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Hello Members,

Thank you for your support during the last two years. It was an honor for me to be the President of the FBINAA Michigan Chapter. One of my goals was to keep each of you well informed through email, and I hope you feel I accomplished that during my term. We definitely have a strong, active chapter. Our membership strength has been achieved through all of you who continue to participate in our trainings, luncheons, ice-breakers and golf outings over the years.

I was able to travel back to the Academy in Quantico twice during my term to attend Chapter Officer meetings with all of the other state chapters, and what I saw and learned is that the Michigan Chapter is leading the way in how it develops and delivers its annual fall training conference. We are finding the most relevant topics and speakers and bringing them to Michigan from all over the country. I was proud to share our successes and strategies with the other state chapter officers.

Our curriculum committee has been the driving force and deserves the credit for building our robust training. First and foremost, I want to thank the curriculum committee personally for their hard work, loyalty and commitment to the Chapter. Secondly, I also want to thank the executive board for their support and leadership. I consider myself very fortunate to have been able to serve alongside the curriculum committee members and the executive board.

This year (2020) was challenging to say the least; however, we survived it all in spite of canceling our spring luncheon, golf outing, MPED's and our fall luncheon due to COVID. We continued to provide support to our College Scholarship Program, and we were able to award three scholarships this year. We even increased the monetary award amount from \$2,500 to \$2,750. Our Chapter By-Laws had not been amended or updated since September 2010, and we got this task done at our annual business meeting on Mackinac Island this year. Your executive board also saw the need to meet with our Edward Jones investment agent back in February, and we changed our investment strategy which resulted in less fees and better financial gains. It is the executive boards ambition to be able to fund the college scholarship program to a point that it becomes self-funded.

The COVID crisis ultimately canceled the FBINAA National Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana this year back in July; however amazingly enough the Michigan Chapter found a way to host its annual Fall Training Conference on Mackinac Island in September. Things came together for the Michigan Chapter, due to patience and perseverance.

I look forward to my final role as Past President and advisor to the executive board. The Chapter is in good hands with in-coming President Greg Laurain. He is a strong leader who will continue to move the Chapter forward in a proactive manner. I consider myself truly blessed to be surrounded by so many exceptional law enforcement leaders whom I consider my friends. Stay safe and always remember our purpose and mission, especially during the troubling times.

2020 FBINAA Michigan Chapter Fall Training Conference

The 2020 FBINAA Michigan Chapter Fall Training Conference was held September 9th-11th at the beautiful Grand Hotel on historic Mackinac Island. An outstanding group of speakers filled the agenda and made for one of the best speaker lineups to date. This year's conference topics included guidance on mental health calls, practical tips for working with the media, Use of Force updates as it applies to crowd control, a great inside look at how Detroit PD worked through COVID-19 and civil unrest during 2020, and finally a very informative presentation on how departments can best handle line of duty deaths for both the department and the family of the fallen officer.

Thursday morning kicked off with a presentation by Lt. Dave Pearson of the Fort Collins, Colorado Police Department. Lt. Pearson presented the complexities of responding to armed suicidal subjects. He contrasted the paradigm shift in the old way of sending SWAT in to take a subject into custody, with the idea that perhaps officers should simply clear the scene in some cases. Lt. Pearson offered a toolbox of concepts and legal information for officers to reference when responding to these types of calls for service.

Later Thursday morning, we heard from Fox 2 Detroit's very own Charlie Langton. Mr. Langton spoke about the speed by which news travels in the age of social media and the internet. When it comes to high profile law enforcement situations, he explained that it's critical for police agencies to get the facts out in a speedy manner to prevent the story or narrative from being mischaracterized or presented completely opposite of the truth. Mr. Langton stressed that this is especially important regarding incidents that reflect or stem from current protests against law enforcement. It should also be noted that Mr. Langton taped a Let It Rip segment with four conference attendees. The segment focused on the Defund the Police movement and aired two days later. Panelists included: Captain Ron Taig of the Livonia PD, Deputy Chief Mark Coyle of the Shelby Township PD, Chief of Operations Mike Jaffer from the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, and Chief Al Cox of the Plymouth PD.

On Thursday afternoon, we heard from attorney Eric Daigle of the Daigle Law Firm. Mr. Daigle is a former Connecticut State Trooper, who's law firm currently represents and defends law enforcement officers in civil litigation. He has a unique perspective as he is truly able to understand what an officer is experiencing when taking enforcement action. Mr. Daigle provided a Use of Force update as it relates to 1st Amendment and crowd control situations. He presented several court cases in a way that was engaging and understandable. With a heavy emphasis on proper policy and training, he provided a roadmap for officers to ensure that they stay on the right side of all use of force situations.

On Friday morning, we started out with a virtual Zoom presentation by Chief James Craig of the Detroit Police Department. Chief Craig spoke about DPD's experience in coping with so many officers, including himself, becoming infected with COVID-19 during the initial outbreak. He also spoke at length about the nightly protests that have continued in Detroit since the death of George Floyd. Chief Craig credited his officers and their handling of the protests with the reason why Detroit has not been plagued with the overwhelming violence and property destruction that we've seen in other places. He advised that he based his strategy for dealing with the protests directly on his experience as a Los An

geles PD command officer on the ground during the '92 L.A. Riots. He remembered the disaster that resulted from a lack of preparation and a retreat by the LAPD and determined that Detroit PD was not going to retreat.

