



# 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.

June 2026 By Our FBINAA Members

## Alabama Chapter News

### Promotions



*Michael Baygents, NA Session 287*

Major **Michael Baygents, NA Session 287**, was promoted to Chief of Police for the Tuscaloosa Police Department (AL).

## Alaska Chapter News



*Chief Ross receiving the 2026 Chief of the year award from AACOP (Also pictured; Ed Mercer, NA Session 258, and Greg Russel, NA Session 80)*



*Chief Rick Ross, NA Session 112, and his son, Chief David Ross, NA Session 256*

### The Ross Family Legacy of Service

The Kenai Police Department, founded in 1969, has a rich history of service to the Kenai community. Now in its 57th year, the department's story is closely tied to two individuals who have devoted much of their lives to its mission: former Chief **Rick Ross, NA Session 112**, and current Chief **Dave Ross, NA Session 256**, a father and son who, together, have shaped nearly five decades of the department's history.

Rick Ross began his law enforcement path after being drafted into the military and serving as a Military Police officer. Returning home to Alaska, he joined the Kenai Police Department in 1972. Just three years later, in 1975, he became Chief of Police. He led the department for 18 years, retiring as Chief in 1993. Rick Ross not only helped establish the department during its early decades but also set a standard of professionalism that remains part of the agency's identity today.

His son, Dave Ross, grew up in Kenai and would later follow in his father's footsteps—though not intentionally at first. Dave was hired by the department in 2001 as a patrol officer and went on to serve in both Patrol and Investigations before being promoted to Sergeant in 2009 and Lieutenant in 2010. In 2016, he became Chief of Police. As of 2026, he is now in his 10th year in that role.

Collectively, between the two of them, the Ross family has been part of the department for approximately 47 of its 57 years, with one or the other serving as Chief for about 28 of those years. Both Rick and Dave graduated from Kenai High School, both attended the FBI National Academy (Rick in Session 112 and Dave in Session 256), and both served on the Alaska Police Standards Council—shared accomplishments that highlight their long-standing commitment to advancing law enforcement in Alaska.

Reflecting on this unique shared legacy, Chief Dave Ross noted: “It’s an incredible honor to have served as police chief of the same department, and to serve the same community, where my father dedicated his career. My dad was definitely an excellent role model for integrity, professionalism, and for public service. While I did not start this career with the intention of promoting through the ranks and to also become a police chief, it has been a great career serving alongside an excellent group of people, and I’m proud of the work our agency has done over the years.” The story of Rick and Dave Ross is not just about titles and years of service—it is about continuity, community, and a shared dedication to the people of Kenai. Their combined legacy is woven into the history of the department and continues to influence the generations of officers who serve today.

## Promotions



*Cornelius "Moose" Sims, NA Session 282*

Captain **Cornelius "Moose" Sims, NA Session 282**, was promoted to Major of the Alaska State Troopers. Sims attended ALET #27 and completed his field training in Soldotna. Since then, he has been stationed in Soldotna twice, Sitka twice, Dillingham, Kodiak, and the AST Director’s Office. During his career he has been a Field Training Officer (FTO), an Investigator in the Alaska Bureau of Investigation, a Rural Trooper, a WAANT Investigator, a Corporal at the DPS Training Academy, a Scent Detection K9 Handler, assigned to the Bureau of Highway Patrol, the Deputy Commander of the DPS Training Academy, the Post Supervisor of Kodiak AST, Lieutenant and a Captain in the AST Director’s Office. He has an Advanced Police Certificate with the Alaska Police Standards Council and is a certified instructor in many fields, including Defensive Tactics, Domestic Violence Investigations, and Use of Force. He is the Statewide Canine Coordinator for DPS and the State DRE Coordinator. Lieutenant Sims attended the 135th Administrative Officers Course at the University of Louisville - Southern Police Institute in the Spring of 2016, where he earned the Director’s Award for Academic Excellence for the undergraduate program.

## Retirements



*Anthony "Tony" April, NA Session 226*

Major **Anthony "Tony" April, NA Session 226**, retired on May 1st, 2026, from the Alaska State Troopers after serving the State of Alaska for 28 years. Major Anthony April began his career in the armed forces, serving in the Virginia Army National Guard, California Army National Guard, Alaska Army National Guard, and the Alaska Air National Guard. In 1997, he joined the Alaska State Troopers in Anchorage and rose through the ranks from lieutenant to captain. In 2012, he became Commander of the A Detachment in Ketchikan, where he was responsible for planning, supervising, and reviewing the activities of all division personnel. In 2014, he transferred back to the Anchorage office and became the Assistant Director of Staff. His duties included ensuring the safe and timely transport of prisoners, managing the Anchorage Judicial Services, and overseeing and approving all out-of-state prisoner transport travel. In 2015, he became Commander of the Alaska Bureau of Investigation, where he led 50 personnel, including two lieutenants and ten different regional units, in conducting preliminary and supplementary investigations. In 2017, he became Commander of B Detachment in Palmer. In 2023, he was promoted to Major of the Alaska State Troopers. He is looking forward to spending time with his wife Lisa, their two daughters, Ashley and Toya, and their grandchildren. We wish him well in his retirement.



*Derek Urban, NA Session 283*

Congratulations to Sergeant **Derek Urban, NA Session 283**, with the Soldotna Police Department, on his retirement. Derek served the Soldotna PD from July 2008 to March 2026 with honor and dignity, earning a life-saving award in 2014 for saving a man who jumped into the Kenai River. We wish him well in his retirement.

