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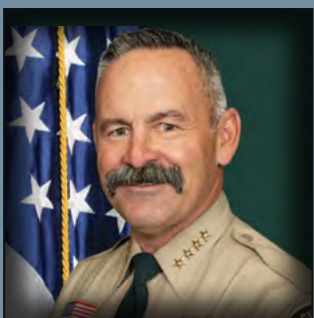


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To our member sheriffs, corporate partners, federal agency partners, and fellow members of law enforcement, allow me to welcome you to MCSA's 2024 Winter Conference!

often called upon to be subject matter experts at a local, state, and federal level. 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.

It has been an honor to serve as MCSA President for the past two years. We have dug into significant issues and continued to keep MCSA as the premier national law enforcement organization. I have full confidence that our next President, Sheriff Bill Brown, will continue to lead the way. Thank you all for your commitment to MCSA and constant support. We look forward to engaging in thoughtful discussions with you over the next few days.

We are happy to come together once again in our nation's capital. It is a unique opportunity to meet

with Administration and Congressional Members to discuss the significant topics impacting the policing profession.

We are incredibly fortunate to have many members join us for this conference. We hope you each take advantage of engaging with fellow sheriffs and sharing programs and policies to enhance the policing industry as a whole. Our members are

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JW Marriott - Washington, DC
February 8th-February 10th

Wednesday, February 7th, 2024

12:00pm-2:00pm	MCSA Planning Meeting (E-Board & Regional Reps Only)	Penn Avenue Terrace
1:00pm-5:00pm	Intel Commanders Off Site Visit (MCSA Intel Commanders Only)	
2:00pm-5:00pm	MCSA Executive Board Meeting (Sheriffs Only)	Penn Avenue Terrace

Thursday, February 8th, 2024

7:30am-5:00pm	Check-In & Information Desk	Grand Registration A
8:30am-12:00pm	MCSA Intel Commanders Meeting Chair: Sheriff Don Barnes, Orange County, CA	Salon III
12:00pm-1:30pm	Intel Commanders Lunch	Salon IV

2:00pm *MCSA Winter Conference Officially Opens*

2:00pm-3:00pm	MCSA Opening Ceremonies Business Meeting & Swearing-In Ceremony	Salon I, II & III
3:00pm-4:15pm	MCSA Corporate Partner Roundtable	
5:00pm-6:30pm	President's Reception In Honor of Sheriff Dennis Lemma Sponsored by Falcon, Inc.	Penn Avenue Terrace

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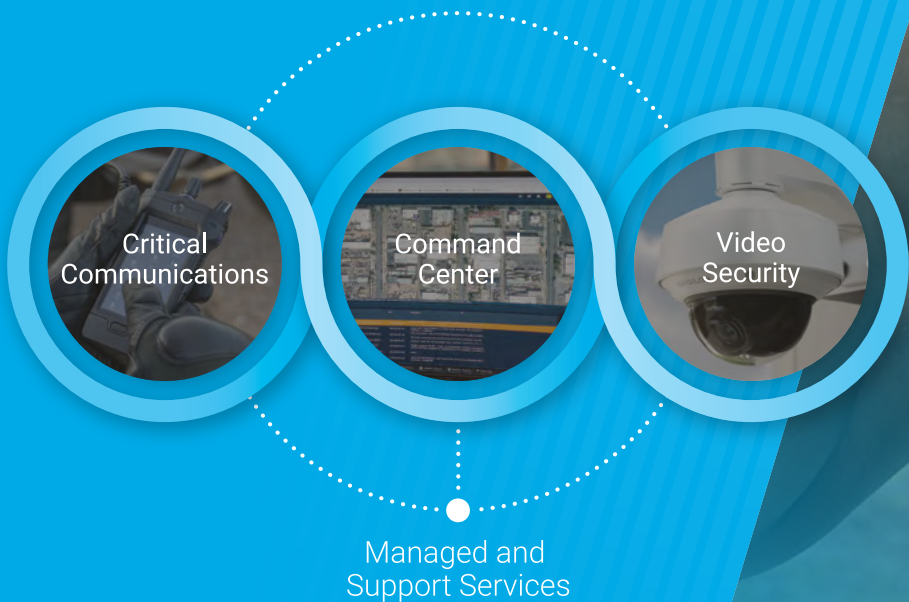
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Friday, February 9th, 2024

