



# 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.

January 2026 By Our FBINAA Members

## Connecticut Chapter News

On December 4, 2025, the annual dinner meeting and holiday party were held at VUE24 in the Foxwoods Resort. Over 80 members and their spouses attended, and a great time was had by all.

### Retirements

Stratford Police Chief **Joseph McNeil, NA Session 254**, recently retired after serving the Town of Stratford for over 31 years, including the last 9.5 years as Chief. The Connecticut Chapter wishes Joe the best in his retirement.

### Passings

The Connecticut Chapter is sad to report the passing of the following members:

Chief **Alfred Fiore III, NA Session 153**, had retired after serving the Westport Police Department for 33 years.

Chief **George White, NA Session 167**, who had retired after serving the Glastonbury and Groton Long Point Police Departments.

The Connecticut Chapter sends our deepest condolences to their families and friends.

## Eastern Missouri Chapter News



*L to R: Retired Lt. Michael Lauer, NA Session 185; Lt. Paul Lauer, NA Session 270; Retired Lt. Col. Raymond Lauer, NA Session 101*

On January 15, 2026, St. Louis Police Lieutenant **Paul Lauer, NA Session 270**, completed his term as President of the Eastern MO Chapter. Lieutenant Lauer is the son of retired St. Louis Police Lt. Colonel **Raymond Lauer, NA Session 101**, who served as Eastern MO Chapter President in 1994, and the brother of retired St. Louis Police Lieutenant **Michael Lauer, NA Session 185**, who served as Eastern MO Chapter President in 2005. This father/son trio each attended the FBINA 21 years apart (1975, 1996 & 2017) and all went on to be elected to the Executive Board of the Eastern MO Chapter. They have a combined total of 97 years of law enforcement. Their legacy continues with the Lauer brothers, each having a son joining the ranks of the St. Louis City and County Police Departments.

## Retirements



*Corey J. Schoeneberg, NA Session 255*

Major **Corey J. Schoeneberg, NA Session 255**, bureau commander for the Administrative Service Bureau of the Patrol, will retire on February 1, 2026, after 29 years of dedicated service.

Schoeneberg was appointed to the Patrol on July 1, 1996, as a member of the 72nd Recruit Class. After graduating from the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy, his first assignment was to Troop B, Zone 2, Macon and Shelby counties. He transferred to Troop F, Zone 6, Moniteau and Morgan counties on January 1, 2001. Schoeneberg was promoted to corporal and assigned to Zone 12, Gasconade and Osage counties, on July 1, 2001. On November 13, 2005, he was promoted to sergeant and transferred to Zone 1, Cole and Southern Callaway counties. Schoeneberg was promoted to lieutenant and assigned to the Professional Standards Division, General Headquarters, Jefferson City, MO, on June 1, 2011. He was promoted to captain on December 1, 2014, and named director of the same division. On July 1, 2018, he transferred to the Field Operations Bureau at General Headquarters, where he served as an assistant bureau commander. He was named commanding officer of Troop F, Jefferson City, on May 1, 2019. On August 1, 2022, Schoeneberg was promoted to major and designated bureau commander of the Administrative Services Bureau, General Headquarters, Jefferson City.

Major Schoeneberg was born in Jefferson City. He graduated from California High School in 1993. He holds a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice from the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, MO. He graduated from the 255th Session of the FBI National Academy Program at Quantico, VA, in 2014. He completed Police Leadership: The West Point Model Executive Level Course in 2019. Major Schoeneberg and his wife, Carey (Scott), have two children: Kathryn and Avery.

## Florida Chapter News



*North Florida Holiday Luncheon*

The Florida Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates hosted its annual Holiday Luncheon with strong attendance, welcoming 30 members and guests for an engaging and collegial gathering. The event provided an opportunity for fellowship, chapter updates, and reflection on the year's accomplishments.

We were honored to host Anthony Coker, Executive Director of the State Board of Immigration Enforcement, as our guest speaker. Mr. Coker shared valuable insights drawn from his extensive background in military, federal, and state law enforcement, offering a thoughtful discussion on leadership, interagency collaboration, and the evolving public safety landscape.

