



# FBI Atlanta Citizens Academy Alumni Association 2015 Activity Timeline



**January 28<sup>th</sup> - SAC and Executive Staff Meet & Greet** The FBI Atlanta Division hosted an SAC and Executive Staff Meet & Greet for the alumni. Also invited were individuals from various communities and civil rights organizations. Starting this evening off was the opportunity for alumni to do some shopping in the Division's RA store; this is one alumni perk that many members appreciate and utilize.

This was a well-attended event with 52 individuals participating. Forty alumni and guests had the opportunity to meet and hear from the FBI Atlanta Division's leadership. SAC J. Britt Johnson along with the Division's four ASAC's spent a great deal of time answering questions and interacting with attendees. Attendees then received a cyber presentation from one of the Special Agents. This evening was a great step toward a continuing dialog within our community through continued outreach and interaction.



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During the SAC and Executive Staff Meet & Greet the Association provided alumni attendees with the chapter's 2015 calendar of upcoming events magnet. A number of alumni took this opportunity to pay their 2015 dues and purchase a challenge coin. The Atlanta Division provided attendees with the FBI Citizens Academy and CREST program brochures, a neat 100 year history of the FBI, as well as snacks and refreshments. Thank you to our SAC, the four ASAC's, Teresa, and all the Division staff that participated to help advance the communities understanding of who the FBI is, what the FBI does, and how the Bureau's priorities and efforts really do focus on keeping this nation secure and our communities and citizens safe from a host of threats.



**February 19<sup>th</sup> - March 28<sup>th</sup> The Atlanta Divisions 2015 FBI Citizens Academy (Class #15)** With the graduation of the 2015 class we welcome 33 alumni as new members. This year's class consisted of five classroom sessions, a SWAT exercise and EOD demonstration, and concluded with the Range Day session. Once again the Association assisted with this year's class. A board member delivered meals or provided additional assistance at each of this year's class sessions. Chapter alumni and employers sponsored meals and refreshments for all of this year's sessions. Many thanks to all board members, alumni, and sponsors that provided assistance and support for this year's class especially Charlene Fang, Chris Owens/ Epic Risk Management, David Sawyer, Frazier & Deeter, Ken Lim/ Penang Restaurant, and UPS.

**Communications Update:** We strongly encourage all alumni to spend some time visiting the Chapter's newly updated website [fbiatlcaaa.org](http://fbiatlcaaa.org). Many thanks to Ernest Staats, Malenka, and Kevin for getting our new site up and live. The 2016 board will continue to develop and update this alumni and community resource with safety information, chapter happenings, and gallery photos. Also, for alumni that are already on LinkedIn, you should consider joining our FBIATLCAAA alumni LinkedIn group.



**May** - Our congratulations go to North Gwinnett Middle School who won the FBI SOS (Safe Online Surfing) trophy this month. This is quite an accomplishment as the FBI only awards 27 trophies each school year to the nation's top ranked elementary and middle schools that participate in the FBI SOS program. North Gwinnett Middle School students did a fantastic job and are much better prepared to navigate the internet safely. The FBIATLCAAA actively supports getting Georgia's elementary and middle schools to participate in the SOS program. For more information and to learn how your public or private school can participate in the SOS program visit [sos.fbi.gov](http://sos.fbi.gov).



Kevin, Dan, Hilton, Jennifer

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** Alumni Dan & Jennifer Vargas provided a large donation of clothing to Wellspring Living in the name of the FBIATLCAAA. Dan and Jennifer have been longtime supporters of the Atlanta Chapter and do so much to support the needs of our community. Wellspring helps domestic sex trafficking victims and the vulnerable develop the courage to move forward and the confidence to succeed with restoration programs for females between the ages of 12 and 25.



**May 14<sup>th</sup> - 2015 Alumni Social** The Atlanta Chapter held a great social for alumni and their spouses at Marlowe's Tavern in Sandy Springs. The food was incredible and the chance to meet, network, and socialize with your fellow alumni always makes these social events worth attending. We look forward to seeing you at the next social event.



