



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 2025 By Our FBINAA Members

Arizona Chapter News



The Arizona Chapter held a great tailgating event in Tucson for the annual rivalry football game between the Arizona State Sun Devils and the University of Arizona Wildcats. The event was fun for all who attended and would not have been possible without the help of Chief **Chris Olson, NA Session 144**, and the University of Arizona Athletics program. Another big thank you goes to **Joe Gaylord, NA Session 199**, for setting up the tailgate and grilling!

Connecticut Chapter News

Retirements



Sgt. William Spencer, NA Session 240

Sgt. **William Spencer, NA Session 240**, retired from the Easton Police Department on December 7, 2024, after serving 37 years. Sgt. Spencer began with the Easton Police Department as a dispatcher in 1983 and became an officer in 1987. Sgt. Spencer was promoted to Sergeant. in 2004. He attended the 240th session of the NA in 2010. He gained valuable experiences and enjoyed every minute of it. He looks forward to RVing and keeping busy in the future.

Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter News

On December 11, 2024, the Eastern PA Chapter held its annual holiday party at the FOP Lodge 5 in Philadelphia. It was a well-attended event with good food, plenty of drink, and much fellowship. Thanks to everyone who came out!

Retirements



Lt. Joe Nemic, NA Session 282

Congratulations to Lieutenant **Joe Nemic, NA Session 282**, who retired from the Phoenixville Police Department on November 30, 2024. Joe began his law enforcement career in Phoenixville in 1991 at just 19 years old. He was promoted to Corporal in 1997 and to Sergeant in 2001. Joe spent eight years as a patrol sergeant before transitioning to the Detective Division, where he served as division supervisor, crisis negotiator for the Chester County Regional Emergency Response Team, and narcotics investigator for the Chester County Municipal Drug Task Force.

In 2017, he moved to the position of Administrative Sergeant, where he also served as the accreditation manager. Joe was promoted to Administrative Lieutenant in 2022. He holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from St. Joseph's University and a master's degree in public safety from the University of Virginia.

Joe has since been hired as the Director of Campus Safety at Ursinus College. We wish him all the best in this new chapter of his career!



The Honorable Thomas P. Rogers, NA Session 130

After twenty-one years on the bench, The Honorable **Thomas P. Rogers, NA Session 130**, has retired from the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas. Judge Rogers has had a distinguished career, which includes twenty-six years of service as a Lower Providence Township Police Officer, with eleven years as Chief of Police. He earned his B.S. from Temple University in 1977, his M.S. from West Chester University in 1981, and his J.D. from Temple University School of Law in 1992.

Following his law degree, Judge Rogers practiced criminal law privately and served as counsel for municipalities, school districts, and several private companies. His legacy of service will undoubtedly be remembered by all who had the privilege to work with him.

Congratulations, Judge Rogers, on your retirement, and we wish you all the best in the next chapter of your life!

Passings



Mark Burgmann, NA Session 258

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **Mark Burgmann, NA Session 258**, of Philadelphia, who passed away peacefully in his sleep on Friday, November 29, 2024, after spending his final Thanksgiving with loved ones.

Born in Philadelphia on April 14, 1959, Mark was the fourth of five children to Jim and Betty Burgmann. He began his career with the Philadelphia Police Department in 1981, graduating first in his academy class. Mark was the first in his family to pursue a career in law enforcement and quickly found his calling. Over his 41-year career, he rose from foot patrol near Temple University to Captain of the Special Victims Unit (SVU), from which he retired in August 2022.

Mark earned a reputation as a dedicated and trusted leader, known for his meticulous attention to detail and tireless pursuit of justice. He was relied upon for overseeing numerous high-profile investigations and served as a mentor to many of his colleagues.

Throughout his career, Mark continued to further his education. He earned his Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Philadelphia Community College and attended both the FBI National Academy and Northwestern Command College.

Mark's legacy as a respected police officer, mentor, and leader will not be forgotten. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and the entire community.

To learn more about Mark's life and legacy, please visit: [Life Celebration Obituary](#)

Florida Chapter News





On December 4, 2024, the Central Florida FBINAA Holiday Gathering was hosted by the Central Florida FBI National Academy Associates. The event took place at Decision Tactical's indoor training facility in Sanford, FL. While at the training facility, members and guests had the opportunity to experience one of the leading interactive and hands-on training locations in Central Florida. This was a great opportunity to celebrate the holiday season with fellow law enforcement professionals and FBI National Academy graduates. There was great training, food, and time with colleagues.