Closing the conference out on Friday morning, we were fortunate to hear from Chief Curtis Caid of the Livonia Police Department. Chief Caid addressed the difficult topic of handling a line of duty death within one's department. He shared his own experience of losing Larry Nehasil who was not only an outstanding decorated Livonia police officer, but who was also his brother-in-law. Chief Caid presented not only the significant logistics that come into play in preparing for an officer's funeral, but also the department's assistance to the family from the moment of notification and beyond. He also emphasized the need to ensure that members of the department are cared for as they cope with the loss. Chief Caid provided several handouts that included information about the many benefits that are available to the family of fallen officers through the federal government and other organizations.

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 thirty-five vendors, seventy-six members, and thirty-seven guests at this year's conference and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year at the Grand Hotel!

\$\$\$ TREASURER'S REPORT By Dan Keller

Happy Fall everyone!

I am looking forward to serving as your new treasurer. To that end, I'd like to make a suggestion for your year-end tax deductions. Did you know that you can donate to the FBINAA Michigan Chapter?

Our chapter is a non-profit corporation under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This makes your donation tax deductible and you will be given a receipt for tax purposes. Your donations are extremely important as they go toward the \$8,250 in college scholarships awarded each year.

If you would like to donate, please send to:

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Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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I look forward to seeing you at future events,

Dan

2020 FBINAA Fall Conference Golf Outing

The FBINAA Michigan Chapter's Fall Conference Golf Outing was held on September 9, 2020, at the beautiful Jewel Golf Course on Mackinaw Island. For many of us, Covid-19 has greatly impacted the last several months in many ways. It was great for all the participants to get together and share the importance of friendship and laughter, even for just a couple of hours.

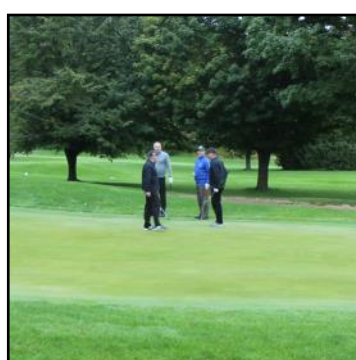
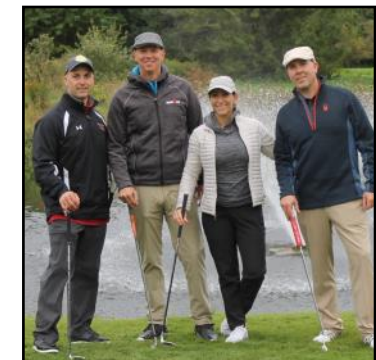
The weather for this year's outing was cool and cloudy with the threat of rain. Cooler temperatures in the morning made way for a cloudy 54 degrees by mid-day. Fortunately, the rain held off long enough for the participants to finish the round. Even with the sub-par weather, golfers were able to experience the exceptional views of the island that are available on both the front and back nine. The horse and carriage ride to the back nine, everyone's favorite part of the round, was even more exciting this year with the larger than ever included box lunch.

With the adjusted format this year, participants would be playing for only one prize. Gone were the long drive, closest to the pin and last place prizes for 2020. This meant everyone would be playing for the coveted prize of the first-place team. Looking back into the history of this event, there could not have been a day where so many story lines were developing on the course throughout the day. Great shots, cheers and even some poor shots were seen and heard on the course. After a long day of competition, three teams finished at 3 under par at the end of regulation.

One of the biggest storylines of the day transpired on hole #7. Hole #7 is a 235-yard par 3 with an elevated tee box and water to the left of the green. It is the #1 handicap hole on the course. John Leacher pulled his shot left off the tee and struck Gary Mayer who just completed the hole. Gary was not hurt as a result but the shot would change history as we know it. It was at this time that John Leacher's team pulled together and put their own egos aside, vowing to play the remaining round for Gary Mayer. It was also agreed that if they won, the first-place prize would be given to Gary. On the same hole, Al Cox chipped in from just off the green for a birdie to secure the first ever win for Team Leacher, DeGiusti, Maciag and Cox. At the conference dinner, Alan Maciag presented Gary Mayer with the first place prize of 4 dozen Titleist Pro V1 golf balls. Gary in turn presented John Leacher with a dozen of the golf balls and the message that he will need the golf balls to work on his golf game. Many laughs were had by all.

The executive committee as well and 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.







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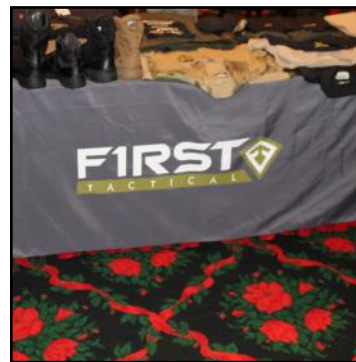
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- 2014- Post Ferguson
- What did we learn?
- How do we use those lessons for good?
- **Limit knee jerk reactions**
 - Changing standards not the answer
 - Supervision to Pol Training Essential
- **SCOTUS Standards**
 - *White v. Pauly*, 580 U.S. ____ (2017)
 - *Voisine v. Louisiana* (2018) - **Who** should not be defined at a high level of generality.
 - *Kiseria v. Hughes*, 584 U.S. ____ (2018)
 - *City of Escondido v. Emmons* (01/2019)

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