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MESSAGE FROM SPIAA PRESIDENT LT. ALAN BLEDSOE

Spartanburg Police Department, Spartanburg, South Carolina

Many of you are already aware that the SPI Alumni Association is trying again for a quarterly newsletter. We are hoping the newsletter gets well read and encourages communication from members to share with other members.

Additionally, many of you have already seen the updated Past Presidents webpage. With major photo and article contributions from Ron Cook, Patrick Swift, Mike Chiuchiolo, Lynn Rorer and Dick Ortiz, we are honoring our past Presidents by capturing their photos and a few articles for history.

The Alumni Association is an organization of which I am proud to be President. It instills me with even more pride to join the illustrious ranks of SPIAA Presidents. Because of Covid-19, my term has been extended through 2021 making my 2-year term as President and the Board's 2-year terms, a novelty for the Association.

Let's keep up interest in the Newsletter. Submit photos and articles whenever you can. We are interested in our members and your personal and work activities. Feel free to send photos and news to the Editors. And check the website for current updates, <https://spiaa.org>.

Stay Safe! See you in Spartanburg, SC in 2021!

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS SPIAA QUARTERLY

We are pleased to re-introduce the SPIAA Quarterly Newsletter and hope it becomes one of your prized reading materials. We look forward to receiving your news and articles to share, whether on successes in policing models, personal information we can share with our members, such as retirements, promotions, deaths, vacations, and similar news. We would like to highlight a member each quarter, provide information from the SPI, acknowledge the AOC classes and more. We are excited about this endeavor and will enjoy re-activating this publication. Let's keep in touch. Contact us.

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Honoring our Presidents



**1st President
SPIAA
Frank H. Gravitt
1951-52**

Deceased

September 3, 1916 – April 12, 1995

The SPI Alumni Association

One of the most significant assets of the Southern Police Institute is the Southern Police Institute Alumni Association. Created during 1951 by graduates, the association has grown into one of the most active alumni groups at the University of Louisville.

Past Presidents Ron Cook, Patrick Swift and Mike Chiuchiolo, and AOC graduates Lynn Rorer and Dick Ortiz, worked diligently on obtaining photos and articles on our past Presidents. Special thanks to the Fort Lauderdale Police Department for providing photos of Robert Johnston and James Carrie. Also to the Martinsville Virginia Police Department for providing a photo of Floyd Bowman. If you have a photo of better quality which can replace the one currently in use, please send to the Webmaster, Carol Paterick, carolpaterick@gmail.com.

The full display is at the website page at <https://spiaa.org/presidents>.



2nd President
J. V. Rawlings
1952-53



3rd President
Jacob C. Goodman, Jr.
1953-54
[Deceased April 1995](#)



4th President
F. M. Bowman, Jr.
1954-55



5th President
David A. Espie, Jr.
1955-56



34th President
Ronald W. Cook, Sr.
1984-85



35th President
Michael A. Chuchiolo
1985-86



36th President
Charles J. Fisher
1986-87



37th President
Denny Bueno
1987-88

[Wife Barbara Bueno Deceased September 2019](#)



6th President
Arthur K. Ratz
1956-57



7th President
Hubert J. Bodeaux
1957-58



8th President
Sterling Simonds
1958-59



9th President
Teddy D. Cain
1959-60
[Deceased December 2009](#)



38th President
C. Michael Moulton
1988-89



39th President
Jefferson R. Warren, Jr.
1989-90



40th President
Danny Andrews
1990-91



41st President
G. Thomas Arnold
1991-92



10th President
Walter L. Allen
1960-61



11th President
William P. McCarthy
1961-62



12th President
Paul B. Calhoun
1962-63
[Deceased January 2002](#)



13th President
Robert W. Johnston
1963-64



42nd President
Jerry E. Golden
1992-93
[Deceased April 2018](#)



43rd President
Richard J. Gardell
1993-1994



44th President
Ramon L. Wilson
1994-95
[Deceased February 2014](#)



45th President
Glen M. Mowrey
1995-96



14th President
James B. Stegall
1964-65
[Deceased August 2009](#)



15th President
Bert W. Hawkins
1965-66
[Deceased January 1985](#)



16th President
J. Robert Gore, Jr.
1966-67
[Deceased August 1990](#)



17th President
James W. Carrie
1967-68



46th President
Ken Paul
1997-97



47th President
Henry R. Levenson
1997-98



48th President
Joan Penick
1998-99



49th President
John Carroll
1999-2000

18th President
H. J. Putman, Jr.
1968-69



19th President
Walter A. "Sticky" Burch
1969-70
[Walter Turns 100 \(2018\)](#)



20th President
Lewis F. Blenard
1970-71
[Deceased November 1990](#)



21st President
Henry Bergfeld
1971-72
[Deceased September 1979](#)



54th President
Bobby G. Ratliff
2004-05



55th President
Gary T. Crump
2005-06



56th President
Colleen Luna
2006-07



57th President
Kevin G. Collins
2007-08



22nd President
George Fender
1972-73
[Deceased July 2003](#)



