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# FROM OUR PRESIDENT

**To** our member sheriffs, corporate partners, federal agency partners, and fellow members of law enforcement, allow me to welcome you to MCSA's 2023 Summer Conference!

MCSA Vice President and Santa Barbara County Sheriff Bill Brown, and his team, are excited to host this annual meeting. The MCSA team is proud to present an agenda of relevant public safety topics. Over the next few days, we will receive legislative updates, hear from member sheriffs about changes that have impacted the office of the sheriff in their respective counties, discuss threats to elections and elected officials, and hear from ABC News Chief Investigative Reporter Josh Margolin about the relationship between law enforcement and the media.

We are incredibly fortunate to have many members join us for this conference once again. We hope that each of you take advantage of engaging with fellow sheriffs, sharing



programs and policies to enhance our policing profession as a whole. We are proud that our members are often called upon to be subject matter experts at the local, state, and federal levels. These conferences allow us to expand our knowledge and take new ideas back to our agencies. We hope you benefit from these discussions and presentations as well as the opportunity to engage with our corporate and federal partners.

Thank you all for your commitment to MCSA and the ongoing support for our shared priorities. We look forward to engaging in thoughtful discussions with you over the next few days.

*Dennis M. Lemma*  
**Dennis M. Lemma**  
President

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*Dear Major County Sheriffs of America and guests,*

On behalf of the men and women of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office, it is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to each one of you to the 2023 MCSA Summer Conference.

As we gather here in my home county of Santa Barbara, we are surrounded by the breathtaking beauty of the Pacific Ocean and nearby majestic mountains. This conference promises to provide us with a unique opportunity to share insight and wisdom born of our collective experience, hone our professional skills, engage in meaningful fellowship, and relax and

enjoy the beautiful surroundings. Our Executive Director, Megan Noland, and the MCSA team have spent many weeks planning this conference. I know you will enjoy the diverse

agenda and the wonderful amenities, food, and special service provided by the Bacara staff. We also have a few special trips planned to some iconic Santa Barbara County locations.

Thank you for joining us, and please let me or a member of our team know if there is anything we can do to help make your experience in Santa Barbara County as enjoyable, rewarding, and memorable as possible.

Sincerely,

**Sheriff Bill Brown**  
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2023 Summer Conference  
Santa Barbara, California  
June 12<sup>th</sup>-June 14<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

12:00pm-6:30pm **Registration Check-In and Hospitality Lounge** Bacara Terrace

**Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

7:30am-5:00pm **Registration Check-In and Information Desk** Director's Lounge

8:00am-10:00am **Border Security Committee** Salon II  
Chair: Sheriff Eddie Guerra, Hidalgo County, TX  
Location: Salon II

10:00am-2:00am **Executive Board Meeting (Sheriffs Only)** Santa Ynez Salon

**MCSA Summer Conference Officially Opens**

2:00pm **MCSA Opening Ceremonies** Bacara Ballroom  
2:00pm-3:00pm **Business Meeting & Elections**

3:00pm-3:30pm **Briefing: United States Interagency Council on Homelessness**  
Helene Schneider, Senior Regional Advisor  
United States Interagency Council on Homelessness

3:30pm-5:00pm **MCSA Corporate Partner Roundtable**

5:00pm-6:00pm **Social Hour** Ballroom Terrace

6:00pm-8:00pm **Private Dinner (By Invitation Only)** The Bluff  
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**Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

