



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.

February 2024

By Our FBINAA Members

Arizona Chapter News

We are hoping to see all Arizona Chapter members at the upcoming Annual Membership Appreciation Barbecue. This year's event will occur on Friday, March 15th, at Desert Breeze Park in Chandler. Hospitality starts at 5:00 PM and dinner will begin at 6:00 PM. The BBQ is free for all members and one guest. Additional guests may come for \$25 per person. For more information or to pay for a guest, please contact Chapter Treasurer Charmane Osborn at (602) 339-3545.

Promotions



Chris Olson, NA Session 244

Please join the Arizona Chapter in congratulating former Commander **Chris Olson, NA Session 244**, with Oro Valley Police Department, as he assumes the new role as the Chief at the University of Arizona. Congrats Chief Olson!

Retirements

Assistant Chief and current President of the Arizona Chapter, **Bryan Cox, NA Session 260**, is retiring in March. Bryan has served with the Chandler Police Department for over 25 years. During his tenure he worked numerous assignments and details, including Patrol, Financial Crimes, Professional Standards, etc. He has also been an active volunteer in the community. Bryan has taken the Security Director position for a major company in the Valley. We wish him all the best!



Bryan Cox, NA Session 260



Santiago Rodriguez, NA Session 256

Chief **Santiago (Jimmy) Rodriguez, NA Session 256**, is retiring from the Goodyear Police Department after 24 years of service on February 20th, 2024. Please join us in wishing him a happy and healthy retirement!

Chief **Sean Duggan, NA Session 227**, retires on January 11th, 2024, after 38 years of service. Please join the Arizona Chapter in wishing him the best in this next chapter!



Sean Duggan, NA Session 227

Passings



John Wintersteen, NA Session 128

The Arizona Chapter is sad to report the passing of retired Police Chief **John Wintersteen, NA Session 128**. Chief Wintersteen served as the Police Chief for the Paradise Valley Police Department from 1995 to 2009. In addition to his years in law enforcement, Chief Wintersteen served 30 years in the United States Marine Corps and was passionate about further serving the community through his involvement with organizations like Rotary and the Boy Scouts of America. He was also instrumental in organizing his town's Martin Luther King events for over two decades. John's impact in the community will be missed.

Arkansas Chapter News

Retirements

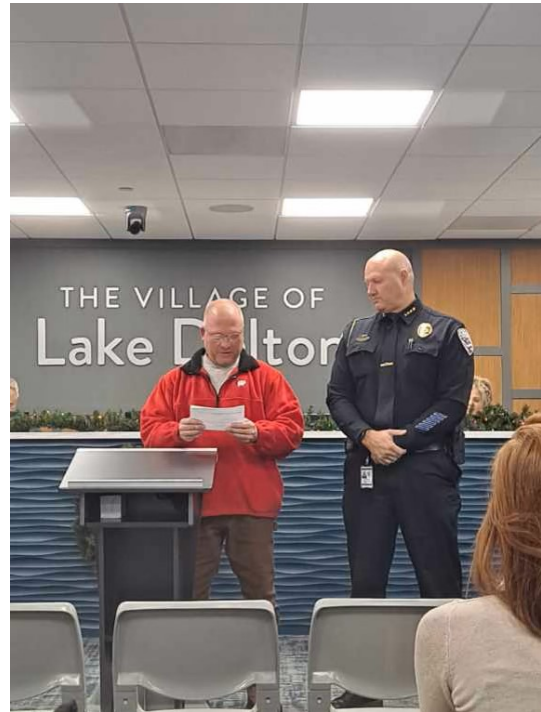
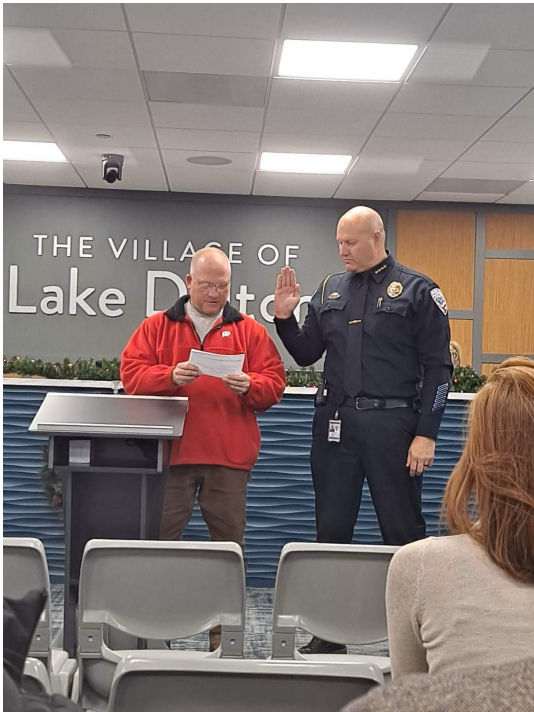