7:30am-5:00pm	Check-In & Information Desk	Grand Registration A
7:30am-9:00am	Breakfast	Salon IV
8:30am-8:45am	Morning Opening Remarks Bill Brown, MCSA President Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office, CA	Salon I, II & III
8:45am-9:15am	Winter Legislative Affairs Update Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard, MCSA VP of Homeland Security Oakland County Sheriff's Office, MI Ben Bawden and Melissa Nee Brooks Bawden Moore	
9:15am-9:45am	Director Christopher Wray Federal Bureau of Investigation	
9:45am-10:00am	Break	
10:00am-10:30am	Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas Department of Homeland Security	
10:30am-11:00am	Secure Homes, Safe Communities: Countering Home Burglaries by Transnational Criminal Organizations Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard Oakland County Sheriff's Office, MI	
11:00am-12:00pm	MCSA Awards Ceremony 2023 Sandra S. Hutchens Sheriff of the Year 2023 MCSA Legislative Initiative Award 2023 MCSA President's Award	
12:00pm-1:30pm	MCSA Awards Lunch	Capitol Ballroom F-K
1:30pm-2:00pm	Administrator Anne Milgram Drug Enforcement Administration	Salon I, II & III
2:00pm-3:00pm	El Salvador to the U.S.: The Impact of SRGs on Intelligence Sharing Sheriff Errol D. Toulon, Jr. Undersheriff Kevin T. Catalina Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, NY	
3:00pm-4:00pm	Potential Domestic Impacts of an Expanded Middle East Conflict John D. Cohen Executive Director, Program for Countering Hybrid Threats Center for Internet Security	

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Chief Stephen Amos
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Bureau of Justice Assistance

4:15pm-4:30pm

CEO Joseph Wassel
FirstNet Authority

5:00pm-6:30pm

Reception
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Saturday, February 10th, 2024

7:30am-12:00pm

Check-In & Information Desk

Grand Registration A

7:30am-9:00am

Breakfast

Salon III & IV

8:30am-9:30am

U.S Customs and Border Protection Brief
Acting Director Manuel Garza
Partnerships Division, Fentanyl Campaign Directorate

Salon I, II & III

Deputy Director Jesse Newsome, Jr.
Fentanyl Campaign Directorate

9:30am-10:30am

**Growing Threats to 2024 Elections:
Risks, Collaboration and Mitigation**
Major Christopher Grotton
Committee for Safe and Secure Elections

10:30am-12:00pm

MCSA Sheriff's Roundtable (CLOSED SESSION)
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12:00pm-1:00pm

Lunch

Salon IV

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Salon III

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8:45am-9:00am	Opening Remarks and Introductions Sheriff Don Barnes, Orange County Sheriff's Office, CA Intel Commanders Chair
9:00am-10:00am	Drug Cartel Threat Briefing DHS I&A Reports Officer Ryan Dearden Office of Regional Intelligence - Yuma
10:00am-10:45am	National Domestic Communications Assistance Center (NDCAC) Briefing DEA ASAC Chuck Beaumont NDCAC Deputy Director
10:45am-11:00am	Slack Platform Update/Intel Commander Assignments
11:00am-11:30am	Transnational Organized Crime Actor Detection Program (TADP) Melissa Sharpe TADP Program Manager, DHS Office of I&A Margaret Noland Intelligence Analyst, Federal Bureau of Investigation Torrey Kingcade Intelligence Analyst, Federal Bureau of Investigation
11:30am-12:00am	Intel Commander Roundtable Future Projects Recruitment of Members
12:00am-1:30pm	Lunch

Reference:
1. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Use of Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder in Criminal Justice Settings. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 2019. PEP19-MATUSECJS. Accessed February 2023.

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Christopher Wray became the eighth Director of the FBI on August 2, 2017.

Mr. Wray began his law enforcement career in 1997, serving in the Department of Justice as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Georgia. In that role, Mr. Wray prosecuted a wide variety of federal criminal cases, including public corruption, gun trafficking, drug offenses, and financial fraud. In 2001, Mr. Wray was named associate deputy attorney general, and then principal associate deputy attorney general, in the Office of the Deputy Attorney General in Washington, D.C. His duties there spanned the full Department of Justice (DOJ), including

responsibility for sensitive investigations conducted by DOJ's law enforcement agencies.