7:30am-5:00pm **Registration Check-In and Information Desk** Director's Lounge

7:30am-9:00am **Breakfast** Ballroom Terrace

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8:30am-8:45am	<p><b>Morning Opening Remarks</b>                  Sheriff Dennis Lemma, MCSA President                  Seminole County, FL</p> <p>Sheriff Bill Brown, MCSA Vice President                  Santa Barbara County, CA</p>	Bacara Ballroom
8:45am-9:15am	<p><b>Mid-Year Legislative Affairs Update</b>                  Sheriff Michael Bouchard, MCSA VP of Homeland Security                  Oakland County, MI</p> <p>Ben Bawden, Partner                  Brooks Bawden Moore</p>	
9:15am-9:45am	<p><b>Medicaid Reentry - The California Pilot</b>                  Brian Hansen                  Police Advisor to the Directorate, CA Dept. of Health Care Services                  Director's Office</p> <p>Sydney Armendariz                  Chief, Justice Initiative Branch                  CA Dept. of Health Care Services</p>	
9:45am-10:00am	<b>Break</b>	
10:00am-10:30am	<p><b>Briefing: ATF Updates</b>                  (Ret.) Chief Dwight Henninger                  Senior Law Enforcement Partner Advisor to the Director</p>	
10:30am-12:00pm	<p><b>MCSA Awards Ceremony</b></p>	Bacara Ballroom
12:00pm-1:30pm	<b>MCSA Award Lunch</b>	Ballroom Terrace
1:30pm-2:30pm	<p><b>The State of the Office of the Sheriff</b>  <u>Moderator:</u>                  Sheriff Mike Chapman, Loudoun County, VA</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u>                  Sheriff Patti Cole-Tindall, King County WA                  Sheriff Robert Luna, Los Angeles County, CA                  Chief Arnold Palmer, Miami-Dade, FL</p>	
2:30pm-3:30pm	<p><b>Threats to Elections, Elected Officials, &amp; Law Enforcement</b>                  Sheriff Don Barnes, Orange County, CA</p>	
3:30pm-3:45pm	<b>Break</b>	
3:45pm-5:00pm	<b>Executive Session (Sheriffs and Sheriff's Staff ONLY)</b>	



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6:00pm-8:00pm **Reception and Dinner (All Conference Attendees)** Ocean Lawn  
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**Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

7:30am-12:00pm **Registration Check-In and Information Desk** Director's Lounge

7:30am-9:00am **Breakfast** Ballroom Terrace

8:30am-10:30am **Ten Communication Tenets for Sheriffs: What To Do When It Gets Real** Bacara Ballroom  
Judy Pal, Founder, 10-8 Communications

10:30am-10:45am **Break**

10:45am-11:45am **No Comment? No Way! The Dos and Don'ts of Communication with News Media**  
Josh Margolin, Chief Investigative Reporter  
ABC News

11:45am-12:00pm **Briefing: United States Marshal Service Updates**  
Director Ronald Davis

12:00pm-12:30pm **Briefing: Swatting and Hoax Threat Calls**  
Brian P. LeBlanc, Supervisory Special Agent  
FBI Boston – JTTF – Squad CT-2 Domestic Terrorism/Threat Response

12:30pm-12:45pm **Closing Remarks**  
Sheriff Dennis Lemma, MCSA President  
Seminole County, FL

Sheriff Bill Brown, MCSA Vice-President  
Santa Barbara County, CA

12:45pm-1:45pm **Lunch (To-Go or Seated Option)** Ballroom Terrace

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MCSA Fall Conference – Orlando, FL  
September 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>

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MCSA Intel Commanders Meeting (In-Person) – Orlando, FL  
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# MCSA LEADERSHIP ELECTION



## Sheriff Bob Gualtieri

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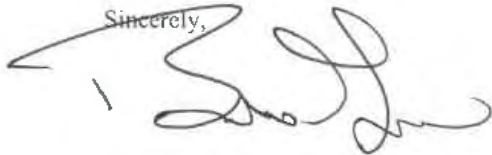
May 5, 2023

Ms. Megan Noland  
Executive Director  
Major County Sheriffs of America

Dear Ms. Noland:

As per your email of March 8, 2023, please accept this letter as notice of my intent to run for vice-president of Major County Sheriffs of America at our upcoming meeting in Santa Barbara, CA. This is an open Executive Board position for the term beginning in January 2024.

Sincerely,



Sheriff Bob Gualtieri  
Pinellas County, Florida

BG/sj

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May 9, 2023

Megan Noland, Executive Director  
Major County Sheriffs of America  
100 Eslinger Way  
Sanford, FL 32773

Dear Executive Director Noland:

This letter is to indicate my intent to run for the position of Vice President for Homeland Security.

