



**NYSEC FBINAA**  
**Conference Training**  
**September 18-20, 2022**



# Conference Itinerary

## **Sunday September 18, 2022**

### **12:00pm-5:00pm**

Conference Registration – Skybox conference area

Vendors Exhibition – Hallway area of the Skybox conference area

### **6:30pm-9:30pm**

President's Reception – Dos Gatos Mexican Restaurant located within walking distance at Resorts World Casino

## **Monday September 19, 2022**

(Skybox training room)

**0800 - 0830:** Welcome and flag presentation

**0830 - 1230:** Presentation by Paul Butler: Leadership for a lifetime, how the past prepares us for the future.

**1230 - 1330:** Lunch

**1330 - 1530:** Presentation by Bob Yeates: Officer involved shooting and after the shooting.

**1530 - 1730:** Presentation by Ashley Spence: Founder, DNA Justice Project

**1730 - 1900:** Chapter meeting

**1900 - 2100:** Dinner on your own (25% discount at the casino restaurants)

**2100 - 0000:** Hospitality reception provided by the chapter

## **Tuesday September 20, 2022**

(Skybox Training Room)

**0800 - 1100:** Presentation by George Piro

**1100 - 1200:** Lunch

**1300 - 1600:** Presentation by George Piro (continued)

**1600 - 1700:** Presentation by Tony Raganella: Civil unrest in America, where we are today.

**1900:** Banquet, Honorable David M. Hoovler, O.C. District Attorney, keynote address

**Post Banquet:** Hospitality reception

### **Wednesday September 21, 2022**

Breakfast on your own and check out for those who stayed over

## **Presenter Biographies:**



### **Paul Butler Presentations, LLC Instructor, Speaker, Emcee, Consultant Expertise in Leadership and Motivation**

Paul Butler is an internationally renowned speaker, presenter, instructor, and entertainer. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Communication with a concentration in Culture and Communication, as well as an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice. He excels in the areas of motivation, leadership, customer service, and attitude empowerment. During his 27 years of law enforcement, he has been a public servant, training officer, sergeant, crisis negotiator, chief of police, and chief deputy. These opportunities have given him a unique perspective on a vast array of situations and circumstances that many people find themselves in every day. These experiences have helped him to develop the answers to questions and cures to problems most people are facing at work and in life on a continual basis. Paul became the chief of police of the Aynor Police Department at 22 years of age, making him the youngest police chief in the history of South Carolina. Born and raised on a small farm, his parents served as examples of hard work, common sense, personal responsibility, and respect for self and others. This has played heavily in his success in life and within each organization in which he has served. He believes the power of a positive attitude can take you to the top or help you simply find happiness and pride in the current role you fill. A healthy attitude is often the key to both personal and professional success – this has certainly been the key to Paul's success. As Chief Deputy of the Horry County Sheriff's Office, he was selected to attend the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia in 2005 for the 220th Session. This 10-week, executive level course was host to 250 attendees from all 50 states and 29 countries around the world. Paul was selected by his class to be their graduation day speaker alongside then-FBI Director Robert Mueller. He continues to serve as the official Master of Ceremonies for the FBI National Academy Associates during their annual training conferences, which are held throughout North America. To increase his outreach, Paul Butler Presentations was formed, and he has been traveling the globe speaking, instructing, and entertaining for all types of groups, organizations, and events. He is consistently one of the highest rated presenters on the market today and comes with strong references and a list of past and future exciting events on his website: [www.Paul-Butler.com](http://www.Paul-Butler.com).

## **Presenter Biographies:**



### **Ashley Spence**

Founder

DNA Justice Project



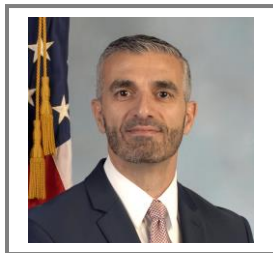
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Ashley Spence is an inspirational speaker, victim advocate and founder of the DNA Justice Project. At 19 years old she was the victim of a brutal home invasion rape that nearly took her life. It was through DNA that her perpetrator was caught and is now serving 138 years in prison. Ashley focuses her efforts on educating others on the power of DNA to create policy change that can provide justice, prevent crimes, and exonerate the innocent. Ashley has worked globally to spark conversations on how to come together to put an end to sexual violence and tackle the worldwide sexual assault kit backlog crisis. She believes that every survivor has an important story to be told and a brave voice to be heard.