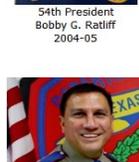
23rd President
D. Jim Phillips
1973-74
[Deceased February 2019](#)



24th President
John W. Rohal
1974-75



25th President
Robert Strange
1975-76



58th President
John Rodriguez
2004-05



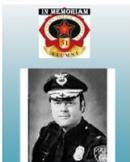
59th President
Mary V. Olsen
2005-06



60th President
Patrick W. Swift
2010-11



61st President
J. Scott Blakely
2011-12



26th President
C. Ronald Thornton
1976-77
[Deceased December 2014](#)



27th President
Rubeen S. Garcia, Sr.
1977-78
[Deceased December 2014](#)



28th President
Paul H. Useiton, Jr.
1978-79
[Deceased June 2020](#)



29th President
Harlan E. Tull, Jr.
1979-80



62nd President
Robert L. Rollins
2012-13



63rd President
Andrew Ross
2013-14



64th President
Todd A. Vinger
2014-15



65th President
Chris Summers
2015-16



30th President
James L. Black
1980-81
[Deceased December 2014](#)



31st President
Robert W. Steele
1981-82
[Deceased December 2004](#)



32nd President
William C. Long
1982-83



33rd President
Eugene C. Brooks
1983-84
[Deceased November 1998](#)
[Maj Brooke's Son Graduates SFI](#)



66th President
Phil Webster
2016-17



67th President
Shon Barnes
2017-18



68th President
Keith Kirchoff
2018-19



69th President
Alan Bledsoe
2019-20



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Highlighting the 34th President of SPIAA

Agent Ronald W. Cook, Sr., 45th AOC
South Carolina Law Enforcement Division
34th SPIAA President, 1984-1985



I attended AOC#45, the youngest and least experienced in the class. During those three and half months, my exposure to the SPI Staff and my classmates influenced the remainder of my life.

I was fresh out of the US Army and had a couple years walking a beat with our local Police Department. One of the reasons I sought attendance at the SPI was recognizing it as an educational asset to rise above a career of walking a beat and working undercover. My exposure while at SPI convinced me "education and training" were the key to career development. I have never ceased my quest for education and training.

I also learned the art of networking, through my fellow classmates, which has been one of my strongest assets in my career. The contacts I developed at SPI, then and later in the 1st AAOC and numerous seminars, gave me a valuable resource for crime and problem solving. I knew help was as close as a telephone call. I quickly became the "go to guy" for out of state resources.

I became involved in the SPIAA upon graduating, becoming the 34 President and hosting the SPIAA 34th Annual Training Conference held at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. I continued my involvement in the SPI and SPIAA, attending all of the mixers, graduations and conferences for many years. I became friends with all the Directors and staff members, and knew that they were a phone call to graduates in other areas.

I am now fully retired. 40 years law enforcement coinciding with 30 years military (7years active, 24 years National Guard), a second career with The Nationwide Financial, Special Investigations Unit, and another 7 years as Director of Enforcement, SC Labor, Licensing and Regulatory Agency.

I now use my investigative and management background to pursue a full-time hobby in genealogy, specializing in deceased law enforcement personnel and their ancestors especially those killed in the line of duty. My son is a Trooper with the South Carolina Highway Patrol, which inspired me to do the 51 Troopers killed in the line of duty. I have added a large number of SPI graduates and Past Presidents to the Virtual Cemetery, as well as officers killed in the line of duty in other areas.

I am presently working on the genealogy of the Former Sheriffs in Lexington County, SC, and the former Chiefs of Police in West Columbia, South Carolina, in addition to working on the website, locating and memorializing the Past Presidents and Board Members of SPIAA. I am also one of the Editors of the SPIAA Quarterly Newsletter just launched in October.



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Father and Son SPI Graduates



EUGENE C. BROOKS
33rd President SPIAA
1983-84
November 3, 1998

Major Eugene C. Brooks, 60, retired major of the Chesapeake Police Department, died Tuesday, Nov. 3, 1998, in a Norfolk hospital. Mr. Brooks was born in Washington, N.C., and was the son of the late Ervin P. and Ollie Guthrie Brooks. He served with the Chesapeake Police Department for 30 years. He attended Old Dominion University and received his master's degree from Nova University in Florida. He was a graduate of the Southern Police Institute, University of Louisville in Louisville, Ky., and was a past national president of the Southern Police Institute Alumni Association. Mr. Brooks was a member of the Virginia Police Chiefs' Association and the Fraternal Order of Police, and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

go into law enforcement. He longed to follow in the footsteps of his father, who retired from the Chesapeake Police Department, since he was a boy. "I always knew it was what I was going to do," Brooks said.

He began working for the Suffolk Police Department as a patrol officer 19 years ago, after time spent in the military police and the Portsmouth sheriff's office.