Since taking office as Sheriff in 2019, I have made it a priority to be actively involved in the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA). MCSA is a significant voice for law enforcement in our nation's capital and amongst our profession. Maintaining the credibility of this voice depends upon sheriffs who are willing to ensure MCSA's policy positions are informed, amplified, and advance our collective public safety mission. To that end I have put in the time and effort to make a meaningful contribution to MCSA's work, with a specific focus on homeland security-related policy issues. These contributions include the following:

- **Reinvigorating MCSA's Intelligence Commanders.** In June 2021 I was appointed to chair MCSA's Intelligence Commander Committee. Following my appointment, I rebuilt the committee from the ground up, recruited new members, and worked to develop a format that would enhance information sharing on threats, crime trends, and programs.
- **Creation of Locally Driven National Calls for Law Enforcement Executives.** Together with our colleagues representing local law enforcement associations, I joined in the development of national calls on critical issues. Rather than being driven by federal agencies, these calls are designed with the local perspective and include useful information relevant to our needs. Examples of these debriefs include active shooters, organized retail theft, narcotics trafficking trends, and election security.
- **Serving as MCSA's representative on the Criminal Intelligence Coordinating Council (CICC).** As vice chair of the CICC I have made it a priority to push federal agencies to provide greater inclusion and consultation with local law enforcement. I participated as MCSA's representative at the 2022 IACP/DHS multiagency Intelligence Summit, and am chairing a subcommittee to bring forth recommendations made as a result of the discussions.
- **Serving as MCSA's representative on the Lawful Access and Emerging Technology Intergovernmental Committee (LAETIC).** As MCSA's LAETIC representative, I am working to address challenges associated with encryption and other technological advances that compromise law enforcement investigations.
- **Serving as MCSA's representative on the Department of Homeland Security's State & Local Intelligence Council (SLIC).** Regular discussion with the SLIC has

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provided an opportunity to give DHS input on critical issues facing our membership, share crime trends, and develop programs that complement state, federal, and local partnerships.

- **Represented MCSA in meetings with the Executive and Legislative Branch.** On numerous occasions I have responded to requests to represent MCSA to advocate for policies supported by our membership. For example, in April of this year I attended a meeting at the White House with the Office of National Drug Control Policy to discuss the fentanyl epidemic, policy and strategy, and discuss solutions. This month I am testifying before the House Homeland Security Committee regarding federal efforts to support state and local law enforcement.

In addition to the contributions detailed above, I run my own fusion center, the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center (OCIAAC), the only county-centric fusion center in the nation. The OCIAAC has been named Fusion Center of the Year and its staff recognized nationally for their contributions and innovative programs that keep our nation safe. I have my own HIDTA area initiative, the Regional Narcotics Suppression Program, addressing drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) just south of the US border. We participate in Operation StoneGarden, patrolling the Pacific Ocean on behalf of our federal government to address narcotics and human trafficking along the Western coastline. I also partner with the FBI as a member of the Joint Terrorism Task Force, Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory, and the Human Trafficking Task Force. Lastly, as Sheriff of Orange County, I manage and operate my own internationally accredited crime lab, including a DNA lab, and I am the county's coroner, responsible for death investigations.

With a crisis at our southern border, rapidly emerging cyber challenges, the ongoing wave of foreign maligned influence, and a fentanyl crisis of epic proportions, now more than ever county sheriffs must have a role in determining how our nation addresses the multitude of threats facing local communities. I am seeking the position of Vice President for Homeland Security to strengthen MCSA's influence on these critical issues. I want to make clear that my vision for this position is not to be MCSA's sole voice on homeland security matters. Our membership is comprised of individuals with both depth and breadth of experience that can be called upon for the betterment of our nation's security posture. If elected to the position, I will rely on and regularly seek opportunities for our membership to participate in discussions and development of homeland security policy.

Serving my colleagues as the Vice President for Homeland Security would be a tremendous honor, but more importantly, an opportunity to advance the kind of policies we know will keep each of our counties safe. I humbly submit my name for consideration.

Sincerely,  
  
Don Barnes  
Sheriff-Coroner

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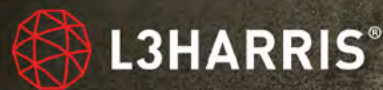
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## MCSA LEADERSHIP ELECTION

**Date:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 5:06 PM

**Subject:** Letter of Intent



It is my understanding that there will be an opening for the position of MCSA Treasurer. Should that occur, I would like this email to serve as my letter of intent to run. I believe this is a critical position and I have extensive experience over 30+ years managing budgets for a municipality/ public safety department, the Sheriff's Office, and several non-profit foundations. It would be an honor to serve MCSA and all member Sheriff's in this role. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

