



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.

July 2024

By Our FBINAA Members

California Chapter News

SF Division Shoot- After a break during COVID, the Annual shoot and BBQ, which takes place in the Bay Area, is now back on. This year was on June 6th "D-Day".

Chapter members, all retired San Jose PD, were in attendance and all had a fun time.



L to R: Ken Tanaka, NA Session 228, Scott Savage, NA Session 237, Laurance Ryan, NA Session 240, Mike Kihmm, NA Session 262, Steve McEwan, guest.



Photo of retired San Jose Police Department members attending the SF Division Shoot-June 9th, 2024.



80th Anniversary of D-Day

Our Chapter Historian, Gina Di Napoli, visited Omaha Beach, Normandy for the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings.

Connecticut Chapter News

Promotions

Shawn Boyne, NA Session 241, has been selected as the Interim Chief of Police for Hinsdale, MA. Chief Boyne retired as a Lieutenant with the Connecticut State Police and also served as the Chief of Police for the Town of New Milford.

Passings



James "Jimmy" Dixon Sr., NA Session 202

The CT Chapter is sad to report the passing of **James "Jimmy" Dixon Sr., NA Session 202**. Jimmy had an extensive career serving with the New Haven Police Department and Juvenile Court before retiring as Chief of Police of the Southern CT State University Police Department in 2005.

Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter News

Promotions



Andy Block, NA Session 250

Congratulations to **Andy Block, NA Session 250**, who was officially sworn in as the Superintendent of the Lower Merion Police Department on Tuesday evening, June 18th, 2024. Andy served with the Radnor Township Police Department for twenty-eight years, before becoming the Chief of Upper Moreland Township. He returned to his roots where he has been a lifelong resident to serve as their Superintendent.

Retirements



Kenneth "John" Potts, NA Session 262

Congratulations and best wishes in retirement to FBI National Academy Eastern PA Chapter President **Kenneth "John" Potts, NA Session 262**, who retired after thirty-five years from the Horsham Township Police Department. Potts rose through the ranks assuming second in Command of the Horsham Township Police Department while also developing and obtaining the Accreditation standards for that agency. We were honored to have you be a part of and lead our Executive Board and Chapter members as our President.



Marty McDonough, NA Session 262

Congratulations and best wishes to **Marty McDonough, NA Session 262**, on your retirement after 36 years of dedicated service in law enforcement retiring as Chief of Bucks County Detectives. Marty started his career as a Northampton Township Police dispatcher, where he was then hired by Warwick Township and eventually became Sergeant of Detectives. According to the District Attorney in Bucks County, Marty forged relationships with local ADA's and was selected to become part of the County Detectives. Marty was in the forefront of special victims cases, including internet crimes against children and is an experienced interrogator and investigator solving and obtaining confessions from defendants. Marty also served on the Executive Board of the Eastern PA Chapter as membership coordinator and continues to be actively involved in the organization.



Dominick Bellizzie, NA Session 223

Congratulations and best wishes to **Dominick Bellizzie, NA Session 223**, on your retirement after 48 years of dedicated service in law enforcement retiring as Chief of Solebury Township, Bucks County. Dom started his career as a Philadelphia Police Officer rising through the ranks at various posts within the City. After retiring from the City, he was hired as the Chief of Police for Coatesville Police Department, until his last appointment in Solebury Township. At Dom's retirement party were Philadelphia Police Commissioner Kevin Bethel and former Commissioner Christine Coulter, who both worked for Dom in the Narcotics Division, and who were mentored and coached by Dominick through the years as indicated in their respective speeches. He also became a great friend. Dom's impact in policing is obvious, but the career development of others has been outstanding. Dom continues to be actively involved in the Eastern PA Chapter.

Passings



Stephen W. Ott Jr., NA Session 101

Retired Chief **Stephen W. Ott Jr., NA Session 101**, passed away peacefully on May 29th, 2024. Chief Ott graduated from Frankford High School in 1950 and joined the Cheltenham Township Police Department at 21 years old. He quickly moved through the ranks from Patrolman to Sergeant in 1959, Lieutenant in 1970, and was appointed as Chief of Police in 1980. Chief Ott served in this role for 21 years. At the time of his retirement in March 2001, he was the longest serving police officer in Cheltenham Township history. During his remarkable 48-year career in law enforcement, Chief Ott spearheaded the modernization of the Cheltenham Township Police Department and was awarded a Bravery Commendation as well as numerous regional, state and international recognitions. His colleagues knew him as an exemplary police officer, consummate professional, and a steadying role model for his department.