Ross Thompson, NA Session 216

Chief **Ross Thompson** announces retirement from the Blytheville Police Department, after 32 years of service with the city. Chief Thompson, **NA Session 216**, was Chief of the Blytheville Police Department for 17 years. His retirement is effective February 29th, 2024.

California Chapter News

Promotions



Swearing in ceremony for Chief Eric Thunberg, NA Session 255

Congratulations to our very own California Chapter Past President **Eric Thunberg, NA Session 255**, who was sworn in as the Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety for the Village of Lake Delton, WI on January 8th, 2024. We wish him all the very best.



Robert Filice, NA Session 255

Congratulations to **Roberto Filice, NA Session 255**, on his appointment as Chief of Police and Assistant General Manager for Public Safety with the East Bay Regional Park District. He previously served as Chief of Police with the Salinas Police Department.



BRYAN MATTHEWS
CHIEF OF POLICE

Bryan Matthews, NA Session 274

Congratulations to Bryan Matthews, NA Session 274, on his appointment as Chief of Police with the Hayward Police Department.

Retirements

Many congratulations to CSU Monterey Police Chief Earl Lawson, NA Session 234, who retired in December 2023. I am sure he will be sorely missed.



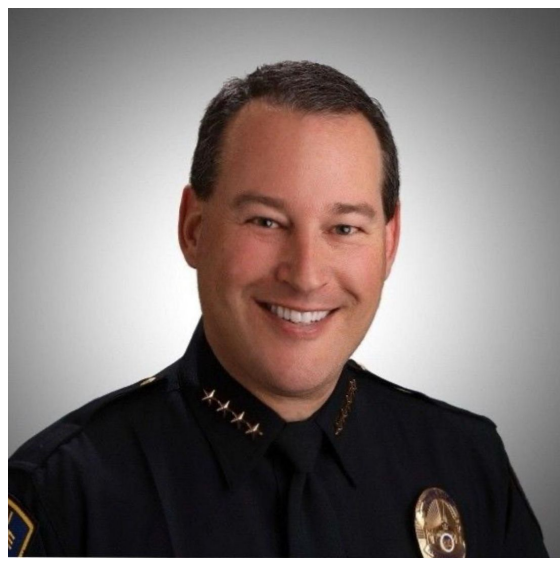
Earl Lawson, NA Session 234



Assistant Chief Manuel Martinez Jr., NA Session 198, retired from the Salinas Police Department on January 12th, 2024. Chief Martinez is a former Daly City Police Chief and a former San Jose Police Department officer.

Manuel Martinez Jr., NA Session 198

Congratulations to Chief **Sierra Brucia**, **NA Session 283**, of the Lodi Police Department, Sacramento Division, who retired on December 29th, 2023.



Sierra Brucia, NA Session 283



Congratulations to California Highway Patrol Chief **Greg Baarts**, **NA Session 270**, Sacramento Division, who retired on December 29th, 2023.

Greg Baarts, NA Session 270



Mark Spawn, NA Session 180

Mark Spawn, NA Session 180, CEO of The Spawn Group, LLC recently launched a new national podcast series called APB Cold Case. Featuring stories of unsolved murders and missing persons cases from across the nation, Mark and his wife, Jeanna, are the co-producers of the new show.