## California Chapter News



*Left to right - Wayne Ikeuchi, NA Session 182, Russell McKinney, NA Session 240, Mike Barletta, NA Session 222, Jim Smith, NA Session 214, Ken Tanaka, NA Session 228, Mike Sellers, NA Session 237 & Denise Sellers, NA Session 199*

Eight of our CA Chapter members attended the Hawaiian Chapter Conference. Great camaraderie and support for another chapter, and I'm sure the location was enjoyed, too.



*Pictured L to R, Max Santiago, NA Session 214, and Barbara Tayama, NA Session 292. Barbara currently serves as an Assistant Chief with the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency. She was a gracious and hospitable host to Max and his wife.*

Håfa Adai! from Guam Island, where America's Day Begins. Our Chapter Secretary, **Max Santiago, NA Session 214**, recently toured the Mariana Islands and had an opportunity to meet a fellow NA grad.

## Connecticut Chapter News

### Promotions



*David Zannelli, NA Session 291*

Congratulations and best wishes to **David Zannelli, NA Session 291**, on his promotion to Chief of Police of the City of New Haven Police Department. Chief Zannelli has served the City of New Haven Police Department for 19 years.

## Eastern Missouri Chapter News

### Retirements



*Kenneth Gregory, NA Session 218*

After nearly five decades of dedication to public safety, Colonel **Kenneth Gregory, NA Session 218**, Chief of Police, has announced his retirement from the St. Louis County Police Department effective May 1, 2026, marking the conclusion of a storied 46-year career in law enforcement.

Colonel Gregory was born in Edenton, North Carolina, but moved to St. Louis at a young age and was raised in the city of St. Louis, Missouri. After graduating from Soldan High School in St. Louis, Gregory earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education and an athletic football scholarship from the University of Missouri-Columbia. From Jan. 1974 to Dec. 1979, Gregory was a 6th grade teacher at Northview Elementary School in the Jennings School District. He applied and was hired by the St. Louis County Police Dept. in 1979 to the present.

Colonel Gregory began his career with St. Louis County Police on December 2, 1979, when he was hired as a police recruit. After graduation, he was assigned to the North County Precinct and worked as a patrolman in North County for ten years. In December of 1989, he was assigned to the West County Precinct, to include service in the cities of Wellston and Kinloch. In April of 1995, Gregory was assigned to the Municipal Services Unit in the Chief's Office,

where he assisted with municipal contracting until he was promoted to Sergeant in June 1995. As a supervisor, Gregory was assigned to the North County Precinct until he was reassigned to the Tactical Operations Unit as a supervisor in November 1995. Gregory served in that position for two years until he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in January of 1998. He was then assigned to the West County Precinct as a Watch Commander and, six months later, transferred to the North County Precinct as Watch Commander. During this assignment, he also served as Acting Commander of the North County Precinct for ten weeks and as Acting Commander of the City of Berkeley Police Department for two weeks. In July of 2001, Gregory was promoted to the rank of Captain and assigned as Director of the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy. He was promoted to Lt. Colonel in June 2009 and assigned as Commander of the Division of Special Operations. In May 2012, he was assigned Commander of the Division of Patrol, and in 2015, reassigned to command the Division of Criminal Investigations. In 2018, Gregory was promoted to Deputy Chief of Police. On July 30, 2021, the Police Board appointed Deputy Chief Gregory as Acting Chief of Police. On January 25, 2022, the Police Board named Colonel Gregory as the 10th Chief of Police for the St. Louis County Police Department. Colonel Gregory is the first person of color to ever serve as Chief of Police for St. Louis County.

Colonel Gregory serves in a multitude of capacities for the County Police, including membership with the St. Louis County Police Training Committee, the Chief's Board for Hirers, Law Enforcement Officials of Greater St. Louis, and an associate member of the St. Louis Area Police Chiefs Association. Colonel Gregory is also a member of NOBLE (National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives), the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and an Assessor for CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies).

He is a graduate of the 218th Session of the FBI National Academy and has received one Meritorious Service Citation, five Chief's Commendations, and five Awards of Excellence. Colonel Gregory and his wife currently reside in North County.

## Florida Chapter News



The FBINAA Florida Chapter hosted a behind-the-scenes tour and military simulator experience at Lockheed Martin Orlando on April 21, 2026. The exclusive event allowed 40 members to explore the production line and concluded with a catered lunch.



The FBINAA Florida Chapter, in collaboration with the Society of Retired FBI Special Agents and the FBI Fort Pierce Resident Office, hosted an HR218 (LEOSA) firearms qualification course on April 17, 2026, at the Sergeant Gary Morales Training Facility. Hosted by St. Lucie County Sheriff Richard Deltoro, the event drew 83 attendees, including 72 retirees who successfully completed their federally mandated concealed carry qualifications. Beyond marksmanship, the day served as a valuable opportunity for active and retired personnel to network, share field stories, and strengthen community bonds.



The FBINAA Florida Chapter hosted the Wakulla Range Day & Luncheon on April 2, 2026, at the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Shooting Range to support law enforcement professional development and equipment evaluation. The no-cost event featured firearms demonstrations, equipment reviews, and a fish fry lunch provided by co-sponsors Posey's Steamroom and Federal Eastern International.