Retired Chief **William “Bill” Herr, NA Session 87**, passed in his home in Allen, Texas on May 28th, 2024. His wife of 67 years, Jacqueline, was at his side. Bill was born in Philadelphia in 1933; he grew up in Upper Gwynedd, attended West Point School, and graduated from Lansdale High School. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1951 and served in the Air Police guarding Strategic Air Command aircraft in Newfoundland, Canada. He was selected for special duty as part of the Air Force security detail assigned to President Eisenhower's “Summer White House” and was transferred to Colorado.

After the Air Force, Bill joined Upper Gwynedd Police Department as a part time patrolman in 1956. Over the years he rose through the ranks and graduated from the FBI National Academy in June 1971. Bill was promoted to Chief in 1979 and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1993. He was active in the North Penn United Way, served as an adjunct faculty member of the Montgomery County Community College, was on the Board of Directors of the North Penn Volunteer Medical Service Corps, and was President of the Police Chiefs Association of Montgomery County.

Florida Chapter News



Chief Executive of the Year Award Winner, Todd Garrison, NA Session 252

Todd Garrison, NA Session 252, and Area Representative, was awarded the Chief Executive of the Year by the Florida Police Chiefs Association. The award is named after Bill Berger, NA Session 132.

Promotions



Undersheriff Ronald Hopper and Sheriff Lemma

Former Orlando FBI ASAC Ronald Hopper was appointed Undersheriff at the Seminole County Sheriff's Office on June 19th by **Sheriff Lemma, NA Session 236**. Ron joined the Sheriff's office as a Captain after his retirement from the FBI. Ron has been instrumental in the nomination and support of many Central Florida FBINAA attendees during his years of service at the FBI.

Kansas/Western Missouri Chapter News



From left to right: Troy Rettig (9th Chief), Sid Mitchell (7th Chief), Brad Robbins (11th Chief), Dale Finger (10th Chief), John Meier (8th Chief), and Steve Cox (6th Chief)

A unique photo was taken at a recent retirement! Six of the past and current Leawood, KS Police Chiefs gathered to celebrate the retirement of Chief Dale Finger. Chief Finger was honored for over 50 years of service to law enforcement! This group represents 43 continuous years in the Chief position dedicated to the Leawood community!

We honor the following Chiefs: **Troy Rettig**, NA Session 229, **Sid Mitchell**, NA Session 167, former FBINAA National President 2008, Chapter President 2000, **Brad Robbins**, NA Session 277, current Chief of Police, **Dale Finger**, NA Session 173, Chapter President 2004, **John Meier**, NA Session 146, Chapter President 2002 and **Steve Cox**, NA Session 143, current Chapter Secretary/Treasurer.



Sheriff Will Akin (left) presents Major Rob Hays with the Clarence M. Kelley award



Chief Dale Finger, NA Session 173 (left), and Chapter Secretary/Treasurer and past Leawood Police Chief Steve Cox.

The Kansas/Western MO Chapter honors two Chapter members each year (one from Missouri and one from Kansas) with our prestigious Clarence M. Kelley Meritorious award. This distinguished award recognizes the recipients for their overall contributions to law enforcement and exemplary career for the communities they serve.

On June 3rd, **Major Rob Hays, NA Session 265**, from the Missouri side received this annual award. He has served in law enforcement since 1991 with over 29 years at the Gladstone, Mo Police Department. He rose through the ranks to Captain and oversaw every facet of the police department. Rob is the recipient of the Metro Chiefs and Sheriffs Association Bronze Award for Valor (2002) and headed up the Tactical Team as well as the Metro Squad Officer in Charge in the Kansas City metro area.

In 2021, he joined the Clay County, Missouri Sheriff's Office and currently oversees the Bureau of Operations (which includes Patrol, Investigations, Logistical Support, and public relations). He has helped make a cultural shift within the organization who embrace change, create value, and inspire others. Congrats to Major Hays for his many years of service to the Gladstone and the Clay County communities!