Available on all major podcast platforms, APB Cold Case delivers compelling stories with the voices of investigators and victim's families to bring the listener into the scene of the crime. "Working with victim's families and law enforcement to tell these stories is a passion project for us," said Mark Spawn who is also the host of the show.

Mark began his career as a uniform patrol officer followed by years of experience as a criminal investigator. The last 11 years of his career he served as the Chief of Police in Fulton, New York. For several years he was the Director of Research and Training for the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police. Jeanna's roots are

as a television production executive in Hollywood with a variety of credits ranging from entertainment and reality TV to movie production. Together, their broad experience helps to bring listeners an immersive experience through the APB Cold Case true crime series.

Any FBINAA colleagues who have an unsolved case they would like considered for the global podcast can contact Chief Spawn at APBColdCase@SpawnGroup.com. You can learn more about the true crime podcast series at APBColdCase.com.

Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter News



Chris Kuklantz, NA Session 275

Thank you to our outgoing Treasurer, Lt. Chris Kuklantz, NA Session 275, for his service to the chapter. Chris has served as our Treasurer for the past few years and has done a great job keeping the chapter in the black. Chief Tim Hak, NA Session 283, has stepped up to be our new Treasurer. Thanks fellas!



Session 289 with the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter Executive Board

On January 2nd, 2024, the chapter had a luncheon and send off for Edward Colleton, Michael Joyce, Michael O'Donnell, and Michael Sitoski, who started the NA as Session 289 on January 6th, 2024.



Presenter Kris "Tanto" Paranto

The Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates will host its 2024 Annual Re-Trainer Conference from May 19th-21st, 2024 at the Penn Stater Hotel in State College, Pennsylvania.

Those of you who have attended our annual re-trainers in the past know that it is a highly attended event, and we are seeking to break that record with our great line-up of presenters, which includes Paul Butler, David Graham, Kris "Tanto" Paranto, Dean Crisp, Colonel Christopher Paris and Lt. Col. George Bivens from the Pennsylvania State Police. Visit our [website](#) for more information.



Speaker George Anastasia

The Welcome Back Luncheon and Training will be held at Philadelphia FOP Lodge 5 on Thursday, March 21st, 2024 from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. The featured speaker will be author, and veteran Philadelphia journalist George Anastasia, who will present on the Philadelphia Mafia. George Anastasia has written about organized and disorganized crime for decades, covering casino gambling in Atlantic City and mob hits in Philadelphia. A Philadelphia Inquirer reporter from 1974 through 2012, he is currently a freelance writer and author specializing in crime reporting. His books include *Blood and Honor*, *The Last Gangster*, *The Summer Wind* and *Gotti's Rules*. He writes a column, Mob Scene, for JerseyMan / PhillyMan magazine, is a regular contributor to BigTrial.net and co-hosts Mob Talk Sitdown, an internet video report on organized crime.

Visit our [website](#) for more information.

Retirements



Judge John Bailey, NA Session 223

John Bailey, NA Session 223, retired for the second time on December 31st, 2023 as a Magisterial District Judge for West and East Whiteland Townships. John served twelve years as a Judge after he retired as a Detective Sergeant with Tredyffrin Township on in December 2011. In total, he served 47 years in the criminal justice system. John has a master's degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University and he has authored numerous published articles. He also volunteered with a local food bank and a special needs advocacy group. John, good luck in retirement!

Passings



John Edward Bradley, NA Session 249

The Eastern PA Chapter regrets to inform our membership of the passing of **NA Session 249** graduate **John Edward Bradley**, 64, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who passed away on January 2nd, 2024. Beloved husband of Michele Kelly. Devoted father of Elizabeth Bradley, John W. Bradley (Sara), and Peter Bradley. Loving grandpop of Stella Bradley; also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family. John was a retired Police Lieutenant with the City of Philadelphia after 37 years of service.



The Florida FBINAA Chapter conference will be held August 5th-7th in Miami Beach. Members from any chapter are welcome. Not a Florida Chapter Member contact events@floridafbinaa.org for registration.