## Promotions



*Steve Robson, NA Session 284*

Col. **Steve Robson, NA Session 284**, was appointed as Undersheriff for the Broward Sheriff's Office. This appointment continues a distinguished career of leadership and service to Broward County.



*Jeffrey J. Schlegel, NA Session 283*

Chief **Jeffrey J. Schlegel, NA Session 283**, was appointed as Chief of Police for the Plantation Police Department, bringing over two decades of experience and a strong commitment to community policing.



*Lynnette Flazone, NA Session 283*

Asst. Chief **Lynnette Flazone, NA Session 283**, was appointed as President of the National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives for the Fort Lauderdale Police Department in April 2026, recognizing her national leadership and impact.

## Retirements



*Simon Blank, NA Session 257*

**Simon Blank, NA Session 257**, retired as Director of the Criminal Investigations Division from the Florida Department of Financial Services on July 1, 2026, after 38 years of dedicated law enforcement service.



*Tammy McNeal, NA Session 276*

Major **Tammy McNeal, NA Session 276**, retired from the Broward Sheriff's Office in February 2026. Following a dedicated career of service, she still serves as the FBINA Area Representative.

## Kansas/Western Missouri Chapter News



*Kirk Thompson, Meritorious Service Award*

In April, the Kansas / Western Missouri FBINAA Chapter hosted its Spring Training Conference in Manhattan, Kansas. We had approximately 75 members in attendance and a dozen vendors. During the conference, Kirk D. Thompson received the Clarence M. Kelley Award.

The Kansas/Western Missouri Chapter of the FBI, National Academy Associates, presents a Meritorious Service Award twice per year to recognize a member of the chapter who shows "dedication to an exemplary career in law enforcement".

Kirk D. Thompson entered law enforcement in 1976, at the age of 19, as a deputy sheriff with the Barton County Sheriff's Office. In this role, he served the central Kansas community of Great Bend, where he grew up. He then moved to Topeka in 1979, after joining the KBI as a special agent. Over the course of his KBI career, Thompson served in several supervisory roles, working his way up the ranks to Assistant Director and Associate Director. Then, in July of 2011, Attorney General Derek Schmidt appointed Thompson as the 12th Director of the KBI. Thompson devoted more than a decade to serving in the KBI's top post. During his tenure, he enhanced every division of the Bureau. In 2012, in partnership with the FBI, the first satellite Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory in the nation was established at KBI headquarters to conduct timely analysis of digital forensic evidence. Then in 2015, the Bureau opened its Forensic Science Center, a new state-of-the-art laboratory located on the campus of Washburn University. Also during his time as Director, Thompson expanded the KBI child victims unit to include the 2018 creation of the Northeast Child Victim Task Force, focused on the investigation of major crimes against children.

In 2017, Thompson successfully advocated for additional forensic scientists to test the statewide accumulation of sexual assault kits discovered during the KBI-led Kansas Sexual Assault Kit Initiative, and to expedite future submission and testing of this valuable forensic evidence. In 2019, under Thompson, the KBI established a cybercrime unit to investigate large-scale cyber threats in Kansas. Thompson also secured multi-million dollar funding and support for major updates to several critical criminal justice systems - the Automated Biometric Identification System (ABIS), the Kansas Incident Based Reporting System (KIBRS), and the Kansas Criminal Justice Information System (KCJIS). Thompson is a graduate of Washburn University, the FBI National Academy, and the Kansas Certified Public Manager program. On January 10, 2023, he retired after serving as KBI Director for over 11 years and dedicating 46 years to a distinguished career in Kansas law enforcement.

# Montana/Idaho Chapter News

SEPTEMBER 27-30, 2026

## FBINAA MT-ID-WA 2026 JOINT TRAINING CONFERENCE





Info & Registration



Northern Quest, Airway Heights, WA



**JASON ARMSTRONG**  
*Leadership in Challenging Times*



**DARREN GILBERTSON**  
*Moscow Idaho Murders Investigation*



**CHRISTOPHER MANNINO**  
*Crisis Communication*



**ROD COVEY**  
*Lazarus Leadership*



**DARRELL LOWE**  
*Future of Drones & DFR*



**KIRK ARTHUR**  
*Future of AI in Public Safety*



**MATTHEW THOMAS**  
*Cartels, Border Issues & Decision-Making*



**HEIDI RAMSEY**  
*Executive Leadership*



**BILL GARDINER**  
*FBINAA Section 1 Representative*

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The FBINAA Washington Chapter, together with the Montana and Idaho Chapters, welcomes all public safety personnel to attend the 2026 FBINAA SECTION 1 MEETING and Joint Fall Chapter Training Conference at Northern Quest Resort & Casino in Airway Heights, WA from September 27–30, 2026.

We are excited about the all-star line-up of relevant speakers scheduled to present:

Jason Armstrong – Former Police Chief (Ret.), Ferguson (MO) Topic: Leadership, culture change, and rebuilding trust in high-stakes environments.

Darren Gilbertson – Lt, Idaho State Police Topic: High-profile investigations and lessons from the Moscow, Idaho, homicide case.

Heidi Ramsey, NA Session 266, JD, MBA – Retired Staff Lieutenant, Ohio State Highway Patrol Topic: Officer wellness, trauma recovery, and leading at-risk employees.

Christopher Mannino, NA Session 237, – Former Chief of Police (Ret.); VP, Julie Parker Communications Topic: Leadership communication, crisis response, and public trust.