Mr. Wray was nominated by President George W. Bush in 2003 to be the assistant attorney general for DOJ's Criminal Division, supervising major national and international criminal investigations and prosecutions. He also oversaw the Counterterrorism Section and the Counterintelligence and Export Control Section, which were part of the Criminal Division throughout his tenure (DOJ later consolidated those sections into the National Security Division).

Mr. Wray was a member of the President's Corporate Fraud Task Force, supervised the Enron Task Force, and served as a leader in DOJ's post-9/11 efforts to combat terrorism, espionage, and cybercrime with domestic and foreign government partners. At the conclusion of his tenure, Mr. Wray was awarded the Edmund J. Randolph Award, DOJ's highest award for leadership and public service.

Mr. Wray was born in New York City. He graduated with a bachelor's degree from Yale University in 1989 and earned his law degree from Yale Law School in 1992. He clerked for Judge J. Michael Luttig of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. In 1993, Mr. Wray joined the international law firm of King & Spalding LLP, where he spent a total of almost 17 years practicing law in the area of government investigations and white-collar crime. At the time of his nomination to be FBI Director, Mr. Wray was chair of the firm's Special Matters and Government Investigations Practice Group.



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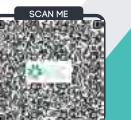
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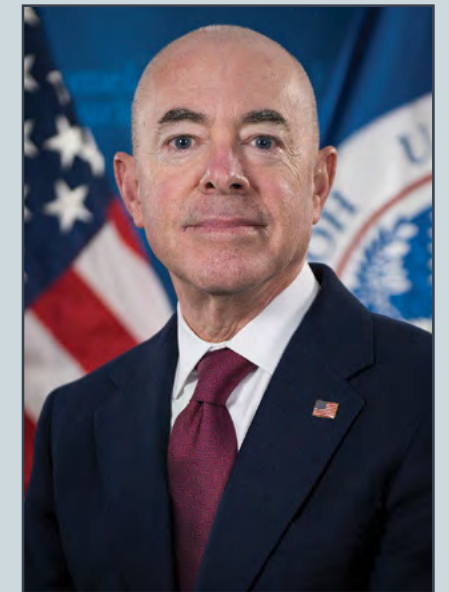


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THE HONORABLE ALEJANDRO MAYORKAS

SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT
OF HOMELAND
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Alejandro Mayorkas was sworn in as Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security by President Biden on February 2, 2021.



A political refugee born in Havana, Cuba, Mayorkas is the first Latino and immigrant confirmed to serve as Secretary of Homeland Security. He has led a distinguished 30-year career as a law enforcement official and a nationally recognized lawyer in the private sector. Mayorkas served as the Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security from 2013 to 2016, and as the Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services from 2009 to 2013. During his tenure at DHS, he led the development and implementation of DACA, negotiated cybersecurity and homeland security agreements with foreign governments, led the Department's response to Ebola and Zika, helped build and administer the Blue Campaign to combat human trafficking, and developed an emergency relief program for orphaned youth following the tragic January 2010 earthquake in Haiti. Mayorkas also created the Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate to better ensure the integrity of the legal immigration system.

Mayorkas began his government service in the Department of Justice, where he served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Central District of California, specializing in the prosecution of white-collar crime. After nearly nine years as a federal prosecutor, he became the youngest United States Attorney in the nation, overseeing prosecutions of national significance, including the investigation and prosecution of financial fraud, violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, public corruption, violent crime, cybercrime, human trafficking, environmental crime, international narcotics money laundering, and securities fraud.

Mayorkas received his bachelor's degree with distinction from the University of California at Berkeley and a law degree from Loyola Law School.