The chapter also extends its sincere appreciation to our event sponsors, whose generous support helped make the luncheon possible. Their continued partnership plays an important role in supporting the mission and activities of the Florida Chapter. We thank Mr. Coker, our sponsors, and all attendees for contributing to a meaningful and successful event.

## Kansas/Western Missouri Chapter News



*Kansas/Western Missouri Holiday Luncheon*

During the Holiday Season, the KS/Western Missouri Chapter took time to get together and enjoy lunch together. Family is not just defined by blood but through experiences, connections, and missions. From our Family to yours, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

## Retirements



*Simon Happer, NA Session 236*

**Simon Happer, NA Session 236**, retired as the Interim Chief of Police at the City of Overland Park. Simon held many leadership roles, including Major Division Commander, Commander Investigations Division, Commander of the Patrol Division, Commander Detective Division, Captain Criminal Investigations Captain, Patrol Shift commander, Patrol Sergeant, Detective, Narcotics Unit, and Patrol Officer.



*David Williams, NA Session 231*

Captain **David Williams, NA Session 231**, and Past President of the Kansas/Western Missouri National Academy Associates, has retired after 30+ years of service with the Jefferson City Police Department. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors. Thank you for your service.

## Nebraska Chapter News

### Retirements



*Kevin Ryan, NA Session 275*

After a storied law enforcement career, Captain **Kevin Ryan, NA Session 275**, of the Nebraska State Patrol, is planning to retire following 30 years of dedicated service to communities across Nebraska. A graduate of NSP Camp #39 in 1995, then-Trooper Ryan began his career working road patrol from 1995 to 1999.

With a background in aviation before his law enforcement career, he applied for and was selected to join the NSP Aviation Division in 1999. He was later promoted to Sergeant of the Aviation Division in 2004 and served as an NSP pilot for nearly 14 years. In 2012, Captain Ryan was promoted to Lieutenant and served in several key roles, including Internal Affairs Commander and Patrol Lieutenant. In 2016, he received another promotion to Captain, where he led the Administrative Services Division at NSP Troop Headquarters.

Captain Ryan is a proud graduate of the FBI National Academy Session 275. He has shared that the professional connectivity gained through the National Academy with law enforcement professionals from across the country and around the world has both literally and figuratively “shrunk the world.” These relationships and the vast network of contacts have played key roles in solving crimes not only within the State of Nebraska but also in assisting agencies beyond jurisdictional boundaries. Captain Ryan plans to remain closely connected with his brothers and sisters of the National Academy as he enters retirement, maintaining those professional contacts and deep friendships. Following retirement, Captain Ryan looks forward to “getting dusty” crafting custom-made wood gun stocks and spending quality time with his wife, Angie; their two daughters, Makenzie and Abbie; and their growing number of grandchildren. Thank you, Sir, for 30 years of dedication and sacrifice to the Great State of Nebraska!



*Lance Rogers, NA Session 258*

Please join the Nebraska Chapter in congratulating Captain **Lance Rogers, NA Session 258**, on his well-deserved retirement from the Nebraska State Patrol following an incredible 30-year career that took Captain Rogers across the State of Nebraska in a wide variety of assignments.

After graduating from NSP Camp #39 in 1995, Trooper Rogers began his career working in both the Traffic Division and Criminal Investigations. In 2003, he was promoted to Sergeant, where he applied his skills in the Training

Division, helping to prepare and mentor new NSP recruits. From 2005–2009, Sgt. Rogers returned to the Traffic Division before being promoted to Lieutenant, where he continued his service. In 2013, he was promoted to Captain, serving in several key leadership roles, including Troop Commander, Capitol Security, and most recently as Criminal Investigation Bureau (CIB) Commander. Captain Rogers reflects that his career afforded him many remarkable opportunities and the chance to work alongside some of the very best people in the profession, both during his time with the Nebraska State Patrol and at the National Training Center in Quantico. Most of all, he values the relationships he has formed with people from across the State of Nebraska, throughout the country, and around the world, noting that many of those professional partnerships have become lasting personal connections over his three decades of service.