At Your Service,

**Bill E. Waybourn**

SHERIFF  
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**HELENE SCHNEIDER**  
SENIOR REGIONAL ADVISOR  
U.S. INTERAGENCY COUNCIL  
ON HOMELESSNESS



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Schneider works as a member of USICH's National Initiatives Team covering the State of California, and serves as a bridge between federal, statewide, and local stakeholders to support and enhance efforts to end homelessness and facilitate connections on related policies, resources, and best practices. In her local elected role, she focused on affordable housing policies and best practices in ending homelessness, including enhancing Santa Barbara's

Restorative Policing program. Schneider served as policy council chair on the countywide homelessness collaborative board, chaired the U.S. Conference of Mayors Hunger & Homelessness Task Force, and served on the League of CA Cities Board of Directors. She received an Executive Certificate in Public Leadership from the Harvard Kennedy School and a BA from Skidmore College.

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### BRIAN HANSEN

POLICY ADVISOR TO THE DIRECTORATE  
**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
 HEALTH CARE SERVICES,  
 DIRECTOR'S OFFICE**

Brian Hansen has served with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for 17 years in the areas of program policy development and payment and delivery system reform in California's Medicaid Program (Medi-Cal). Examples of these programs include aspects of the Affordable Care Act, the ACA 2703 Health Home Program, the 1115 Waiver Whole Person Care Pilot Program, and a few of Medi-Cal's new CalAIM initiatives.



### SYDNEY ARMENDARIZ

CHIEF, JUSTICE INITIATIVE BRANCH  
**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
 HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

Sydney Armendariz is the Chief of the Justice-Involved Reentry Services Branch for the Department of Health Care Services, where she is responsible for the implementation and monitoring of CalAIM Justice-Involved Initiative. Ms. Armendariz has more than 10 years serving in the public sector, including policy work in health administration, initiatives serving justice-involved individuals, mental health, and social services. She has a Masters in Organizational Leadership from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, and a Bachelor of Science in Psychobiology, including a minor in African/African-American Studies, from the University of California, Davis.



## MEET THE SPEAKERS

### (RET.) CHIEF DWIGHT HENNINGER

SENIOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISOR  
**BUREAU OF ALCOHOL TOBACCO,  
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Dwight is the Senior Law Enforcement Advisor at the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, where he assists the Director and Special Agents in Charge in their relationships with State and Local policing agencies. Prior to joining ATF, Dwight was the Chief of Police in Vail, Colorado for 22 years. There he led a 68-person organization that served over two million domestic and international visitors a year.

Chief Dwight Henninger is the Immediate Past President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). He



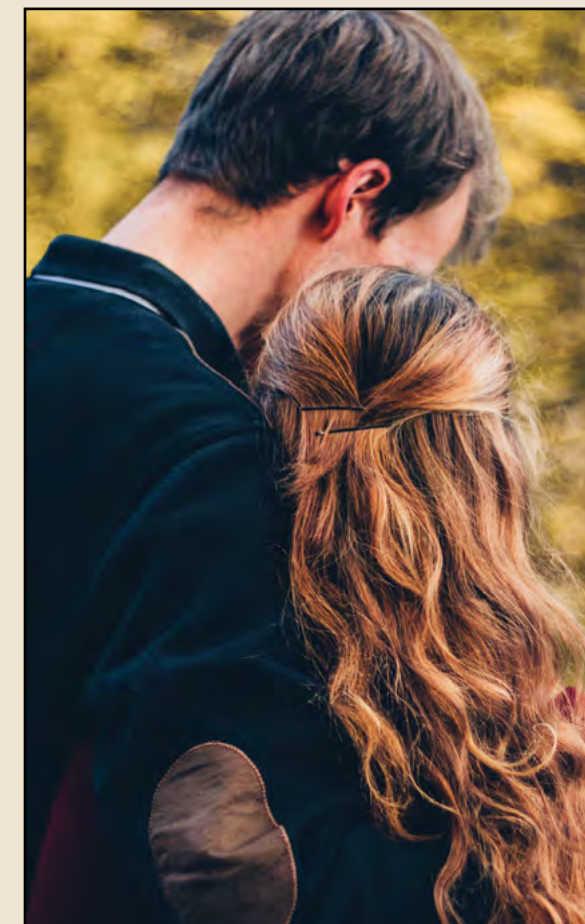
has been a member of the IACP Board of Directors for over 16 years.