**May 16<sup>th</sup> - Gwinnett County Multicultural Festival** This is a really neat annual event for those that enjoy experiencing different cultures, traditions and foods. It is also a great opportunity to tour the county's public safety vehicles and meet the men and woman who serve the citizens of Gwinnett. Twenty-one individuals became naturalized citizens at this year's event which saw right around 2,000 attendees. Multiple countries, cultures, and organizations were all well represented at this year festival.

FBIATLCAAA board members hosted a table to promote the FBI Child ID smart phone app (*available for FREE in both iTunes and Google Play Store*), the FBI SOS program, and field questions about the Association and Citizens Academy. At this event we displayed a human trafficking poster which states the following two truths in seven different languages: 1) *No one should force you into work or prostitution* 2) *You have rights in the United States, regardless of immigration status. If you or someone you know is being forced to work Please Call for Help: 1-888-3737-888*. Thank you to Alex, Kevin, Hilton (and Mrs. Joseph) for representing our chapter during this fantastic annual community outreach opportunity.

**FBI Atlanta Citizens Academy and FBIATLCAAA:**

- 2000** - The FBI Atlanta Division held its first FBI Citizens Academy class.
- 2003** - The FBIATLCAAA was founded by alumni from the first four classes.
- 2015** - To date, the FBI Atlanta Division has graduated 15 FBICA Field Office classes, along with two Savannah and two Macon FBICA classes. The FBIATLCAAA has over 375 chapter members here in Atlanta; with additional chapter members in and around Macon and Savannah. The FBIATLCAAA is one of sixty member chapters which make up the FBI National Citizens Academy Alumni Association. Nationally, nearly 18,000 business and civic leaders have graduated from the FBI Citizens Academy since 1993.





**May 29<sup>th</sup> FBI Family Day 2015** As in years past the Association again supported this year's Family Day by providing a snow cone machine and the Frozen bounce house. Numerous alumni attended with family members and enjoyed all this event has to offer. Two alumni dads who brought their sons along both remarked just what an incredible opportunity it was to share this experience and this day with their son. Thank you to Theo and all Division staff whose work and efforts make Family Day possible. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to support and participate in this Bureau event.



**June 11<sup>th</sup> - GEMA Tour and Presentation** Twenty-five alumni took this opportunity to receive a presentation and tour of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency. This agency and facility is the heart of not only disaster response in Georgia but it is activated to support and secure all major events that take place here in Georgia. From Super Bowls to G8 Summits to New Year's Eve celebrations, this facility serves as command and control for everything from disasters to national security events.





**August 1<sup>st</sup> - FBI Atlanta Division Youth Leadership Academy** As in year's past the Atlanta Chapter supported this year's academy by providing t-shirts, lunch and volunteers for this six hour class. This year's YLA gave twenty teens the chance to go behind the scenes with FBI and really learn who the FBI is and what the FBI does. Students received some hands-on learning opportunities with members of the FBI Atlanta ERT and Division SWAT operators. Participants also learned about online safety and FBI employment requirements and opportunities. Thank you to Amy, Brian, Kevin, Malenka, and all the Atlanta Division staff that assisted with this year's academy.



**August 4<sup>th</sup> - National Night Out Atlantic Station's Central Park** This year the Atlanta Chapter hosted a table and had ten alumni volunteers participate. We provided members of the public with brochures on Cyber Safety, Identify Theft Protection, and Phone Scams. We also had safety coloring sheets, puzzle and online safety cipher sheets for the kids. The FBI Atlanta Division also participated in this NNO event and brought out "Big Blue" the Division's Mobile Command Center opening it up for public tours. Thank you to Amy, Alex, Arnold, Brian, Karen, Kevin, Mark, Malenka, Mike, Ryan, and all the Division personnel who assisted with this year's National Night Out event.