Captain Rogers will officially retire on December 31, 2025. Continuing a proud family tradition, his son Jarred will be graduating from NSP Camp #72 and will assume Badge #272, carrying on the Rogers legacy in the years to come. Additionally, his daughter Jessica also serves with the Nebraska State Patrol as a Dispatcher, further extending the family's commitment to public service. Looking ahead to retirement, Captain Rogers shared that he has purchased a Harley-Davidson and plans to put on as many miles as possible traveling with his wife, Shari, while spending time with both of their children, Jessica and Jarred. Congratulations, Captain Rogers, and thank you for 30 years of dedicated service to the Nebraska State Patrol and the citizens of Nebraska.

## New Jersey Chapter News

### Promotions



*Left to Right: David Harkins, NA Session 247, Anthony Minosse, NA Session 257, and John Stollsteimer, NA Session 291*

Deputy Chief **John Stollsteimer, NA Session 291**, has been promoted to Chief of Police on October 30, 2025, for the Gloucester Township Police Department.

Chief **Anthony Minosse, NA Session 257**, was promoted to Chief of Police on October 30, 2025, for the Gloucester Township Police Department.

### Retirements

Chief **David Harkins, NA Session 247**, retired on October 30, 2025, from the Gloucester Township Police Department after 30 years with the agency.

## New York/Eastern Canada Chapter News



*Pictured in the center photo, from left to right: 1st VP Joe Del Duca, BOG-NY Nelson Alaya, Sgt-at-Arms Michael Bonse, President Terri Tobin, BOG-NY John Rogers, BOG-NY Andy Martinez, 3rd VP Tom Cummings, and 2nd VP Tom Kelly.*

Congrats to newly elected Chapter President **Terri Tobin, NA Session 189**, and all the members who stepped into leadership roles and were sworn in by National President Bill Carbone at the Chapter’s Holiday Debrief.



*Ryan Diodati, NA Session 276*

Congratulations to Deputy Chief **Ryan Diodati, NA Session 276**, of the Hamilton Police Service, the 2025 recipient of the FBINAA New York State/Eastern Canada Colin T. Millar Award. This prestigious award honors distinguished service and recognizes leaders who exemplify innovation, leadership, and a deep commitment to community service. Deputy Chief Diodati truly embodies Chief Millar's spirit through his exceptional leadership, compassion, and unwavering dedication to building strong community connections. His impactful efforts serve as a powerful reminder of the lasting difference one individual can make. We are proud to recognize Deputy Chief Diodati for his outstanding contributions and for carrying forward Chief Millar's enduring legacy.

## Promotions

Congratulations to Assistant Chief **Victoria Perry, NA Session 285**, of the NYPD! She'll continue helping lead the department's focus on reducing crime and enhancing the quality of life while building stronger relationships and trust within the community. Wishing her continued success as she moves this important work forward.

## Retirements



*Scott Fraser, NA Session 226*

Warmest retirement wishes to Kingston Police Chief and Past Chapter President **Scott Fraser, NA Session 226**, on an outstanding career of public service. Chief Fraser has made a tremendous and lasting impact on policing, community safety, and our Chapter's law-enforcement family. His dedication, integrity, and unwavering commitment to advancing the profession have left a meaningful legacy.

Thank you, Scott, for your exemplary service and for setting a standard of leadership that will inspire many for years to come. While retiring from active service, Scott continues to give back to our Chapter by helping spearhead the planning of the 2026 National Academy Training Conference in Niagara Falls.



*John Hanley, NA Session 231*

After 45 years of service, Deputy Inspector **John Hanley, NA Session 231**, retired from the Suffolk County Police Department following a ceremonial walkout at Police Headquarters.