Rod Covey, NA Session 157, – Former Chief of Police, Port of Seattle PD (Ret.) Topic: "Lazarus Leadership" excellence, ethics, and organizational culture.

Darrell Lowe, NA Session 251, – Chief of Police, Redmond (WA) Topic: Technology, drones, and modernizing police operations. Kirk Arthur – Senior Vice President, SoundThinking Topic: Technology, AI innovation, and building safer communities.

Matt Thomas – Chief of Police, Florence (AZ) Topic: US Border Issues, Cartel Impacts, and Executive Decision Making

Registration and additional information can be found at [www.fbinaawa.org](http://www.fbinaawa.org) or here: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-fbinaa-northwest-training-conference-wa-mt-id-chapters>

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## Nebraska Chapter News



*Group photo from Spring luncheon*

The Nebraska Chapter gathered on April 8 for its annual Spring Luncheon, hosted by the University of Nebraska–Lincoln Police Department at Memorial Stadium.

During the luncheon, Nebraska Attorney General Mike Hilgers provided remarks to attendees, and members were treated to a behind-the-scenes tour of the Tom Osborne Legacy Sports Complex.

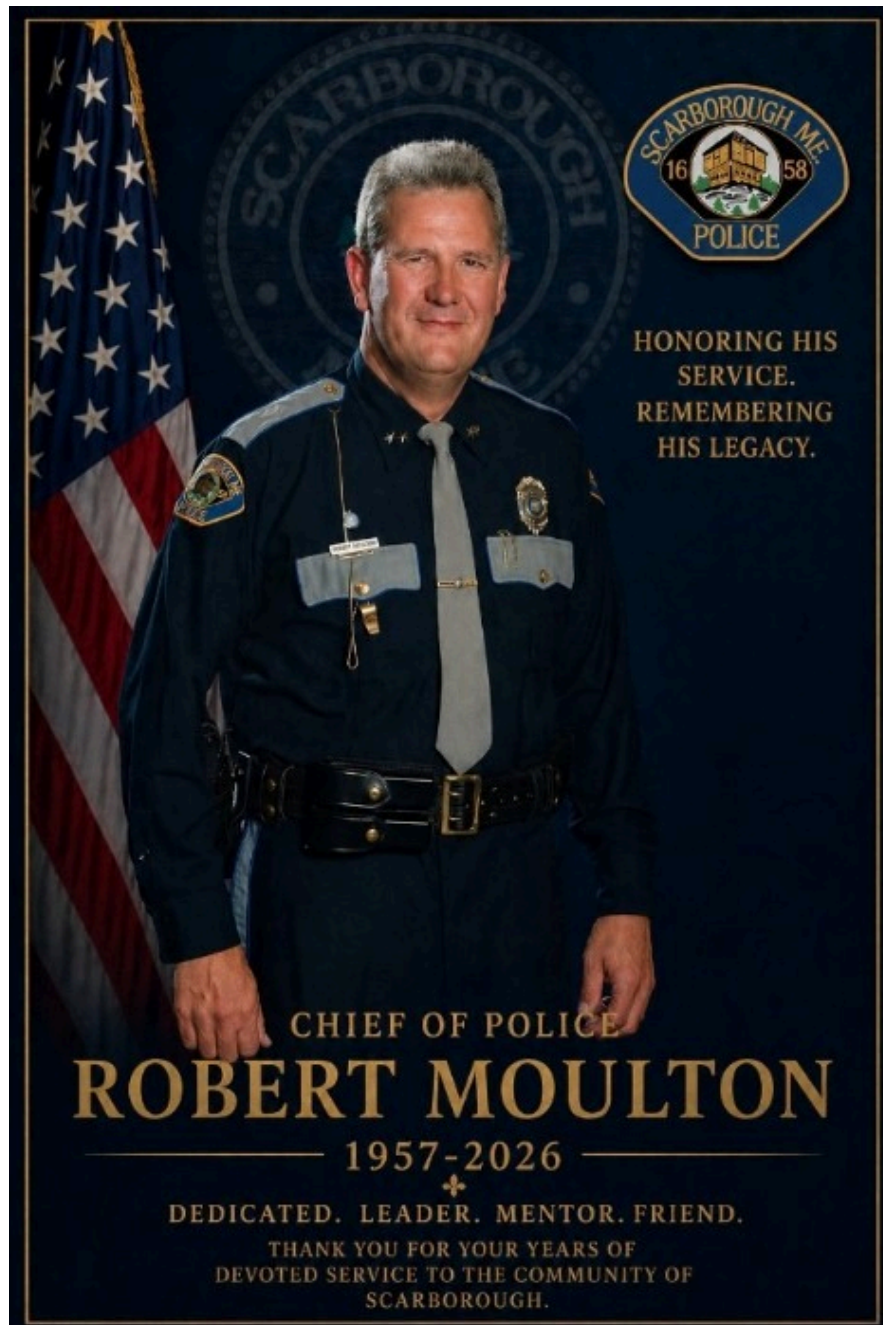
A huge thank you to Chief of Police **Hassan Ramzah, NA Session 246**, and Assistant Chief **Martin Fehringer, NA Session 261**, for organizing such a great event and providing an outstanding venue for the chapter gathering.