He has since worked his way up to captain, helping supervise all the administrative functions of the Suffolk Police Department. But he also had another lifelong goal, also in emulation of his father — to graduate from the Southern Police Institute.

He achieved that earlier this month, when he was among 40 law enforcement officers who graduated from the 125th session of the rigorous program at the University of Louisville.

Brooks came to the Suffolk Police Department on the recommendation of his father, Eugene Brooks.

"My dad said this is the place to go," he said. "Obviously, he was right."

Besides his desire to continue serving in the same way as his father, Brooks said he chose law enforcement because he could make a difference.

"How else can you really make an impact," he said. "What else can you do that affects so many people? I really think it's a very noble profession."

Brooks grew up hearing about the Southern Police Institute and how it had affected the career of his father, who died about 10 years ago. The elder Brooks had attended the 48th session of the course.

"Family vacations were the annual SPI retraining conferences," Brooks said. "It was my biggest lifelong goal to be able to attend SPI."

When his father died, Brooks took possession of his father's SPI ring, but wouldn't wear it until he graduated from the course himself.



CAPTAIN JOHN BROOKS
Honors Father Major Eugene C. Brooks
Brooks graduates from Southern Police Institute
By [Tracy Agnew](#)

Published Suffolk News Herald
10:06 pm Monday, May 23, 2011

Suffolk Police Capt. John Brooks recently graduated from the Southern Police Institute. Attending the rigorous 14-week school was a lifelong goal for him, as his father also was a graduate of the course.

Suffolk Police Capt. John Brooks always wanted to



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The Administrative Officers Course is part of the Department of Justice Administration in the College of Arts and Sciences at the university. The course offers law enforcement officers the chance to gain instruction in law enforcement issues, problem-solving and administrative law. "You're looking at the best practices of agencies across the country," Brooks said. "They face a lot of the same problems we do. You kind of take the best of all of it and bring it back."

Brooks called the course "the most challenging thing I've ever done in my life." It was 14 weeks of nearly-nonstop work, which included a 40-page research paper and several smaller papers. He also had to contend with the difficulty of being away from his family — wife Tayloe and children Ryan, Laura and Cameron.

But there were some fun moments, like the trip to the Kentucky Derby and the tour of the Louisville Slugger manufacturing facility.

Brooks said he is glad to be back in Suffolk and able to apply the lessons he learned at the institute.

"I really want to thank Chief Bennett for giving me the opportunity," Brooks said.

Brooks' tuition for the school was paid by a scholarship from the Virginia Alumni Association of SPI. He has since enrolled in the University of Louisville to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in leadership and organizational development.

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Contact carolpaterick@gmail.com if you need assistance.

Southern Police Institute 144th AOC

Congratulations to the class officers for the 144th AOC. Elections were held on August 26th and SPI is proud to announce the group that are representing their class members this semester. They are already getting organized and taking their positions seriously in making this fall a productive and enjoyable time for all class members in spite of COVID restrictions.

President – Sgt. Amelia Galicia (third from right) - Washoe County Sheriff's Office, NV

Vice Pres. – Capt. Curtis H. Cheeks III (center) - High Point Police Department, NC

Chaplain – Capt. Gregory J. Jones (second from left) - Covington Police Department, KY

Sgt-at-Arms – Sgt. Jai Etwaroo (third from left) - Baltimore Police Department, MD

Secretary – Sgt. William P. Johnson, Jr. (second from right) - Sandy Spring Police Department, GA

Treasurer – Lt. Hideki Coulter (far left) - Forsyth County Sheriff's Office, GA

Historian – Capt. Mary Lynn Smith (far right) - Russellville Police Department, KY





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PAUL HERMAN USELTON, JR.
December 18, 1928 – June 6, 2020
28th President SPIAA (1978-79)
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JAMES LOUIS BLACK
30th President SPIAA
1980-81
February 21, 1927 –
June 14, 2016
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ARTHUR LEWIS "BUD" YEA
45th AOC Vermont State
Police
December 6, 1929 – May 13,
1983
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CLARENCE RONALD "RONNIE" THORNTON
26th President SPIAA 1976-77
August 13, 1944 – December 21, 2014
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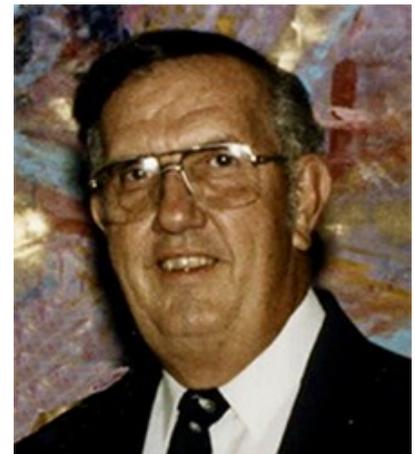
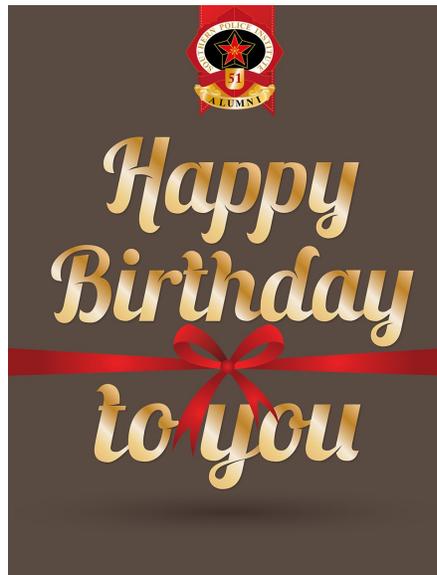