Brumos Collection Tour

On January 24th, 2024, Florida Chapter members toured the Brumos Collection in Jacksonville. The Brumos Collection is named one of the top car collections in the world. Lunch, courtesy of Fuses, and door prize added to the day's enjoyment.

Promotions



Antonia Marciante, NA Session 232

Antonia Marciante, NA Session 232, was promoted to Chief of Police of Surfside Police Department in December 2023.

Promoted to Chief of Police in December 2023, Antonio Marciante began his law enforcement career as a member of the United States Coast Guard in 1987 and was honorably discharged in 1993. Assistant Chief Marciante attended and received his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice / Minor in Psychology from Florida International University in 1989.

Interim Chief Antonio Marciante began his career with the North Miami Beach Police Department in October 1989. He retired from the North Miami Beach Police Department in June 2018, as the Police Major of the Operations Division. On June 4, 2018, Marciante was hired as the Operations Lieutenant with the Surfside Police Department. On October 26, 2020, he was promoted to the rank of Captain.



Illinois FBINAA State Board



Illinois FBINAA Northern Board



Illinois FBINAA Railsplitter Board

On January 11th, 2024, The Illinois Chapter of the FBINAA swore in the newest board members to the State Board, Northern Board and the Railsplitter Board. The IL Chapter would like to thank outgoing President Brian Goss for his leadership as the IL State Board President and as the President of the Northern Board. The IL Chapter welcomes in the new presidents Cheryllynn Willams as the IL State Chapter President, Carmen Navarro-Gercone, Northern Board President, and Jeff Ramsey, Railsplitter President.

Promotions



James Mullen, NA Session 284

James Mullen, NA Session 284, was recently appointed to Ulster County Undersheriff.

Retirements



(L-R) with Goshen Town Police Chief James Post, Crawford Police Chief Dominick Blasko, NA Session 238, Port Jervis Police Chief William Worden, Chief Watt, new Village of Goshen Police Chief Ryan Rich, Warwick Town Police Chief John Rader, NA Session 236, Chester Town Police Chief Daniel Doellinger, NA Session 244, and Middletown Police Chief John Ewanciw, NA Session 251.

Village of Goshen Chief **James C. Watt**, NA Session 181, retired on December 31st, 2023 after 42 years in law enforcement including 24 years as Chief of Police.

Ohio Chapter News

Promotions



Chief Ron Sallows, NA Session 253

On January 16th, 2024, **NA Session 253** graduate **Ron Sallows**, President of the Ohio Chapter of the FBINAA, was sworn in as Chief of Police for Powell, Ohio. Ron has served Powell for 29 years and has risen through the ranks to attain this position. We wish him well as he continues to serve at the highest levels.

Texas Chapter News

Promotions



Gregory Stevens, NA Session 252

The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) has announced Chief **Gregory Stevens, NA Session 252**, as its selection for the next agency Executive Director effective January 8th, 2024. Presiding Officer Kim Lemaux said, "We are thrilled to announce Chief Gregory Stevens as the next TCOLE Executive Director. His extensive law enforcement background, combined with his military and educational experience, made him an ideal candidate. The commissioners and I look forward to working with him in this

role.”

Stevens most recently served as Chief of Police of the Rockport Police Department. Prior to that, he retired after more than 26 years with the Lubbock Police Department, including nearly four years as Chief of Police.

He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Session 252 and the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMIT) Leadership Command College, and holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Wayland Baptist University and a Master’s of Business Administration from Texas Tech University. Additionally, he served his country as a military police officer and a Naval Intelligence Officer.

“I am excited for the opportunity to lead an agency with a critically important mission at a time of growth and potential,” said Chief Stevens.

“The staff and I will continue to build on the partnerships with the law enforcement community, state leadership, and the public that we recognize as vital to successfully carrying out our responsibilities.”

Belton Deputy Chief **Larry Berg, NA Session 270**, has been selected by the Belton City Manager and affirmed by the Belton City Council as Belton’s next Chief of Police beginning February 2nd, 2024.



Larry Berg, NA Session 270



Jason Hester, Session 251

Chief **Jason Hester, NA Session 251**, was promoted to Division Chief within the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Chief **Bryan Rippee, NA Session 286**, was promoted to the Texas Highway Patrol Division Chief within the Texas Department of Public Safety.