On December 11, 2024 the North Florida FBINAA Holiday Luncheon was hosted by the North Florida Area of the FBI National Academy Associates. This festive gathering took place at the prestigious Governor's Club in Tallahassee, Florida, offering an opportunity to celebrate the holiday season with fellow law enforcement professionals and FBI National Academy graduates. Attendees enjoyed a delicious meal, networking with colleagues, and heard updates on upcoming initiatives and events of the Florida FBINAA Chapter. This was an amazing occasion to reflect on the year's successes and strengthen relationships within the FBINAA community. The event was sponsored by Panasonic.



The South Florida FBINAA area hosted the member's Holiday Luncheon event at the Seminole Hard Rock & Casino on December 12, 2024. Members and guests had the chance to celebrate the holidays with fellowship and fun! The event had a social hour, lunch and an update on recent and upcoming activities along with events involving the Florida Chapter.

Promotions



Sheriff Emery Gainey, NA Session 188



Captain Trevor Henderson, NA Session 288



Chief Deputy David Danzig, NA Session 287

Alachua County Sheriff **Emery Gainey, NA Session 188**, was named to the board of trustees at Florida A&M University by Gov. Ron DeSantis.

Trevor Henderson, NA Session 288, was promoted to Captain for the University of Florida Police Department. He was also selected to serve on the Snowden Scholarship Committee.

Assistant Chief Deputy **David Danzig, NA Session 287**, was promoted to Chief Deputy at the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office in Largo, Florida. He has served at the Sheriff's Office for 28 years.

Retirements



Greg Witt, NA Session 223



Jerome Miller, NA Session 273



David Zambri, NA Session 259

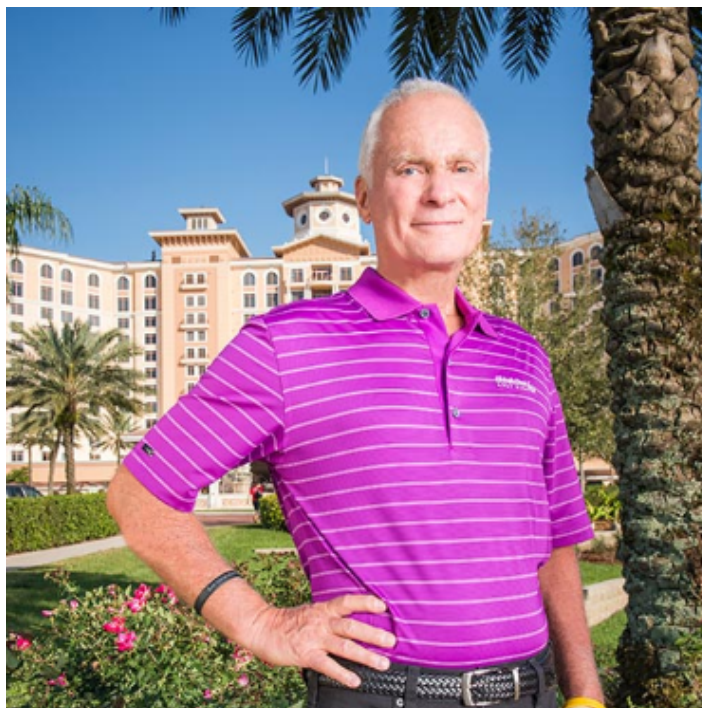
Greg Witt, NA Session 223 and 2018 Florida Chapter President, retired as the Deputy Chief of the Sebastian Florida Police Department after 40 years of service. Greg plans on traveling with his wife, Paula, and spending time with

family and friends. Greg not only left a legacy at the Sebastian Police Department, both of his children work in the law enforcement profession continuing to serve the citizens of Florida.

Deputy Chief **Jerome Miller, NA Session 273**, retired from the Apopka Police Department where he has served the community for over 28 years. He will be assuming the Deputy Chief position with the Orange City Police Department.

David Zambri, NA Session 259, retired from the University of Central Florida where he served for nearly 32 years. He served in the Police Department for 29 years serving as the Deputy Chief of police prior to his appointment to the position of associate vice president and Chief Information Security Officer where he served for 3 years.

Passings



Harris Rosen

Mr. Harris Rosen, a friend to the FBINAA and Law Enforcement, passed away in November. Many of you over the years have attended the Florida FBINAA conferences held in Orlando at Rosen Shingle Creek in 2013 and 2021. Since 2013, Rosen Shingle Creek Resort has offered a discounted rate for our active members to enjoy the resort due to the support of Mr. Harris Rosen. He had always been a huge supporter of law enforcement and first responders.