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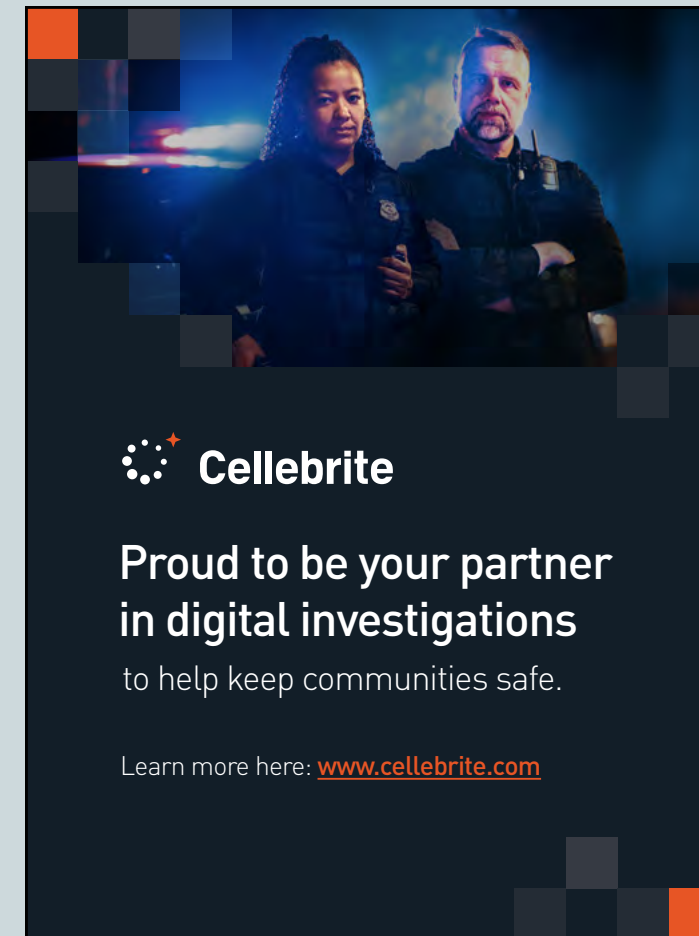
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Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard accepted the appointment to Sheriff on January 11, 1999, successor to John F. Nichols who passed away suddenly. Previously, he served as the Senator Majority Floor Leader in the Michigan Senate. Prior to going into politics, he was a police officer for 12 years working his way through a variety of positions. In November of 2020, Sheriff Bouchard was returned to Office for the sixth time and his current term ends January .

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office is the largest full-service Sheriff's Office in the State of Michigan. With a current jurisdictional population of 1.25 million residents, the Sheriff's Office services over 343,000 of those residents through law enforcement and corrective services for nearly 1600 inmates. The Sheriff's Office provides support services to the rest of the county which includes narcotics enforcement, computer crimes, aviation, SWAT, forensic lab, auto theft, fire investigators, and more. The county also encompasses 450 inland lakes which are patrolled by the Marine Division. Sheriff Bouchard oversees the agency's 1,500 employees and manages an annual budget of over \$166 million. The Oakland County Sheriff's Office is comprised of the Corrections/Courts Services Division and the Law Enforcement Services Division, as well as the Administrative Services Division.

Some of Sheriff Bouchard's top priorities for the Oakland County Sheriff's Office are his pledge to keep Deputies properly equipped, trained, and prepared for any circumstance they encounter. He is steadfast in his support of the communities the Sheriff's Office serves and has



**SHERIFF
MICHAEL J.
BOUCHARD**
OAKLAND COUNTY, MI

developed creative programming such as Sheriff PAL (Police Athletic League) to strengthen community policing. Sheriff is active both on state and federal levels in crafting public policy and reform which supports law enforcement and public safety.

He was named Michigan Sheriff of the Year 2022, by the Michigan Sheriff's Association and National Sheriff of the Year in 2016 by the National Sheriffs' Association. He was given the distinction of Distinguished Sheriff by the Michigan Sheriffs' Association in 2019. He is the founder and President of the Michigan Fallen Heroes Memorial and is the only combined memorial of its kind which honors police, fire, and EMS personnel who have died in the line of duty.

Sheriff Bouchard is a past president of Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA) and is currently the Vice President – Government Affairs for this prestigious organization.

Sheriff Bouchard is a devoted sportsman and enjoying restoring older vehicles, including a 1963 M-37 Military Dodge Power Wagon. He and his wife, Pam, are proud to have three children, Mikayla, Michael, and Jacob. Two of his children serve as Reserve Deputies. He also has care of Max Justice Brook, a donated King Charles Cavalier which serves in the Sheriff's Office Therapy Dog program. Sheriff Bouchard graduated with high honors from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and Police Administration. He is also a graduate of the United States Secret Service Dignitary Protection Program and the FBI National Executive Institute Program.

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Anne Milgram was sworn in as DEA Administrator on June 28, 2021, after being confirmed by the United States Senate by unanimous consent on June 24, 2021. As Administrator, she leads an agency of nearly 10,000 public servants who work in DEA's 334 offices across the globe.

