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Dear Members,

Summer has come and gone already and the cold weather is upon us. Personally, I can't stand hot weather, so I welcome fall and winter; however I am sure many of you would rather have summer last longer. Your Michigan Chapter has been very busy, and we have had many successes as a chapter this year. Our annual fall luncheon in Sterling Heights at the Century Banquet Center was well attended. We had 105 registered and several guests in attendance. The Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson was our keynote speaker, and she provided a passionate message concerning her efforts to safeguard our elections. Secretary Benson is very supportive of law enforcement and believes strongly in coordinated efforts with all of us. It was definitely refreshing to hear her message. We also heard from our 2019 Youth Leadership attendee, Joe Donnellon, what a great young man. He shared his experience from his attendance at the FBI National Academy this summer.

Our Fall Training Conference at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island in September of this year was second to none. The curriculum committee secured some excellent speakers who provided some valuable training. One of our guest speakers in particular was Dr. Javidi who brought us a different look into how stressors impact our leadership. Given his unique perspective and material, I expect to see Dr. Javidi some more in Michigan going forward. Several attendees approached me after the conference, and told me they wished they had seen Dr. Javidi's presentation 10 years ago, I agree with them.

We are already working on the 2020 Michigan Chapter Fall Training Conference. It will be at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island the Wednesday following Labor Day. If you have never attended the FBINAA Michigan Chapter Fall Training Conference, you should really think about adding it to your professional development conference list. The location is beautiful, the Grand Hotel has an old world feel, the food is exceptional, and we bring in outstanding guest speakers from all over the country. Our guest speakers have provided us with debriefings and lessons learned from some of the most horrific and tragic events encountered by law enforcement. You do not want to miss next year's conference.

Thank you to the membership for staying engaged and supporting the FBINAA Michigan Chapter. Michigan has a strong chapter who is committed to providing training and networking opportunities. Our next social event (Ice-Breaker) will be hosted at the 2020 MACP Conference in February in Grand Rapids at the GT Sports Lounge at the conference hotel. Hope to see you there, stay safe over the holiday season.

# \$\$\$ TREASURER'S REPORT By Monica Yesh

Hello, let me introduce myself, I am a graduate of the 216<sup>th</sup> session of the FBI National Academy (Yes, that makes me ancient)! I have been actively involved with the Michigan Chapter for about 15 years. As a matter of fact, this is my second go around as the chapter treasurer. If you have any questions about your dues, or one of our events from a financial perspective, don't hesitate to ask me. My email address is [myesh@tiasafety.us](mailto:myesh@tiasafety.us) I retired from the Michigan State Police November 1, 2018. I can't believe how fast time goes. I am now working as the Chief Operating Officer for the Transportation Improvement Association in Troy.

When you pay your National Dues every year, you also pay \$15.00 for the Michigan Chapter dues. The cost of being a member of the Michigan Chapter is pretty nominal, for the amount of events we offer. We haven't raised our state's dues in a number of years, and it doesn't appear we will need to this year either. Your treasury account is healthy and strong. I believe the executive board and curriculum committee work hard to keep your costs down and still provide quality training and networking opportunities. I encourage you to continue paying your dues and get active in the chapter, after graduating from the National Academy. One of the wonderful things we do is give out 3 new college scholarships a year for a total of 12 scholarships a year. The scholarship is a 4 year award with \$500.00 given the freshmen and sophomore years, \$750.00 - junior year, and \$1000.00 - senior year. We believe that providing this opportunity to our member's family is a way to give back to our community and our membership. We are trying to make sure we will always have money in our reserves to pay for these scholarships. Our annual golf outing is our fundraiser for the scholarship and any profit is set aside for it.

In closing, I will continue to be the fall conference liaison as well as the treasurer for 2020, if you have any questions on either of them let me know. I look forward to serving you this upcoming year.

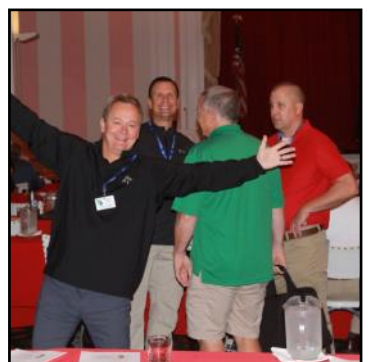
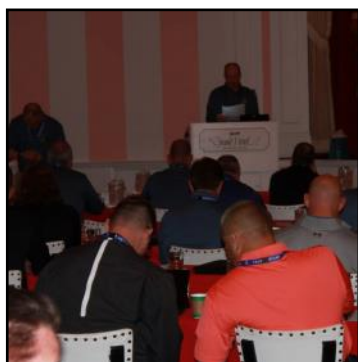
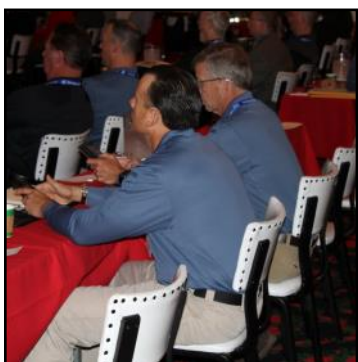
## Michigan Police Executive Development Seminar

The 18th session of Michigan Police Executive Development Seminar (MPEDS) was held in September at Garland Resort, in Lewiston, MI. MPEDS provides a quality, cost effective, training opportunity, at an excellent venue, with great team building and networking opportunities. This year included classes on Improvised Explosive Devices, Grant Writing, media relations, Terrorism, task force investigations, cell phone tracking, executive leadership, and corruption. This one week of training is provided for \$995 including meals & lodging. This year's program was attended by 43 students from around the state. Next year's class is September 20 - 25, 2020, registration is open, applications are on our website [www.fbinaamichigan.org](http://www.fbinaamichigan.org) . Class size is limited and fills quickly.

