

2019 SUMMER CONFERENCE RECAP



The Major County Sheriffs of America met at The Brown Hotel in Louisville, KY June 12-14th. The three-day meeting incorporated presentations in five areas of public safety, election of officers, awards for offices with unique sex offender watch programs, a Legal Affairs Committee meeting and social events. Additionally, MCSA's corporate partners had a member-Sheriff roundtable discussion and presentations and videos showcasing their companies.

Offender Watch Awards

Corporate Partner, OffenderWatch, presented four awards to MCSA offices that have unique programs to collect comprehensive data to track, manage and monitor sex offenders. Awards were presented to:

- Sheriff Dallas Baldwin, Franklin County Sheriff's Office,
- Sheriff Butch Conway, Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office,
- Sheriff Leon Lott, Richland County Sheriff's Office, and
- Sheriff Grady Judd, Polk County Sheriff's Office.

OffenderWatch specializes in providing sex offender services to law enforcement agencies and their communities throughout the United States.



Award winning Sheriffs and their staff accept their awards from Mike Cormaci, President of OffenderWatch.



MCSA Vice President Peter J. Koutoujian gives his presentation on Medication Assisted Treatment.

Presentation: MAT 101 – A New Approach to Fighting Addiction in Jails

MCSA Vice President Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian gave a presentation on Medication Assisted Treatment in jails and how the new approach to fighting addiction is saving lives and improving public safety. Sheriff Koutoujian shared information on the most commonly used illegal drugs and the science behind addiction. He also presented the numerous treatment options researchers are using to treat a variety of addictions. Sheriff Koutoujian stated that MAT programs in jails can be successful for six reasons:

- Individuals are away from toxic living environments;
- Inmates have access to medical care 24/7;
- Traditional health care barriers (i.e. health insurance, transportation) are eliminated;
- Treatment beds are available;
- Medical staff specialize in substance abuse treatment; and,
- Inmates have access to programs and services that address addiction.

Presentation: Border Security

MCSA Vice President-Elect Sheriff Mark Napier gave a presentation on conditions on the border. Sheriff Napier represents Pima County, AZ and his jurisdiction is the largest border county in the United States. Pima County has 125 miles of exposure to the U.S. southern border.



MCSA Vice President-Elect, Sheriff Mark Napier, is shown giving his presentation on border security issues.

Sheriff Napier listed several current conditions on the border, including:

- In many areas there is no defined border;
- Challenges associated with tribal lands;
- Vast and remote areas with no infrastructure;
- Inaccessible and protected areas;
- Unprecedented influx of migrants; and,
- Militia presence increasing.

Sheriff Napier showed numerous images of the vast terrain, drug traffickers crossing the border and migrants accessing the border. He stated that border security had to be a blend of physical barriers, technology, human resources and funding for services.



Speakers from the Law Enforcement Technology Panel on Drones are shown above with Moderator Sheriff David Hutchinson.

Presentation: Tackling Crime Through Innovation – Drones

MCSA members heard from three experts on the use of drones by public safety entities to fight criminal activities. First, Sergeant Duane Thompkins of the Polk County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) showed three of the office's 29 drones. The PCSO drone program was started in 2007 and is now referred to as the Aerial Response Team (ART). ART has the largest drone fleet of any local law enforcement entity in the country. Sgt. Thompkins explained that the 31 officers who operate the drones have Federal Aviation Administration licenses as pilots. The drones are currently used for a variety of scenarios including search and rescues, SWAT, and in-progress calls involving a fleeing suspect. Drones are not only deployed on patrol but also in detention facilities, schools, and the courthouse. On average these drones fly over 100 missions per month, saving the taxpayers of Polk County approximately \$264,000 annually. For additional information contact Sergeant Thompkins at TTompkins@polksheriff.org.