He served as a member of FEMA's Region 8 Advisory Committee for 15 years and was a founding member of the Eagle County Law Enforcement Immigration Alliance. He was on the FEMA Preparedness Task Force and the President's Commission on Law

Enforcement and Administration of Justice, Rural and Tribal Working Group.

Dwight began his law enforcement career at the Garden Grove and Irvine, California Police Departments. He left Irvine after 14 years to accept a command officer position in the Laguna Beach, CA Police Department. In Garden Grove he received the Medal of Courage.

He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy session #196, PERF's Senior Management Institute for Police and the California POST Command College. Dwight received master's degrees from UC, Irvine in Business and Public Administration and from San Diego State University in Leadership. He has attended the Executive Leaders Program at the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security.



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**MEET THE SPEAKERS**

With more than 30 years' experience, Judy Pal has served in management positions for police, private sector and the professional sports and entertainment industry in both Canada and the U.S.

Prior to embarking on a full-time teaching and consulting career she served as an Assistant Commissioner with the NYPD, Director of Operations for FBI-LEEDA, Chief of Staff with the Baltimore and Milwaukee Police Departments and was a member of the command staff of the Atlanta, Savannah, and Halifax (Canada) police departments.

She is proud to have conducted image and media training for more than 200 commanders with the NYPD and thousands of law enforcement professionals during her more than two decades of work in law enforcement. She



**JUDY PAL**  
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is also a regular contributing trainer at FBI Regional Command Colleges across the country.

She has consulted for international police agencies in Canada, Chile and Trinidad and has taught and spoken at events across North America, as well as Australia, Uruguay, and Manila.

Pal is a past president of the National Information Officers Association, holds a Master's Degree in Public Relations and earned her Certificate in Police Leadership from Dalhousie University in Canada.

She spent five years in television news and is the proud owner of a Stanley Cup ring from the Edmonton Oilers and worked for the New York Rangers and Madison Square Garden.

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## MEET THE SPEAKERS



**JOSH MARGOLIN**  
CHIEF INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER  
ABC NEWS

As the Chief Investigative Reporter at ABC News, Josh helps lead the network's coverage on a wide range of stories – from breaking news to law enforcement to politics. Based at the News Division's world headquarters in New York, Josh produces, reports, researches, edits, writes and develops stories for every ABC News show as well as ABC News Radio and ABCNews.com.

Since arriving at ABC News in 2013, Josh has played a key role in some of the network's most provocative and groundbreaking reports. In 2021, Josh was the executive producer of the five-part doc series 9/11 20 Years Later: The Longest Shadow, hosted by George Stephanopoulos, and he has led ABC News' effort to investigate the failures of law enforcement during the 2022 mass shooting at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas.

Josh played a key role in ABC's well-received coverage of the 2014 disappearance of Malaysia Airlines flight 370. And he helped lead the network's coverage of the domestic-violence scandal that engulfed the NFL through much of 2014 and 2015.

Throughout 2014 and 2015, Josh played a lead role in ABC's coverage of policing in America, helping to coordinate the reporting on the cop stories that have come to define the era – from Ferguson, Mo., to New York City to Baltimore. In early 2015, Josh helped produce David Muir's groundbreaking piece that, for the first time, took outsiders into the NYPD's program designed to retrain the biggest police force in the country. Josh was the first reporter to identify the prison worker at the center of the incredible escape of two killers from one of New York state's most secure penitentiaries.

He was the editorial producer on the "20/20" special "Manhunt," the

10 times for the Emmy. Josh came to ABC News after nearly three years as the Senior Enterprise Reporter at the New York Post, where he specialized in covering politics and homeland security.

In April 2013, Josh broke the story that federal agents were about to arrest some of New York City's top politicians in a stunning scheme to rig the election for mayor. He also led The Post's coverage of the ongoing effort to convict the men accused of plotting the 9/11 attacks and reported extensively from the US military compound at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

authoritative story behind the June 2015 escape from that same prison, the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, and the efforts to capture and kill the murderers who busted out. A year later, Josh helped produce Diane Sawyer's unprecedented look inside New York City's notorious jail complex on Rikers Island, a project that required months of preparation and eight full days of unrestricted filming behind the bars and the walls.