RUBEN S. GARCIA, SR.
27th President SPIAA 1977-
78
1927 – 2014
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We appreciate learning when a member is deceased. Please let us know so we can honor their memory and share the news with other members. Send the information to the Editors even if only a link to an online article. Our recent entries are on the website at <https://spiaa.org/in-memoriam/>



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Professor B. Edward Campbell turned 94 on September 14, 2020.

The photo is Professor Campbell sitting outside Westport Place - his new home - enjoying the fresh air and beautiful Derby Day weather.

If you would like to send a card or wish:
B. Edward Campbell, 4247 Westport Place, Room 315, Louisville, KY 40207.

Past President Charles J. Fisher, 36th President, 1986-87, turned 94.

Past President Charlie Fisher and his wife just celebrated his 94th birthday at their home in Tampa, Florida. Charlie and his wife are very much alert although he uses a walker and she uses a wheelchair.

If you would like to send a card or a note, President Fisher's address is 13926 Cherry Creek Drive, Tampa, Florida 33618.



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IN THE BEGINNING

Let's take a look back at 1951 when it all started! Click the graphic for a larger display in PDF format.

The Courier-Journal (Louisville, Kentucky) · 18 Mar 1951, Sun · Page 20

Police Institute Students Become 'Alumni' Well Before Graduation

Lexington Officer To Head Group

Jumping the gun on their graduation, which is set for Friday, students at the Southern Police Institute already have formed an alumni association.

"I didn't know a thing about it," said the pleased institute director, David McCandless. "I knew something was going on, but I didn't know what."

The president of the organization of the 22 graduates—assuming all graduate—is Capt. Frank H. Gravitt of the Lexington Police Department. Elected vice-president was Capt. E. E. Williams, Chattanooga, secretary-treasurer, Maxwell Allen, a student sponsored by a Louisville industry, and sergeant at arms, Sgt. Joseph A. Modica, Lexington.

Treasury Has \$25

The articles of incorporation were drawn up by A. C. Russell, dean of the University of Louisville School of Law.

The aim of the association is to support and perpetuate the Southern Police Institute, which began here three months ago; to elevate police standards, and to increase public confidence in law enforcement.

The treasury already has \$25—the gift of the institute. There will be dues and annual meetings.

"Everything is flexible," said President Gravitt. "This class has no intention of taking control—we just wanted to get an alumni association started. Soon we will be in the minority."

Copies Go to New York

McCandless said he was sending copies of the articles of incorporation to Carnegie Corporation of New York and the General Education Board, New York. Both helped finance the school.

The lectures on public relations have been most valuable, said Lt. Charles F. Middleton, Baton Rouge, and Patrolman Harold D. Hartel, Columbia, S. C., commenting on the 12-week course. Both are on the alumni's board of directors.

"Traffic ties right in with public relations," said Middleton. "I think all Police Departments



Courier-Journal Photo

TALKING OVER articles of incorporation of the Southern Police Institute Alumni Association are the association president, Capt. Frank H. Gravitt, Lexington, right, and David McCandless, institute director.

should give more attention to public relations and traffic."

Hartel was especially interested in identification procedures, his work at Columbia. He said he also learned a lot from the lectures on interrogation methods. "They emphasized," he said, "you should treat the person you are questioning like you would want to be treated."

Other members of the board of directors are Lt. Alvis B. Carr, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Lt. Thomas G. Cavender, LaGrange, Ga.; Cpl. David A. Espie, Jr.; Kentucky State Police, Frankfort; Patrolman Clarence F. Silberstein, 1285 Airway Court, Louisville, and Lt. Ray L. Tompkins, Charleston, W. Va.

Commencement exercises for the class will be at 11 a.m. Friday

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Director Tells Graduates Policing To Be Profession

Institute Here Called First Tangible Step In That Direction; 22 Officers Get Certificates

In 25 years, policing will be recognized as a profession and a man will not be accepted of a police force without four years of college training, David A. McCandless predicted yesterday.

McCandless, director of the University of Louisville's Southern Police Institute, addressed the institute's first graduating class of 22 at commencement exercises in Allen Court room of the Law School.

He said the institute, which opened in January, is "the first tangible step toward professionalizing law enforcement."