Prior to assuming her duties at the DEA, Milgram served as New Jersey's Attorney General from 2007 to 2010. In that role, Milgram was New Jersey's chief law enforcement officer, led the 9,000-person Department of Law & Public Safety, and had oversight responsibility for state and county prosecutors and more than 30,000 local law enforcement officers. During her tenure as Attorney General, Milgram also oversaw, and significantly transformed, the Camden Police Department, leading

it to today being viewed as a model for effective, data-driven policing. Most recently, she served as a Professor of Practice and Distinguished Scholar in Residence at New York University School of Law where she developed programs on using data, analytics, and technology in law enforcement.

Milgram began her legal career as an Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office. She then served as a federal prosecutor in the United States Department of Justice, where she was the Special Litigation Counsel for the prosecution of human trafficking crimes. Milgram was awarded the Department of Justice Commendation for Outstanding Service and the Department of Justice Director's Award for her work.

After graduating *summa cum laude* from Rutgers University, Milgram received a master's degree from the University of Cambridge and a law degree from New York University School of Law. After law school, she clerked for the Honorable Anne E. Thompson of the District Court for the District of New Jersey.

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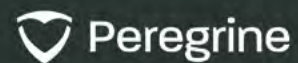
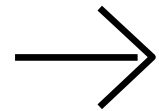


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SUFFOLK COUNTY, NY**

Dr. Errol D. Toulon, Jr. was elected as the 67th Sheriff in 2017 and is the county's first African American to be elected to a non-judicial county-wide office. He spent 22 years as a Uniformed Member of the NYCDC and retired as the Deputy Commissioner of Operations. As Suffolk's highest-ranking law enforcement official, he serves and protects our residents through innovative programs to reduce crime and recidivism, eradicate the drug epidemic, and work to put an end to human trafficking. Sheriff Toulon has his Doctorate in Educational Administration, a master's in business administration.



**UNDERSHERIFF
KEVIN CATALINA
SUFFOLK COUNTY, NY**

Prior to joining the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, Undersheriff Kevin Catalina spent 27 years as uniformed member of the New York City Police Department (NYPD).

Throughout his career in the NYPD, he was the Deputy Chief and Commanding Officer of several units: NYPD Gang Division, NYPD

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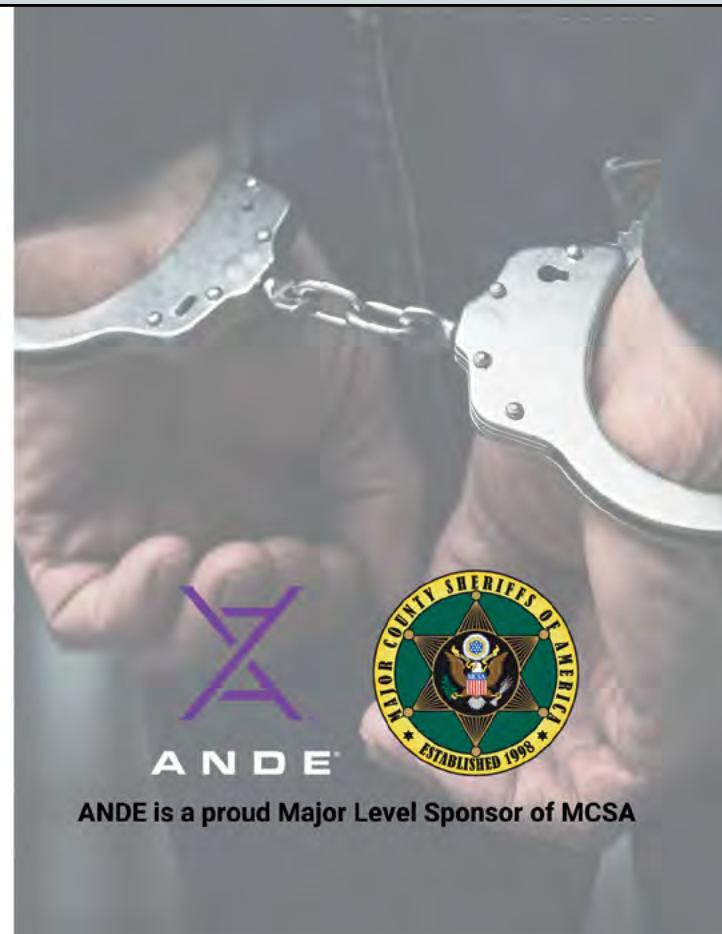
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John D. Cohen currently serves as Executive Director of the Center for Internet Security (CIS), Program for Countering Hybrid Threats. He recently served as the Assistant Secretary for Counter-terrorism and Law Enforcement Policy, Coordinator for Counterterrorism and the Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary of Intelligence and Analysis at the United States Department of Homeland Security. Prior to his recent service at DHS, Cohen served as a Senior Expert on Global Threats for the Argonne National Laboratory, an on-air expert for ABC News on homeland security, terrorism, counter-intelligence, and law enforcement issues and an Adjunct Professor in the Georgetown University Security Studies Program and Center for Security Studies.