**August 15<sup>th</sup> - Community Event on Oldcastle Nature Trail at the Marcus Autism Center** The Atlanta Chapter facilitated the participation of the Atlanta Division in this community day event on the trail. The Atlanta Chapter and Atlanta Division joined many other local organizations in bringing activities and information to participants. Atlanta Division staff hosted a children’s safety table to promote the FBI Child ID App, SOS program, and other FBI safety resource. All alumni were encouraged and invited to attend this unique community day event on the trail. Thank you to Keith, Hilton, and all the alumni and Bureau staff who participated on our behalf.



**August 19<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> FBI Atlanta Division hosts the 2015 Savannah FBICA class** The FBI Atlanta Division held a second four session Citizens Academy class at the FBI RA (“Resident Agency” an FBI satellite office) in Savannah, Georgia. A number of nominees had the rare opportunity to go behind the scenes for an in depth look at the FBI; learning who the FBI is and what the FBI does. From Range Day to hearing from case agents, what a remarkable opportunity! On behalf of the Atlanta Chapter, congratulations and welcome to all of our 2015 Savannah FBICA alumni members!





**September 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> - FBINCAA National Leadership Conference**

This year's Leadership Conference took place in San Francisco, California. For the first time, Atlanta had four alumni make the trip. This was a great conference full of educational sessions along with time to engage and interact with fellow alumni. The highlight of the conference was having Director Comey in attendance for the welcome reception. Director Comey gave a great presentation outlining his commitment to the Citizens Academy and thanking us for our commitment and service before opening the floor to attendee questions. Additionally, the conference featured two fantastic keynote speakers: one was one of the Bureau's premier cyber experts and the other coordinated the 2015 visit of Pope Francis for the U.S. Secret Service after having served on the presidential protective details of both President George W. Bush and President Obama. Both of this year's keynote speakers gave fantastic and fascinating presentations.





**September 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> - FBINCAA National Leadership Conference (continued)**

Another notable mention of this year's conference was dinner aboard and a private tour of the USS Hornet. Thank you to the members of the San Francisco Chapter and NLC team who put in all the long hours. As always, a special thank you to SAC Johnson and the San Francisco Division, Ella, Aamir, Larry, Tammy, Sandy, Kathie, Stacy, Mariko, Gary, and the rest of the conference team whose time and efforts produced another great National conference. Making this all possible is the support of Director Comey, Assistant Director Kortan, Tracey, Paul, and many supportive COS's thank you all.

Birmingham, Alabama will be hosting the 2016 Leadership Conference, and we highly encourage all interested Atlanta alumni to attend September 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> 2016.



**September 18<sup>th</sup> - FBI Atlanta Division Steak Out in partnership w/ FBIATLCAA**

Once again the Atlanta Chapter partnered with the Atlanta Division in hosting the 2015 FBI Atlanta Division Steak Out. This semiannual event is a tremendous opportunity for federal, state, county, and local law enforcement leaders from across Georgia to gather for a fantastic steak lunch and fellowship. Thank you to our host SAC Johnson, Teresa, and all the Division staff that assisted along with alumni volunteers Becky, Chris, Karen, Kevin, Malenka, Mark, and Melissa. Special thanks to Amy and Charlene who along with our cooks Gary, Hilton, and Keith took on much of the Associations heavy lifting.



### October 3<sup>rd</sup> - Gwinnett County Public Safety Fall Festival

As usual, this was a fantastic family event with a great turnout despite the weather. There was public safety information, emergency vehicles, helicopters, along with much, much more. Thank you to the Atlanta Division and Division staff for bringing out the FBI MCC “Big Blue” which quickly became the highlight and talk of the festival. In fact, Big Blue was the only vehicle featured in the county’s own [news coverage](#). Thank you also to Alex, Hilton, Kevin, and Ernest for hosting the FBIATLCAAA table this year.



