



FBI National Academy Associates, Inc. California Chapter

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Dear National Academy Associates,

Welcome to 2018! With the Association reaching its goal of 17,000 members in 2017, I'm looking forward to what this new year will bring. As the strongest Law Enforcement Leadership Network in the World, 2018 looks to be a banner year!

With the start of the New Year, we usher in a new board for the California NA Chapter, with some movement among Board members, as well as some returning faces, just in new positions. Let me start by offering my sincere thanks to former Training and Digital Media Manager Jim Smith for his years of service and wise consult to our Board. He has truly served the membership of our Chapter and will be sorely missed. I also want to express my thanks to former Historian Wayne Ikeuchi, who has "retired" from the Board after 20 years of service in various positions, including Past President. We hope to see both Wayne and Jim at future Chapter events, and if you get a chance, please take an opportunity to express your thanks for their service.

While Immediate Past President Russell McKinney leaves that particular position, he has graciously accepted my appointment to replace Jim as the Chapter Training and Digital Media Manager. Former Chapter Secretary Gina Haynes accepted my appointment as Chapter Historian and our Chapter Corporate Sponsor Development Coordinator Roxana Kennedy has agreed to stay on another year.

Two elections were held at our 2017 Conference, where Past President Max Santiago was elected as the new Chapter Secretary, and the newly elected 4th Vice President, representing the San Diego Division, is Eric Thunberg. Thank you both for stepping up and taking on these leadership roles.

We have several great training programs scheduled during 2018. The California FBI LEEDS Training is scheduled for April 16 through 19, hosted by 3rd VP Craig Chew, in Napa, California. This is a great opportunity for excellent training and to support a fire ravaged community.

1st Vice President Daman Christensen has been working tirelessly to host the Annual Retrainer in beautiful Lake Tahoe September 10-12, at the magnificent Lake Tahoe Ritz Carlton. This Retrainer looks to sell out early, so watch your e-mail for the opening of registration and hotel reservation accessibility, and be sure to register right away.

This year's National Conference will be held in Quebec, Canada, July 21-24. Get this once in a lifetime NA networking opportunity on your calendar now!



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The Youth Leadership Program (YLP) will be held June 21-29, 2018 in Quantico, Virginia at the FBI Academy. This year the candidates will be selected from the Los Angeles and San Diego Divisions. The Vice Presidents from those Divisions will be putting out more information on the YLP later this month. This year, Simi Valley PD Commander Stephanie Shannon (NA #264) has graciously volunteered to coordinate the YLP applicant process for our Chapter. Our chapter also presents four youth scholarship awards to immediate dependents of our members. Each of your respective Division Vice Presidents will have more information on the scholarship opportunities later in the year.

Maintaining an organization as strong as ours requires the work of a lot of volunteers, as well as the funding achieved through membership dues. After having gone years without a dues increase, the National Executive Board approved the following dues increases which will be effective January 1, 2018:

\$20 increase for active duty members
\$10 increase for retired members
\$5 increase for international members

The National Office will be sending out membership renewal notices shortly. I hope that you will recognize the value that your continued membership means to you and that you will renew your membership right away.

Remember, this is your Chapter and I encourage each of you to give back to our Association by supporting our Chapter activities, hosting training/networking events and providing your Executive Board suggestions on how to continue to provide value to our members, both active and retired

I want to thank you for your continued support of our Chapter. I look forward to seeing each of you at one of the many quarterly functions planned by your respective Division Vice Presidents, the CA FBI LEEDS training in Napa, the National Training Conference in Quebec, or at the annual Retrainer in Lake Tahoe.

I am truly honored to represent each of you as the president of our Chapter. I welcome your input to aid our Chapter and I'm happy to carry your messages to the National Board.

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