Bryan Rippee, NA Session 286

Jeremy M. Sherrod, NA Session 281, was promoted last year to the Regional Director of the North Texas Region for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Retirements



Gene Ellis, NA Session 217

Belton Chief **Gene Ellis, NA Session 217**, is retiring after 35 years of public service and nearly 25 as a Chief. He will be taking over as Executive Director of the Texas Police Chiefs Association.

Passings



Leonard Limmer Jr., NA Session 81

In October 2023 at the Dallas Region Luncheon, the Texas Chapter honored **Len Limmer, NA Session 81**, for being an active dues paying member for 55 years. The longest serving active member in our history. Chief Limmer recently passed away, but his legacy will live on.

Len Limmwer was a 1962 graduate of the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville, Kentucky, 1968 graduate of the FBI National Academy Session 81 and a Life Member. Life member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), served as IACP Police Tactical Committee and IACP Committee on Terrorism. Member and chairman of the Airports Council International's North American and World Standing Security Committees. Advisor to Aviation Security Panel of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the civilian aviation branch of the United Nations. Member of the National Academy of Sciences - Committee on Assessment of Security Technologies for Transportation. 2003 recipient of the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award given by the Airports Council International of Geneva, Switzerland.

Washington Chapter News

Promotions

On July 1st, 2023, **James Mjor, NA Session 281**, was sworn in as the Assistant Chief of the Field Operations Bureau of the Washington State Patrol. James received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Charleston West Virginia. James believes we must involve ourselves with our communities through a true understanding of community policing. “The police are the people, the people are the police so find a way to give back and engage with your community big and small.”

James graduated from Central Kitsap High School and honorably served 10 – years in the U.S Navy, five of which were with the Naval Reserves. James has served as a Certified Collision Specialist, CID Detective, West Sound Narcotics Task Force Sergeant – Bremerton, Special Investigations Commander with the Investigative Assistance Division, SWAT Crisis Negotiator, and SWAT Commander. James was the WSP FOB District 8 Commander located in Bremerton overseeing the West Coast of the WSP FOB prior to his promotion to Field Operations Bureau Assistant Chief. True to his own beliefs, James gives back to his community. He is a contributing board member for the Kitsap Shop with a Cop. Additionally, he is a board member with the Kitsap Fair and Stampede.

The Oak Harbor Mayor has appointed Captain **Tony Slowik, NA Session 286**, as the Interim Police Chief. Slowik has a 20-year law enforcement career, served as the Interim Director of ICOM, has a 27-year service record with the United States Coast Guard.

Susanna Johnson, NA Session 257, was sworn in as Snohomish County’s 33rd Sheriff on January 2nd, 2024. She joined the Sheriff’s Office in 1990 as a patrol deputy. Over her three-decade career, she rose through the ranks serving as a K-9

handler, detective, SWAT squad leader, detective sergeant, lieutenant, patrol captain and bureau chief of operations. In 2019, Johnson retired from the Sheriff's Office after nearly 30 years of service. In 2020, she joined the Bothell Police Department to serve as a lateral Police Captain before being promoted to Deputy Chief. Sheriff Johnson is Snohomish County's 33rd elected and first female Sheriff.

Retirements

After serving the City of Ferndale for 26 and 1/2 years, Lt. **Matt Huffman, NA Session 238**, retired from the Ferndale Police Department. Matt recently purchased a camper van and he and his wife plan on doing a bit of traveling.

Oak Harbor Police Chief **Kevin Dresker, NA Session 254**, retired after a 35-year career in law enforcement, including 28 years with Wenatchee Police Department. While in the City of Wenatchee, he started as a reserve officer and rose through the ranks to Captain. After leaving Wenatchee Police Department, he worked for a few years in the private sector developing security plans for hospitals and clinics.

Wisconsin Chapter News



Blackhawk Shooting Sports Supports WIFBINAA

On January 17th, Wisconsin Chapter President, Jim Veaser and Chapter Historian, Mike Keller presented Blackhawk Shooting Sports owner, Jeff Duenk with a Chapter appreciation award in recognition of his support of the Wisconsin FBINAA Chapter.