### October 17<sup>th</sup> - Rock Spring UMC Community Day

While participating in the Gwinnett County Public Safety Fall Festival, we received an invitation to participate in the Rock Spring UMC Community Day. We distributed safety coloring and puzzle sheet, along with cyber safety information for kids and parents. There was a chili contest, a jump house, numerous public safety vehicles, a helicopter, animals, face painting, vendors, and other activities. It was a family atmosphere and another great opportunity for the chapter to get out and interact with the community.





## October 26<sup>th</sup> - FBI Atlanta Division SOS Trophy Presentation

Board member Kevin Fletcher along with Sugar Hill City Councilman and Citizens Academy alumnus Marc Cohen attended the FBI Atlanta Division's presentation of the FBI SOS Trophy to North Gwinnett Middle School. Again, this is quiet and achievement considering that the Bureau only awards 27 trophies each year to the nation's top performing elementary and middle schools. Thank you to North Gwinnett Middle's dedicated staff who understand the value and importance of cyber safety awareness for today's students. To learn more about the FBI SOS program please visit [sos.fbi.gov](http://sos.fbi.gov).

**SAMPLE QUIZ QUESTIONS**

- Is it safe to download something from the Internet to your computer?
  - Only if it's from a trusted source and you have a parent's permission.
  - Yes, everything online is safe and can be trusted.
  - Only if you have seen it somewhere before.
  - Yes, if your friends have downloaded it before.
- What should you do if you think you're being bullied online?
  - Turn off your computer and don't use it for the rest of the day.
  - Ignore the situation and let it go away on its own.
  - Quietly log off and tell your parents or teacher.
  - Someone makes you feel uncomfortable, if you are being bullied, bully right back.
- Is it true that what you do online can only be seen by you and no one else?
  - Yes, this is true.
  - No, everything you do online has the potential to be seen by someone else.
  - This, but you can choose who you want to see your information.
  - If you tell people not to look, no one will see.

The mission of the FBI-SOS Internet Challenge is to promote cyber citizenship among students by engaging them in a fun, age-appropriate, competitive online program where they learn how to safely and responsibly use the Internet.

The FBI-SOS Internet Challenge is presented by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Internet safety program is implemented each school year with the help of the FBI, teachers and school administrators across the country. FBI-SOS would like to thank the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for their support in developing this resource.

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**Program Overview**

The FBI-SOS (Safe Online Surfing) Internet Challenge is a FREE, educational, fun online program that promotes cyber citizenship and teaches students in 3rd through 8th grades how to recognize and respond to online dangers. Sponsored and managed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the program provides vital Internet safety guidance in an interesting, competitive format.

The FBI-SOS Internet Challenge enables participating students to familiarize themselves with practical information, safety tips, and resources to help them stay protected online and grow to become safe, responsible cyber citizens.

FBI-SOS is open to all public and private schools nationwide.

Only an Internet connection is needed to participate. No downloads or installation required.

**How it Works**

Each month, 3rd through 8th grade students compete to win the FBI-SOS Internet Challenge by playing games, completing activities, and taking web-based quizzes. The activities promote online safety and cyber citizenship. The program runs September through May.

Designed to meet state and federal Internet safety mandates, the FBI-SOS Internet Challenge addresses relevant Internet safety topics and concerns that students face today. There are unique FBI-SOS Internet Challenges for each grade. The program builds upon itself each year by introducing new ideas and concepts in each grade while supporting the information previously covered.

**Topics Covered**

- Protecting Personal Information
- Online Predators
- Cyberbullying
- Instant Messaging
- Social Networking
- Copyright and Fair Use
- Cell Phone Safety
- Gaming Safety
- Reporting

**To Participate**

- A teacher or administrator can register his/her school at <http://sos.fbi.gov>.
- Students are tracked using a key code provided by their teachers. No information on students is collected or stored by the FBI.
- Students complete a grade-specific program that includes scavenger hunts, games, and quizzes.

The online learning program helps students learn about Internet safety in a fun, interactive way.