*Nebraska Chapter Executive Board with Nebraska Attorney General*

## New England Chapter News

### Passings



*Robert Moulton, NA Session 150*

The New England Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates announces with deep sadness the passing of Retired Police Chief **Robert Moulton, NA Session 150**, who died on Sunday, April 26th following a long illness. Chief Moulton was a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Session 150, in 1987, and remained a dedicated and active member of the FBINAA throughout his life. His commitment to the organization and the law enforcement profession was evident in his service as President of the New England Chapter in 1995 and, most recently, as the Retired Representative on the Chapter Executive Board. He was a steadfast supporter of the FBINAA and its mission.

Chief Moulton served the Scarborough Police Department with distinction for 44 years, beginning his career in 1977 as a Reserve Officer before being appointed full-time in 1978. Over the course of his career, he rose through the ranks, serving as Patrol Officer, Youth Aid Officer, Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain, before being appointed Chief of Police in 1999.

## New York/Eastern Canada Chapter News



*Western PA conference*

Seven member of the Chapter attended the Western PA Chapter's Annual Retrainer at the Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort in Farmington, PA. The conference was packed with great educational sessions, supported by many vendors, and was a great opportunity to strengthen the great fraternal network that membership in the NA brings. Consider attending the retrainers of the chapters across the globe. You won't regret it.



*Joe Gannon, NA Session 126*

Past President **Joe Gannon, NA Session 126**, was recently recognized by the NYPD Holy Name Society with the HNS Holy Name Appreciation Award. Joe was surrounded by family and friends when he received this award on April 19th.

## Retirements



*Jeffrey Wanamaker, NA Session 262*

Clarkstown Police Chief **Jeffrey Wanamaker, NA Session 262**, has retired, closing out a nearly 40-year career with the department, including the last five years leading the Department's more than 160 officers. Jeff is the son of the late Homer Wanamaker, a graduate of FBINA Session 97.

## Passings



*Charles P. Connolly, NA Session 93*

With our deepest regret, the Chapter announces the passing of Active Member and 1984 Chapter President **Charles P. Connolly, NA Session 93**. Charlie began his law enforcement career with the NYPD, attaining the rank of Lieutenant before leaving the NYPD to head the NYC Health & Hospitals Police. He did return to the NYPD after leading the NYCHHPD and retired at the rank of Captain. He returned to law enforcement when he was appointed Police Commissioner of the Yonkers Police Department, serving in that role from 1980 to 1983.

## North Carolina Chapter News

### Promotions



*Mack Hickman, NA Session 279*

**Mack Hickman, NA Session 279**, has been named Chief of Police for the North Carolina State Ports Authority. Mack had just retired after 20-years with NCIS, most recently serving as their Assistant Director of Atlantic Operations. Mack started his law enforcement career in 1995 with the Wilmington (NC) Police Department before joining NCIS.

## Retirements



Chief Dennis Wooten (center), NA Session 249

Chief **Dennis Wooten, NA Session 249**, of the NC State Ports Authority Police retired after 30-years of service to North Carolina. Dennis started his career at the Nash County Sheriff's Office and had previously served with the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office.

## Oregon Chapter News



*John Schmerber, NA Session 232*

Congratulations are also in order for Gladstone Police Chief **John Schmerber, NA Session 232**, as he was awarded the OACP Max Patterson Award at the annual banquet on May 14, 2026. The Max Patterson Award is awarded "For outstanding contributions to OACP or the community in presenting programs of outstanding benefit to young people of all ages in their community. This would require direct input from the Chief and participation in the program." Congratulations , Chief Schmerber!



*Members of the 174th Session*

A mini reunion was gathered by graduates of the 174th at Eagle Crest Resort Golf Course! Oregon Graduates Greg Olson and Dennis O'Donnell were joined by retired Weld County (Colorado) Sheriff John Cooke and Retired Maricopa County Constable Joe Martinez. It is unknown who posted the best score but a great time was shared by 174th Classmates!



Session 298 at Carnival

On May 16, 2026, Oregon Members at **NA Session 298**, Coos Bay Police Chief **Chris Chapanar**, Oregon State Police Captain **Evan Sether** and Oregon State University Police Captain **Michael Harmon** participated in a mentoring/coaching and carnival day for kids who have lost one of their parents in the line of duty. The event was hosted at the National Academy. There were 76 kids who signed up for the event with 60 of them first time attending the carnival. The ages span from 4 years to 17 years old. It was a great event for all, unfortunately kids who were attending were not to be photograph but we are able to share a picture of our Oregon Chapter members of Session 298!



We are pleased to announce Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office Chief Deputy Rob Stewart, Washington County Sheriff’s Office Interim Chief Deputy Jim Wheaton, and Lebanon Police Department Lieutenant Tyan Padua will be representing Oregon at the 299th Session of the National Academy!

2026 Annual Pig Out Picnic, August 6, 2026, at Memorial Park  
 The 2026 Fall Retraimer will be held again at the Running Y Ranch in Klamath Falls, Oregon, September 8-11, 2026. One feature presentation is the 2022 Case Study of the University of Idaho Murders, presented by the Idaho State Police!

Please visit the [Oregon Chapter website](#) for up-to-date information on our chapter!



*Dan Hendrickson, NA Session 231, and his wife Suzanne*

Where are they now...this month's feature is on retired Corvallis Police Captain **Dan Hendrickson, NA Session 231**.

