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Major County Sheriffs of America Awarded Federal Cooperative Agreement to Host National Sheriffs' Institute

ARLINGTON, Va. – Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA) President Peter J. Koutoujian is proud to announce the MCSA has been awarded a cooperative agreement by the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) to host this year's National Sheriffs' Institute (NSI).

NSI is an executive leadership program designed for first year sheriffs. This is the first time the program will be hosted by the MCSA.

The cooperative agreement was awarded following an open, public, and competitive bid process through which the MCSA was able to showcase the impressive work being done by members and partners, including recent webinars that brought law enforcement and health care partners from across the country together to talk about the response to the COVID pandemic.

"The National Sheriffs' Institute (NSI), sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections (NIC) is designed to enhance the leadership skills of the first term sheriff. With the first class graduating in the early 1970's, the NSI is the only executive leadership program designed specifically for first-term sheriffs. NIC looks forward to its partnership with the MCSA and the IACP, honoring the history of the NSI and supporting its growth into the future. Our collective goal is to ensure that every participant has a challenging, productive, and enjoyable NSI learning experience," said Shaina Vanek, Acting Director, National Institute of Corrections.

"We are incredibly honored to be selected by the NIC to host this critical educational leadership program open to all first-term sheriffs, regardless of county size," said President Koutoujian. "As part of our effort we are proud to partner with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and other leading criminal justice organizations to facilitate this program. The combined expertise of facilitators from these groups will greatly enhance the educational experience for newly elected sheriffs from counties large and small across the nation."

"The IACP is thrilled to partner with the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA) to help deliver the National Sheriffs' Institute (NSI), and the newly developed National Sheriffs' Institute – Jail Administration (NSIJA), to enhance the knowledge of sheriffs in regard to their responsibilities in leading correctional facility operations," said IACP Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer Vincent Talucci. "The IACP will leverage its new Learning Management System, *IACPlearn*, to deliver the NSI and NSIJA courses virtually. Along with MCSA, the IACP will utilize online learning best practices to reframe the modules into online content. To ensure participants can network, the IACP will establish an online Community of Practice that will serve beyond the training for participants to stay connected and share challenges and successes throughout their careers as sheriffs. With nearly 3,000 NSI graduates to date, the IACP is proud to bring these new training opportunities to its many sheriff members as an additional offering specifically focused on the unique role of leadership in the Office of Sheriff."

While NSI is open to all first term sheriffs, capacity may be limited. In an effort to address capacity – as well as to deal with the continuing impact of COVID-19 – some NSI components will be delivered via digital platforms. A specialized course for jail administration is under development and will soon be added to the NSI curriculum.

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