



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, Retainers, Promotions, Retirements, Awards, and Passings.

March 2024

By Our FBINAA Members

Arizona Chapter News

Promotions



Francisco Alanis, NA Session 286

Please join the Arizona Chapter in congratulating the former Superior Police Department Chief of Police Francisco "Frank" Alanis, NA Session 286, as he assumes his new role as the Chief of Police at Central Arizona College Police Department. Congrats Chief Alanis!

Retirements



Dennis Young, NA Session 166

Dennis Young, NA Session 166, started his career with the Arizona Department of Public Safety in 1972. He is a life member and supporter of the FBINAA. He retired from DPS in 2009 as a Commander. Fifteen months later he returned to DPS as a Lieutenant Colonel being appointed as Deputy Director. After an administration change, he remained as an advisor to the Director on critical incident matters. During this time, he was appointed as interim Chief of Police of the Wickenburg Police Department and later as interim Inspector General of the Arizona Department of Economic Security. Upon his return from these assignments, he continued as an advisor to the Director and was appointed Chairman of the Critical Incident Review Board until his retirement in March 2024. Please join the Arizona Chapter in wishing Dennis a very happy retirement.

California Chapter News

Promotions



April Lockett-Fahimi, NA Session 282

Congratulations to **April Lockett-Fahimi, NA Session 282**, on becoming the first woman appointed as Undersheriff for Alameda County Sheriffs Office!



Julie Rodriguez, NA Session 280

Congratulations to **Julie Rodriguez, NA Session 280**, on being promoted to Captain with the Los Angeles Police Department!

Connecticut Chapter News

Retirements



Donald Anderson, NA Session 245

Congratulations to Connecticut Chapter Secretary-Treasurer and Darien Chief of Police **Donald Anderson, NA Session 245**, on his retirement after dedicated service to the Town of Darien since 1983. It's an impressive legacy of commitment to the community. We also recognize the familial tradition of service, with Don's father, **Bruce Anderson, NA Session 124**, having also served as Chief of Police for the town of Darien. The Connecticut Chapter extends our best wishes to Don Anderson as he embarks on this new chapter in life.



John Kelley, NA Session 273

Congratulations and best wishes to Vernon Chief of Police, John Kelley, NA Session 273, on his retirement! Chief Kelley served the Town of Vernon for 28 years.

Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter News



The Eastern PA Chapter welcomed FBINA Session 289 to the City of Philadelphia on January 27th, 2024. The newest members of FBINAA were entertained by a traditional Philadelphia String Band while they enjoyed cocktails and Philadelphia food staples such as cheesesteaks and soft pretzels at Philadelphia Police Department's FOP Lodge 5. We are certain everyone enjoyed the hospitality.



Promotions



Joshua Lee, NA Session 284

On January 16th, 2024, **Joshua Lee, NA Session 284**, was promoted to Chief of Police for West Chester Borough Police Department. Josh, a 24-year veteran, replaced Chief James Morehead who retired on January 12th after 23 years in the department. Josh has held the ranks of patrol officer, corporal, sergeant, and lieutenant. He was hired by West Chester Police Department in 2000. He is a graduate of the University of Delaware where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Administration and the Delaware County Community College Police Academy. He has also served as an administrative liaison to the West Chester Regional Emergency Response Team.

Josh volunteers as a mentor at the Charles Melton Community Center and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Chester County Crime Victims' Center. Congratulations and good luck, Josh!

Passings

Chief John Frye, NA Session 251, passed away on January 29th, 2024. John died peacefully at home, surrounded by his family. He was 52 years old. John served Cheltenham



John Frye, NA Session 251

Township for 26 years, retiring as Chief of Police. He was serving Schuylkill Township as their Chief of Police when he passed away.