# 2019 FBINAA Michigan Chapter Fall Training Conference

The 2019 FBINAA Michigan Chapter Fall Training Conference was held September 4<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful Grand Hotel on historic Mackinac Island. An outstanding group of speakers filled the agenda and made for one of the best conferences to date. This year's conference topics included tools, tactics and preparation for active shooter events and how to be an effective leader in the midst of great stress. Thursday morning kicked off with a presentation by Chief Clyde Parry of the Coral Springs, Florida Police Department. Chief Parry presented his Department's response to and the circumstances surrounding the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Shooting on February 14, 2018. The presentation included a play-by-play timeline description of the events of that day with very frank and honest commentary on both the successes and mistakes made, while resolving the incident. On Thursday afternoon, we heard from Gary Sikorski, retired Police Deputy Chief from the City of Westland and current Director of Community-Wide Security for the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit. Director Sikorski's presentation also focused on the importance of school safety and security but presented a contrast in approach between the private and public sector. Simply put, being more proactive versus being more reactive. Director Sikorski shared his experiences during a recent trip to Israel where he observed and participated in Israeli Military Industries training with a contingent of other Jewish Federation security personnel. While much of what he talked about is sensitive and not suitable for print, he emphasized the importance of training, target hardening and response capacity. On Thursday evening, we were treated to comedian Mark Knope as our Formal Dinner speaker. Mark provided a mostly family-friendly presentation of lighthearted stories and humor. The best of which entailed several minutes of banter between him and our chapter president, Jason Wright. On Friday morning, we closed out the conference with our final speaker, Dr. Mitch Javidi from the National Command & Staff College. Dr. Javidi provided us with a very basic introduction to neuroscience and explained how our reaction to what happens in life and on the job can affect our overall health. Dr. Javidi offered many strategies we can apply in daily life that will help us to more positively and appropriately react to the various crises and negativity we face from time to time. Making these strategies a way of life will also make us better leaders. Twenty-one vendors and five sponsors, proudly hosted by the FBINAA Michigan Chapter, shared information on the latest trends in equipment, software, and uniforms. As always, hospitality rooms were available for attendees, which made for excellent networking opportunities among various agencies. The Curriculum Committee would like to thank all of the speakers for attending the conference and sharing their stories and expertise. We were proud to host one hundred twelve members at this year's conference (along with forty-six guests), and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year at the Grand Hotel!







# 2019 FBINAA Fall Conference Golf Outing

The FBINNA Michigan Chapter's Fall Conference Golf Outing was held on September 4, 2019, at the beautiful Jewel Golf Course on Mackinac Island. We had an excellent turnout this year with many new participants. The weather for this year's outing was perfect golf weather. Cooler temperatures in the morning made way for a sunny 66 degrees by mid-day. The weather allowed for golfers to experience the exceptional views of the island that are available on both the front and back nine. There were several slight renovations to the front nine this year that added additional challenges for the golfers. The winners of this year's outing finishing with a score of 5 under 62 was Rudy Varela, Mark Engstrom and Matt Brumm. Each of the winners received gift cards to Dick's Sporting Goods. As is tradition, the last place team is recognized for their effort and determination. This year's last place team with a 5 over 72 was David Malloy, Cheryl Malloy and Eric Zinser. Each received a dozen golf balls with hopes of improving for next year. Other award winners included Matt Brumm with the men's longest drive and Larry Dyess with the men's closest to the pin. This year there were no winners for the women's longest drive and closest to the pin. The Executive Board as well as the Curriculum Committee would like to thank everyone for their participation in this year's event. The fall conference golf outing is a great way to kick off the conference and this year's outing was no exception.



# Youth Leadership Program

by Gregory M. Laurain

The Michigan Chapter of the FBI National Academy 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 have the opportunity to participate in an eight-day program of leadership development at the FBI Academy/DEA facilities in Quantico, Virginia.

These student's are well-rounded incoming high school sophomores and juniors selected from across the U.S. and from as far away as Canada, Scotland, and Australia. They earned spots in the program based on their academic achievements, leadership abilities, involvement in school and community activities and an interview with members of this Chapters Executive Board.

Every year, the student from Michigan attends the chapters fall luncheon and gives a presentation on their experience at the Youth Leadership Program.

At the Fall Training Luncheon this year, we heard from Joseph Donnellon who was selected by our Executive Board to represent our Chapter in this years Youth Leadership Program.



