

# Region III News



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## ***From the Director's Desk:***



**Mitch Paine**  
**Region III Director**

I just returned from the ITC and the Summer Board Meeting (SBM) in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Thank you to Region 7 Director Derick Ivany, Region 7 Assistant Director Terry Sparks, and the Canada Chapter for their hospitality and hosting a great conference.

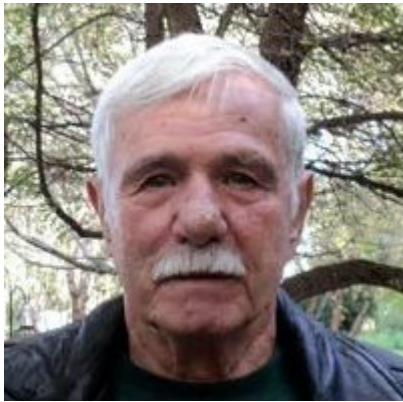
As for the ITC, Robert "Bobby" Nye was awarded the **Roger Goad Award** (posthumously). Bobby's daughter, Gina Kortman, and her husband, James Kortman, were on hand to receive the award from the Chairman of Trustee, Mike Walsh. Per the qualifications, the Roger Goad Memorial Award may be awarded each year to a member of IABTI who has done the most to further the aims and goals of the IABTI or who, by their actions, has brought great credit to the profession and, thereby, to IABTI. Bobby definitely met these qualifications.



## ***From the Director's Desk:***

Congratulations to Marge Yarbrough who has ascended to the International Director and a thank you to Bobby Klepper for his service as International Director during the past year. A hearty congratulations to Jon Harris (South Dakota Chapter) and Jim Dawkins (Kansas Chapter) on their retirements.

I would like to offer the Region's condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Ed Komac (Minnesota Chapter) who passed away in March.



Ed Komac

Work continues on the Region III Training Conference in Springfield, IL. Steve Trame, Pete Gallo, and I continue to work with Paul Earley and the Southern Illinois Chapter to bring you a successful conference. The 2016 RTC which will be held in Springfield, IL. September 18-23, 2016. We can still take your registration if you are interested in attending. The hotel room cutoff date for the 2016 RTC has been extended to September 1, 2016. You still have time to make your reservation and get the conference rate at the Wyndam Hotel, 700 Adams St., Springfield, IL. 217-789-1530.

Also, what would Region III be without supporting our canine assets? Well, we don't want to find out, so Mike Wynn of MSA is back to spearhead our canine program once again at the conference! If you are interested in being a speaker at the

2016 Region III In-Service Training Conference, please contact Steve or myself. Also if you have anything to donate, please let us know.

Indiana Chapter member Kay Newby will be proctoring the Certified International Post Blast Investigator (CIPBI) test at the R3 Conference. You will have to have your application submitted & approved prior to the scheduled testing date/time (September 23, 2016).

Please refer to the IABTI.org for more information. We are in need of Silent Auction items and raffle prizes for the RTC, let us know.

Steve and I are preparing for a site visit to Springfield, MO., to prepare for the 2017 RTC. We will be working with David Whittaker (Missouri Chapter Director).

Thank you to Iowa Chapter Director Pat Brady and the presumptive Host Committee Chairman Sean Goodman who has declared an interest in hosting the 2018 RTC in the Quad Cities. Any Chapter that would like to host the 2019 RTC, please contact Steve or me.

IABTI's 2017 International In-Service Training will be held in Green Bay, Wisconsin. June 12-16, 2017. Plan now to attend. This ITC will give Region 3 an opportunity to showcase our Region. We will be looking for a lot of assistance, not only from the Wisconsin Chapter, but all chapters within the region.

Congratulations to Region 3 member Steve Roberson on winning the election for NBSCAB Board member. Steve will be attending the "Transition of Responsibilities Ceremony" in Huntsville in September. Steve would like to thank everyone who supported him.