Louisiana Chapter News



HUGE Thank You to Sheriff Joe Lopinto (JPSO), Sheriff Bobby Weber (APSO), and Sheriff Mike Tregre(SJSO)! What an outstanding show of support and southern hospitality! The chapter leadership got the call to see if we could help to provide some good Louisiana Cookin' for the boots on the ground working out of the FBI NOLA Field Office. The Sheriffs responded with thier cooking teams quickly and covered lunch and dinner all weekend for the over 200 men and women tasked here in response to the January 1st attack on Bourbon Street.



Montana/Idaho Chapter News

Retirements



Pictured, left to right: Steve Crawford (NA Session 259), Brent Colbert (NA Session 276), Roger Johnson (NA Session 234), Lee Johnson (NA Session 267), Brad Gremaux (NA Session 271), Bryan Lockerby (NA Session 200), Bryan Gortmaker (NA Session 200), Anne Dormady (NA Session 284), John Strandell (NA Session 162), Jeff Newton (NA Session 255), Mike Colyer (NA Session 244), and Jake Rosling (NA Session 273)

FBI National Academy members attended the retirement celebration of Montana Division of Criminal Investigation Administrator **Bryan Lockerby, NA Session 200**. His career spanned 43 years, including over three decades with the Great Falls Police Department and the last twelve as a cabinet appointee for two Attorney Generals.



Pictured, left to right, Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen, Montana Law Enforcement Academy Director Joel Wendland (NA Session 251), and Bryan Lockerby (NA Session 200).

The same day of Bryan Lockerby's retirement celebration, Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen dedicated a \$4.5 million indoor training facility at the state police academy in Bryan's name.

Nebraska Chapter News



Captain Tarvis Banks, NA Session 292



Lt. Preston Maas, NA Session 292

Congratulations to Captain **Tarvis Banks** of the Lincoln Police Department and Lt. **Preston Maas** of the Papillion Police Department on their successful completion and graduation from the FBI National Academy Session 292 in Quantico, Virginia on Friday, December 13th, 2024.

Captain Banks, a 17-year veteran of the Lincoln Police Department, is currently assigned as Commander of the Uniformed Patrol Bureau's Northwest Team with additional duties as SWAT Team Commander. Captain Banks said of his FBI National Academy experience "I loved the opportunity to meet others, experience how others are policing, and participate with those from around the world that are trying to make a difference in their communities. The cultural exchange was phenomenal and very enriching". Cpt. Banks is currently the 3rd person who is actively working at LPD to have attended the National Academy, joining several who have recognized the value of what the FBI National Academy offers local law enforcement.

Lt. Preston Maas a 20-year veteran of the Papillion Police Department, is currently assigned to the Uniformed Patrol Bureau as a Watch Commander. Lieutenant Maas identified that he had formed valuable relationships both globally and from the across the United States that will help guide his leadership decisions with best practices and professionalism. Additionally, the National Academy experience was absolutely eye opening and valuable as a leader in law enforcement. Lt. Maas said of those new relationships, "with so many differences we have in law enforcement, we are all still very similar and share very common social and criminal challenges". Lt. Maas is one of 4 sworn officers currently serving with the Papillion Police Department to attend the National Academy, and is proud to bring those leadership experiences back to the citizens of Papillion from the FBI National Academy.

Promotions



Sheriff Greg London, NA Session 211

Congratulations to newly appointed Sheriff **Greg London, NA Session 211**, of the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff London is a 37-year veteran of the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office. He began his new duties as Sheriff, following the retirement of long-term Sheriff **Jeff Davis, NA Session 155**. Sheriff London has held the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, and Chief Deputy. Additionally, he has had command leadership positions in Administration, Road Patrol, and the Jail Divisions prior to his appointment to Sheriff in January 2025. Sheriff London sits on several prominent boards; Archdiocese of Omaha Review Board, Ministerial Conduct Board, Sarpy County Sheriff's Office Foundation Board, Leadership Sarpy Advisory Group Alumni Member and was appointed to the Police Standards Advisory Council by then Governor Pete Ricketts, in February 2019. Please join the Nebraska Chapter in congratulating Greg London on his appointment to Sheriff of Sarpy County.