Chief Inspector **Walt Smith, NA Session 210**, Philadelphia Police Department, passed away on February 14th, 2024. Walt's vast assignments in the Philadelphia Police Department included the 26th, 16th, 6th, 5th, and 9th Districts, Internal Affairs, Counter Terrorism, Homeland Security, Delaware Valley Intelligence, Traffic, Central Police Division, and Community relations. Walt was a true gentleman and a good guy.



Walt Smith, NA Session 210



James J. Lill, NA Session 140

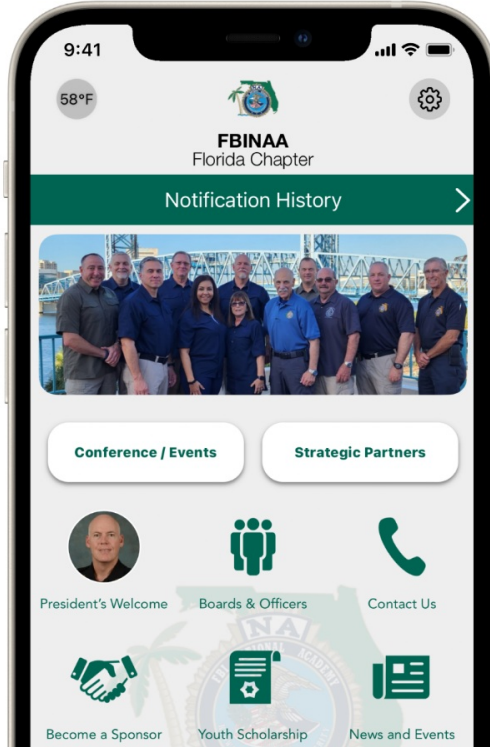
Lieutenant **James J. Lill, NA Session 140**, passed away on Sunday February 18th, 2024 at Doylestown Hospital. Jim was 82 years old. Jim served with the Long Beach Township Police Department in Long Beach Island, New Jersey until he found his calling when he was accepted into the Pennsylvania State Police Academy in Hershey, PA in 1969. In his 30 plus year career with the Pennsylvania State Police, Jim was stationed at multiple barracks across the state and retired at the rank of Lieutenant as station commander of the Dublin Barracks in November 2001.

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On January 24th, Assistant Chief of Police **Armando R. Aguilar, NA Session 263**, of the Miami Police Department had the opportunity to testify before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee - Subcommittee on Criminal Justice and Counterterrorism in a session titled *AI in Criminal Justice and Prosecutions*. Watch his testimony [here](#).



Armando R. Aguilar, NA Session 263



Chief **Robert Bage** of Fort Walton Beach Police Department, **NA Session 248**, was recognized as the Okaloosa County Health Improvement Plan (OCHIP) Champion of the Year for working on issues affecting the local community such as opioid overdoses, affordable housing, injury prevention, and diversion programs.

Promotions

In November 2023, Chief **Chris O'Brien**, **NA Session 282**, transitioned from the Chief of Police for Hollywood Police Department to the Director of Public Safety for the city of Hollywood, Florida.



Chris O'Brien, NA Session 282



In November 2023, Special Agent **Brian Waterman**, **NA Session 247**, retired from the FBI as the FBINA liaison after over 28 years of service, Brian is now the VP for Stadium Security for the Miami Dolphins. SA Waterman coordinated the entry into the National Academy for many of the alumni from Florida. He intends on remaining involved in the FBINAA.

Brian Waterman, NA Session 247

In December 2023, Chief **Ross Licata**, **NA Session 197**, transitioned to the position of City Manager in Lighthouse Point



Ross Licata, NA Session 197

In January 2024, Interim Chief of Police **Jeff Devlin**, **NA Session 275**, was sworn



Jeff Devlin, NA Session 275

in as the Chief of Police for Hollywood Police Department.

In January 2024, Interim Chief of Police, **Jack Vaccaro, NA Session 249**, was sworn in as the Chief of Police for the Lighthouse Point Police Department.



Jack Vaccaro, NA Session 249



Dan Ransone, NA Session 283

In February 2024, Interim Chief of Police **Dan Ransone, NA Session 283**, was sworn in as the Chief of Police for the Sunrise Police Department.