Joe is a junior at Yale High School and the 16-year-old son of Amy, an English Teacher at St. Clair County Intervention Academy, and Tim, who is the Sherriff of St. Clair County.

He expressed his gratitude and thanked the Chapter for selecting him to attend the 21st Session of the Youth Leadership Program and represent Michigan. During the one-week period he was there, he was exposed to many different cultures, made life long friendships and learned much more than he expected.

Joseph learned not only how to be a better leader, but also how to be a better person and member of his community. Everyday brought new experiences, new knowledge, and new opportunities for him to learn and develop.

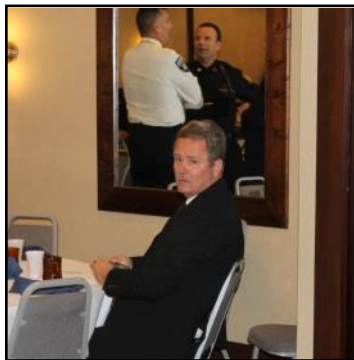
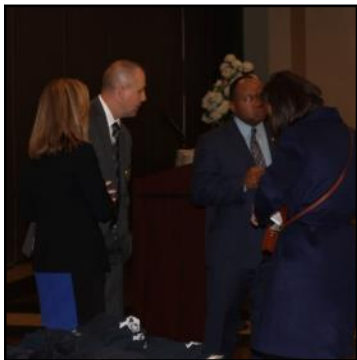
A significant lesson of YLP was that a leader was many things, someone who shows humility, compassion and integrity; someone who takes charge and does a task while motivating others to accomplish a goal through initiation and action.

# FBINA Fall Luncheon, November 1, 2019

Joseph Donnellon and Jocelyn Benson were the guest speakers for the luncheon this year. Joseph is currently a senior in high school and was able to attend the Youth Leadership Academy this past summer. He highlighted his experiences while at the training and was very appreciative that he was able to attend. Jocelyn Benson is the 43rd Secretary of State (SOS) for Michigan. We learned that she has a very extensive background, including being a graduate of Harvard Law School. She was also the head of Military Spouses of Michigan, and expressed gratitude for all military and law enforcement personnel. She talked about how her focus is on public service and a partnership between the SOS and law enforcement. She explained that one of her roles is to ensure the safeguard of security of elections and the democratic process. She is working to open access so all those that are eligible to vote are able to vote and that we can trust the result of all elections. She advised that a big concern is that there are some that would want to disrupt elections and undermine the process. She went on to say that a partnership with Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Bureau of Investigations is key for election security. She expressed that there are three areas of vulnerability: The data – the information collected must be accurate, correct, and safe. The voting equipment – whether electronic or paper, they must audit the results to assure the data is accurate and has not been manipulated. The transmission of the data to a central counting board – we must be mindful of how the information gets shared and protect the data that comes in from all machines to the central point. They plan to combat any issues by communicating with voters to assure the information that is received is correct. They have also developed a security task force made up of a mix of different agencies to work to protect the information not only at the state and federal levels, but at the local levels as well. She concluded by reiterating how important a team effort will be moving forward to assure the election process is safe, secure, and provides accurate results.



# FBINA Fall Luncheon, November 1, 2019



# Welcome to our newest members!



Session 277

Deputy Chief Ricard Roberts, Commander Mark Bliss, Captain Mark Meyers, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Detrich Speights, Lieutenant Melissa McClellan and Sergeant Kristine Khoury



Session 278

Chief Robert Toth, Captain Chad Tolstedt, Captain Kurt Worboys, Captain Mathew King, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant John Grimshaw Jr., and Lieutenant Matthew Berchert

# Retiree's Corner

By John Courie

## CONNECT TO OUR APP AND UPDATE YOUR PROFILE

As of January 1, 2020 it will be that time of year again to pay our annual membership dues. Our Michigan by-laws state: "The treasurer shall cause an annual dues/member verification notice to be sent to all members. If dues/member verification is not received by the treasurer by January 31st of the fiscal year the member shall be removed from the active roles."

While you are still graduates of the FBINA you are removed from the rolls of the association. You will no longer be a member of the FBINAA. At that time I get a list of former members who did not pay their dues and were removed. I start calling and emailing them and find that none of them wanted to be dropped from the rolls and I help them to get reinstated.

It would be a lot easier if upon receipt of the dues notice, either you or your executive assistant pay the dues as follows:

FBINAA national no longer allows local chapters to accept dues.

Please pay dues directly to FBINAA national at, <http://www.fbinaa.org>, with credit card or mail a check to

FBINAA  
FBI Academy  
Building 8-102  
Quantico, VA 22135

This is for both state and national dues. National reimburses the chapters their state dues. National dues are \$90 for active & \$45 for retired members. Michigan dues are \$15. If you have any questions or problems with the national site, please contact Ms. Jennifer Watson at 703-632-1944 or [JWatson@FBINAA.org](mailto:JWatson@FBINAA.org).

If you need my help I can be reached at Schoolcraft College 734-462-4318 or at [jcourie@schoolcraft.edu](mailto:jcourie@schoolcraft.edu).

*Wishing you*  
A HAPPY  
Holiday Season