Retirements



Chief Joseph M. Lager, NA Session 200

Congratulations to Chief **Joseph M. Lager, NA Session 200**, on your retirement from the Blair Police Department after 40 years of dedicated service. Chief Lager began his career in law enforcement on July 13th, 1984 serving with the Uniformed Patrol Bureau as an Officer, Corporal, and Sergeant before beginning work with the Criminal Investigation's Bureau as a Lieutenant. In March of 2003, he was appointed the Acting Police Chief before beginning duties as Chief of Police in May 2003. Additionally, Chief Lager was the President of the Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska from 2011-2013. Please join FBINAA Nebraska Chapter in congratulating Chief Joseph Lager on his distinguished career. As a true servant leader, Chief Lager has led the Blair Police Department with professionalism for the last 21 years. Wishing Joseph all the best as he retires from this noble profession, leaving a legacy of professionalism and service to the community of Blair, Nebraska. Well done, Chief Lager!

New Jersey Chapter News



Former New Jersey Chapter Presidents honoring Bob Blevin.



Bob Blevin, NA Session 161, being honored by the Chapter for his 22 years of service as the Chapter Treasurer.

Retired Chief **Robert Blevin, NA Session 161**, has spent his life serving others, from his distinguished career in law enforcement to his invaluable contributions to the FBI National Academy Associates, New Jersey Chapter.

Bob began his law enforcement career with the Ocean City Police Department in 1970, quickly demonstrating his passion for community service and public safety. He rose through the ranks and became Chief of Police in 1996, serving with dedication for 12 years. After 38 years of service, Bob retired in 2008, leaving behind a lasting legacy in Ocean City.

Bob's impact extended far beyond his police career. After graduating from the 161st Session of the FBI National Academy, he became deeply involved with the New Jersey Chapter. In 2002, he took on the role of Treasurer, a position he held for an impressive 22 years. During this time, Bob was the steady hand that ensured the Chapter's success, even as leadership changed. His dedication, expertise, and leadership were pivotal in shaping the Chapter into what it is today.

At the end of 2024, Bob decided to retire from his role as Treasurer and relocate to sunny Naples, Florida, with his wife. In retirement, Bob is focused on relaxation and improving his golf game. However, his contributions and the relationships he forged over the years continue to resonate within the FBI National Academy Associates community.

At the 4th Quarterly Meeting, President Andrew Caggiano and the NJ Executive Board honored Bob's incredible legacy. Fourteen past Chapter Presidents who worked with Bob during his tenure as Treasurer gathered to celebrate his remarkable contributions. The evening was filled with gratitude and appreciation for everything Bob has done. His impact and the respect he's earned will forever remain a cherished part of our Chapter's history.

Retirements



Chief Michael Kelly, NA Session 278

We would like to congratulate Chief **Michael Kelly, NA Session 278**, of the Oceanport Borough Police Department who retired on November 1, 2024 after 27 years of service. He assumed the role of Chief of Police in January 2017.



Chief Joe Madden, NA Session 223, of the Park Ridge P.D. with Chapter Historian Steve Dembowski

We would like to congratulate Chief **Joseph Madden, NA Session 223**, of the Park Ridge Police Department who retired December 31, 2024 after 38 Years of Service. He assumed the role of Chief of Police in 2007.



Garfield NA Members (L-R) Kevin Amos, NA Session 162, Past President Darren Sucorowski, NA Session 234, and Ray Kovack, NA Session 222

We would like to congratulate Chief **Richard Uram, NA Session 249**, of the City of Garfield Police Department who retired January 1, 2025 after 26 Years of Service. He assumed the role of Chief of Police in 2022.

New York/Eastern Canada Chapter News

Promotions



Shaun Parrent, NA Session 292

Congratulations to Inspector **Shaun Parrent** of the Niagara Regional Police Service, Niagara Falls, Canada, a recent graduate of **NA Session 292**, who was promoted to the rank of Superintendent on January 5, 2025.

Oklahoma Chapter News

Retirements



Captain Keith Spooner, NA Session 193

December 20th marks the conclusion of an era for the Altus Police Department as Captain **Keith Spooner, NA Session 193**, officially retires after 35 years of dedicated service.

Throughout his distinguished career, Captain Spooner has made remarkable contributions to both the department and the community, earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues and the public. A proud graduate of the FBI National Academy, Session 193, completed in June 1998, Captain Spooner's commitment to professional development and excellence in law enforcement is evident.

Altus celebrated Captain Spooner's retirement with a ceremony honoring his leadership, integrity, and unwavering dedication to the safety and well-being of the community. As he transitions into the next phase of his life, the Altus Police Department extends its deepest gratitude to Captain Spooner for his years of service and wishes him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

Oregon Chapter News

Our annual **Pig Out** will be on August 7th at the Wilsonville Memorial Park – River Shelter at 8300 Memorial Drive. More to come on the vendor for food options this year.