## **Presenter Biographies:**



**GEORGE L. PIRO**

Special Agent in

Charge

Miami Division

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George L. Piro recently retired as the Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the FBI's Miami Division. Over the course of his career, Mr. Piro has received numerous awards for his intelligence and law enforcement service, including the National Intelligence Medal of Achievement, the FBI Director's Award for Excellence, ADL's Blue Shield Award for Counter Terrorism Excellence, Multiple FBI Combat Theater Awards, and the FBI Medal for Meritorious Achievement for life saving action.

As SAC of Miami, the FBI's fourth largest field office, Mr. Piro was responsible for overseeing FBI Miami's counterterrorism, criminal, Cyber, and counterintelligence programs while simultaneously providing leadership to the office's 900 plus employees. As one of the FBI's four offices with extraterritorial responsibility, Mr. Piro was also instrumental in ensuring the FBI's mission to protect the American people extends overseas, specifically in the Caribbean, Central and South America. Previously, Mr. Piro was the Assistant Director of the International Operation Division. In this capacity, he drove FBI global operations by leading the FBI's Legal Attache Program, which maintains locations in 90 locations around the world.

Over the duration of his extensive career, Mr. Piro has led a number of complex investigations, has held a variety of leadership positions, and has deployed throughout the world. Most notably, Mr. Piro was selected as the team leader and interrogator for the FBI team responsible for the interrogation of Saddam Hussein. This marked the first time in FBI history that the FBI interrogated a significant head of state in his own home country. During this time, Mr. Piro spent seven months leading the interrogation of Saddam Hussein and other key figures within the former Iraqi regime. At the time, Mr. Piro had only five years of experience as a special agent in the FBI.

Mr. Piro entered on duty as a special agent on March 14, 1999, initially assigned to the International Terrorism Team at FBI Phoenix and within four years was selected to serve on the FBI's elite Counterterrorism Rapid Deployment Team, better known as the Fly Team. Mr. Piro later served as the supervisor of the Washington Field Office's Joint Terrorism Task Force, and assistant special agent in charge of the International Terrorism Branch for the Washington Field Office. He also served as the Deputy Assistant Director of the Weapons of Mass Destruction Directorate, and the Director of the High-Value Detainee Interrogation Group, an interagency unit overseen by the Counterterrorism Security Group within the White House.

Mr. Piro was born and raised in Beirut, Lebanon, and is a fluent Arabic and Assyrian speaker. He served as a police officer in California for nearly ten years preceding his FBI service.

Mr. Piro received his Bachelor's Degree from Chapman University in Criminal Justice and a Master's Degree from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in Security Studies. He also holds a Master's Certificate in Arab Studies.

## **Presenter Biographies**



### **Anthony J. Raganella, CEO NY Blue Line Consulting Group**

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Anthony J. Raganella is the founder and CEO of NY Blue Line Consulting Group, a company which provides law enforcement training and consulting services nationwide. He is a retired 25-year decorated New York City Police Department Deputy Inspector, and his resume of achievements and professional pursuits exemplifies excellence and demonstrates what true dedication can mean to the safety and security of a large city. Describing himself as a leader that “gets involved,” Anthony has taken everything he does to the next level with a keen eye toward attention to detail and forward progress.

While at the NYPD, Anthony spent 8 years as the Commanding Officer of the Disorder Control Unit, a citywide department unit primarily responsible for planning, assessing, and ensuring the Department’s training and readiness in crowd management and disorder control operations for civil unrest, as well as major events and emergencies including demonstrations & protests. The unit also provided on-scene tactical and logistical support, as well as coordinated the response of critical NYPD resources at incidents. Anthony worked closely with other New York City agencies and major venues to plan and test for contingencies, capabilities, and continuities during high-risk events.