Major Jose L. Vargas, NA Session 281, with the Pembroke Pines Police Department has been appointed as the Chief of Police. He began his career at the Pembroke Pines Police Department in 2001.



Jose L. Vargas, NA Session 281



Wayne Boulier, NA Session 233

After serving two years as the Interim Dean **Wayne Boulier, NA Session 233**, had the Interim removed on February 6th, 2024 and is serving as the Dean of the Public Safety Pathway/ Training Center Director for the Institute of Public Safety at Broward College.

Kansas/Western Missouri Chapter News



Join us for the **2024 National Annual Training Conference in Kansas City, Missouri** being held **July 20th-23rd, 2024!** Registration is now open and many folks have already signed up. The Kansas/Western Missouri Chapter is proud to host this annual event to enjoy great training, fun events, excellent food, and reconnecting with your classmates and fellow NA graduates!

[Register Now!](#)

Promotions



Mike Mrachek, NA Session 275

FBI Special Agent **Mike Mrachek, NA Session 275**, officially retired on February 25th, 2024 after 27 years with the FBI. Mike started his career as a deputy sheriff with the Floyd County, IA Sheriff's Office in 1991. He joined the FBI in 1997 and was assigned to the Kansas City, Missouri Field Office. SA Mrachek served with the Violent Crime/Major Offender program for the majority of his career as well as was the Bank Robbery Coordinator, Fugitive Task Force Coordinator, and member of the Career Criminal Section Task Force. Mike was also a counselor for the 275 Session of the FBI National Academy. He was a member of the FBI Kansas City SWAT Team for 17 years and served in various roles on this team as well.

Mike was assigned as the Training Coordinator for the FBI KC division and worked closely with our Chapter! We appreciate all he has done for us over the years and will miss him dearly! Mike is not truly retiring and has been chosen as the new Chief of Police at Lake Winnebago, Missouri! Congratulations and we wish him the best in his new role as Chief!

Michigan Chapter News

Retirements



Aric Tosqui, NA Session 262

On January 14th, Commander Aric Tosqui, NA Session 262, retired from the Detroit Police Department with over 27 years of service. He will begin a new career as the Director of Security at Henry Ford Health and the oversight of the Detroit Hospital and Medical Groups.

Northwest Chapter News

Passings

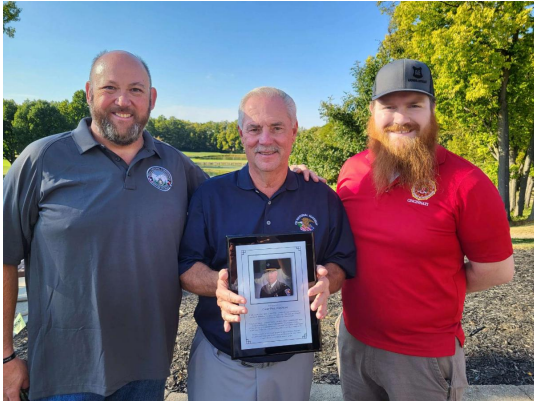


Menno Zacharias, NA Session 223

Our heartfelt condolences to the friends and family of Menno Zacharias, NA Session 223. Menno had a strong passion for policing and community service, and in 1973, he joined the City of Winnipeg Police Department. Menno completed training at the

Canadian Police College in Ottawa. Menno served as the Winnipewauk Deputy Chief of Police from 2000 until 2008, when he retired. Menno passed away on January 15th, 2024. Thank you, Menno, for your service!

Ohio Chapter News



Presentation of service plaque to Chief Phil Cannon, NA Session 218

Retired Chief Thomas Wells submitted photos from the Southern Ohio Golf Outing, during which Chief Phil Cannon, NA Session 218, was presenting with a recognition plaque for his 12 years of dedicated service running the Southern Ohio Golf Outing. Phil was presented the plaque by Executive Board Member **Thomas Wells, NA Session 236**, and FBI Training Coordinator for the Cincinnati Field Office, **Scott McCormick**.