Farnsley and Brown Speak

Other speakers were Mayor Charles Farnsley, who said he plans to attend some of the institute's lectures next semester, which will begin April 2, and Eli H. Brown, III, acting university president.

Brown told the graduates they must safeguard their own reputations and that of the U. of L. "From now on you gentlemen will be referred to, for good or evil, as graduates of this institute," he said. "Guard the name of the University of Louisville well. It has a proud tradition and heritage behind it."

Brown, an attorney, advised the men, "You can conduct an investigation quietly, carefully, and painstakingly or you can do it with a fanfare of publicity. Don't underestimate the power of publicity, because without a hearing or an appeal, a reputation can be ruined forever just by publicity."

Capt. Frank H. Gravitt, Lexington, president of the institute's alumni association, expressed the class's gratitude for what its members have learned. "None of us will violate the confidence placed in us," he said.

McCandless read a telegram of congratulations to the class from Lt. Arthur Altazan, Baton Rouge, La. He was a member of the class, but had to withdraw because of illness.

Certificates were awarded to

the men who completed the course.

The graduates are: Maxwell Allen, Patrolman Clarence F. Silberstein, Sgt. James W. Bibb, Sgt. Bert Hawkins, Sgt. Clarence W. Etheredge, Capt. Frank Quick, C. T. Summerfield, and Flavil L. Royalty, all of Louisville; Capt. Frank H. Gravitt and Sgt. Joseph A. Modica, Lexington; Cpl. David A. Espie, Jr., Frankfort; Lt. Charles C. Halpin, Covington; Capt. E. E. Williams, Chattanooga; Lt. Charles F. Middleton, Baton Rouge; Patrolman Harold D. Hartel, Columbia, S. C.; Lt. A. B. Carr, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Lt. Thomas G. Cavender, La Grange, Ga.; Lt. Ray L. Tompkins, and Sgt. Jesse Workman, Charleston, W. Va.; Patrolman Owen L. Wilkerson, Raleigh; Sgt. R. C. Arnett, Oak Ridge, and Lt. Paul Dolan, South Charleston, W. Va.

The Courier-Journal (Louisville, Kentucky) · 31 Aug 1952, Sun · Page 7

U. L. Institute's Alumni Plan Convention

Southern Police Group Will Convene Friday

The Southern Police Institute Alumni Association will hold its first annual convention at the Hotel Seelbach Friday and Saturday.

Charles K. O'Connell, Kentucky secretary of state, will speak at a banquet at 8 p.m. Saturday.

About 75 former students at the institute, sponsored by the University of Louisville with the financial help of outside foundations, are expected to attend. The first class was graduated in January, 1951.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Friday. A business session will be at 3 p.m. and a buffet supper at 8 p.m.

Officers will be elected at 11 a.m. Saturday. A session on problems of police departments is scheduled for 3 p.m.

Frank Gravitt, Lexington, is president of the association.

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Courier-Journal Photo

A BUSHEL AND A PECK and two hugs around the neck were the reward of Sgt. Bert Hawkins, 205 N. 35th, who was among 22 graduates of the Southern Police Institute yesterday. Hawkins' children are Shirley Jean, 5, and Little Bert, 10, holding Dad's diploma.



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

MEET JASON THODY, 135th AOC Chief, Hartford Connecticut Police Department



Congratulations to 135th AOC alum Jason Thody, who was appointed as permanent Chief of Hartford (CT) Police Department. He graduated from the AOC as Captain Thody on May 16, 2016. He took over as Interim Chief in April 2019, with the departure of the Chief for whom he was serving as Assistant Chief. Chief Thody became permanent chief on March 3rd, 2020, upon the nomination of Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin and confirmation by the City Council. “It was actually 30 years ago I joined the police explorers, never thinking I’d be standing here,” Thody said Wednesday, adding that he would honor the relationships and partnerships he’s built over the years.

Thody was the first member of the Hartford Police Department to attend the Southern Police Institute’s Administrative Officers Course. He researched executive police training programs when he was first promoted to Captain and presented his application to the Chief. A year later he was approved and heading to the University of Louisville. Thody quickly established a strong relationship with SPI staff and was selected to instruct on use of force topics in subsequent AOC classes. He paved the way for several more Hartford officers to attend both the AOC and CODC.

“I was extremely impressed with the strength and relevance of the curriculums offered by the Southern Police Institute. The AOC prepared me to advance my career and take on the challenges of being chief just three years after I graduated from the program. I am excited to have the opportunity to pay it forward and send more of our up-and-coming Hartford officers through the Southern Police Institute’s outstanding programs.”

Mayor Bronin said Thody, a city resident, has the support of many leaders of Hartford’s social services, neighborhoods and faith communities. Those city partners agreed that a long search would foster uncertainty in the police department as officers prepare for the rise in crime that coincides with warmer weather, and continue to work on initiatives introduced over the past year. “I also have found over the past nine months working closely with Interim Chief Thody that he is somebody who is willing to tackle tough issues openly and honestly, that he is genuinely committed to engaging with our community partners, that he takes accountability very seriously and he takes very seriously the fundamental principle that the strength of our police department comes from the trust of the community,” Bronin said in a Wednesday news conference at city hall.

