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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Memories....

Recently, I had the opportunity to sit down with those attending the next session of the National Academy. It brought back memories of the days before I left for Session 216. I was so eager to get there, yet I really didn't know what to expect. Mixed emotions are the best way to describe it for me. The next 10 weeks were so rewarding, and as I sat at the meeting with those going, I couldn't help but be jealous of them just starting their journey. I watched the video which was a pretty accurate reflection of when I attended. I cannot forget running the yellow brick road in the rain and crawling through the mud. Or studying for a test, writing a paper the size of a small book or attending the many social festivities.

This organization has afforded me so many excellent opportunities to meet people and receive important training. I will be attending the Presidents meeting in Quantico in early March, which will bring back many more memories. If you have something you want brought up at the meeting, drop me an e-mail at www.yeshm@michigan.gov

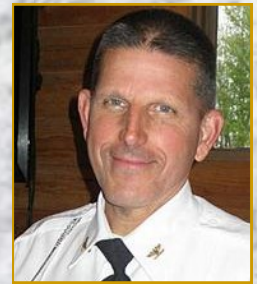
I encourage all of our members to be active in the Michigan Chapter. Once you attend the NA, your journey doesn't end there, there are expectations you will attend Michigan events and keep increasing the knowledge you have gained. Attending events not only increases your knowledge, it is the chance to meet and really get to know your fellow NA grads on a personal basis. We can always use help on the curriculum committee who not only plan the annual refresher, but also plan other training and events. If you are interested in working on the committee, just let me know. The National Conference is held every year in the summer and is an excellent opportunity to renew friendships and gain new ones. It also affords you the chance to absorb valuable training and stretch your legs in the micro-marathon "fun" run. I encourage all NA grads to get involved and not make your National Academy experience a one-time deal.

Until next time, be safe, stay warm and take care.

- Monica Yesh

Treasurer's Report

By Bob Young



Hope you all are having a wonderful New Year and surviving our Michigan winter. This also means it is 2014 dues time as well. You should have received information from National indicating payment options for your 2014 dues. FBINAA National no longer allows chapters to accept dues. Please pay dues directly to FBINAA National, either at <http://www.fbinna.org> with credit card or mail a check to the National office at 422 Garrisonville Road, Suite 103, Stafford, VA 22554. This is for both state and national dues. National reimburses the chapters their state dues.

The exception to this is those who wish to pay Michigan dues only that are \$15. Michigan Chapter dues can be paid on the Michigan Chapter website, <http://www.fbinaamichigan.org> by using credit card or send check into the Michigan Chapter at:

FBINAA Michigan Chapter
PO Box 481
Williamston, MI 48895-0481



Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at bob.young@williamston-mi.us or 517-655-4222. I look forward to seeing you at upcoming chapter events.



2014 Fall Training Conference

By Garth Burnside



The 2014 FBINAA Michigan Chapter Fall Training Conference will be held at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, MI on September 3-5, 2014. Your Chapter Curriculum Committee is working on another excellent lineup of guest speakers. If anyone has speaker ideas or topics they would like to see covered please email them to Garth Burnside at BurnsideG@Michigan.gov.

We are looking forward to a great conference this year which will include many networking opportunities. Please spread the word to NA graduates you have not seen at the Fall Training Conference and encourage them to become involved in the Michigan Chapter. Watch the FBINAA Michigan Chapter website (www.fbinaamichigan.org) for further information.

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Youth Leadership Program (YLP)

By: Neal Rossow



The Michigan Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates (FBINAA) has always been active in participating in the Youth Leadership Program offered at the FBI Academy. The Program is offered to qualified students (14 –16) who have demonstrated above average academic standards (3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale), as well as good citizenship. The youth has the opportunity to participate in an eight-day program of leadership development at the FBI Academy/DEA facilities in Quantico, Virginia.

This exciting program is offered through the cooperation of the FBI and DEA. Individual participants are selected and sponsored by the various state chapters of the FBINAA. The chapter pays transportation and student sponsorship fees. This year, participants will also be included from our sister organizations, including LEEDA, NEIA, and the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI. Further, the counselors and instructional staff for the program consist of National Academy graduates who are members of the FBINAA and select FBI Special Agent personnel. Guest lecturers in various professional disciplines also address the students.



Although the program is not limited to young persons interested in a future career in law enforcement, interested candidates should possess a desire to gain knowledge of the American system of criminal justice, police organization and function, criminal law, the structure and operation of our criminal courts, as well as leadership skills and personal development.

In the past, participants in the YLP from Michigan have had wonderful experiences during their participation in the program. Some have gone on to successful college careers including attending the United States Military Academy at West Point and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Every year, the student from Michigan attends the chapters fall luncheon and gives a presentation on their experience at the YLP.

Because of federal budget issues the 2013 YLP was cancelled. The Michigan Chapter of the FBINAA will be participating in the 2014 edition of the YLP. We are fortunate to announce we have two openings this year. The Executive Board has decided to reserve one position for the young person who was selected for last year's YLP to attend the 2014 class with the second position open. Hopefully, the YLP will continue in the future and allow young people from Michigan to participate.