As Commanding Officer of the Disorder Control Unit, Anthony regularly developed policy, as well as evaluated and implemented training, equipment and best practices related to crowd management & control, Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), and active shooter tactics, theory and technique. Anthony was the NYPD visionary for reorganizing decentralized city task forces into what is now the current centralized Strategic Response Group (SRG). He also supervised the creation of the NYPD’s first bicycle squad dedicated to crowd management/control along with its policy & training. Anthony also conducted disorder control presentations to outside law enforcement agencies and visiting dignitaries, both national and international, and was instrumental in planning and coordinating the NYPD’s strategy, training and field operations during New York City’s Occupy Wall Street movement and the recent Black Lives Matter protests. Anthony was also the co-chair on the Civil Disturbance Subcommittee for the 2015 Papal visit to New York City and conducted international research for the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) in 2017, where he continues to work with NIJ serving on their Special Technical Committee (STC) to develop standards for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and training within U.S. law enforcement Civil Disturbance Units (CDU). Anthony is considered a subject matter expert on matters related to protests and civil unrest. As such, he serves as a consultant to FEMA’s Center for Domestic Preparedness and is an approved expert witness in Federal court on such matters.

Prior to commanding the Disorder Control Unit, Anthony spent a majority of his career in various ranks within one of the NYPD’s specialized rapid-response crowd control units. During his career, he has been involved in the policing of over 2,000 demonstrations and major events, as well as the relevant training of tens of thousands of NYPD officers. Anthony has been recognized by numerous officials and organizations and has amassed in excess of fifty honors and awards for his various efforts and achievements.

In relentless pursuit of professional and personal advancement, Anthony has completed his Master Degree in Public Administration, summa cum laude, from Marist College; a Bachelor of Science Degree in Behavioral Science, summa cum laude, from New York Institute of Technology; an Associate of Science Degree in Criminal Justice, summa cum laude, from Nassau Community College, as well as being a graduate of the 24<sup>th</sup> Session of Columbia University’s Police Management Institute, and the 223<sup>rd</sup> Session of the FBI National Academy.

Additionally, Anthony is the author of several published peer-reviewed journal articles and text book chapter supplements in the field of criminal justice, and has presented the findings of his work at numerous symposiums nationwide. Anthony is very active in professional associations and alumni groups, and believes in giving back through frequent speaking engagements and mentoring of newer officers. He is also a frequent guest-lecturer at local colleges and criminal justice events, and has been selected to serve on the FBI National Academy Associates Speaker's Bureau.

In addition to his consulting firm, Anthony co-founded Rising Star Promotions, an educational tutorial service focused on supplementing and supporting studies of officers seeking elevation through promotional exams. He continually develops study material and course curricula while leading recurring courses since 2006. The result has been successfully facilitating thousands of officers' advancement efforts within the NYPD.

Although Anthony has dedicated his professional life to law enforcement, he hasn't limited himself to just police work. Anthony is also active in organizing fundraising events to support various causes for his high school alma mater's alumni association – La Salle Military Academy – where he sits on the Board of Governors.

Anthony is an avid automobile enthusiast and tournament poker player, and resides on Long Island with his wife Nicole and son Anthony, Jr. where they often enjoy recreational and sporting activities, as well as traveling



## Presenter Biographies



### Bobby and Dawn Yeates

Dawn Yeates is a NYS Licensed Mental Health Counselor and School Counselor trained in EMDR Therapy and Group Crisis Intervention. She is married to Bobby Yeates who is retired from the City of Buffalo Police Department (29 years of service) and is now a Confidential Criminal Investigator for the Erie County District Attorney's Office. They are the proud parents of 4 amazing daughters, two of which are police officers. Dawn is dedicated to bringing awareness to the mental health issues and struggles experienced by officers and their families due to the stressors brought on by the law enforcement career.

Dawn became dedicated to this mission after Bobby survived a critical incident at work which resulted in mental health struggles for him and their family. In 2012, Bobby was involved in an Officer Involved Shooting where he took the life of an individual. In 2016 Dawn, with the assistance of the WNY Law Enforcement Helpline, Dawn began training family members to serve as family peers on the WNY LEO Helpline. In addition to being a Family Peer, Dawn is a Helpline Peer Consultant and Secretary for the Law Enforcement Helpline Board. Dawn, alongside her husband Bobby, presents to Law Enforcement Departments and criminal justice students in the U.S. and Canada on critical incidents and how it can affect the officer and the family. In addition, they are both presenters for The NYS Department of Criminal Justice, NYLEAP, Erie County and Niagara County Law Enforcement Training Academies.

Bobby gives a presentation on his critical incident and together they present to officers and family members information on the stressors of the job, how those stressors can impact family members and provide suggestions on how to battle the stressors. It is their mission to get the message out to law enforcement and their families that WE SEE YOU, WE HEAR YOU and WE ARE HERE FOR YOU.