Cohen has over three and a half decades of experience in law enforcement, counterintelligence, and homeland security. Mr. Cohen has studied mass casualty attacks and is currently studying the impact of Internet-based communications technologies on crime and homeland/national security. During the Obama Administration he served as the Acting Under-Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) and Counterterrorism Coordinator for the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS). During his time at DHS, Mr. Cohen was a direct adviser

During the Administration of George W. Bush, Mr. Cohen served as the Senior Advisor to the Program Manager for the Information Sharing Environment, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, where he authored and coordinated the implementation of key components of the 2007 White House National Strategy for Information Sharing.

Mr. Cohen has an extensive background in homeland security and law enforcement operations and policy development. He was Senior Homeland Security Policy Advisor to a number of State and local officials including Governors Mitt Romney and Janet Napolitano.

to the Secretary and he oversaw the development and implementation of a number of high visibility Department-wide crime prevention, counterterrorism, counterintelligence and border and transportation security initiatives. Mr. Cohen also led the Department's efforts to establish multi-disciplinary programs focused on: countering violent extremism; preventing and responding to mass casualty/active shooter attacks; improving information sharing; and expanding DHS' interactions and collaboration with state and local law enforcement organizations, private sector companies and faith-based organizations.

He has worked within the private sector and has held a variety of government positions including: Special Agent, Office of Naval Intelligence; Police Detective and Patrol Officer, City of Gardena, CA; Senior Investigator, House Judiciary Committee, U.S. House of Representatives; and Senior Policy Advisor to the Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President of the United States. He is the recipient of a number of awards and commendations including the Drug Enforcement Administration "Administrator's Award," The South Bay "Medal of Valor," and the Department of Homeland Security's "Distinguish Service Medal."



MEET THE SPEAKERS



STEPHEN AMOS
CHIEF, JAILS DIVISION
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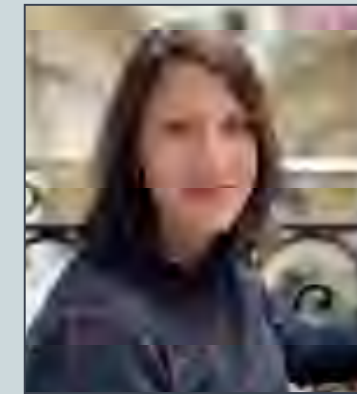
Stephen Amos is the Jails Division's Chief at the National Institute of Corrections (NIC), U.S. Department of Justice, a post he has held for over five years. He is an accomplished public safety executive with more than three

decades of broad success in crafting and delivering sustainable correctional capacity and innovative public policy throughout the United States and

Afghanistan. His expertise includes crisis leadership, change management, technical assistance and training, strategic planning, and cost containment. He is a contributor to numerous publications and the subject matter of a bestseller, *The Art of Crisis Leadership*.

He holds a master's degree in Law Enforcement and Correctional Administration. Mr. Amos is responsible for the management and supervision of the NIC Jails Division. These responsibilities include program planning and policy development, cooperative agreements and contract administration, personnel and fiscal management, technology utilization and program evaluation, professional contacts with national state and local agencies and organizations, and contacts with the media and public.

MEET THE SPEAKERS



RUBY QAZILBASH
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, POLICY OFFICE
BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE,
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Ruby Qazilbash is the Deputy Director for Policy at the Bureau of Justice Assistance within DOJ's Office of Justice Programs. As Deputy Director, Ruby leads a team of criminal justice experts in developing and implementing programs that meet the challenges facing today's criminal justice systems, leaders, and practitioners. BJA's Policy team interprets legislation and congressional intent for over \$1.4 billion dollars of discretionary funding appropriated to BJA annually to support and strengthen state, local and tribal criminal justice systems.