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# Southern Illinois

Contributed by Paul Earley

*Congratulations to the 2016*

*IABTI Scholarship Recipients!*

On May 1<sup>st</sup> 2016, Illinois Secretary of State Police Bomb Tech Doug Brinkley and his K9 Partner Beck retired after 21 years of service to the Department and 9 years with our Bomb Squad.

Doug, a USAF veteran, also had served with the Carbondale, Illinois Police Department prior to joining the SOS Police.

Enjoy your well-deserved retirement, your talents and everything else you brought to our team will be greatly missed.



<b>Region</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Award</b>
I	Rylee Martin	\$1,000
II	Jessica Dollard	\$1,000
III	Nicholas Schmitt	\$1,500
III	Michaela Ward	\$3,000
IV	Marie Carpita	\$1,000
IV	Grace Turner	\$1,000
V	Gillian Burke	\$3,000
V	Rachel Cardinal	\$1,000
V	Peter Torre	\$1,500
VII	Dominique Drouin	\$1,500

On June 30<sup>th</sup> SIU Corporal Adam Cunico was at Holiday World in Santa Claus, Indiana vacationing with his family when they evacuated the park for a suspicious package. Indiana State Police bomb squad arrived with only 1 technician so Cpl. Cunico showed them his HDS credentials and assisted with the call. He was very much appreciated and was told by Holiday World staff to come back for free and VIP treatment.

**Great job and keep up the good work!!**

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**Welcome!!**  
**The newest members of**  
**Region III**

Robert Amos	Linn County SO
Brian Austin	Missouri Univ. of Science & Technology
Joshua Bergeron	US Postal Insp. Service
Daniel Bernardy	Mall of America
Chris Black	Tippecanoe County SO
Chris Broderick	Indiana State Fire Marshall
Ronald Brickell	Omaha PD
Nathan Burkemper	St. Louis Metro PD
Christopher Burns	Minneapolis PD
Steve Carman	Motorists Insurance Co
Cesar Chavez	Winnebago County SO
Troy Chew	Univ. Of Illinois PD
Jason Davis	DHS
Bonnie Devore	State Farm
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Mark Ficcadenti	St. Paul PD
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James Ganey	Milwaukee County SO
William Gatske	Kane County SO
Cole Henert	Winnebago County SO
Dain Hicks	Nebraska State Patrol
Eric Hoaglan	MSP Airport
Michael Hockman	Improvised Threat Management
Brandon Holtz	Columbia PD
Jason Hospelhorn	State Farm
Trevor Hoyt	Kane County SO
Brian Jolley	US Army EOD
Matt Jones	State Farm
Mike Keller	State Farm
Diana Kopf	Kane County SO

**Welcome!!**  
**The newest members of**  
**Region III**

Frederick Lantzer	Indianapolis Metro PD
John Ly	Indianapolis Metro PD
Veronica Mckay	Action K-9 Security Inc
Kelly McKenzie	MSP Airport Police
Brian Meeks	Indiana State Police
Brian Modrzejewski	Marathon County SO
Timothy Newtols	Wisconsin K9 Services
Robert Parker	FBI
George Peltz	Minneapolis PD
James Picray	FBI SABT
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Robert Ritchie	Mall of America
Ashton Rowe	Mall of America
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Jeff White	Missouri State Highway Patrol
Jessica Wilken	St. Louis County PD
Keith Williams	US Postal Insp. Service
Mark Winscher	Charter Communications
Mike Wright	Lincoln FD
Brian Zielinski	Indianapolis Metro PD
Joseph Zielski	Milwaukee County SO

# CHAPTER UPDATES

## NEBRASKA

Contributed by Tom Muller

### Omaha Police

It has been a busy summer of special events with all the presidential candidates making stops in the area, College World Series, Olympic Swim Trials and of course the fireworks, during the month of July we had a series of mailbox explosions, 27 mailboxes were blown up in various neighborhoods, the investigation lead to the arrest of six juveniles. Now with the summer almost over it will be nice to get make to some good training this fall. We added a new member to the squad Josh Ames who is looking forward to Basic Training next August 2017.