Bio at <http://jasonthody.net/> LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/in/jasonthody/>



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“CRITICAL ISSUES IN POLICING”

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- Jack Ryan legal update
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Hosted by the Spartanburg Police Dept. Chief **Alonzo Thompson**



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The FBI Training Division's (TD) National Academy and the FBI's Office of Partner Engagement (OPE) have teamed up to bring you a variety of topics relevant to the needs of today's law enforcement agencies from small to large. These webinars will allow you to provide current, no cost training opportunities for your department. Courses are open to all ranks, both civilian and sworn. Link to PDF File, [FBI National Academy Webinar Course Catalog Sept-Dec 2020.pdf](#)

Local Police Departments: Policies and Procedures, 2016, Connor Brooks, *BJS Statistician*, August 20, 2020 NCJ 254826. This report present statistics on selected policies and procedures of local police departments, based on data from the Bureau of Justice Statistics' 2016 Law Enforcement Management and Administrative Statistics survey. The tables show national estimates and distributions by population served on topics such as average hours of officer training by type of training, written community-policing plans, annual operating budgets, written directives for officer conduct, written documentation for officers' display or discharge of firearms, authorized less-lethal techniques and restraints, and requirements for external investigations of deaths or use of force. *Part of the [Local Police Departments Series Full report](#)* (PDF 460K) [Data tables](#) (Zip format 20K)

American Defamation League. When Women are the Enemy: The Intersection of Misogyny and White Supremacy. When Women are the Enemy: The Intersection of Misogyny and White Supremacy was written by ADL's Center on Extremism. The Center on Extremism (COE) is a foremost authority on extremism, terrorism, anti-Semitism and all forms of hate. The COE's team of investigators and analysts strategically monitors and exposes extremist movements and individuals, using cutting-edge technology to track real-time developments and provide actionable intelligence and data-based analysis to law enforcement, public

officials, community leaders and technology companies. [PDF File](#).

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- Blue Courage, Heart Focused Leadership, Michael Nila, Daniel Schmer M.Ed. PDF too large. *Contact President for copy.*
- Introduction to Blue Courage, Michael Nila, Daniel Schmer M.Ed. [PDF](#)
- Evidence Based Policing from Theory to Practice, Ken Novak, Ph.D., UMKC Captain Ryan Mills, KCPD [PPTX](#)
- What's new in Police Research: Supporting Evidence Based Practice, Tad Hughes, JD, Ph.D. [PPTX](#)
- Yoga for First Responders [PDF](#)
- Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response, Jenny Prohaska, Ph.D. [PPTX](#)

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September 11 at SPI. The members of the 144th AOC held a remembrance ceremony around the lowered US flag in front of McCandless Hall this morning. In a moving and solemn ceremony, they stood for two moments of silence at 8:46 and 9:03, the time the planes crashed into the Twin Towers in 2001. We honor all of our emergency responders who have lost their lives in the performance of their duties and those working each day in serving their communities.

Director Cindy Shain is Retiring!

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It's Simply Not Your News to Break #StayInYourLane

Originally published in the IACP Social Media Blog.

Guest Blogger: Chris Hsiung, Captain, Special Operations Division, Mountain View Police Department, California

Three years ago, Northern California law enforcement was rocked by horrific news when the Hayward Police Department [suffered the tragic loss of Sgt. Scott Lunger](#), shot and killed in the line of duty on July 22nd 2015.

As we see time and again across the country, news breaks on Twitter and other social media platforms and is then carried by the mainstream media. It was no different for this case. Unfortunately, sometimes we in law enforcement are our own worst enemy. In the case above, it was other law enforcement departments that helped break the news of the officer's death on Twitter, instead of the primary jurisdiction handling the incident. In the interest of breaking news first, the mainstream media does not hesitate to rely on a tweet from any credible law enforcement social media account to act as their source for verification of information.

In the case of Sgt. Lunger's incident, many of us watched the news break that morning about the officer involved shooting. The [official tweet](#) from Hayward PD that morning (shown above) advised that they were not releasing the condition of the officer. We can safely assume that during that time, Hayward PD personnel were in the midst of identifying, locating, and delivering the tragic news to Sgt. Lunger's family. At the same time, we know that in any OIS or critical incident, a flurry of text messages go out and it doesn't take much time for our tight-knit law enforcement family in neighboring jurisdictions to figure out what happened. Hayward PD [officially tweeted](#) the tragic news of Sgt. Lunger's passing a little over two hours later. Unfortunately, many well-intentioned agencies started to tweet condolences or had changed their

profile photos to include mourning badges up to an hour before Hayward PD had an opportunity to officially announce the information. The mainstream media immediately picked up on these tweets and shifted their reporting to announce that Sgt. Lunger had died, many running screen shots of law enforcement tweets as part of their "breaking news" reporting.

