsor Country.

Northwest Chapter News

Retirements



Thomas (Tomas) Smith, NA Session 186

Thomas (Tomas) Smith is retiring as Assistant Commissioner of Public Safety for the State of Minnesota after almost 34 years of law enforcement service. He is a proud graduate of both the **NA Session 186** and also a graduate of FBI-NEI Session 34.

Tom retired as Chief of Police for the Saint Paul Police Department in 2016 before becoming an instructor for four years with FBI-Leeda. He then became the Statewide Training Administrator for the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension before being appointed Assistant Commissioner of Public Safety.

Tom noted it's time to spend time with his family and grandchildren.



Thomas Smith at the 186th Session



Don Green and Joe Monroe with gift presented to Don for all his hard work on the conference.

The TN/KY FBINAA Conference ended on August 31st and was a huge success. Besides great training provided to our attendees, we also had sponsored training from Virtual Academy and ThermoFisher. This year, it was decided to have an awards luncheon rather than a formal banquet to allow more opportunities for networking and relaxing after a fact filled day. We were honored to have FBINAA Association President Scott Rhoad attend and speak to the members as well as our keynote, UT Lady Vol Tess Darby.

To take the place of the banquet, we added a Pub Crawl down lower Broadway in addition to our Presidents' Reception at Redneck Rivera featuring The Voice star, Taryn Papa. Our Pub Crawl was hosted by Axon, T-Mobile, Frontline, AMK and Panasonic. Wednesday's closing reception was provided by Justice One at Whiskey Bent Saloon.

Don Green was honored with an engraved barrel top and Woodford Reserve Whiskey bottle for his work on the conference.

Next year's conference returns to Downtown Nashville with registration open later this fall!



Monday Night's President Reception at Redneck Rivera



Tennessee State Representative Tandy Darby, UT Lady Vol Tess Darby, and Virtual Academy CEO Dr. Nassar Nassar

Announcements



Bill Sorrells, Secretary/Treasurer

Caleb Utterback, TBI, was elected to the 2nd Vice President's position as well as Bill Sorrells, Gallatin Police Department, assuming the position of Secretary Treasurer, both starting in January 2024.

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