



FBINAA | CA NEWSLETTER

Message from our 2022 California Chapter President



Dear Fellow National Academy Associates,

It's hard to believe that we are almost in October. I hope your summer was filled with some quality time and relaxation with family and friends. As we enter the fall season I'm sure many of us will be watching the November elections with great interest.

This summer I had the honor of representing the California Chapter at the FBINAA National Conference in Cleveland in July/August. Cleveland was never on my bucket list, but our Ohio Chapter colleagues and the City of Cleveland really put on a terrific event, the speakers were top notch and the topics were relevant and valuable. The event was so enjoyable I wouldn't think twice about returning (in the summer of course!) to see more of the state and experience the warmth of its people.

Regarding the current climate toward law enforcement, I continue to be encouraged by the reversal of a lot of the rhetoric and misinformation about defunding the police, despite what turned out to be a summer of rising crime and senseless tragedies. As we all struggle with low staffing levels and trying to stave off burnout and fatigue, I'm consistently proud of the excellent and selfless service that law enforcement provides to communities across the nation and to our state. It calls to mind one of my favorite quotes from one of my favorite Presidents, Teddy Roosevelt,

"It is not the critic who counts. Not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds, who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself in a worthy cause, who at best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

Though this should read, "men *and* women" in the arena, these words from 1910 still ring true today.

I look forward to meeting new friends and reconnecting with old ones at our Chapter re-trainer in October at the gorgeous Palisades Resort in Lake Tahoe. 1st Vice-President Josh Ehlers and his committee have put together an awesome, not to be missed, slate of speakers and events!

Eric Thunberg

2022 FBINAA California Chapter President
255th Session

*"Do not follow
where the path
may lead. Go in-
stead where
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and leave a
trail"*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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SACRAMENTO DIVISION NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE SACRAMENTO DIVISION VP: Josh Ehlers

Hello All,

ANNUAL RE-TRAINER CONFERENCE: *NOT TO BE MISSED!*

We have had a record response to our upcoming annual conference, which will be at the Resort at Squaw Creek in the Lake Tahoe area from October 25–27, 2022. There are still a few rooms available, so if you would like to see some of your fellow classmates, enjoy some great training, including a world-class presenter – Paul Butler, and enjoy the fall mountain weather please register as soon as possible.

http://www.fbinaacc.com/2022_State/home.html

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON—SAVE THE DATE:

Please mark your calendars for the Sacramento Division Holiday Luncheon, which will be held at the Randy Peters Catering and Event Center in Roseville, California on Thursday, December 8th.

Now that I have the activities and training taken care of, let me send a message to you all.

It has been a privilege for the last four years serving as your vice president and the Sacramento Division. I am looking forward to 2023 and serving as your president. It will be my goal to continue to have events and training conferences that serve our membership well and provide value. We truly have the most powerful law enforcement professional network in the world, and I appreciate your support and continued participation. Have a wonderful fall and I look forward to seeing many of you at the conference and at our holiday luncheon.

Take care and stay safe.

Josh Ehlers

Josh Ehlers - 1st Vice President
FBI National Academy Associates CA
Asst. Chief, California Highway Patrol
FBINA Session 259
FBI CA LEEDS Session IV & XI



SACRAMENTO DIVISION NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE SACRAMENTO DIVISION VP CONT...

Sacramento Division graduates of the National Academy, Session 283!

This session started on 7/11/2022 and graduated 9/13/2022. Many Congratulations!

Rank	Name	Agency	Email
Captain	Jeremy Blakemore	Bakersfield PD	jblakemo@bakersfieldpd.us
Chief	Sierra Brucia	Lodi PD	sbrucia@lodi.gov
Asst. Chief	Mark D'Arelli	California Highway Patrol	mdarelli@chp.ca.gov
Lieutenant	Ryan Lukins	West Sacramento PD	ryanl@cityofwestsacramento.org
Captain	Jose Torres	Tulare County SO	jtorres@tularecounty.ca.gov

Sacramento attendees of the National Academy, Session 284!