OPD Hosted their Ninth Annual Fireworks Amnesty day on July 9, this event allows the citizens the opportunity to safely discard of fireworks and ammunition, OPD's Gun Unit works the event as well and will take in the guns with no questions asked. The event is held at three locations in the metro area which includes Council Bluffs, IA.

Overall approximately 300 vehicles dropped various items off at all 3 locations to include the items listed below:  
77 Firearms (41 long/36 handguns)  
Approximately 900lbs of fireworks and 700lbs of Ammunition  
Various pieces of military ordinance  
CS & Smoke grenades  
Artillery simulator rounds  
Japanese ordinance

### 155 Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit

The Nebraska Air National Guard has some new staff and tools to help out in a myriad of different situations and stationed in Lincoln NE. They are capable of handling all explosive situations: military, chemical, radiological, and biological. Under the leadership of TSgt Brad Siegersma, they now have a Bomb Squad Emergency Response Vehicle (BSERV) and a Total Containment Vessel able to handle biological and chemical rounds with the additional capacity of being able to take closed-air samples.

### Lincoln Fire

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July was another busy time with individuals blowing up mail boxes and porta-johns with M-Series devices. We had a total of eight mail boxes and one porta-john blown up over the eight week period. One individual was arrested after a warrant search where 21 IED's were recovered after the individual was reported setting off a 6 by 1 ½ inch m-series in a city park. Two other individuals were arrested for manufacturing and possession of m-series IED's from a joint investigation with Lincoln Airport Police, Lincoln Police, Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, NSP and Lincoln Bomb Squad. The Squad seems to have an increase of suspicious package calls probably due to increased awareness because of world events but all has been lost and found to include several GEO-cash suspect calls.

# NEBRASKA

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Damon Robbins participated in the Raven's Challenge 2016 in Dallas Texas and attended the BATF's HME course, which makes two graduates from Lincoln. Lincoln Bomb Squad coordinated Bomb squad response for the Lincoln Air Show with the Blue Angels, 155<sup>th</sup> EOD, Omaha K-9 handlers and Offutt K-9 handlers made this happen with their full support each day of the show. Lincoln sponsored a two day HME training exercise in Lincoln where we had participants from Omaha, NSP, Scottsbluff, 155 EOD and Lincoln Bomb squads. Also participating were FBI SABB's from Omaha to include members of their evidence collection team, Paul White with the ATF, Lancaster County Health HAZ MAT responders and the Military Civil Support Team (CST). We also hosted an IED Booby trap class for the Lincoln SWAT team taught by John Hallock FBI SABB and assisted by Omaha and Lincoln Bomb Squads. Don Neily FBI SABB, NSP and the Lincoln Bomb Squad participated with the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office with active shooter training being bringing booby traps into play for part of the active shooter training scenario. Donald Gross was able to attend the 8 day Master Breachers School taught by TEES in Mississippi and purchase some additional breaching materials for the Lincoln Squad.

All in all it's been a busy month for training and responses, we appreciate all of the participation from all of the other Bomb, EOD, HAZ MAT, Law Enforcement and CST for our trainings and real world investigations and events support stand-bys.

## Nebraska State Patrol

It has been a typical summer with the call out's, we did assist the State Fire Marshal Office with a large post blast scene in Grand Island and disposal of 6000 pounds of 1.4 fireworks that were damaged in a storm in North Platte.

## FBI

In June, SABB Neily conducted cap diagnostic training utilizing the Waspp (wire attack special piercing probe) kit, and RSP training on pressure cookers and internal threaded pipes. Certified Bomb Technicians from the Omaha Police Department, Lincoln Bureau of Fire Prevention and 155th EOD participated in this training.





# MISSOURI

Contributed by Dave Whittaker

On March 31, 2016, The Missouri Chapter of IABTI met in Jefferson City. The meeting was opened by Chapter Director Dave Whittaker.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Dan Abert, Area Sales Manager for BlueTracs, formerly known as ETS (Electronic Tracking Services). BlueTracs manufactures tracking devices that are used in a variety of applications, to include “bank tags” which are secreted in bundles of bait money. Mr. Abert provided training on the operation of their equipment and made several of their devices available for examination. Members were allowed to image the devices on a Logos x-ray system. This provided valuable experience by allowing members to become familiar with the appearance of these devices, both in plain view and as viewed from x-ray. There has been a situation in the past where these tracking devices were mistaken for components of an IED while a suspect’s bag was being cleared following apprehension. Mr Abert provided technical details related to the operating characteristics of these devices, specifically related to the transmitter frequency and RF output that could be of concern to bomb technicians.