In December, Jeff donated a new S&W CSX 9mm handgun from Blackhawk Shooting Sports that was used as the top door prize at the Chapter's annual Holiday Luncheon.

Thank you, Jeff and Blackhawk Shooting Sports, located in Oostburg, Wisconsin for partnering with the Wisconsin FBINAA Chapter.

Promotions



Alexander Ramirez, NA Session 220

Alexander Ramirez, NA Session 220, was sworn in as chief of the Racine Police Department on Friday, December 1st, 2023.

Ramirez is the department's first Latino chief. He was appointed by a majority vote from the Police and Fire Commission on Nov. 2nd during a special meeting. Ramirez was hired as Racine's Assistant Chief in July 2021, and shortly thereafter appointed Interim Chief following the former Chief's resignation.

Ramirez previously retired as an Inspector with Milwaukee Police Department. He joined the Milwaukee Police Department in 1991 where he steadily rose through the ranks throughout his career.

Following graduation from the MPD Police Academy, he was assigned to patrol duties in District 6. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1997, Lieutenant in 2001, Captain in 2017, and Inspector in 2019. Throughout his career, he had been assigned to various department divisions, including the Narcotics Division/HIDTA, Districts 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, Communications Division, Internal Affairs Division, Intelligence Fusion Center, and Office of Management Analysis and Planning.

Alex holds a Master's Degree in Public Service specializing in Administration of Justice and a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology and Law Studies from Marquette University. While at Marquette, he also obtained a graduate certificate in Law Enforcement Leadership and Management.

Ramirez is a proud graduate of the FBI National Academy Session 220 in 2005, as well as a 2017 graduate of the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police.

Congratulations and best wishes in your new position Chief!

Retirements



Dan Hess, NA Session 247

Congratulations to Chief Deputy Dan Hess, NA Session 247, who retired on January 11, 2024! The Chief Deputy is second in command at the Oneida County Sheriff's Office, and Dan's legacy will be felt there for many years to come. May your retirement be filled with joy and celebration after more than 30 years of service to the community!

Dan began his law enforcement career in 1991 as a Dispatcher for the Rhinelander, Wisconsin Police Department. In 1993, Dan was hired as a Deputy by Oneida County Sheriff's Office. Over the next 30 years of service to Oneida County, Dan served in various roles throughout the organization. Dan entered the North Central Drug Enforcement Group as an investigator responsible for investigating narcotics violations throughout a seven-county region including Oneida County. In 2002, Dan was promoted to Detective Sergeant. Dan served as a Detective until 2006, when he was promoted to Lieutenant, responsible for the 9-1-1 Center and Court Services. Dan served in that role until he transitioned to Lieutenant of Investigations in 2013. In 2014, Dan was again promoted, this time to Chief Deputy where he served for the last decade of his career. Dan is a proud graduate of the 247th Session of the FBI National Academy in 2011.

Thank you, Dan, for the many years of service and sincere congratulations on your well-deserved retirement!



Dan Hardeman, NA Session 251

Lake Delton, Wisconsin Police Chief **Dan Hardman, NA Session 251**, officially retired on January 1st, 2024. Hardman was originally a native of Chula Vista, California where he served on the police force and retired as a Lieutenant after 26 years. He joined the Lake Delton department in the fall of as a Lieutenant.

Dan was appointed Lake Delton Police Chief in 2014. Despite having been born and raised in California, Hardman has Wisconsin roots. His mother and birth father grew up in Wisconsin. Both joined the Navy — his father as a Navy Seal — and they met each other at the Pentagon. Dan himself served in the U.S. Army Reserves as well as in the U.S. Coast Guard, retiring as a Lieutenant Commander after nearly 21 years of dedicated service.

While Dan was attending the FBI National Academy — from which he later graduated in Session 251 — a colleague suggested to him that he investigate the law enforcement position opening in the Wisconsin Dells area. He did and as they say, the rest is history!

Congratulations on a well-deserved retirement and best wishes Dan!

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