This session started on 9/26/2022 and the attendees are due to graduate on 12/8/2022. We wish them all the best and look forward to them joining the NAA after graduation.

Rank	Title	Agency Info	Email
Chief	Brian Baker	Yuba City PD	bbaker@yubacity.net
SAC	Jamin Teague	California DOJ	jamin.teague@doj.ca.gov
Commander	Jason Clark	Madera County SO	jclark@maderacounty.com
Lieutenant	Jose Diaz	California Highway Patrol	JMDiaz@chp.ca.gov
Captain	Miguel Pacheco	Turlock PD	mpacheco@turlock.ca.us



SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION:

3rd Vice President, Scott Savage.

In partnership with the San Francisco Division of the FBI, the FBINAA SF Division successfully held the annual Law Enforcement Leadership Development (LEEDS) training in San Luis Obispo. Nearly 70 students and numerous vendors participated in the 24 hour POST certified training which was exceptionally well received. Featuring speakers such as retired FBI agent Joe Pistone of “Donnie Brasco” fame, and retired DEA agent Javier Pena who was one of the lead agents in the Pablo Escobar investigation (Netflix’s Narcos), the course provided advanced leadership, communications, and investigations training to the command level audience. We are certainly grateful for all of the help that we had in bringing this valuable course to fruition.



Immediate Past-President Craig Chew and 4th VP Alex Hernandez (San Diego Division) having lunch with Instructor Al Malinchak and attendees Laszlo Waczek and Lenny Nerbetski.



SAVE THE DATE—The next SF Division event is scheduled for Friday, October 7 at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. We are pleased to welcome Ms. Kimberly Pratt, the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center’s Private Sector Liaison Officer, as our featured speaker. Ms. Pratt, a past Executive Director of the FBI-affiliated Infragard program, has a vast amount of experience in forging public/private partnerships and in working to safeguard our critical infrastructure assets.



SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION NEWS CONTINUED

A message from 3rd Vice President, Scott Savage cont...



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CLASSES 283 and 284

We would like to welcome and congratulate the following Command Officers who currently attending Class 283:

- **Steve Furr**, Resident Agent in Charge, Defense Criminal Investigative Service
- **Jeff Watkins**, Commander, Carmel Police Department
- **Frederick Shavies**, Commander, Oakland Police Department
- **Jonathan Gackowski**, Commander, Contra Costa Sheriff's Office
- **Yousuf Shansab**, Lieutenant, Union City Police Department

We would also like to congratulate the following Command Officer for their selection to attend Class 284:

- **John Murray**, Commander, Salinas Police Department
- **Thomas Moffett**, Commander, Menlo Park Police Department
- **Ian White**, Captain, Campbell Police Department
- **Ross Clipinger**, Captain, Alameda County Sheriff's Office
- **Jayson Rutherford**, Captain, Scotts Valley Police Department

CONGRATULATIONS

Our heartfelt congratulations are extended to recently promoted Palo Alto Chief of Police Andrew Binder, NA Session 265, and to recently retired Los Altos Chief of Police Andy Galea, NA Session 215.

PERSONNEL UPDATES

As always, we are seeking to keep our membership up to date with respect to promotions, retirements, and changes in agencies. If you are aware of any of these changes, please send an email to sanfranciscovp@fbinaacalifornia.com so that the information can be published in future newsletters and in the NA Associates magazine.

Scott Savage
FBINAA California Chapter, 4th Vice President
NA Session 237
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LOS ANGELES DIVISION NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM LOS ANGELES DIVISION:

It has been a hot summer, and fall is already upon us. As we continue to get back to seeing each other in-person, I look forward to seeing everyone at our state conference this year in beautiful Lake Tahoe, October 25-27th.