Fall Re-Trainer Conference: Mark your calendar for the 2025 Fall Re-Trainer Conference. The dates are September 16th - 19th and we are excited to announce that the conference will be held at the Running Y Ranch Resort in Klamath Falls (5500 Running Y Rd, Klamath Falls, OR 97601). Nestled in the heart of the Cascade Mountains, this premier location provides an inspiring backdrop for professional development and networking.



Regional Lunch in Silverton

Silverton Police Chief and Oregon Chapter 3rd Vice-President **Todd Engstrom, NA Session 287**, hosted a regional luncheon at the Silver Falls Brewery in Silverton, Oregon. The Oregon Chapter hosts regional luncheons across the state as a way for our membership to network and stay connected as a chapter. In attendance were:

Retired Winslow Chief **Dan Brown, NA Session 267**

Retired Beaverton Deputy Chief **Jeff Williams, NA Session 270**

Mt. Angel Deputy Chief **Charlie Hall, NA Session 286**

Mt. Angel Chief **Mark Daniel, NA Session 255**

St. Helens Sergeant **Doug Treat, NA Session 234**

St. Helens Acting Chief and Oregon Chapter Past President **Joe Hogue, NA Session 266**

Retired Placer County Captain **Jeff Granum, NA Session 229**

Keizer Lieutenant **Trevor Wenning, NA Session 291**

Retired Chicago Sergeant **Paul Carroll, NA Session 171**

Retired Lane County Sheriff **Bob McManus, NA Session 137**

Corvallis Captain **Ryan Eaton, NA Session 283**

Silverton Captain Mark Gaither, who is in the application process for the NA



Meet and Greet

On December 16, 2024, the Oregon Chapter Board hosted our outgoing NA Session 293 at the FBI-Portland Field Office. Representing Oregon for NA Session 293 are West Linn Sergeant Bill Garland, Tigard Lieutenant Monty Fox, and Clackamas County Sheriff Captain Mike Copenhaver. Oregon Chat Board Members at the Meet and Greet in attendance were 1st Vice President and Redmond Captain **Jesse Petersen, NA Session 279**, President and Washington County Chief Deputy **Erroll McCrea, NA Session 282**, Secretary/Treasurer and retired Marion County Undersheriff **Greg Olson, NA Session 174**, Past Present and St. Helens Acting Chief **Joe Hogue, NA Session 266** and 3rd Vice Present and Silverton Police Chief **Todd Engstrom, NA Session 287**.



Where are they now...FBI Special Agent Paul Hudson

Paul Hudson started his FBI career in October 1971. Special Agent Hudson retired from the FBI in January 2001. After the FBI basic academy, Special Agent Hudson went to the Miami Field Office. He later transferred to the New York Field Office. He was then sent to Monterey, California for language school. In 1993 he transferred to his last post at the Portland Field Office and became the Training Coordinator which included the National Academy! He retired from the FBI in January 2001. Special Agent Hudson was able to attend the 200th session as a counselor and is a graduate of the National Academy. He attended with retired Clackamas County Captain Kevin Poppen and retired Salem Lieutenant David Okada. Special Agent Hudson said that Brenda Hamann was his training assistant the whole time he was assigned as the Portland Field Office Training Coordinator. He said the highlight of his FBI career was being assigned as the training coordinator in Portland working with National Academy Attendees and Graduates. After Special Agent Hudson retired from the FBI, he took a position with Phillip Morris in Bozeman, Montana in a law enforcement capacity as a "Town Marshal". He worked at Phillip Morris for 7 to 8 years before finally officially retiring. He and his wife of 54 years, Kathy, live in the same house in the Beaverton, Oregon area that they purchased when Special Agent Hudson was assigned to the Portland Field Office. Their two children are grown and in their professional careers. Special Agent Hudson and his wife enjoy traveling abroad and try to take two trips a year. They most recently traveled to the Galapagos Islands.

Rocky Mountain Chapter News



Outgoing President Kevin Flynn addressing members and guests.



Our 2025 Chapter Officers being sworn in. L-R: Bill Mitchell, Sec/Treas. Jim Martin, 2nd VP. Russell Lengel, 1st VP. Keith McPheeters, President. Kevin Flynn, Past President.



Members and guests listening to our guest speaker.



Rocky Mountain YLP reps, Devyn Chaney and Danika Matsuka

Our end-of-year Christmas Luncheon was a huge success with a very large turnout.

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