At the conclusion of the training provided by the BlueTracs team, discussion ensued regarding the 2017 RIII conference. Springfield, Missouri was approved as the location for the conference. Members contributed suggestions for speakers and after-hours activities related to the conference.

The roundtable discussion ensued:

Members discussed recent calls for service and notable investigations. A topic that received considerable discussion was the use of hobby type remote controlled aircraft, both by law enforcement and the public, wherein it relates to handling calls for service involving suspected explosive devices.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol shared details of recent experimentation using a sub-caliber adapter to fire .38 special rounds from a standard PAN disruptor. The goal of this effort was to reduce collateral damage in situations where precision aim techniques are appropriate.

The meeting was adjourned to a local establishment where lunch and informal discussions of the various topics continued.



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IABTI Region 3

This is a closed group so membership will be verified.



# INDIANA

Contributed by Matt Knight

In April, the Indiana Chapter held an in-service training at the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department's training facility. The training consisted of a few presentations as follows, including a case study on the MLK Jr March in Spokane, WA.

9:30-11:30: MLK March by SABT Leland Mceuen

11:30-12:00: Special Event Preparedness by IMPD

1:00-1:30: Blast Injuries by IMPD

1:30-2:00: IABTI/CPBI by Steve Trame and Mitch Paine

Vendors 2:00-3:00

Logos: Matt Harrington with the Direct Radiography Systems.

Improvised Threat Management: Michael Hockman with training aids.

Chemring: Dan Spindler with chemical identification equipment.

Plans for the 2017 Indiana Chapter in-service are being made to consist of scenario based training based off of various types of transportation.

Indiana will host the Raven's Challenge in April 2017. This event will be held at the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center, <http://www.atterburymuscatatuck.in.ng.mil>.

# Wisconsin

Contributed by Chris Knurr

I.A.B.T.I.

Wisconsin Chapter Meeting

Thursday June 23, 2016

Training at

FBI Milwaukee Office

3600 S. Lake Drive

St. Francis, Wisconsin 53235-3716

20 members Attended

Chapter Secretary Peter Gallo opened Wisconsin IABTI Chapter Meeting.

Milan Momcilovic -Welcome Introduce Robert Shields SAIC Milwaukee FBI Office

SAIC Shields - Thanks to SABT Parker Shipley for the work he has done while SABT

Milan Momcilovic introduce John Hauser Eau Claire and – Chad Piontek Milwaukee as fellow FBI SABTs

## MEETING TRAINING

WMD Power Point by the FBI:

Oklahoma City – April 19,1995

Aum Shimrikyo Sarin Attack March 20, 1995

Over “4000” “worried well. People not effected but worried they were. They will overwhelm over emergency services.

Amerithrax - Anthrax – 52,079 calls 09/2001  
12/2001 telephonic responses

FBI is involved as the lead agency for domestic terrorism. Current Assessment: No credible threat at this time, but International Terrorist are showing an interest.

Kyle Smith Milwaukee – October 2014 did construct about 20 grams of Ricin. Convicted

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Civil Support Team (CST) 54<sup>th</sup> Power Point by Science Officer 54<sup>th</sup> CST

Their roles and responsibilities – 54<sup>th</sup> Mission was covered. Identifying Hazards, assessing, advising, assisting. Federally funded, State control deployed in support of Emergency Responders. Personnel - 22 full time on call 24/7.

Video – Render Safe Process - WMD

Stabilization Program – Chicago FBI Office  
Power Point  
IED Response  
Nuclear Response  
Chem/Bio Response

SABT John Hauser and – SA Chad Piontek conducted a field demonstration on using the PAN with BOSCH Hammer chisels to successfully open pipe bombs. This part of the training was done at the FBI/Racine County Sheriff's Range on 7 mile Road, Racine, WI.