Captain Hendrickson was born in San Jose, California. His family moved to Redding, California about 3 miles from Lake Shasta when he was 10 years old. He graduated from Central Valley High School in 1980. After high school, Captain Hendricksen went to Cabrillo Community College and played for a year on the football team as a defensive back. After two years at Cabrillo Community College, he was awarded an Army ROTC Scholarship graduating in 1984 from University of California-Santa Cruz. In addition to his commission from ROTC, Captain Hendrickson earned a BA in Psychology. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and assigned as an infantry officer. He served 11 years in the United States Army starting at Fort Benning, Georgia attending infantry, Ranger and airborne school He was then assigned at Fort Lewis, Washington with the 9th Infrantry. He went back to Fort Benning for advanced schooling. He was then assigned to the 1st armored division in Germany for three years. When he returned to the United States, he was assigned at Oregon State University (Go Beavs!) and instructed in the ROTC program. Captain Hendrickson was honorably discharged from the United States Army in 1995 and the next day he joined the Oregon National Guard. He retired from the Oregon National Guard in 2008 as a Lieutenant Colonel. Captain Hendricksen was deployed to Iraqi during his military career.

Captain Hendrickson started his law enforcement career with the Corvallis Police Department in August 1995 as a police officer. He served as a detective and was one of the first Corvallis Detectives assigned to the Child Abuse Response Team. He rose through the ranks to Sergeant, Lieutenant and to Captain. He retired in January 2020. As a Captain, he also instructed at DPSST (Oregon Basic Police Academy).

He attended the 231st Session of the FBI National Academy as a Captain with the Corvallis Police Department. He has been an active member since attending and served as the Oregon Chapter President in 2018. He attempts to attend our chapter's social events when he can. Captain Hendrickson and his wife of 39 years, Suzanne, reside in Albany, Oregon. They are enjoying retirement and try to spend as much time with their two sons and four grand kids. They also enjoy traveling and Captain Hendricks gets in his hunting and fishing!

We are very happy to hear Captain Hendrickson and Suzanne are doing well in his retirement!



*Jorge Tro, NA Session 232*

Congratulations to Canby Police Chief **Jorge Tro, NA Session 232**, as he was awarded the FBI National Academy Alumni Association Award by the Portland Field Office on May 21, 2026. Congratulations, Chief Tro!



*Dave Rash, NA Session 246*

Please join us as we congratulate Rogue River Police Chief **Dave Rash, NA Session 246**, as he was awarded the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police (OACP) 2025 Chief of the Year Award at the OACP Annual Conference and Banquet on May 14, 2026.

## Promotions



*Trevor Arnold, NA Session 289*

We are pleased to report that Medford Police Deputy Chief **Trevor Arnold, NA Session 289**, has been named the new Chief of Police for the Medford Police Department. He started his new position on June 1, 2026. Chief Arnold was born and raised in Medford, Oregon. He started his law enforcement career with the Medford Police Department on July 1, 1998, as a Community Service Officer. He went through the Police Crops Academy from September 2002 to February 2003. He was hired full-time at the Medford Police Department on March 3, 2003. He worked his way through the ranks of Master Officer, Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant to Deputy Chief. Chief Arnold has been an FTO, a Traffic Officer, a State Certified Drug Recognition Expert, a K9 Handler, and a Spanish Interpreter among his collateral duties with the police department. Chief Arnold holds a bachelor's degree in business management from Southern Oregon University (Go Raiders!) and a master's degree in public safety from the University of Virginia. Chief Arnold has been married for 23 years to Hollie, and they will continue to live in Medford, Oregon!

## Retirements



*Jamey McDonald, NA Session 266*

We are happy to announce the retirement of Tigard Police Chief **Jamey McDonald, NA Session 266**, on July 2, 2026. Chief McDonald was hired by the Tigard Police Department on July 2, 2001. He worked through the ranks from officer, sergeant, lieutenant, commander, to acting chief. He was appointed Chief of Police on June 20, 2024. He was the first police chief at the Tigard Police Department to come all the way through the ranks! As a sergeant, he served as one of the agency's detective sergeants. As a Detective Sergeant, he was assigned to the Oregon Financial Crimes Task Force. He also taught the history of policing and ethics at the Oregon Basic Police Academy (DPSST). He is on staff to instruct in leadership as well.

Chief McDonald was born in Portland, Oregon, and graduated from Lake Oswego. He attended Eastern Oregon University, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1993. He also played for two years on the baseball team (Go Mountaineers!). Chief McDonald explained that he didn't play much but "learned how to juggle baseballs really well!"

Chief McDonald attended the 266th session of the National Academy and graduated in December 2016. He has been an active member in the Oregon Chapter and served as our president in 2020. He also served as president for part of 2021. He will be taking over as the Secretary/Treasurer beginning in 2027.

Chief McDonald and his wife, Melissa, of 34 years bought a house in Prineville, Oregon, several months ago, and it will be 5 miles from their grandkids. In addition to serving as our secretary/treasurer, Chief McDonald plans on growing lavender on his farm and spending time with his son, daughter, and his grandkids.

We wish Chief McDonald a happy retirement!



*Jorge Tro, NA Session 232*

We are also happy to announce the retirement of Canby Police Chief **Jorge Tro, NA Session 232**, on July 10, 2026. Chief Tro was born in Los Angeles, California and graduated from Culver City High School in 1984. He took courses at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California. He met his wife, Karen, who is from Canby at a wedding. He moved to Canby; Oregon, and they have been married for 37 years! They have a son in the private sector and a daughter who is a doctor!