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Northern Ohio Golf Outing

Eric Burgett and Chief Brad Navarre, NA Session 281, submitted photos from the Northern Ohio Golf Outing which had many great sponsors, a beautiful day for golf and a goldmine in store for bourbon collectors.

Rocky Mountain Chapter News



Capt. Daniel Joyce, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Dept. and Capt. Keri Adcock, Denver Sheriff's Dept.

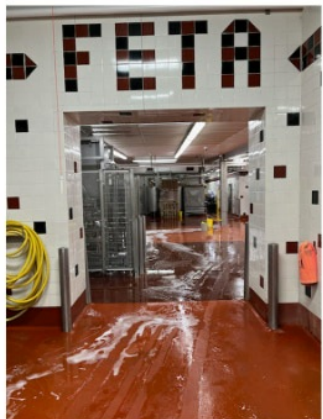
Welcome our newest Rocky Mountain region attendees to Session 289 of the FBINA. Daniel Joyce is a Captain with the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Department. and Keri Adcock is a Captain with the Denver Sheriff's Department. We wish them good luck and can't wait for them to graduate and become members of our chapter.

Tennessee Chapter News

Passings

We are saddened by the passing of Sam Peach, NA Session 90, on February 6th, 2024. He was a retired Captain with the Metro Nashville Police Department. He loved motorcycles and was a member of the Gold Wing club. He will be greatly missed.

Wisconsin Chapter News



Winter Family Outing

The Wisconsin FBINAA Chapter hosted its annual Winter Family Outing in Marshfield, Wisconsin the weekend of February 16th-18th. Those in attendance enjoyed a fun-filled weekend including private tours of the family-run dairy businesses operated by the Heiman family; the Nasonville Dairy, a cheese production operation, as well as the 500-head Heiman Holsteins dairy farm of Marshfield. Both tours were interesting and informative and the Heimans were great hosts. The group also made a surprise stop at the "world's largest round barn" located in Marshfield!

Attendees were also treated to networking opportunities including a traditional Friday night Wisconsin fish fry, hospitality room, Saturday evening family banquet, and a great door prize drawing. A fun time was enjoyed by all, thanks to event organizers and Chapter members Pat Esser and Nate Dean!



Promotions



Jeremy Rasch, NA Sessin 270

Jeremy Rasch, NA Session 270, was named to the position of Police Chief with the

City of Waupun after serving on an interim basis for the past several weeks. Rasch began his career with the city in 2002 as a patrol officer. In 2010, Rasch was promoted to police lieutenant and in 2017 to deputy police chief. During his time with Waupun Police Department, Rasch has served on various boards and commissions both at the city and county level.

Rasch holds an associate degree in Police Science from Waukesha County Technical College and has participated in a variety of professional development training programs over the course of his career. Jeremy attended the FBI National Academy Session 270 in 2017. He was nominated for Dodge County Officer of the Year in 2006, has developed and implemented numerous community safety programs throughout his career.

Captain **Brian Zalewski, NA Session 275**, was sworn in as the Village of Butler's newest Police Chief during a Thursday, February 15th ceremony in the Village of Butler. Zalewski is a graduate of the 275th Session of the FBI National Academy and only the eighth police chief in Butler's history. Zalewski previously served the Village of Butler as police captain since 2020. Prior to that, Zalewski served as a captain with the Wauwatosa Police Department.

Retirements



Dave Wentlandt, NA Session 275

The Village of Butler bid farewell to Chief **Dave Wentlandt, NA Session 275**, on February 16th. Wentlandt announced his well-deserved retirement earlier in February. He served the Village of Butler for a decade as Chief.

Congratulations to Chief Wentlandt for his years of service and dedication to the Village of Butler, its residents, and the police department and best wishes in retirement!

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