



## National Internal Affairs Investigators Association, Inc.

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Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association  
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Executive Director Joseph C. Blackburn and the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, please let me take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Special Agent David A. Enos, US Postal Service, Office of Inspector General, Special Inquires Division, Internal Affairs Unit and I am the Federal Liaison for the National Internal Affairs Investigators Association (NIAIA). I would like to briefly tell you about the NIAIA and invite you and/or the other Chiefs within your association to consider joining us at our annual conference or at least consider nominating one of their IA investigators as the 2019 Investigator of the Year.

The NIAIA is the only non-profit law enforcement organization comprised of hundreds of local, county, state, federal, and international police and public safety individuals who serve in internal affairs units. The NIAIA is dedicated to promoting professionalism, providing outstanding annual training, innovation, collaboration, and networking opportunities for its members.

In 1985, a group of law enforcement officers assigned to internal affairs sections in North Carolina met for the first time to discuss mutual problems and the future of our profession. They created a formal association in 1986 named the North Carolina Internal Affairs Investigators Association (NCIAIA). A constitution with by-laws was ratified on June 4, 1986.

In 1987, several southeastern states expressed interest in the Association's meetings. The members of the NCIAIA decided to open its membership to other Internal Affairs sections throughout the Southeast. A new constitution was written and ratified in late 1987, and the newly-formed Southeastern Internal Affairs Association was created.

On October 6, 1993, at the annual conference in Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina, the membership voted unanimously to become the National Internal Affairs Investigators Association (NIAIA).

Today's NIAIA is a growing professional association including investigators from a variety of public safety and academic agencies—including police, corrections, fire, and EMS—throughout the United States, Canada, and now across the globe internationally.

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In 2012, the NIAIA saw a need to help agencies officially be able recognize the selfless service and professionalism of IA investigators, who as a result of our investigative mission, understandably often do receive official recognition. The NIAIA created this annual award as a way for agencies to recognize the IA Investigator of the Year among their peers and colleagues, based on submissions from agencies throughout the country. The NIAIA annual training conference will be held October 7-10, 2019, in Philadelphia, PA, and the 2019 NIAIA Investigator of the Year will receive official recognition for being a “Guardian of Integrity” and going above and beyond expectations for your agency and your community at NIAIA awards banquet on Wednesday evening, October 9, 2019.

If you have an IA investigator who has performed above and beyond your expectations, or if you have an IA investigator who is a dedicated professional that consistently does an outstanding job, please consider nominating him/her for Investigator of the Year. This includes those individuals who may not be assigned to an IA unit, but rather, fulfill that role for their agency as needed. Please submit your nomination by completing the form on line at [www.niaia.org/nominate](http://www.niaia.org/nominate).

The greatest value of membership is the extensive network of IA professionals available for collaboration. Together, we will be able to provide you and your agency an effective force multiplier to assist you, your IA investigators, and your agency in navigating the ever-changing dynamics in Internal Affairs.

If your agency is not already a member of the Association, you can join the association on our website at <http://www.niaia.org> and please take a few moments to check us out on Facebook and LinkedIn.

**Administrative Notice:**

The NIAIA will contact the person who nominated the winning investigator so plans can be made to have the investigator attend, if not already signed up for the conference. The NIAIA will pay for the winner’s conference fees for the 2019 conference.

If you are not current members of the NIAIA, please consider joining the association when you forward your nomination. The membership fee is \$50 annually and it covers everyone assigned to the internal affairs unit within your agency.

Sincerely, //signed///

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