Chapter Peter Gallo opened the Chapter Meeting

Secretary Gallo informed the membership the need for all IABTI members to renew their membership. If you are not receiving the Detonator then it may be because your membership has not been renewed. The IABTI website has membership forms. For renewals just use the new membership form. Out of your membership fee – we at the Chapter get funding for these training meetings.

So far this year, the Iowa chapter has been busy with callouts. Along with the presidential nominee visits covered by various squads throughout the state, there have been a couple of interesting calls.

The Cedar Rapids team was dispatched to a post blast where a man had a pipe bomb detonate in his hands. Amazingly the person is still alive, but the team was involved with rendering safe some items in his apartment.

Des Moines had a grenade call, as well as a call by the Linn County/Marion team for a piece of artillery.

The big winner for notable callouts this year so far goes to the Fire Marshal's team that had a call of a car stop that ultimately culminated in a search warrant with approximately two dozen devices that had to be rendered safe. They also had a callout in eastern Iowa that involved numerous PVC pipe bombs and improvised firework devices.

Also just recently, the chapter has started having regular meetings giving us the chance to recruit new members and start a better dialog with the teams and the IABTI. On the membership front, we have started to get some new members added, which will hopefully grow as we have more meetings. It appears from feedback at the meeting, that members from Iowa will be going to the regional conference in Springfield, IL.

Later this year, each team in Iowa will be getting issued the NEXRAY Nano X-Ray system. More will be written about this system once they are received and we get a chance to use them. The teams will also be sending people to a weeklong training in Oklahoma. This will be reviewed in the next newsletter.

# KANSAS

Contributed by Jim Dawkins

Jim Dawkins has announced his retirement from the Overland Park Police Department and his intention of stepping down from his position of Kansas Chapter Director.

Per the IABTI Standard Operating Guidelines, it is incumbent upon Mitch Paine to appoint someone to that position. Mitch will honor the wishes of the Kansas chapter members by appointing the individual who tallies the most votes of eligible chapter members in an election chaired by Steve Trame and Pete Gallo, The election is open thru Sunday, Sept 11<sup>th</sup>



*From Jason Hodges Region 2 Director*

We have brother Bomb Techs in Louisiana in need. They reached out to us as a community to help them and their families and some of you know how hard that is to do. Please go to the link below and support them any way you can. You can read more about their struggle on the link.

This is not an IABTI initiative and I am not sending this out as an IABTI officer. We are just Bomb Techs trying to help other Bomb Techs in a specific time of need.

Please also share this link with your chapter members, team members, all your contacts, on your social media accounts, etc.

Thank you in advance for your help and generosity.

<https://www.gofundme.com/2km7hhqs>



***From the Director's Desk:***

The Winter Board Meeting will be held February 11-12, 2017 in Fredericksburg, VA. Please contact Steve or myself if you have anything you would like to see on the WBM agenda, please let me know. There is a form for that, by the way, and I can forward you that form if needed. This Association belongs to us, the members, and we are directly responsible for ensuring the viability & relevancy of the organization. So, don't feel like you can't chime in about anything because that's how change is affected.

The Region has now purchased 2 sets of the books that are recommended to prepare for Certified International Post Blast Investigator (CIPBI) test. These books are:

*Practical Bomb Scene Investigation, Second Edition*

*Practical Crime Scene Investigation, Second Edition*

If you are interested in using the books to study for the test, please contact your Chapter Director and we will make arrangements to get a set of books to you.

More information may be found on the IABTI.org website

If you have not previously heard, Steve Trame has been appointed the editor of the newsletter and keeper of the email list. If you have anything to add to the newsletter such as awards, retirements, etc., *or* you or any of your department members are not receiving emails or have any changes to your email addresses, please send them to him at [strame@illinois.edu](mailto:strame@illinois.edu).

Take care and stay safe!

**TBT**  
Please submit pictures