For the past twelve years at BJA Ruby has directed policy and programs to support the criminal justice field to develop community-based alternatives for people with substance use and mental health disorders, and to improve programming, conditions of confinement, and sexual safety in the nation's jails and prisons. Under her leadership, Ruby and her team

implemented the Prison Rape Elimination Act and the Second Chance Act. She helped fund, launch, and sustain the Stepping Up Initiative to reduce the prevalence of people with serious mental illness in the nation's jails and Justice Counts, a nationwide initiative to develop and build consensus around a set of key criminal justice metrics that drive budget and policy decisions. Ruby has also overseen the Justice Reinvestment Initiative which uses data to identify and address drivers of crime and state corrections costs, shifting state resources to more effective uses of criminal justice dollars to produce more public safety for the same cost.

Ruby has been with DOJ for 20 years, with previous experience at the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; Arlington County, Virginia; and the New York City Mayor's Office on Criminal Justice.

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Mr. Joseph Wassel is the Executive Director (CEO) of the First Responder Network Authority. He is responsible for overall management of all FirstNet Authority operations and the organization's strategic direction, to include its unique public-private arrangement to deploy and enhance the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network.



JOSEPH M. WASSEL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR &
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
**FIRST RESPONDER
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Prior to joining the FirstNet Authority, Mr. Wassel served as the Executive for the Cyberspace Operations Directorate within the Defense Information Systems Agency. He is also the former Director of C4 Resilience & Mission Assurance in the Department of Defense (DoD) Chief Information Officer's office. He was also the founder and chair of DoD's Public Safety Communications Working Group, where he led the Services, Joint Staff, National Guard, NORTHCOM, and other DoD partner activities for the Department's public safety communications efforts, including Next-Generation Public Safety Wireless capabilities, Next-Generation 9-1-1 implementation, and Enterprise Mass Warning and Notification capabilities for DoD. Prior to assuming his former positions, Mr. Wassel served as the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Communications and Deputy Chief Information Officer for the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

A retired Air Force Officer, he has commanded troops during several tours in the United States and overseas and deployed as a reservist in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as the Chief of Command and Control Operations for the International Security Assistance Force at the Combined Joint Operations Center in Kabul, Afghanistan. Mr. Wassel joined the Senior Executive Service (SES) Corps in 2019. His military and civilian decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, and the Secretary of Defense Meritorious and Exceptional Civilian Service Medals. He was decorated for his actions during the attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001.



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Manuel Garza is an alumni member of the University of Texas where he majored in business administration and minored in criminal justice.



MANUEL A. GARZA, JR.
ACTING DIRECTOR
PARTNERSHIPS DIVISION,
FENTANYL CAMPAIGN DIRECTORATE
US CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION

He began his federal career with U.S. Customs & Border Protection in 2002 where his first assignment was working as a Customs Officer in Blaine, WA working on the Northern border. In 2006 he was transferred to Roma, TX as an Officer to work the Southern border.

In 2006, Manuel was selected to be the Team Lead for the new Container Security Initiative (CSI) port of Caucedo, Dominican Republic. In 2007, Manuel accepted a position in Washington, DC to be a Supply Chain Security Specialist for the Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (CTPAT) Office.

Manuel was promoted in January 2011 to a Supervisory Supply Chain Security Specialist for the CTPAT Headquarters Office where he is responsible for the Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRA) with the European Union (EU), New Zealand, Jordan, Israel, and Mexico. Manuel also oversaw the progress on CBP's Joint Work Plans with Australia, and India.

In February 2015, Manuel became the Branch Chief of the CTPAT Plans and Operations Branch. In April 2015, Manuel was asked to be Acting Director for the Manifest & Conveyance Security

Division. He was responsible for the cargo enforcement policies, activities, and security efforts in all modes of transportation. Manuel became the permanent Director for the Manifest & Conveyance Security Division in November 2015.

Manuel served as the CBP delegate on the Advisory Committee on International Postal and Deliver Services. He was also the CBP Office of Field Operations delegate on the Opioid Detection Challenge and a member of the judging panel.

In December 2018, Manuel was asked to be the Acting Director for the CTPAT and in June 2019, at the CTPAT conference, Manuel was named the national Director for the CTPAT program. In this role, Manuel directed a team of nearly 180 employees in six field offices to conduct supply chain security validations throughout the globe.