Chief Dale Finger, NA Session 173, has served in law enforcement for over 50 years and was presented with the Clarence M. Kelley Meritorious Award on June 24th, 2024 by Chapter Secretary/Treasurer and past Leawood Police Chief Steve Cox.

Retirements

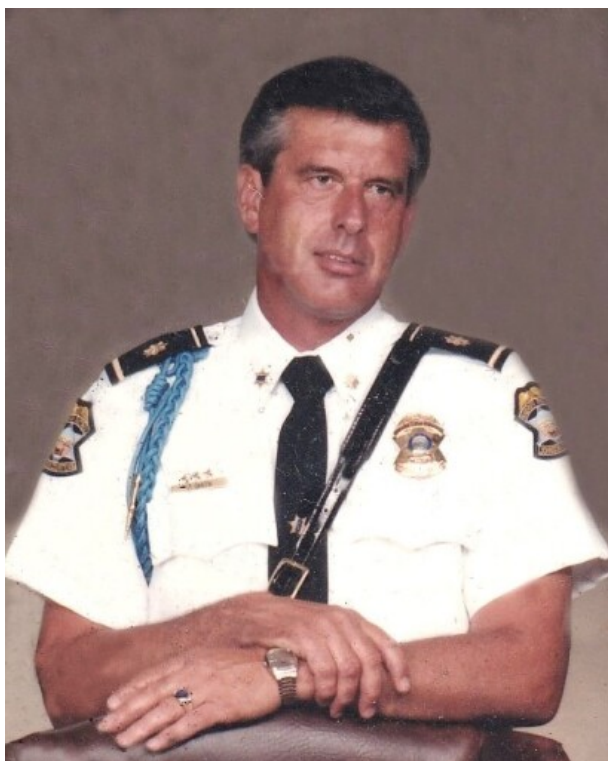


Chief Dale Finger, NA Session 173, retired from the Leawood, KS Police Department on May 3rd, 2024 after serving 2 ½ years as their Chief and over 50 years in law enforcement. Dale began his career in 1973 as a narcotics investigator with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI). Dale served as the KBI Associate Director since 1989 under three different Directors before retiring from the KBI in 2006.

Dale was an Adjunct Faculty member in the CJ Department at Washburn University (2004-2012) and an appointed member of the Kansas Sentencing Commission (2006-2011). He is a graduate of the 7th Central States LEEDS program (1997) and 41st LEEDS in Quantico (2000). He served on numerous Board and involved with various organizations such as IACP, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Sheriff's Association, Kansas Peace Officers Association, Metropolitan Chiefs and Sheriffs Association, and the Leawood Chamber of Commerce. His awards are numerous for his distinguished leadership and commitment to our profession.

He joined the Leawood, KS Police Department in 2006 and served for over 24 years as a Captain before he became the Chief in 2021. Dale retired in May 2024 after serving as the Chief for 2.5 years. Congrats on a long and exemplary law enforcement career, Dale!

Passings



Chief Larry E. Smith, NA Session 128

Our Chapter mourns the passing of **Chief Larry E. Smith, NA Session 128**, on June 12th, 2024 at the age of 76. Larry served nearly 40 years in law enforcement. He retired as the Undersheriff of the Johnson County, KS Sheriff's Department in 2003 after 30 years. Larry was later tapped twice as the Interim Chief of Police for the Raymore, MO Police Department. You will be missed, Larry...

Latin America/Caribbean Chapter News

Promotions



Valdecy Urquiza, NA Session 267

INTERPOL's Executive Committee proposes **Valdecy Urquiza, NA Session 267**, for appointment as INTERPOL Secretary General by the General Assembly. If endorsed by the majority, the Brazilian will become in November the first person from the Latin America/Caribbean region to be in the position.

New York/Eastern Canada Chapter News

On Thursday, September 5th, 2024, the FBINAA New York State / Eastern Canada Chapter will be hosting the "Battle of the Border" golf tournament at Terry Hills Golf Course (5122 Clinton Street Rd, Batavia, New York). The registration fee is \$100.00 (US Currency) per golfer or \$400 per foursome. Lunch at the turn, dinner, and beverages will be included. There will be a 50/50 and several prizes will be raffled off during dinner.