For the record, I absolutely believe these agencies and law enforcement individuals were well-meaning when they sent these posts and tweets. However, we must remind ourselves to take a step back and remember that family and loved ones of the downed officer come first. If tragedy strikes, they deserve to hear it in person from our own personnel, not on social media. Therefore, before tweeting or posting sympathy messages, it is imperative to go to the affected agency's social media accounts or website and see what they have officially announced. Until then, we must maintain "radio silence" out of respect and allow the affected agency to make proper notifications. In the parlance of public information officers, we call this "staying in your lane." It's simply not your news to break.

On a similar note, news of critical incidents can spread virally from internal department sources as "significant others" or family members post information about a critical incident to each other's Facebook walls. As the extended law enforcement family learns of an officer's passing, many people begin to change their profile photos to mourning bands or "thin blue line" logos. These posts and avatar changes, while absolutely done out of sympathy and respect, can prematurely announce the bad news to the fallen officer's family (who will likely be in the extended social network). To that end, departments should take time to inform and educate their personnel and family members that,



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they too, should wait and defer to official news from the department so that the officer's family can hear the tragic news in person.

What can we do? Let's all take a step back and make a commitment. When a line of duty death occurs, remember to check the affected agency's social media channels for official news and notifications prior to discussing the incident from your department social media channels. Train your personnel to do the same on their personal accounts so that if tragedy strikes, we allow the hard news to be done in person, not online. Just because the media is posting somber photos of officers gathered at a hospital or making inferences about the status of an officer, most will usually refrain from an official announcement until they see the news

coming from police department accounts. Your well intentioned tweet just became verification for the media to put out "breaking news." I was recently talking about this topic with [Capt. Zach Perron from Palo Alto PD](#) and he summed up the situation perfectly saying, *"In today's law enforcement social media environment, where a premium is often placed on the timeliness of information dissemination, I think it's important to have a "line of duty injury/death" exception. There should not be a "rush to be first" in these situations. It's not a competition to see who can express their condolences fastest."*

The only police agency that should "break" news of their officer's condition should be the employing agency, plain and simple.

Police cars resistant to COVID-19 could come to San Bernadino, California

The new vehicles would be outfitted to more safely transport subjects with signs or symptoms of COVID-19
By Brian Whitehead. San Bernardino County Sun, Calif.

SAN BERNADINO, Calif. — A handful of police vehicles equipped to protect officers and passengers from the novel coronavirus could soon be coming to San Bernardino. While the cars would not come off the lot with the necessary materials, they eventually would be outfitted with non-porous surfaces that can easily be decontaminated. Additionally, the rear passenger compartment would be sealed from the front passenger compartment and have a separate system to supply air conditioning and heating.

Between the depletion of supplies, temporary removal of equipment and reduced personnel for quarantine purposes, the coronavirus pandemic has harmed law enforcement agencies in myriad ways, acting police Chief Eric McBride said in a staff report prepared for the City Council meeting Wednesday, Aug. 19. The new vehicles would be available to transport subjects with signs or symptoms of COVID-19, the potentially lethal disease the virus causes. Policymakers could approve the purchase this week. Five cars would be purchased from San Bernardino Fairview Ford at \$41,000 each, for a total price tag of \$205,000. Bids for the installation of COVID-19 resistance equipment, meanwhile, would be presented to city leaders at a later date. Police officials intend to use part of a \$633,000 U.S. Department of Justice grant they received this summer to cover the cost.



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Line of Duty Deaths: As reported in the 2020 Mid-Year Law Enforcement Officers Fatalities Report from the National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum

<https://nleomf.org/facts-figures/fatalities-reports>

According to preliminary data compiled by the National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum (NLEMM), as of June 30, 2020, 65 federal, state, tribal, and local law enforcement officers died in the line of duty, a decrease of 14% from the 76 officers killed during the same period last year. Of the 65 officers who have died in the line of duty this year, there are five confirmed COVID-19 cases, but confirmation is pending on an additional 53 cases already identified by NLEMM. Once confirmed, the total number of law enforcement deaths for the first six months of this year could skyrocket to 118 or a 55% increase over last year's mid-year report. This would make COVID-19-related fatalities the single highest cause of law enforcement deaths occurring in the first six months of 2020.

When examining the more traditional causes of law enforcement deaths, firearms-related fatalities were the leading cause of officer deaths, with 27 officers killed thus far in 2020. This represents a 4% decrease from the 28 officers killed in firearms-related incidents during the same period last year. The leading circumstance of firearms-related fatalities were officers investigating suspicious persons or activities, followed by officers attempting an arrest. Ambush-style attacks leading to officer deaths were down by 50% over the same period last year.