The FBINAA Family:

Besides the outstanding instruction and networking at the FBINA, the opportunities don't stop after graduation. That is a big reason why we are all active FBINAA members. I had the chance to welcome two such FBINAA members to the LA Division over lunch and share some of the challenges we face in the region with crime, recruitment, and retention. Chief Stainbrook comes to the LA Division from the San Diego Division, and Chief Batista joins us from the Arizona Chapter. Welcome to the Los Angeles Division Chiefs.



Pictured left to right: Commander Randy Goddard LAPD (Session 267), Chief Mark Stainbrook Beverly Hills Police Dept (Session 240), and Chief Ramon Batista Santa Monica Police Department (Session 259)

Retirements:

Congratulations to **ADIC Kristi Johnson** on her retirement. ADIC Johnson was a pleasure to work with and a supporter of the FBINA. The LA Division wishes her the very best in her next chapter of life. Director Christopher Wray has named Donald Alway as the new assistant director in charge of the Los Angeles Field Office. Mr. Alway most recently served as the assistant director of the Weapons of Mass Destruction Directorate at FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Mr. Alway joined the FBI as a special agent in 1996. He was first assigned to the Los Angeles Field Office, and we welcome him back home.



Past President of the California Chapter, **Eric Sonstegard**, retired from the Oxnard Police Department and accepted the Chief of Police position at Edgewater Police Department in Colorado. Eric is pictured to the left with his beautiful wife, Carrie. Although Eric is now living in Colorado, we extend an invitation to him and all previous California Chapter members to continue to come back to the California State Conferences.



LOS ANGELES DIVISION NEWS CONTINUED ...

Session 284:

Session 284 began its journey towards the Yellow Brick Road on September 26, 2022. Congratulations to the Los Angeles Division Candidates for Session 284!

- Lieutenant **David Garland**, Los Angeles Police Department
- Commander **Cory Martino**, Orange County Sheriff's Department
- Lieutenant **Sherif Morsi**, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
- Lieutenant **Gary Griggitts**, Corona Police Department
- Lieutenant **Russell Mengel**, Santa Maria Police Department
- Captain **Chris Hofford**, Baldwin Park Police Department
- Captain **Scott Scheffler**, UCLA Police Department



FBI's LA Office Session 284 Orientation



LOS ANGELES DIVISION NEWS CONTINUED ...

FBINAA Youth Leadership Program (YLP) Another Success:

As FBI National Academy Associates, we often boast and profess our accomplishments as an organization. We praise the benefits earned by those attending the FBI Youth Leadership Program. We rarely, however, learn about the successes of those we ultimately select and whom we send to the YLP.

This is an account of **Collin C. McKinney**, son of **Russell McKinney (FBI NAA, CA President-2016)**. Collin attended the FBI YLP session 18 during the summer of 2016, and upon his YLP graduation, he expressed that it was one of the greatest experiences of his life. During high school, Collin enrolled in the USAF JROTC for four years and was second in command of the unit when he graduated from Valencia High School.



After graduating from high school, Collin attended the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo, CA, where he studied for a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering. During his time at Cal-Mar, he took part in a three-month transatlantic cruise: traveling through the Panama Canal to Barbados, to the Azores, to Portugal, to Florida, and ultimately ending his three-month cruise in Texas. A once in a lifetime experience.

Collin graduated in May of 2022 Summa Cum Laude in Engineering.



During his last year at Cal-Maritime, Collin applied and was accepted to the USMC Officer Candidate program and spent many days with the Cal-Berkeley OCS candidates working towards his ultimate goal of becoming a Marine Corps Officer.

Collin began USMC Officer Candidates School in September 2022, a 10-week program in Quantico, VA. He will earn his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant of the United States Marine Corps upon completion. Before his deployment to OCS, Collin was engaged to his high school sweetheart, Veena, and the two plan to marry soon.

As FBI National Academy Associates, we should appreciate that this is money well spent, and we should continue encouraging all youth to participate in this leadership program.

Personnel Updates:

As always, we are seeking to keep our membership up to date for promotions, retirements, and changes in agencies. If you are aware of any of these changes, please email losangelesvp@fbinaacalifornia.com so the information can be published in future newsletters and the NA Associates magazine.