Chief Tro was hired by the Canby Police Department on January 23, 1996, as an officer. He took a position with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy from December 15, 1997, to May 18, 1999. He went back to the Canby Police Department on May 19, 1999, working through the ranks of Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain and became Chief on April 1, 2021. As an officer, He was assigned as a traffic officer including being assigned to the Clackamas County Crash Reconstruction Team (CRAFT) and he was a State of Oregon Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). He did serve as acting chief from November 17, 2008, to January 17, 2010. He went back to Lieutenant when a new chief was hired.

Chief Tro attended NA Session 232 while as a Lieutenant with the Canby Police Department. He has been an active member in the Oregon Chapter since graduating.

Chief Tro and Karen will continue to live in the Canby Area. He plans on completing home projects, doing some traveling, hiking and participating in dual sport/adventure motorcycle rides. He is an avid Dodgers Fan! and would like to visit all MLB Ballparks in retirement. Chief Tro will continue his CrossFit workouts!

We wish Chief Tro a happy retirement.

## Passings



*Robert "Bob" Gross, NA Session 183*

The Oregon Chapter is saddened to report the passing of Retired Seaside Police Chief **Robert "Bob" Gross, NA Session 183**.

Chief Gross served as Seaside's Chief of Police from August 2005 to October 2014. Before coming to Seaside, he spent 27 years with the Kennewick Police Department in Washington, serving from January 1974 to March 2001 and rising to the rank of Assistant Chief. He then served as Chief of Police in Reedsport, Oregon, from April 2001 to July 2005. In total, Chief Gross dedicated 40 years to a distinguished law enforcement career.

Chief Gross was also a U.S. Navy veteran who served as a Radioman before beginning his career in law enforcement.

During his time at the Seaside Police Department, Chief Gross brought a leadership style that helped strengthen retention and stability within the department. His decision-making philosophy centered on ensuring that actions were legal, ethical, and simply the right thing to do. Alongside department staff, he helped develop the Seaside Police Department's Mission, Vision, and Values Statement, which remains in use today.

Chief Gross also worked to improve relationships with neighboring law enforcement agencies at a time when those partnerships needed rebuilding. He was an active member of the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police and served as a District Representative on its board. His involvement in local organizations helped strengthen the department's connection with the community. Chief Gross was an active member of the Seaside Rotary Club and a regular attendee of the Seaside Downtown Development Association.

"Chief Gross played a significant role in my leadership development," said Seaside Police Chief Dave Ham. "His training, mentoring, and support were important factors in my promotion to chief following his retirement."

The Oregon Chapter offers its deepest sympathies to Chief Gross's family during this difficult time.

## South Carolina Chapter News



*South Carolina FBINAA Board Members*

### An evening with Governor Henry McMaster

A night to remember! The South Carolina FBINAA chapter had the honor of attending a wonderful dinner with Henry McMaster and his wife, graciously sponsored by the South Carolina Highway Patrol. It was an evening filled with great fellowship and a fantastic meal. Governor McMaster personally thanked each of us for the work we do every day and the sacrifices we make in service to our communities. He also shared that he is encouraging the next Governor of South Carolina to continue this special tradition of hosting our organization each year at the Governor’s Mansion.

With over 100 members in attendance, it was truly a special evening on a beautiful night. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event possible.

## Texas Chapter News



*Erik Grasse, NA Session 294*

The Georgetown (TX) Police Department (GPD) is proud to announce that Commander **Erik Grasse, NA Session 294**, recently graduated from Columbia Southern University, earning a Master of Public Administration degree with a concentration in Criminal Justice. Cmdr. Grasse currently oversees the department's Field Operations Bureau and brings more than 30 years of combined military and law enforcement service to the profession. He is also a graduate of Class 100 of the Leadership and Command College through the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas, as well as a graduate of the 294th Session of the FBI National Academy.

Before beginning a law enforcement career, Cmdr. Grasse proudly served in the United States Air Force from 1986 to 1995 as Security Police, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. He later began his law enforcement career in Arizona, serving with both the Phoenix Police Department and the Mesa Police Department from 1995 to 2006. In October 2006, he joined the GPD, where he has served in progressively advancing leadership roles, including Patrol Officer, Motor Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Commander.

Throughout a distinguished career with GPD, Cmdr. Grasse has led Patrol Operations, Motor Units, Community Engagement initiatives, and School Resource Officer programs. He is widely recognized for his operational expertise, strategic leadership, and unwavering commitment to strengthening relationships between law enforcement and the community. His continued pursuit of higher education reflects a longstanding dedication to professional growth, leadership development, and public service.

## Promotions



*Jason Hester, NA Session 251*

The City of Bellaire (TX) recently announced the appointment of **Jason D. Hester, NA Session 251**, as its new Chief of Police. Chief Hester joins the Bellaire Police Department following a distinguished career with the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), bringing nearly three decades of public service and executive leadership experience to the role. He began his law enforcement career in 1998 as a Highway Patrol Trooper and steadily advanced through the ranks, serving in leadership positions including Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Major, and Assistant Chief of the Regulatory Services Division.

Since 2023, he has served as Chief of DPS's Infrastructure Operations Division. Chief Hester is a former Commissioner of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE), where he served for more than 12 years and demonstrated a strong commitment to professional standards, accountability, and excellence in Texas law enforcement. He is also a graduate of the 251st Session of the FBI National Academy and currently serves on the FBINAA's National Board.