John began his career with the SCPD in January 1981 and retired as the department’s most senior member. Throughout his career, he proudly served the people of Suffolk County with integrity, professionalism, and dedication.

He was joined by family as he walked out to the sound of the SCPD Pipe Band, where he spent 40 years as a proud member, including time as the Band Manager.

## North Carolina Chapter News



*Mark & Jeanna Spawn*

**Mark Spawn, NA Session 180**, has joined the North Carolina Chapter following his recent move from California. Spawn, a former police chief from Fulton, New York, produces the audio true crime podcast series APB Cold Case with his wife, Jeanna.

The podcast spotlights unsolved murders and missing persons cases from across the United States, with an emphasis on bringing renewed attention to long-standing cold cases.

“We're always looking for unsolved cases, and the best recommendations come from cops,” Spawn said.

APB Cold Case is available on all major podcast platforms. Learn more at: [www.APBColdCase.com](http://www.APBColdCase.com)

## Rocky Mountain Chapter News



*2025 Rocky Mountain Command College in Aurora, CO.*

Another successful Rocky Mountain Command College in Aurora, Colorado, Dec. 1-4.



*Left - Right: Bill Mitchell (Secretary/Treasurer), Russell Lengel (President), Jim Martin (1st Vice President), Ed O'Carroll (2nd Vice President), Keith McPheeters (1st Past President).*

At the 2025 December Trainer/Luncheon, next year's Rocky Mountain Chapter Board of Directors was officially sworn in.

## Promotions



*Joe Deland, NA Session 286*

Please join the City of Lone Tree in congratulating **Joe Deland, NA Session 286**, on his promotion to Police Commander, succeeding Commander Brett Callahan, who retired in December.

## Texas Chapter News



*Pictured (left to right): Hedwig Village Police Chief Justin Woods, NA Session 268, and Hedwig Village Police Officer Julie Buhs.*

Just before midnight on November 22, 2025, off-duty Houston Police Officer Jake Parker was en route to the Houston Police Department Northwest Substation when he became the victim of a road-rage incident. Only blocks from his duty station, the suspect exited his vehicle and shot Officer Parker in the upper torso. Fortunately, the injury was non-life-threatening, and Officer Parker was able to quickly summon assistance. Area law enforcement agencies were immediately notified, and the suspect vehicle's license plate information was broadcast across regional channels.

Approximately five miles away, Hedwig Village Police Officer Julie Buhs had just completed a traffic stop when she observed the suspect vehicle pass her location. Without hesitation, Officer Buhs pulled in behind the vehicle, maintained visual contact, and provided real-time updates until responding Houston Police Department units arrived and safely took the suspect into custody.

Hedwig Village Police Chief **Justin Woods, NA Session 268**, and Houston Police Chief **Noe Diaz, NA Session 263**, praised Officer Buhs for her exceptional alertness, situational awareness, and professionalism. Both chiefs also highlighted the strength of interagency cooperation, which proved critical to the rapid and successful apprehension of the suspect.

In recognition of her actions, Officer Buhs was presented with the Hedwig Village Police Department's Award of Excellence at the department's annual awards luncheon on December 4, 2025.



*Pictured from left to right: Kevin Wingerson, NA Session 223; Ricky White; and Esmeralda Garcia, NA Session 292.*

*Behind the lens: Rebecca Salazar, NA Session 238, and Corey Lain, NA Session 274.*



In 2018, the FBINAA Texas Chapter recognized the growing scale and complexity of Texas Night and formed what is now known as the Texas Night Cook Team. Made up entirely of volunteers, the team's mission is to support not just Texas attendees, but all NA attendees, by handling the logistics, preparation, and cooking that help make Texas Night one of the signature highlights of the National Academy experience. Now in its seventh year, the team continues a strong tradition of service, camaraderie, and pride in representing Texas.

On one recent trip to the National Academy, the Cook Team traveled to Virginia hauling 20 briskets, more than 60 pounds of sausage, pork ribs, and Texas mesquite wood – logging nearly 3,400 miles in the process. Despite a drastic weather shift that brought sub-freezing temperatures and steady snowfall on cookout day, the team pressed on, clearing snow, setting up cover, prepping food, and tending fires. NA session attendees joined throughout the day, adding energy and shared memories to an otherwise challenging environment.