Randy Goddard, 2021 – 2nd Vice President (LA Division)
FBI National Academy Associates, Inc.,
California Chapter
LAPD Commander
FBINA Session 267



SAN DIEGO DIVISION NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE SAN DIEGO DIVISION 4th VICE PRESIDENT:



Well, you should all recognize the picture on the right, yes, it is our one and only Chapter President, **Eric Thunberg**, who after 29 years has announced his upcoming retirement. We are sending out a HUGE message of congratulations to Eric and don't worry, he will continue to serve his role as President until the end of the year.

****Look for the next newsletter for pictures of his retirement celebrations and get to hear what he has lined up for his next chapter.****



Eric's Chief and peers at Chula Vista PD wish him well as he announces his upcoming retirement.

Left to right: Captain Dan Peak, Captain Miriam Fox, Chief Roxana Kennedy, Captain Eric Thunberg and Captain Phil Col-lum



SAN DIEGO DIVISION NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE SAN DIEGO DIVISION VP CONTINUED:

Congratulations to the following from Session 283 who recently graduated:

- **Matthew Cole**, Lieutenant, Oceanside Police Department
- **Benjamin Kelso**, Captain, San Diego Police Department
- **Anthony O'Boyle**, Lieutenant, San Diego County Sheriff's Department

Congratulations go out to those who have just started in Session 284 and will graduate in December.

- **Alonso DeVelasco**, Lieutenant, Carlsbad Police Department
- **John McKean**, Lieutenant, Oceanside Police Department
- **Shawn Takeuchi**, Captain, San Diego Police Department
- **Shawn Wray**, Lieutenant, San Diego County Sheriff's Department

Let's send these graduates and Academy attendees our support and encourage them all to continue with the National Academy Associates after graduation. Sadly, some of our graduates drop off after they get back from the Academy, when that happens, we all lose out. The NAA is one of the very best networking and learning Associations out there and we are working hard to keep it that way, so let us all do our part and reach out to new graduates and let them see that the fun and networking doesn't end at the Academy!

As usual, I am asking you all to let me know of events, promotions, transfers, passings and major events you think Division members would be interested in. If you aren't sure whether the event would be of interest, let me know anyway and I can make the decision.

Let's share with the other Divisions what we are doing. Contact me, your 4th VP, Alex Hernandez, AHernandez@nationalcityca.gov and let me know what is happening in your world.

Thank you.

Alex

Alex Hernandez
4th Vice President
FBINAA San Diego Division

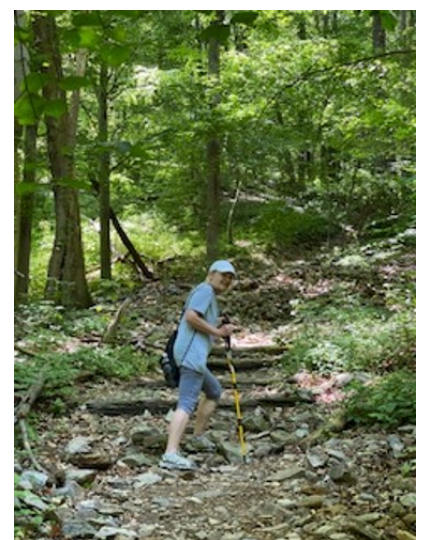
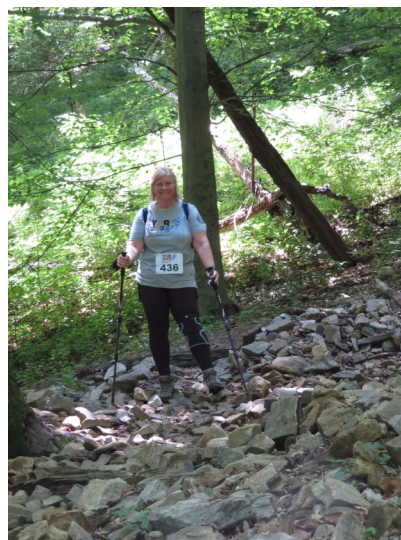