Josh helped lead the network's coverage of ISIS and the terror attacks that plagued both the United States and Western Europe in the last decade. He produced ABC's special projects investigating the police response to both the Pulse shooting and the earlier massacre in San Bernardino, Calif. And, after more than a year of investigation, Josh helped produce Diane Sawyer's hourlong program examining the nature of the seduction of ISIS and the radicalization crisis that plagued America for years.

Josh has been a member of the ABC News teams that have won four Emmy awards, along with a host of other honors, and he has been nominated

Before joining The Post, Josh spent 12 years on the staff at The Star-Ledger, New Jersey's largest and oldest newspaper. During his tenure at The Ledger, Josh broke some of the biggest stories ever covered by the newspaper and, in 2004, he led the team that won a Pulitzer Prize for breaking news coverage for its reporting on the resignation of then-New Jersey Gov. Jim McGreevey.

Josh is the co-author of The Jersey Sting, a critically acclaimed national bestseller that tells the inside story behind the biggest political-corruption probes in American history.

Josh graduated from Long Island University's CW Post Campus in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in journalism. He was named one of New Jersey's 101 most influential people by New Jersey Monthly and the most influential journalist in the Garden State by PolitickerNJ.com. "The Fix" of Washingtonpost.com named Josh one of the best political reporters in the country. He has long been a regular contributor to television and radio news programs and has served as a story and plot consultant for the hit CBS series "The Good Wife."



## MEET THE SPEAKERS

The Honorable Ronald L. Davis was nominated by President Joseph R. Biden to lead the United States Marshals Service (USMS) on April 12, 2021. The United States Senate confirmed his nomination on September 22, 2021, and Mr. Davis was sworn in as the 12th Director of the Marshals Service on September 27, 2021.



### THE HONORABLE RON DAVIS

DIRECTOR  
UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE

As the leader of America's oldest federal law enforcement agency, Mr. Davis leads a workforce of over 10,000 professionals, including more than 5,000 operational and administrative employees, and close to 6,000 special deputized court security officers, spanning over 500 domestic offices within the 94 judicial districts, and four foreign field offices. The USMS is responsible for federal judicial security, fugitive apprehension, witness security, asset forfeiture, and prisoner operations, and has an annual operating budget of over \$3.8 billion.

From 2013 to 2017, Mr. Davis served in the Obama Administration as the Director of the U.S. Department of

Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). In this capacity, Mr. Davis was responsible for working with the over 16,000 local, state, and tribal law enforcement agencies in the United States to advance community policing. In December 2014, President Barack Obama appointed

Mr. Davis to serve as the Executive Director of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing charged with developing concrete recommendations to improve community trust in the police while enhancing public safety.

Mr. Davis has served more than 28 years in law enforcement starting in 1985 with the Oakland, California, Police Department. Mr. Davis became Police Chief for the City of East Palo Alto, California, in 2005, and held that position for more than 8 years. As Police Chief, Mr. Davis worked collaboratively with the community to improve public trust, enhance organizational accountability, and dramatically reduce crime and violence in a city once named the murder capital of the United States.

Mr. Davis possesses a bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University and has completed the Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program at Harvard University Kennedy School of Government.

## MEET THE SPEAKERS

### BRIAN P. LEBLANC SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT FBI BOSTON - JTTF SQUAD CT-2 DOMESTIC TERRORISM/THREAT RESPONSE



Brian LeBlanc is a Supervisory Special Agent in the Boston Office of the FBI, where he supervises the Domestic Terrorism and Threat Response Squad of the Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Since joining the FBI in 2007, SA LeBlanc has specialized in complex counterterrorism investigations, as well as in the mitigation of terrorism threats as a WMD specialist and bomb technician. SA LeBlanc has led counterterrorism investigations domestically and internationally throughout South America, the Caribbean and Africa.

SA LeBlanc has also served as the FBI counterterrorism specialist assigned to U.S. Special Operations Command (SOC) in Afghanistan as well as a long-term assignment to the FBI Legal Attaché Office at the U.S. Embassy Nairobi, Kenya.

Prior to joining the FBI, SA LeBlanc served seven years as a municipal police officer and six years in the U.S. Marine Corps. SA LeBlanc holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice from the University of Massachusetts and a Graduate Certificate in Terrorism Analysis from the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism at the University of Maryland.

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