**Register Now**  
Registration is easy!  
Visit <http://sos.fbi.gov> and click on "Register."

**Results and Awards**

- Schools are categorized by the amount of students participating from each school.
- Results are ranked on a national level.
- Schools with the highest score in each category at the end of each month will earn the FBI-SOS national trophy.
- When possible, winning schools will receive a visit from a local FBI special agent.





**November 20<sup>th</sup> - FBI Atlanta Division hosts Alumni Range Day**

The Atlanta Division held an additional Range Day this year for members in good standing. This was a great opportunity for alumni to get together and spend some time at the range developing their firearms skills. Thank you to Chris the Division's recently retired Principal Firearms Instructor for all your years of dedicated service to the nation!



**December 7<sup>th</sup> - FBIATLCAAA Board Meeting with National Board Members**

The FBIATLCAAA board was joined by three members of National for our December board meeting. National President Tammy Denbo, VP of Chapter Relations Kathie Wylie, and Atlanta board member and National Historian Kevin Fletcher. This was a great opportunity to interact with members of the national board. Thank you to Ernest Staats for driving down from north Georgia to brief the board on our new websites template and site capabilities; also many thanks to both Tammy and Kathie for taking the time and personal expense to visit us here in Atlanta.





**December 25<sup>th</sup> - FBIATLCAAA Spirit of Giving Challenge**

The Atlanta Chapter participated in the Spirit of Giving Challenge by teaming up with “Community Teen Coalition” at The Covenant House Shelter in Atlanta. Chapter alumni donated an array of gift cards along with eggs and bacon for Christmas breakfast. 2016 board members (Alex, Dominic, and Alba) volunteered their time to cook and serve breakfast to 80 young men and woman on this Christmas morning. Special thanks to Dominic & Dion Stokes for the work they continue to do for the teens in our community.

The Covenant House Shelter (CH) is the only crisis facility for kids between the ages of 17 and 21. The beds at the CH shelters are always full. If you would like help, please visit their website for more information: [www.covenanthouse.org](http://www.covenanthouse.org). For more information on the Community Teen Coalition and to learn how you can assist visit [www.ctc-inc.org](http://www.ctc-inc.org)

**FBIATLCAAA Acknowledgement:** We would like to thank our 2015 Chapter President Keith McInish, along with board members Alex, Charlene, Gary, Leigh, and Mike for your time and leadership. We would like to especially recognize four board members for their long term service and commitment to the growth and impact of this Association.

**Hilton Joseph** - Board Member - Three and a half years of board service.

**Kevin Fletcher** - Past President - Three and a half years of board service.

**Karen Hampton** - Past President - Seven years of board service.

**Malenka Warner** - Past President - Seven years of board service.



**January 11<sup>th</sup> – 2015/16 Board Transition Meeting with Division Leadership** The January board meeting was attended by both the 2015 and incoming 2016 board of directors in order to start the transition process. Also joining us was the Division's SAC, an ASAC along with our COS. The 2015 board pledged to support the incoming board in any way as the new directors assume their board roles and duties. The Atlanta Chapter can look forward to a very active and productive 2016.



**January 25<sup>th</sup> - FBIATLCAA Annual Meeting and Election**

The Atlanta Chapter decided to host our Annual Meeting after the holidays, extending out 2015 into January. The evening started off with a mix and mingle period along with the chance to do some shopping at the Division's RA Store. Then Atlanta Division SAC Britt Johnson gave a very interesting and informative presentation on Terrorism and Counter Terrorism and took alumni questions until there were no more. Alumni really do appreciate hearing from the SAC, and always appreciate the chance to ask questions.

The Chapters 2015 board provided an overview of our 2015 activity timeline along with the 2015 membership and treasures reports. The 2016 board was then introduced completing the board transition process. Many thanks go to alumnus Gene Lucas and Sanofi for providing this evening's meal and beverages; well done, thank you Gene!





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