Chapter Historian hikes Mount Misery for Virtual YBR

2022 VIRTUAL YELLOW BRICK ROAD

We all know that the virtual YBR is now an annual event, and while many are taking advantage of an opportunity to stay fit while contributing to a good cause (your donation goes to the Charitable Foundation which is there for fellow graduates in time of need), others are going beyond with other fellow graduates and making the whole experience a fun one. This is exactly what your Historian, **Gina Haynes Di Napoli, NA 225**, did this year!

I flew to Philadelphia and met up with **Lisa Shahade**, also from session **NA 225 (Graduation date was 2006)**. We had a fun time hiking and for our YBR, we decided to hike Mount Misery. Although the 6.1 mile hike was grueling at times, it wasn't all misery and there were lots to see that made it interesting. There was an awful lot of history around the area and in some areas you had information signs that explained what you were seeing and what relevance it had to the area, which made it all the more interesting. Also fun, was meeting people along the way. Almost everyone we passed asked what we were doing as they saw the numbers on our shirts. We were able to tell them with pride what we were doing and what it was for. It was encouraging to hear positive reactions and feedback especially when it seems there is little support for law enforcement, but that obviously isn't the case here. A good time was had and 2 session mates got to hang out together and enjoy their friendship. Lasting friendships truly are made at the National Academy!





CANDIDATE FOR CALIFORNIA CHAPTER 4th VICE PRESIDENT

Jim Macedo for 2022 FBINAA, Inc. Sacramento Division, 4th Vice President



Jim Macedo, Undersheriff, Calaveras County Sheriff's Office, FBINA Inc.,
California Chapter 262nd Session

What does the job require?

Pursuant to the California Chapter Constitution, By-Laws, and Policies & Protocol, (WHICH CAN BE FOUND ON THE FBINAA CALIFORNIA WEBSITE) the Chapter Secretary is an elected position on the Executive Board. Please check the website for duties and responsibilities of the Chapter Secretary.

What do I bring to the position?

I am confident that I meet and/or exceed all of the requirements for the position of Chapter Vice President. I have been continually active in the National Academy Associates (NAA) since 2015, and was a member of two previous NAA Sacramento Chapter College Scholarship Committees. As the FBINA Sacramento Area Representative, I also have experience organizing and planning and hosting two Sacramento Chapter luncheons. I have also assisted with duties at the State Conference (2021).

More about Jim:

I currently serve as the Undersheriff of the Calaveras County Sheriff's Office located in San Andreas, California. Prior to my serving on the FBINA California Chapter Board, I volunteered to set up section events and helped organize and work at other FBINAA events, and have acted as a liaison for other members of the California Chapter Executive Board in completing tasks on behalf of the Association. I come from a law enforcement and public service family. I am the youngest of four (4) brothers. One of my brothers graduated from FBINA Session #199 and retired as the Undersheriff in Lake County, California. An additional brother was also in law enforcement in California and retired as a Bureau Chief with the California Department of Fish & Wildlife. Another brother retired as a Captain with the City of Stockton, California Fire Department. Lastly, my father also served in law enforcement in California. I have been working in law enforcement for over 27 years, serving in every major division of the sheriff's office, having steadily worked my way up from the bottom to the top.

I am running for the 4th Vice President position for a few very wonderful and important reasons. Firstly, I have enjoyed my time and service to the organization, and I passionately believe in the FBINA, the Association, and its members. I have personally seen the benefits of the brother and sisterhood of the FBINA through networking and collaborating together on serious criminal cases. Second, I have also realized the benefits of the FBINAA training, and the respect and benevolence of the charitable foundation. Additionally, I have been fortunate to experience and enjoy the professional comradery of the members and other involved persons. Lastly, I am very supportive of the overall services offered to the FBINAA members, as well as the ongoing professionalism, health, and success of the organization. I look forward to taking on an even larger role within the FBINAA as the 4th Vice President, and continuing to support the members, and helping to advance the Association and its worthwhile fundamentals into the future.