Second, Commander Tom Madigan and Chief Pilot Rick Hassna from the Alameda County Sheriffs Office (ACSO) gave a presentation on their drone program. ACSO

has 22 licensed pilots who have deployed on approximately 500 real-world missions since the program's inception in 2016. The ACSO General Order allows for drones to be used in 10 areas:

- Crime scene preservation and documentation,
- Explosive ordinance disposal detection,
- Response to hazardous materials,
- Search and rescue missions,
- Public safety and life preservation missions (barricaded suspects, hostage situations, active shooters, apprehension of fleeing suspects, high risk warrants, etc.),
- Disaster response and recovery,
- Training missions,
- Request for response from local, state or federal fire authorities,
- Probable cause to believe the drones will record images relevant to proving a felony occurred/or is occurring, and,
- Pursuant to a search warrant.

For additional information contact Commander Madigan at Tmadigan@acgov.org.

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The final speaker on drones was Bryan P. Stirling, Director of the South Carolina Department of Corrections (DOC). Director Stirling discussed the issue of drones being used by criminals and inmates to get contraband into the prisons. He stated that there were 29 sightings of drones near South Carolina DOC institutions in 2017 and 55 in 2018. Director Stirling provided numerous examples of the drones being used to try and get contraband to inmates in South Carolina and four other southeastern states. Drones have become more sophisticated over the years, allowing for a larger carrying weight, longer range and at a lower cost. These facts pose a large security risks to the institutions.

Following the three presentation, Sheriff David Hutchinson – Chairman of the MCSA Technology Committee – moderated a panel on the use of drones in public safety environments.

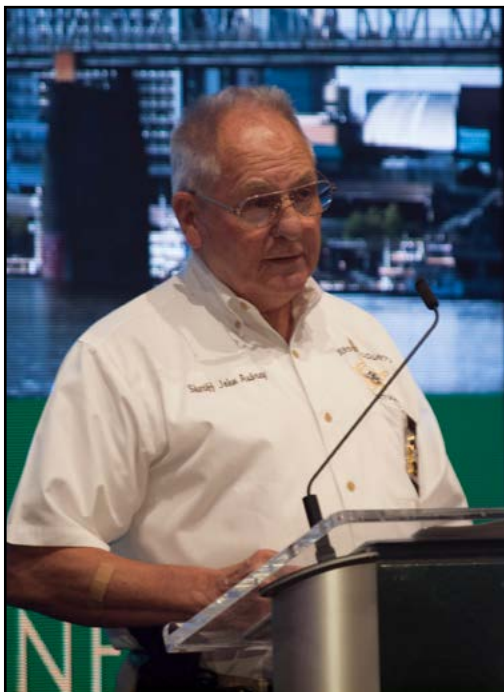


MCSA Vice President for Homeland Security Sheriff Mike Chapman (center) gave his presentation while MCSA Immediate Past-President Sheriff Donny Youngblood (L) and MCSA Secretary Sheriff David Mahoney (R) listened.

Presentation: Intel Commanders

MCSA Vice President for Homeland Security, Sheriff Mike Chapman, gave the membership an update on the MCSA Intel Commanders Group. As of the time of the conference, Sheriff Chapman stated that there were 39 MCSA offices that have submitted their information to participate in the national intelligence network. Sheriff Chapman said the goals of the Intel Commanders Group are: to have real-time information sharing, preventing terrorism and targeted violence and increased sharing of model policies, programs and training opportunities.

PHOTO GALLERY



(Above) MCSA President Sheriff Grady Judd addressed the Legal Affairs Committee as Committee Chairman, Sheriff Bob Gualtieri, and the attendees listen.

(Left) Jefferson County, KY Host Sheriff John Aubrey welcomes the attendees to Louisville for the 2019 MCSA Summer Conference.



(Above) Undersheriff Bob Peterson, Sheriff Dallas Baldwin and Sheriff Bill Ayub attending the member's roundtable.

(Below) MCSA President Grady Judd presented a recognition award to U.S. Associate Deputy Attorney General Steve Cooke for his many years of service and for his assistance to MCSA.



(Above) MCSA President Sheriff Grady Judd and Vice President Sheriff Peter Koutoujian are all smiles with Churchill Downs mascot, Churchill Charlie at our Signature Twilight Racing Event.



(Above) Sheriff Benny Napoleon speaking during the member's roundtable discussion as Sheriff Michael Reese and Sheriff Mark Napier listen.



(At left) The Spouse & Family special event was held at the Churchill Downs Museum where attendees toured the grounds, made hats and had a luncheon.