Twenty-six officers have been killed in traffic-related fatalities this year, an eight percent increase, compared to 24 deaths during the same period last year. Struck-by incidents, when an officer was hit by a vehicle while outside of their patrol vehicle, and auto crashes were the leading circumstances of the traffic-related fatalities with

nine such fatalities each during the first half of the year. The increase in traffic-related fatalities is particularly disturbing considering the significant period of time during the first half of the year when overall vehicle traffic was reduced due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the first six months of this year, twelve officers died as a result of other causes, including six physical-related, one helicopter crash, and the five COVID-19 cases in which direct exposure to a confirmed positive individual was recorded.

Fatalities by Demographic Through Mid-Year

GENDER

Male **58**

Female **7**

JURISDICTION

City **34**

Sheriff **19**

State/Tpr/Hwy Ptrl **9**

Municipal/County PD **1**

Federal **1**

Territorial **1**

AGE

Youngest **23**

Average **41**

Oldest **77**

TOUR OF DUTY LENGTH

Shortest **9** month

Average **13** years

Longest **50** years



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Need Your Help

We are missing some email addresses in the database. This means we aren't reaching these members with news, notices, or any type of mailing. This Newsletter is one item these members will miss. We need your help to obtain the email addresses of the members below. Please ask them to email their contact information to Carol Paterick, carolpaterick@gmail.com, who will update the SPIAA system.

Membership level	First name	Mid	Last name	Organization	AOC	Title or Rank
Gold Membership - LIFE	Bruce	W	Foggiano	North Carolina Highway Patrol	97	Sergeant
Gold Membership - LIFE	Charles		Fisher	Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office		Retired Member
Auxiliary Membership	Cynthia	F	Bridges			
Gold Membership - LIFE	David	A	Espie	Anne Arundel County Police Dept.		Personnel Manager (Ret)
Gold Membership - LIFE	Dennis	R	McCrary	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Dept.	72	Major (Ret)
Gold Membership - LIFE	Harlan		Tull	Delaware State Police (Retired)	51	Major
Gold Membership - LIFE	Jeanne	E	Forester	Metro-Dade Police Dept.	80	Major (Ret)
Gold Membership - LIFE	Jerry	E	Golden	Delaware Co. Sheriff's Dept.	55	Lieutenant (Ret)
Gold Membership - LIFE	Jo	A	Edblom	Minneapolis St. Paul Int'l Airport Police Dept.	101	Lieutenant (Ret)
Gold Membership - LIFE	Joan	M	Penick	Covington Police Dept.	91	Captain (Ret)
Gold Membership - LIFE	John	W	Rohal	Ohio State Highway Patrol	38	Retired Member
Gold Membership - LIFE	Mildred	M	White	Savannah Police Dept.	91	Sergeant (Ret)
Gold Membership - LIFE	Richard	J	Gardell	St. Paul Police Dept.	82	Asst Chief (Ret)
Gold Membership - LIFE	Robert		Strange	Orlando Police Dept.		Retired Member
Gold Membership - LIFE	Steven	C	Sizer	Minneapolis Police Dept.		Lieutenant (Ret)
Auxiliary Membership	Sylvia		Shelton			
Gold Membership - LIFE	Walter	A	Burch	Greensboro Police Dept.	12	Lieutenant Commander (Ret)
Gold Membership - LIFE	William	C	Long	Orlando Police Dept.		Retired Member



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RETIREMENT NEWS

Captain Scott T. Rounds, is retiring from the Des Moines Police Department on October 1, 2020. A long-time member of the SPIAA, Scott plans to just relax while helping with grandsons, and fishing.

Captain Rounds comes from a family of Des Moines Police Officers. Together, they have over 80 years of experience. His Grandfather joined the Des Moines PD in 1940; his father joined in 1964; and Scott joined in 1988.

Scott attended the SPI Chief Executive Leadership in Park Hills, MO, in 2015 and the Trends in Internal Affairs in Omaha, NE, in 2008. Members who wish to keep in touch with Scott can find his details online in the SPIAA Member Directory.

Below photo: Scott Rounds surrounded by family and friends at his promotion ceremony, 2014, courtesy of Des Moines PD Facebook.



Request to Members from the SPI

SPI would like to reach out to the alumni to see if they would be willing to share their own alumni memories with SPI to include on the SPI website at: <https://louisville.edu/spi/alumni/memories>.

Cindy will contact those who write to her with their passion or enthusiasm for SPI or the AOC or CODC and capture their thoughts and remarks for history on the page and the alumnus spotlight.

Alumni, please email Director Cindy Shain directly at cindy.shain@louisville.edu.



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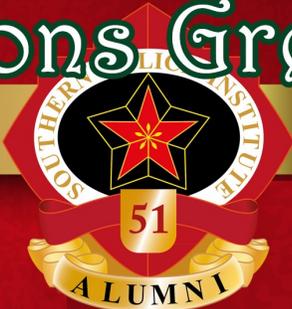


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December 2020



Seasons Greetings



SPIAA Family and Friends

Next issue will be published January 2021. Send articles to the Editors for inclusion in January's edition.