



# Omaha Citizens' Academy Alumni Association

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## A Word From SAC Dun

### Omaha FBI – Operation Innocence Lost

Did you know that the Omaha Division has a task force targeting those who seek to exploit the children in our community? This task force is known as the Great Plains Innocence Lost Task Force and is comprised of law enforcement from Omaha Police Department, Council Bluffs, Iowa Police Department, Mills County Sheriff's Office, Potawatamie County Sheriff's Office, The National Guard, and the FBI.

Task Force operations usually begin as local actions, targeting such places as truck stops, casinos, street "tracks," and Internet websites, based on intelligence gathered by these officers and FBI Agents. The initial arrests are often violations of local and state laws relating to prostitution or solicitation. Information gleaned from those arrested often uncovers organized efforts to prostitute women and children across many states. FBI agents further develop this information in partnership with U.S. Attorney's Offices and the U.S. Department of Justice's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS) and file federal charges where appropriate.

To date, there are 39 Innocence Lost Task Forces and Working Groups of which the Great Plains Innocence Lost Task force is one. Collectively, since 2006, these task forces have recovered over 1,200 children from the streets. The investigations and subsequent 625 convictions have resulted in lengthy sentences, including multiple 25-years-to-life sentences and the seizure of more than \$3.1 million in assets.

In November 2010, the Omaha's Innocence Lost Task Force, the other 38 task forces nationwide, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) concluded Operation Cross Country V, a three-day national enforcement action as part of the Innocence Lost National Initiative. The operation included enforcement actions in 40 cities across 34 FBI divisions around the country. Enforcement activity was conducted locally in Bellevue, Nebraska, Omaha, Nebraska, and Council Bluffs, Iowa. The enforcement activity led to the recovery of 69 children who were being victimized through prostitution. Additionally, nearly 885 others, including 99 pimps, were arrested on state and local charges. In the greater Omaha area approximately 30 arrests were made.

Since January 2010 there have been seven federal convictions and almost 100 local arrests for solicitation of prostitution. The federal sentences range from 17 and ½ years to three years. One subject will be sentenced in February 2011 and is facing 25 years to life. Since January 2010, 6 children have been recovered due to the efforts of the Great Plains Innocence Lost Task Force



## Welcome New Executive Board Members

The FBI Omaha CAAA Executive Board welcomed new members on January 23, 2011. The new board members include: Kristi Andersen, Ron Gordon, Roddie Miller, Robert Kully, Herb Hames, and Kim Wolfe.

The new officers were also elected and include the following:

President – Rob Chaplin,  
Vice President – Erin O'Donnell,  
Treasurer – Cecil Brasher,  
Secretary – Kristi Andersen.

Congratulations to the new officers!!



## A Note from the FBI Criminal Squad

Reminder for yourself and family members: Please be cautious and observant when using a parking lot in a public area.

Since last Summer, the greater Omaha area has been targeted by "gypsies" who have roamed from St. Louis and Memphis to Omaha to Chicago. Their criminal technique of choice is to break into parked vehicles and steal documents and purses, and then they go immediately to a bank and use the checkbook or debit card to empty the victim's account. This is an organized effort, in that the syndicate targets primarily women victims, whom are targeted based on how long they predict the victim will be away from their vehicle. They have hit heavily at the running parks, movie theaters, gyms, and most recently a dog park. They like to hit a vehicle when they can observe the victim exit the vehicle, and there is a high percentage chance they will be gone for a while. They proceed immediately to the bank, and are equipped with a variety of wigs and glasses and other disguises. They go to the outside lane of the bank drive-up, and conduct the transaction while posing as the victim; using the victim's actual driver's license as identification.

The local banks are aware of this scam and are devising techniques to combat it.

## Introduction to Chapter Officer Judy Weichbrodt

Judy Weichbrodt, CIPP, is Privacy Officer and Compliance at First Data Corp. In this capacity, she is responsible for bringing common objectives to the IT, Security, Compliance and Investigations and compliance team within First Data's pre-consultant to banks and retailers managing and

In 2009, in response to an FBI request, Judy joined the Association Omaha/Des Moines chapter. Over these past few years, she has helped the Association build to 75 members. Now, as recruitment coordinator she sets recruitment goals and plan support for the events and continuing education programs.

Judy's husband Ron Weichbrodt is also a Citizen's Academy alum. Judy and Ron have a newly married daughter in Seattle, and a family travel (Seattle is her new favorite destination), nurture her flower garden, read (crime novels and mysteries – no surprise there!) and help manage her family ranch.



Vice President, Enterprise Security, Risk and she is responsible for bringing common objectives to the IT, Security, Compliance and Investigations practices. She also heads the fraud paid gift and paycard division, and serves as an executing incident plans.

helped found the FBI Citizens Academy Alumnae Chapter. She has remained on its Board ever since. She has watched the Association build to 75 members. Now, as recruitment coordinator she will be working with the board to establish a growing number of community outreach

programs. Judy is a former Citizen's Academy alum. Judy and Ron have a dog, Gizmo. In her spare time, Judy likes to

## Omaha Graduating Class — 2011

Congratulations and Welcome to the FBI Omaha CAAA!!



## Recent Events

### **“Family Secrets” – November 29, 2011**

The FBI CAAA Executive Board hosted an Alumni Social for all Citizen’s Academy Alumni at UNO. Special Agent Mike Maseth discussed the “Family Secrets” case in Chicago that was one of the largest RICO murder cases in U.S. history. It was a great time for the alumni to get to know each other and some of the FBI agents. The board looks forward to hosting another social event within the next year.