The 2014 Youth Leadership Program is scheduled for June 18-26, 2014. Deadline for Application is March 15, 2014 Please contact Neal Rossow at nrossow@comcast.net for application information.

Good luck and stay safe.

Join us at Greektown Casino and Hotel for the 13th Annual Spring Training Luncheon

By Jason Wright



Greetings FBINNA members get ready to mark your calendar; the Michigan Chapter will be hosting its Spring Training Luncheon on Friday, April 25, 2014 at 11:30am at the Greektown Casino & Hotel located in Detroit, Michigan. Our guest speaker for the event will be announced soon so watch our website for details. We have a delicious menu planned for the event. As always, there is sure to be some social networking and our keynote speaker will provide an insightful message. All FBINAA members are encouraged to attend the event. Take advantage of a wonderful lunch, listen to a guest speaker, see some old friends and make some new contacts. Your chapter looks forward to seeing you there.



FBINAA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

By Jason Wright

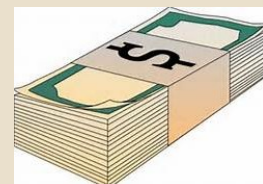
The FBINAA Michigan Chapter College Scholarship program for 2014 is now accepting applications. The scholarship program offers a scholarship award of \$2,500 for each individual eligible student who is selected for post-secondary education at an accredited college or university. A maximum of three (3) scholarships will be funded every year and awarded as follows: Freshman year \$250; sophomore year \$500; junior year \$750; senior year \$1500.

Only high school seniors are eligible to apply. The applicant has to be a son, daughter, step-child, or grandchild of an active FBINAA Michigan Chapter member. The following requirements must be maintained to continue to receive the scholarship for 4 years. The student must:

- * Attend school full time (a minimum of 12 credits).
- * Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- * The education must be continuous with the exception of summer break.

Students wishing to be considered must complete a nomination form from the website at www.fbinaamichigan.org. It must be postmarked no later than May 2, 2014 and mailed to:

City of Wayne Police Department
Attention: Chief Jason J. Wright
33701 E. Michigan Avenue
Wayne, Michigan 48184



The awards will be made no later than June 13, 2014. All applicants will be notified of results.

Persons with questions should contact Jason Wright at 734-721-1421 or jwright@ci.wayne.mi.us

Tony Berens says “So long!” by Chris Jahnke



Tony Berens has retired! Many of you know Tony through his work with the FBINA. He screened most of us, and despite his best effort, we still made it through.

Tony started in law enforcement in 1978, working full time for the Shawnee County Sheriff in Topeka, KS as a jail deputy before joining the Kansas Highway Patrol in 1980. As a Trooper he was assigned to the Topeka Troop 1 District for 5 years before joining the Bureau. Tony's initiation in to training started as a Crash Injury Management (EMT) instructor at the Training Center, gaining additional duties as a Certified Crash Reconstruction Expert (Northwestern University) and a Breath Alcohol Test Administrator.

In July 1985, Tony accepted an appointment to the FBI in Quantico and assigned to the Las Vegas office after graduation. While in Las Vegas, he joined the SWAT team and was one of 11 operators to rappel down the face of Hoover Dam! In October 1989, he received orders to the Detroit Office: as assigned to White Collar investigations. Two years later, he returned to Quantico for an additional 7 weeks to become a Technically Trained Agent. Tony continued on the Detroit SWAT team, and became a firearms and tactical/street survival instructor.

In November 1999, Tony was assigned as the Police Training/National Academy Coordinator for the office. He continued FBI's annual Police Sniper School that Lee Anderson had begun, and created an Advanced Sniper School for graduates of FBI's basic program. After attending several Chief's Association meetings, Tony learned that there was a need for advanced police management training in small departments, where the staff could not be gone for 10 weeks as in an NA assignment. After discussion with the FBINA Michigan Chapter Board and gaining their support, he and Bob Young visited Baltimore Division's LEEDS program and reviewed others throughout the country to ensure the best could be found in Michigan. The Michigan Police Executive Development Seminar was born shortly thereafter and has been a genuine success; a program to be emulated.

In October 2006, Tony was promoted to Supervisory Special Agent working with the Tech Squad, which consisted of Tech Agents, Information Technology Specialists (Computer Techs), Computer Analysis Response Team (Computer trained investigators) and Electronic Technicians; 33 in all to supervise. After 4 years, he was transferred to the Cyber Squad, where he supervised 13 Agents. After 10 months and a proposed transfer to another squad, he stepped down from supervision, returning to his first love of Tech work and back to the field as a Tech Agent.

In January 2013, he had the fortunate experience as an NA Counselor for Session 252, where he met 241 great individuals. When asked about this opportunity Tony said after 28 years he “finally learned the secret NA handshake”.

28 years later and it has all come to a conclusion, Tony plans on retiring to the Savannah, Georgia area where he will concentrate on his golf game, tennis, fishing, riding his motorcycle(s) while traveling around the world.



Tony, Thank you for everything you have done and please don't be a stranger to the FBINAA.

We wish you all the best!