As Chief of Police, Hester will oversee all operations of the Bellaire Police Department while working closely with department personnel, residents, and community partners to ensure the continued delivery of professional, community-focused policing services. "I am honored to have been selected as Bellaire's next Chief of Police and look forward to working with the outstanding men and women of the Bellaire Police Department while becoming a meaningful part of this exceptional community," said Chief Jason Hester.

## Retirements



*Julie Swearingin, NA Session 261*

After 31 years of dedicated law enforcement service to the State of Texas, Assistant Chief of Police **Julie Swearingin, NA Session 261**, officially retired from the Fort Worth Police Department on April 30, 2026, concluding an extraordinary and distinguished career in public service. Assistant Chief Swearingin began her career with the Fort Worth Police Department in 1995 and earned both a Master Peace Officer License and a Police Instructor License through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE). She also earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and is a graduate of the 261st Session of the FBI National Academy Associates.

Throughout her accomplished career, Assistant Chief Swearingin served in numerous assignments across the department, including but not limited to Patrol, Gangs, Training, Internal Affairs, Criminal Investigations, Special Victims Unit, Tactical Operations, the Chief's Office, and Operational Command. Her leadership, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to both the community and the profession earned her numerous awards and commendations during her tenure.

In her final assignment, Assistant Chief Swearingin oversaw the department's Finance and Personnel Bureau, which included the Training Division, Professional Standards Division, Program Support Division, Communications Division, and Quality Assurance Unit. Please join the Fort Worth Police Department in congratulating Assistant Chief Swearingin on a well-earned retirement and wishing her continued success and happiness in the years ahead.

## Passings



*Pat Murphy Worrell, NA Session 148*

Assistant Chief of Police (ret.) **Pat Murphy Worrell, NA Session 148**, was a proud Texan whose life was defined by service, leadership, and unwavering dedication to others. Born and raised in Austin, Texas, he graduated from John H. Reagan High School in 1967 before answering the call to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. Pat served with the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 3rd Marine Division at Fire Support Base Russell in Quang Tri, Vietnam — “The Rockpile.” Though humble about his military service, he earned multiple medals for his actions and remained deeply grateful for the opportunity to return home to Texas.

On September 16, 1970, Pat graduated from the 41st Recruit Class of the Austin Police Department and began an extraordinary 40-year career as a Texas Peace Officer. After serving with the Austin Police Department, he continued his law enforcement career in Fort Bend County, Texas, as a patrol officer with the Stafford Police Department before joining the Missouri City Police Department. During his distinguished 35-year tenure with the Missouri City PD, he served in numerous capacities, including patrol officer, detective, sergeant, lieutenant, and ultimately Assistant Chief of Police, a position he held until his retirement in 2011.

Pat was also a proud graduate of the 148th Session of the FBI National Academy and embodied the professionalism, integrity, humility, and quiet strength admired by all who knew him. A true Texan through and through, Pat leaves behind a legacy of honorable military and law enforcement service, steadfast leadership, and enduring commitment to his community. He passed away peacefully after a brief illness on May 4, 2026, at his home in Sugar Land. A private burial with full military honors was held at the Houston National Cemetery on May 15, 2026.

## Washington Chapter News



*DNA Technology Presenter Lindsey Wade*

The Chapter held a Leadership Training event on April 2, 2026, in Bellevue, hosted by T-Mobile. Featured speakers Lindsey Wade, Tacoma Police Department Detective (Ret.), and SA Terry Postma presented on the topic of solving cold cases using DNA technology and forensic geology. Two high-profile child abductions and murders from the 80's were discussed and analyzed.



*April Leadership Training Event L to R: Tim Gately (Chapter President), SA Armando Ramirez, Brett Yeadon (Chapter Member at Large), Jaime Newcomb (Sgt. at Arms), Lindsey Wade, Corey Darlington (Secretary), Cheol Kang (Member at Large).*

## Retirements



*Mike Harden, NA Session 273*

Chief **Mike Harden, NA Session 273**, Lake Forest Park Police Department, announced his retirement following twenty-five dedicated years of law enforcement service.

## Passings



*Eric Robertson, NA Session 199*

The Chapter is saddened to learn of the passing of **Eric Robertson, NA Session 199**, on April 24, 2026. Eric began his career with the Washington State Patrol in 1983 and was appointed US Marshall in 2002. He also served two non-consecutive terms as a State Representative of the Washington State House of Representatives representing the 31st legislative district. Eric was a former administrator for the Regional Fire Authority. A celebration of life will be held on June 29, 2026.

## Wisconsin Chapter News

### Retirements



*Dan Duley, NA Session 273*

After serving 28 years with the Antigo Police Department, **Dan Duley, NA Session 273**, who served the last four years as chief, officially retired on May 13, 2026.

Chief Duley joined the Antigo Police Department in March of 1998. He started his law enforcement career at the Menomonee Falls Police Department as an Explorer, Police Aid, and Dispatcher. He also worked part-time for the Lannon Police Department as an officer and for a brief time with Dodge County, working on drug investigations. Before being hired at the Antigo Police Department, Chief Duley was a Dispatcher and part-time Deputy for the Langlade County Sheriff's Department. He obtained his associate's degree in Police Science at Waukesha Co. Technical College and attended their Police Academy. In 2018, Chief Duley had the honor to graduate from the 273rd Session of the FBI National Academy.

Best wishes in retirement, Dan, and thank you for your service!

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