### **Motivational Speaker – December 8, 2011**

The Omaha FBI Division held its annual all employee conference at Mutual of Omaha. Bobby Smith was the keynote speaker and all Citizen’s Academy Alumni were invited to attend. Bobby Smith had been a law enforcement officer in Louisiana for nine years, when on the night of March 14, 1986, at point blank range, he was shot in the face & blinded by an armed, violent drug offender. He recalls lying face down on the center lane of the highway, soaked in blood, and thinking, "Will this be the day that I die?" But Bobby chose to not give up; he chose not to die that day; he chose to live and today he travels around the world impacting audiences' lives with his story.

## 2012 Citizens' Academy Alumni Trip

The dates have been set for the Annual Washington, DC/Quantico trip. It will be the last week of August, 2012, with tours scheduled for August 28, 29 & 30<sup>th</sup>. I’m working on a block of rooms right now at Embassy Suites. More details to follow.....

## Upcoming Events - Save the Dates

### Child ID Kits – February 25, 2012

The FBI CAAA will be passing out Child ID Kits at a **UNO Hockey game**. We are currently looking for volunteers to pass out kits before and after the event. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Sandy Breault at (402) 530-1582 or [Sandra.Breault@ic.fbi.gov](mailto:Sandra.Breault@ic.fbi.gov)

### FBI Omaha/Des Moines CAAA Annual Event - April 3, 2012

FBI Special Agent George Piro will be the special guest and speaker. Agent Piro (currently Section Chief at FBI Headquarters) spent nearly seven months interviewing Saddam Hussein. The information revealed ultimately led to the conviction of the deposed dictator in an Iraq court. Piro's boss at the time Assistant Director in Charge Joe Persichini, told CBS' *60 Minutes* that Piro's expert work in revealing Saddam's secrets was "probably on of the top accomplishments of the agency in the last 100 years." More information will be soon coming....



### Omaha Police Safety Expo – April 28, 2012

The FBI CAAA will be hosting another booth at the OPD Safety Expo at Westroads Mall from 10:00am – 3:00pm. This is a great event to pass out child ID Kits, Internet Safety information, and give out information about the Citizen's Academy. There will be shifts to help man the booth. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Sandy Breault.



### 3rd Annual Golf Tournament

The date has been set for the upcoming golf tournament—August 23, 2012. Additional details will be coming.

If you are interested in helping with the tournament, contact Sandy Breault.

**FBI Omaha Citizens' Academy Alumni Association, Inc.  
(FBIOCAAA)  
Membership Policy**

The FBIOCAAA has adopted the protection of youth and elderly as a key component of its mission. There are many opportunities to give back to the community and help protect your children, your friends, your parents and/or grandparents, as well as our good friends at the FBI. There is still time to join and make a difference!

To join the FBIOCAAA, you must be a graduate of the FBI Citizen's Academy (FBICA). Membership dues are \$50 per calendar year with a lifetime membership option for \$250. The lifetime option can be taken at anytime but credit is not given for prior years' dues. Completion of the membership application and payment is required before membership is granted.

If you are a graduate of the FBICA and would like to join the FBIOCAAA Chapter, please complete our membership application (copy attached) and forward it along with your check to FBIOCAAA, P.O. Box 8005, Omaha, NE 68108-0005.

The FBIOCAAA is a well informed network of community leaders that promote the mission of the FBI throughout Nebraska and Iowa. Members of the Omaha Chapter are considered the FBI's private sector community ambassadors for education and safety. Therefore, each member is expected to uphold themselves to a higher standard of ethical and moral conduct. Should a member behave in such a manner that is a detriment to the chapter and the FBI, his/her membership may be revoked and will not be allowed to participate in any activities for the FBIOCAAA and the FBI.



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### FBI CITIZENS' ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class City/Year \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Company Address \_\_\_\_\_

Company Email \_\_\_\_\_

Which phone number is best to use to contact you? \_\_\_\_\_ Which Email? \_\_\_\_\_

What unique skills and or professional expertise do you possess? For example: speak a foreign language.

\_\_\_\_\_

**Upon answering yes to any of the questions below, please provide a signature under each question.**

May we add your information to the chapter membership roster? Yes No

signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Can we add the information from this application to the National Membership Database? Yes No

When you join the local FBI Citizen Academy Chapter, you will also become a member of the FBI National Citizens' Academy (FBINCAAA) which enables your membership information to be shared with the FBINCAAA.

signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like information on InfraGard, and thus allow the FBINCAAA Membership Coordinator to forward your information to an InfraGard membership person? Yes No

signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**The FBINCAAA is a private, nonprofit organization and not part of the FBI.**

**Please submit this form along with your payment to:**

FBI Omaha Citizens' Academy

Alumni Association

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**What interests you the most?** *Please circle*

- Board Membership
- Golf tournament (volunteer? participant?)
- Fundraising
- Event Planning
- Coordinated projects with similar or- ganizations (US Attorney, InfraGard, etc)
- Child Safety ID Kits
- Safe Online Surfing presenter
- Presenting programs on Elder abuse/fraud
- Alumni Shoot (volunteer? participant?)
- Budget/Finance
- Family Events
- Social Events with FBI personnel
- Holiday Activity
- Membership recruitment
- Web development
- Newsletter
- Travel to Washington for tour of FBI Headquarters and Quantico
- Travel to regional and national meetings
- Annual Dinner

**Anything else you can suggest?**

Membership term requested:

Annual (\$50.00) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Lifetime (\$250.00) \_\_\_\_\_

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Please contact the following Omaha FBINCAAA Executive Board members to volunteer for activities or committees:

Scott Berryman: (402) 884-2595, scottberryman@cox.net

Surasee Rodari: (515) 245-2435, srodari@gmailcom or srodari@bankerstrust.com

You may also contact Sandy Breault, Media and Public Affairs Coordinator, FBI Omaha Office  
(402) 530-1582, Sandra.Breault@ic.fbi.gov

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