The NYS/EC Chapter will host its annual retrainor conference September 15th-17th, 2024 at the Saratoga Casino in Saratoga Springs, NY. The 2024 conference promises to provide two days of training as well as networking with vendors. Highlights of the training seminars include presentations on cardiac health for first responders, financial wellness focused on programs for law enforcement officers, reviews of major criminal cases presented by those who led the investigations, combating officer burnout and other interesting topics.

Check the chapter [website](#) for these and other awesome events.

James Gerace, Chief of Police Colonie NY, **NA Session 282**, and **Todd Weiss**, Director of the Capital Region Crime Analysis Center, **NA Session 285**, co-authored, an article recently published by the IACP Police Chief Magazine. The article, titled "Enhancing the Capabilities of Vulnerable Person Registries," shows how the Colonie, New York, Police Department took a harm-focused, intelligence-led approach to enhance community trust and increase officer safety. We encourage all NA members to check out the article and see if these enhancements could benefit their communities. The article may be accessed [here](#).

Retirements



Martin Flatley, NA Session 195

Chief **Martin Flatley** of the Southold Town Police Department retired following a distinguished 47 year career. Chief Flatley, **NA Session 195**, began his career as a seasonal officer in the 1970's and became a full-time officer in the 1980's. He served many ranks and roles in the Department and was appointed Chief in June of 2011.

Ohio Chapter News



GLLS class panel with instructors and students, Niagara Falls, NY

The Cincinnati Field Office hosted the four state Great Lakes Leadership Conference in Niagara Falls, NY from May 6th-10th. Many great national presenters were on hand, including Paul Butler, Suzanna Hasney, Quentin Williams and Judy Pal, just to name a few. The Ohio Chapter was well represented and we got to meet the new Cincinnati SAC, Elena Iatarola.



Cincinnati SAC Elena Iatarola

Promotions



Keith Hall, NA Session 287

Shawn Smith, NA Session 284, was promoted to Deputy Chief at Woodmere Village. He will be serving part time while still working at Cleveland PD.

Tom Quinlan, NA Session 249, became director of Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy.

James McMillin, NA Session 277, sworn in as new Chief of Genoa Twp PD.

Keith Hall, NA Session 287, sworn in as new Chief at Upper Arlington PD.

Steve Farmer, NA Session 250, former Chief of Upper Arlington, becomes new Chief at Southern Nazarene University.

Retirements



Former Director Dee Holcomb, NA Session 163, retired from Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy.

Oregon Chapter News

The Portland FBI Field Office will be hosting their annual FBI Teen Academy July 15th-18th, 2024. As in past years, the Oregon Chapter will be sponsoring t-shirts for participants in the amount of \$500 to support the program. Our partnership with the Portland Field Office remains strong and they are steadfast supporters of our chapter. This is a great event, and it shows our partnership on display.

The Oregon Chapter's annual summer social "Pig Out" will be on August 8th, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Memorial Park in Wilsonville, Oregon. The law enforcement community is invited to attend this event along with their significant other or adult guest. We will have a general raffle for prizes (i.e., gift cards & FBI items) and a grand prize raffle to win a GLOCK! You must be active or retired law enforcement. The cost is \$40 (No cost for Retired NA Members in good standing).

Our fall re-trainer will be September 10th-13th, 2024, at Eagle Crest in Redmond, Oregon. We have confirmed all our presenters for the conference. Our speakers are Retired Lieutenant Colonel Dave Grossman, Doctor Rachelle Zemlok-Wellness and a cold case from the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

Announcements



Caprice Massey, NA Session 284

We are happy to announce Washington County Sheriff **Caprice Massey, NA Session 284**, was re-elected in the 2024 Primary Election. Sheriff Massey was appointed to sheriff by Washington County Commissioners in December 2023, and this is her first elected 4-year term! Congratulations Sheriff Massey!

For NA Session 291, Oregon will be represented by Lt. Richard Glessner (Lane CSO), Lt. Trevor Wenning (Keizer PD), and Sgt. Thomas Litwin (Astoria PD).

Promotions



Jamey McDonald, NA Session 266

Please join the Oregon Chapter and congratulating **Jamey McDonald, NA Session 266**, as he has been named the new Police Chief of the Tigard Police Department. Chief McDonald joined the Tigard Police Department in 2001 and is the first member of the department to rise through the ranks internally from patrol officer to the leader of the department. Chief McDonald was named Interim Chief at the beginning of 2024. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Geography and Regional Planning from Eastern Oregon University and an Executive Certification from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST). He is active in both the Oregon & International Associations of Chiefs of Police and the FBI National Academy Associates and is a past president of the Oregon chapter. Chief McDonald is a lifelong Oregonian who enjoys spending time with his grandkids, playing competitive soccer and being outdoors.