RETIREEES CORNER

By: Pierre A. Fortier



The Michigan Chapter of the FBINAA would like to extend a congratulation to the members of class 256 selected to attend the NA Academy (January 19, 20014 thru March 28, 20014).

Captain John Berg

Sterling Heights P.D.

Under Sheriff Thomas Buckley

St. Clair County Sheriff

Detective Lieutenant James Christiansen

Muskegon County Sheriff

Lieutenant Daniel T. Keller

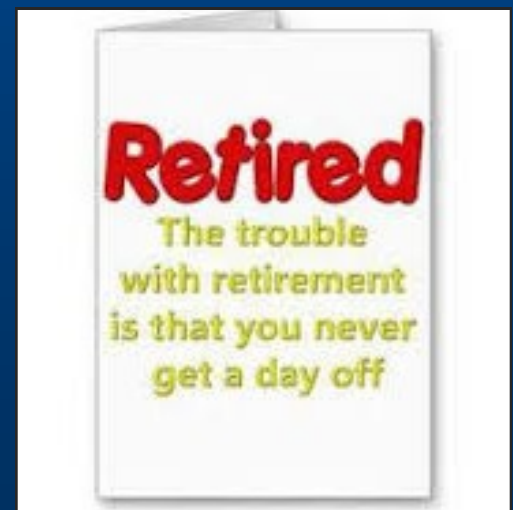
White Lake Township P.D.

First Lieutenant Kevin M. Sweeney

MSP Lakeview Post

The entire Executive Board wishes everyone a successful career. Please remember that you are part of a great family and participation in chapter events is strongly encouraged. Your networking opportunities do not stop at the NA Academy; it only opens the door to a larger group of like individuals with different problem solving strategies. So just don't hang that sheepskin on the wall—take advantage of all ventures that the Michigan Chapter has to offer upon your return.

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE SPRING LUNCHEON!



FBI National Academy Associates Michigan Chapter

2014 Golf Outing June 6th, 2014 By: Garth Burnside



The FBI National Academy Associates, Michigan Chapter, annual golf outing will take place on June 6th, 2014. Again this year, the day's events will begin with a continental breakfast at 7:30am with a shotgun start at 8:30am. Lunch will be provided at the turn with a BBQ dinner to accompany the awards ceremony.

Once again, our host will be the Links of Novi located at 50395 Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 48395. They have completed a remodeling of their clubhouse as well as upgrading other building amenities to make their events even more enjoyable.

This year, the cost will again be \$100 per golfer with the proceeds above our costs going towards the Chapters' college scholarship fund. This is an important endeavor and a way we can continue to support our youth and education.

Watch the FBINAA Michigan Chapter website for further information and registration forms. In addition, the Curriculum Committee would appreciate your help in securing hole sponsorships. The cost of sponsorship is \$100 and will include a sign provided on the course. It is our goal to have a sponsor for each hole. If you have any sponsors or questions please contact Garth Burnside at 734-260-5850.

Please join us as we spend the day enjoying a round of golf and a tremendous networking opportunity!



Driving Directions

From the East:

Take I-696 West to I-96 West. Exit at Beck Rd and go South to 10 Mile Rd. Turn right (west) onto 10 Mile Rd and drive 1 ¼ miles to the Links of Novi entrance on the left (south).

From the South:

Take I-275 North to I-96 West. Exit at Beck Rd and go South to 10 Mile Rd. Turn right (west) onto 10 Mile Rd and drive 1 ¼ miles to the Links of Novi entrance on the left (south).

From the West:

Take I-96 East, exit at Milford Rd and go South to 10 Mile Rd. Turn left (east) onto 10 Mile Rd and drive to the Links of Novi entrance on the right (south).

From the North:

Take US-23 South to I-96 East, exit at Milford Rd and go South to 10 Mile Rd. Turn left (east) onto 10 Mile Rd and drive to the Links of Novi entrance on the right (south).

2013 Fall Luncheon

By Jason Wright

On November 1, 2013, the Michigan Chapter of the FBINAA hosted its fall luncheon at the Polish Century Club located in Sterling Heights, Michigan. There were a total of 111 members and guests who attended and enjoyed a wonderful lunch, some networking and an uplifting message from the keynote speaker, Detroit Police Chief James Craig. Chief Craig spoke about facilitating change in the ranks of the Detroit Police Department to address violent crime across the city. Chief Craig discussed his sweeping changes in his command structure to provide his police officers with the proper leadership to effect the change. He highlighted his goals to lower crime, provide quicker response times to 911 priority calls and improving the solvability rate of homicides. His discussion was very refreshing. A special thank you goes to Chief Craig for taking the time to speak with our chapter.

Thank you to all the members and guests for attending and continuing to support the FBINAA Michigan Chapter. A thank you also goes to our Curriculum Committee for working so hard at making this event a success.



Chief James Craig & Monica Yesh



Detroit Police Chief James Craig



When do we eat?



Tom Lindberg & Ed Harris



NA members & guests socializing



Colleen Mott & Garth Burnside

2013 FALL LUNCHEON PHOTOS