GLAD NEWS:

Congratulations on their promotion goes out to:



- Congratulations to **Christopher Williams, NA 273**, for being promoted to Assistant Chief for the Oxnard Police Department.



- Congratulations to **Christie Calderwood, NA 275**, who was recently promoted from Captain to Assistant Chief and to **Jeff Smith, NA 273** who was promoted to Captain. Both are with the City of Carlsbad Police Department and are part of the San Diego Division.

L—R: Eric Thunberg (Chapter President), Jeff Smith, Christie Calderwood, Lazio Waczek, NA 218 and Alex Hernandez (4th VP). All FBINA graduates!



- Congratulations to **Andrew Binder, NA 265**, who was selected as the next Chief of Police for Palo Alto Police Department.



- Congratulations to **Kelly Ann Gordon, NA 277**, who was recently appointed as the new Police Chief of Santa Barbara Police Department after a two-year search. Chief Gordon will oversee about 200 sworn officers and will be replacing interim Chief Marylinda Arroyo

MORE GLAD NEWS:

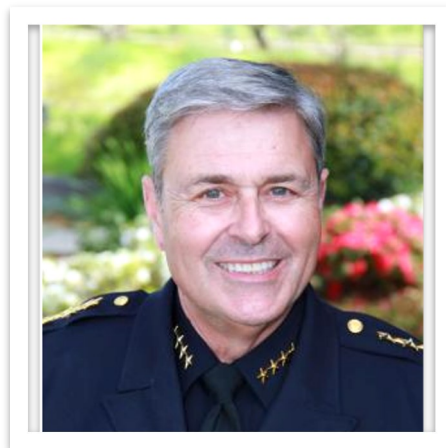
Retirements:

Congratulations to **Bob McCloskey, NA 278**, who recently retired from the Sacramento Police Department. Not having a moment to enjoy that retirement as on September 12, 2022, he was sworn in as a Criminal Investigator at the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office. Hearing that Bob was interested in retiring from his position as a Captain with the Sacramento Police Department and was looking for a second career, Chief Investigator **Mike Sullivan, NA 280**, gladly took the opportunity to "steal" Bob away from SPD. Chief Sullivan said, "Bob has always been a great partner to our office. When faced with the opportunity to hire an experienced peace officer with thirty years of experience, and an NA graduate no less, I couldn't let that opportunity go!" Bob is assigned to the Special Investigations Unit at the District Attorney's office. Many congratulations Bob first on your *retirement from the Sacramento Police Department* and secondly on your new chapter with the D.A's Office, we wish you all the very best!



Bob seen here (on the left) with Sacramento District Attorney Chief Investigator Mike Sullivan.

- A big hearty congratulation goes out to Chief of Police **Andrew "Andy" Galea, #215**, who retired from Los Altos PD in July after a long and successful law enforcement career. Andy was well liked and respected by both his Department and the community and will be missed. We wish Andy a long and happy retirement and look forward to seeing him at future NAA events.



SAD NEWS:

We are sad to report the passing of:

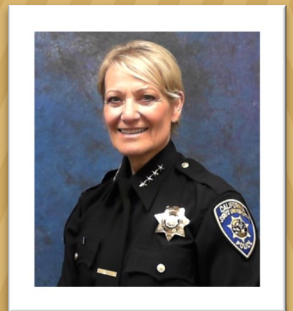
We are happy to report that we have had no members pass, but being born and raised in Great Britain, I would be remiss if I didn't give a mention to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who sadly passed away this September after a reign of over 70 years.



Contact Us

Please call our Historian, Gina Di Napoli, if you have information you would like to have put in the Newsletter or if you have information you feel our members would enjoy reading.

We are also interested in any events which would include our members.



Gina Haynes Di Napoli

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