Congratulations Chief McDonald on a well-deserved promotion to Tigard Police Chief!

Passings



Edwin (Ed) Mayer, NA Session 196

The Oregon Chapter is sad to report that retired Jackson County Sheriff's Office Captain **Edwin (Ed) Mayer, NA Session 196**, passed away on June 19th, 2024. He served with the Jackson County Sheriff's Office from August 1975 to February 2003. Captain Mayer will be remembered as a reliable friend, a tireless volunteer with a deep sense of responsibility to his community, and a loving husband, father,

and grandfather.

Born to Helen and Andy Smith in Emmett, Idaho, his father died when Captain Mayer was 3 years old. Helen later remarried Reece Mayer, who adopted Captain Mayer and his brother, Gary. The family moved to Medford in 1957, and Captain Mayer lived the rest of his life in the Rogue Valley. As boys, he and his brother spent summers working on the family turkey ranch in the Applegate Valley. He attended Hoover Elementary School, Hedrick Jr. High School, and Medford High School. He recalled fondly his time playing basketball for Medford High. After graduating from Southern Oregon University with a degree in criminology, Captain Mayer began his career in the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, where he worked for 27 years. During his long and accomplished career in law enforcement, Captain Mayer led JACNET, a regional drug enforcement agency, and attended the FBI Academy. Off the clock, Captain Mayer worked constantly for his community. He co-founded Medford's first Independence Day celebration, "Red, White and Boom," served as the Executive Director of CASA of Jackson County and was a long-time Central Point Rotarian. Captain Mayer retired to Shady Cove, where he continued to serve his community. Among his acts of service, Captain Mayer helped found Upper Rogue Youth Activities, an after-school program for children. He was elected to serve as a board member for Jackson County Fire District 4 and put tremendous effort into growing the department. He helped establish the Community Emergency Response Team, a volunteer training program for emergency response in Jackson County.

Captain Mayer is survived by his wife, Nancy, his brother, Gary, his children Gary, Alex, Drew, Meghan and Garrett, his son in-law, Andrew, daughter's in-law Julia and Courtney, and grand-children Daisy, Rosemary, Francis, Alden, and Etta. He loved life on the Rogue River. He will be missed dearly.

Friends and family gathered to celebrate Ed's life on July 7th at the Valley View Winery in Jacksonville.

Rocky Mountain Chapter News



Russell Lengel, NA Session 250, and Officer Jacob Herrera receiving Life Saving Award

Congratulations to our Chapter 2nd Vice Pres. **Russell Lengel, NA Session 250**, and Officer Jacob Herrera on receiving the Life Saving Award from Limon Police Chief Lynn Yowell. The Police Department members were also presented with new badges provided by the Town Board. We're proud of the leadership and service that Russ provides to the Limon Community and to the Rocky Mountain FBINAA Chapter!



Russell Lengel and other members of the Limon Police Dept. receiving their new badges

Texas Chapter News

Passings



Terry Baker, NA Session 136

Retired Chief Terry Baker, NA Session 136, from the Dallas County Sheriff's Office passed away on May 26th, 2024. Click [here](#) to view his obituary.

Virginia Chapter News



In May, the Virginia Chapter hosted its third Technology Summit at the Virginia State Police Training Academy. The Summit attracted 82 attendees from 37 law enforcement agencies across the Commonwealth. Participants received briefings from several technology companies—BriefCam, AT&T/FirstNet, Khyros, Crime Watch—and the latest in drone technology and best practices for using AI, including ChatGPT in law enforcement.

For more information on our 2025 Tech Summit or how to set up a program in your Chapter, contact Ed O'Carroll at edocarroll@yahoo.com.

Retirements



Tricia Powers, NA Session 248

Lieutenant Colonel **Tricia Powers, NA Session 248**, is retiring from the Virginia State Police after more than 30-years of service. Tricia was very active with the Virginia Chapter and served in many roles with the chapter board to include serving as chapter President. We wish her all of the best and and thank her for her decades of service to the community.

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