Manuel also managed the partnership of 18 mutual recognition arrangements (MRA) with our foreign customs partners, one country which we have a joint work plan with, and several other countries we are just beginning to have a conversation with.

In May 2023, Manuel took on the role of Acting Assistant Area Port Director (APD), Buffalo, New York where he led the cargo team. Since November 2023, Manuel has been working in the Fentanyl Campaign Directorate where he is leading the partnership efforts both from the law enforcement and industry front. Manuel is currently working with several partners to develop information sharing/operational memorandums of understanding (MOUs) that can help with the fentanyl fight.

Manuel has been married to Joanne for 23 years and has two children, Seth (23) old and Kendall (19).



MEET THE SPEAKERS



JESSE NEWSOME, JR.
DEPUTY DIRECTOR
FENTANYL CAMPAIGN
DIRECTORATE
US CUSTOMS & BORDER
PROTECTION

Mr. Newsome entered on duty in August 2008 at the Cotulla Station (COT), Laredo Sector. Throughout his 15-year career, he has served in numerous leadership positions.

In March 2014, Mr. Newsome promoted to Supervisory Border Patrol Agent at the Laredo Sector Intelligence Unit.

In June 2016, he promoted to Operations Officer, Management Inquiry Team for Yuma Sector (YUM). In December 2016, he promoted to Special Operations Supervisor for

YUM Sector's Intelligence Unit. In December 2018 Mr. Newsome was assigned as Operations Officer for U.S. Border Patrol Headquarters Intelligence Division. In May 2019, he promoted to Assistant Chief at U.S. Border Patrol Headquarters, Intelligence Division where he had direct oversight as the National Program Manager for the Digital Forensic, Document, and Media Exploitation (DF/DOMEX) Program, Criminal Case Management System, and Intelligence Training.

Mr. Newsome returned to Laredo in August 2020 as a Watch Commander at the Cotulla Station. In September 2021, he was promoted to Deputy Patrol Agent in Charge, Laredo South Station. Mr. Newsome was then promoted to Patrol Agent in Charge for the Laredo Sector Intelligence Unit in August 2022. Since November 2023, Mr. Newsome has been detailed to U.S. Customs and Border Protection – Headquarters, where he is serving as the Deputy Director of the Fentanyl Campaign Directorate.

Mr. Newsome holds a bachelor's degree in business administration, Management from Texas A&M University, a Master's degree in Business Administration, International Business from Texas A&M International University, and a Master of Science, Strategic Intelligence from the National Intelligence University.



MEET THE SPEAKERS



MAJOR CHRISTOPHER GROTTON
COMMITTEE FOR SAFE AND SECURE ELECTIONS

Christopher Grotton grew up in Maine, and currently serves as the Associate Vice President for Safety and Security at Husson University. In this role he is privileged to lead a team of 13 officers in providing emergency planning and safety and security services to the Husson University community. He established and leads the University's Behavioral Threat Assessment Team, and serves on the Behavioral Assessment Executive Board for the Maine School Safety Center within the Department of Education.

Prior to joining Husson University, Chris retired after a 31-year career as a Major with the Maine State Police. During his career he served in the roles of Patrol Trooper, Sergeant, Canine Handler, Crash Reconstruction Specialist, academy instructor, and as the Cadre Supervisor for the 1st and 2nd Basic Law Enforcement Training Programs. During his 19 years as a Commissioned Officer, he served in command roles with the Traffic Safety Unit, Training and Professional Development, Special Operations Teams, and worked with state and nationwide entities on contemporary policy issues. He redeveloped and commanded Maine's Intelligence Fusion Center, served as an Executive Branch liaison with the Maine Legislature and successfully implemented numerous innovative technology projects. He founded and served as the first Commander of the State Police Incident Management Assistance Team and has served in various command roles at numerous large incidents throughout Maine and the nation. Promoted to Major in 2011, he served with three Command Staff teams, and was responsible for the many technical, forensic, and specialized units that comprise the Support Services Division of the Bureau. He managed numerous technology projects and implementations which impacted Maine's law enforcement and criminal justice system environments.

Chris earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice and his master's in business administration from Husson University. He is also a graduate of the Maine State Police Academy, the 223rd Session of the FBI National Academy, and the Fusion Center Director's course at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA.



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