With the strong support of H-E-B and the dedication of both current and past cook-team volunteers, the Texas Night Cook Team continues to demonstrate what a true Texas-sized effort and heart for service look like. A special thank you to team members and National Academy graduates **Esmeralda Garcia, NA Session 292** (Tarrant County Sheriff's Office); **Ricky White** (Texas Department of Public Safety); **Rebecca Salazar, NA Session 238**, (Texas Department of Public Safety); **Kevin Wingerson, NA Session 223**, (Pasadena Police Department / NA Past-President); and to the leadership of **Corey Lain, NA Session 274**, (Texas Department of Public Safety and Texas Chapter Vice-President), for stepping up and doing the work in such challenging, cold conditions.

One of the greatest rewards for the Texas cook team is the opportunity to connect with law enforcement partners from across the nation and around the world while sharing Texas culture through authentic barbecue. The overwhelming compliments, smiles, and appreciation from attendees reaffirm why the team makes the trip year after year.



## Utah Chapter News

### Retirements



*John Herndon, NA Session 202*

Lt. **John Herndon, NA Session 202**, is announcing his retirement after 44 years of being in law enforcement.

Lt. John Herndon began his law enforcement career in 1980 while on active duty with the USAF 2849th Security Police at Hill AFB, Utah. In 1983, with his Squadron Commander's endorsement, he was recruited as a Reserve police officer by the North Salt Lake Police Department (NSLPD), becoming the first enlisted active duty member of his squadron to attend Utah's POST police academy. After being honorably discharged from active duty, he remained in the USAF Reserves and accepted a corrections position with the Salt Lake Co Sheriff's Office until 1985, when he accepted a full-time position with the NSLPD, which served a small city population of only 6000 at the time. He advanced through the ranks of Patrol Officer, Corporal, Investigations, and Administrative Sergeant. In 1999, the new Police Chief, **S. Duane Richens, NA Session 110**, endorsed Sgt. Herndon's application to attend the FBI National Academy, which took place the following year in June 2000, gave him the honor of being the first member in the 11-member department's history to attend the prestigious program.

Sgt. Herndon continued with his administrative duties as well as held down a heavy and constant caseload of investigations until the fateful day of September 11, 2001, and was called to serve on active duty by President Bush in October 2001, and was assigned to the 75th Security Forces at Hill AFB, Utah. During this time, he provided law enforcement services to the demands of the war in the Middle East and also locally to the FBI, DEA, and Homeland Security during the 2002 Salt Lake Winter Olympics. It was during that time that TSgt Herndon was awarded the USAF AFMC NCO of the Year for providing law enforcement support to the nation's military and civilian communities. Upon release from active duty, he returned to NSLPD until his retirement in 2006, having completed nearly 22 years with that agency. Sgt. Herndon was subsequently recruited to work for the Davis County Sheriff's Office by Sheriff **Bud Cox, NA Session 145**. During his time with the Sheriff's Office, he was promoted to Sergeant, holding positions in the district court and the detectives' division. It was during that time, after 27 years of service in the USAF, MSgt Herndon was honorably discharged from the USAF Security Forces in 2008. In 2013, Sgt. Herndon accepted the position of Lieutenant with the Davis County District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation, where he served as an Investigator and Agent for the District Court Specialty Courts Programs. He held this position up until now...his second Law Enforcement retirement. Lt. Herndon has so many stories he could tell, and is honored to be an active member of the Utah Chapter FBINAA for over 25 years, and says the greatest part of being involved with the NA are the friends he has made in the Chapter and having access to local and worldwide NA members and resources who when called, provided help to make the job so much better. Lt. Herndon wants to thank the following agencies and their members, past and current, who he is honored to have had a part with and who have been an integral part of his success in his "calling in law enforcement".

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