

# THE BRIEFING



**WICHITA METRO**  
**CRIME COMMISSION**  
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**May 2022**

## Upcoming dates to remember:

- **May 20, 2022, Sedgwick County Law Enforcement Memorial Service**  
Friday, 10:00 a.m., Memorial Site, 455 N. Main
- **May 23, 2022, Sheriff Mike Hill, Retired**  
Roast to be held at Botanica
- **May 26, 2022, Monthly Insider Briefing:**  
Insider Brief with FBI SSAC Ryan Williams and SA Enoch Laudie
- **June 23, 2022, Monthly Insider Briefing:**  
Kirk Thompson, Director KBI
- **June 28, 2022 Membership Mixer at Hinkle Law Firm**
- **July 28, 2022, Monthly Insider Briefing:**  
Interim Police Chief Lem Moore
- **July 31, 2022, Support Law Enforcement It's a Big Dill**  
Pickleball and Cornhole Tournament plus Silent Auction

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The Crime Commission has added 21 new members since our July 1, 2021 Membership Campaign. We would like to recognize Jennifer Baysinger as our newest member and welcome Laura Ritterbush who replaced Chris Stanyer as Goodwill of Kansas' Representative.

More volunteer opportunities: Maverick Woodbridge has asked for some volunteers to help at the Mike Hill Roast on May 23<sup>rd</sup>; and Steve Cohlmi is seeking volunteers for the golf tournament in September to set up, during the tournament, and tear down afterwards. Please contact Julie if you can help.

**Wichita Metro Crime Commission, Inc.**  
**Monthly Insider Briefing**  
**Thursday, May 26, 2022**  
**11:30 to 1:00**



**FBI**  
**SSAC Ryan Willams and SA Enoch Laudie**

Guest speakers for this month's Insider Briefing will be Ryan Williams, FBI Special Agent responsible for the Wichita Resident Agency, and Enoch Laudie, an FBI investigator of internet-related crimes. Mr. Williams arrives in Wichita on May 23 to assume his new position.

Mr. Williams joined the FBI as a special agent in 2002. He was first assigned to the Omaha Field Office where he investigated criminal matters including white-collar crime, public corruption and gang investigations. He was also a member of the Omaha SWAT team and a firearms instructor.

In 2009 Mr. Williams transferred to the Kansas City Division and was assigned to the Violent Crimes Task Force. He is a certified member of the FBI's Cellular Analysis Survey Team (CAST) and routinely testifies as an expert witness in state and federal courts.

Enoch Laudie is the Private Sector Coordinator and Special Agent in the FBI Cyber Crimes Task Force. He has investigated internet-related crimes with a primary focus on computer intrusions and holds many professional infor-

**Please contact the office with your confirmation or regrets at 316-267-1235 or email [Julie@wichitacrimecommission.org](mailto:Julie@wichitacrimecommission.org) by Tuesday, May 24, 2022, so we can make the necessary luncheon arrangements with the Scotch.**

**Meal Options:**

**Beef Stroganoff**

**Salad with a protein**

***(Let me know if you would like the salad please.)***

### **BIG SCREEN WINNERS**

As part of the WMCC's partnership with the DEA's Operation Engage, we conducted an anti-drug PSA contest for Sedgwick County high school students. The first and second place winners will be our guests at the Insider Briefing to accept their checks. Congratulations to students for their hard work!

## AWARENESS CAMP JUNE 1-3, O.J. WATSON PARK

The Boy Scouts, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, Wichita Police Department, WMCC, Maize Police Department and Kansas Air National Guard will be conducting Camp Awareness 1-3 June at OJ Watson Park. The Boy Scouts have conducted this camp for several year for elementary school students. This year middle school students are also invited to attend, and will be the focus of the Sheriff's Office, with support from the WMCC. Awareness Camp replaces the Sheriff's Leaders, Achievers, Winners (L.A.W.) Camp. Over 300 youth are registered for this free camp, so Ben Burgess and his Make Good Choices Committee are looking for members who can volunteer. If you can help – please contact Julie.



Sheriff Jeff Easter has built a community-wide coalition to fight the dramatic rise in Fentanyl overdoses and deaths among area youths. Using a national DEA campaign, **“One Pill Can Kill”** and localizing it to the Wichita market, Wichita media, providers, the WPD, SCSO and the Crime Commission have launched a campaign to communicate the dangers to both parents and students as we head into the summer months. One amazing accomplishment is that a TV spot has been produced about the dangers of Fentanyl, featuring anchors and senior reporters from EVERY TV station in Wichita and is airing on all channels.

Fentanyl is an opioid used as a prescription painkiller, usually in the form of a patch or a pill. It can also be used in anesthesia. Fentanyl is sedating and slows breathing and heart rates. Fake prescription pills containing Fentanyl are easily accessible and often sold on social media and e-commerce platforms, making them available to anyone with a smartphone, including minors. Many of the deaths among minors are not addicts, rather young people at a party taking a pill that someone tells them will make them feel high. However, one gram of Fentanyl (about the size of a pencil tip) can kill a person.

The Crime Commission and Crime Stoppers will be working with this coalition to keep the message before both youth and parents over the summer months. We will share more details as they are available. Tell your kids and grandkids to NOT take any pills unless they come from a doctor. **ONE PILL CAN KILL.**

## WMCC MEMBERS UPDATE MAY 2022

The next few months will be busy ones for the Crime Commission:

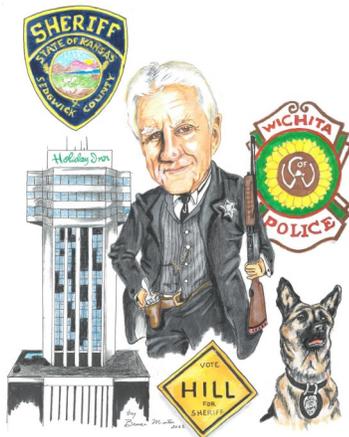
- On May 23, 2022, we ROAST Mike Hill at Botanica. We have had a great response and it looks to be a real fun evening.
- Our Insider Briefing on May 26<sup>th</sup> will feature the FBI and the Internet threat. I think this will have something for everyone.
- We, along with the Sheriff's Department, the Air Guard, WPD, the Boy Scouts and others will be supporting Camp Awareness 1-3 June at OJ Watson Park. See more detailed information in the newsletter
- On June 28<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Member Mixer hosted by John Rapp and the Hinkle Law Firm at The Waterfront. You will be receiving more information in the coming weeks.
- In July our Insider Briefing will feature Interim Chief Lem Moore
- The Law Enforcement Committee will be putting on "It's a Big Dill" Pickleball and Corn Hole fundraiser at Chicken N Pickle on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

A lot will be happening in the coming weeks!

### ONE PILL CAN KILL

Many of you may have seen some billboards around town alerting us to the Fentanyl dangers – "One Pill Can Kill"! Sheriff Easter has organized a community Fentanyl campaign targeted at our youth. He has asked the Crime Commission to participate, and we have agreed. The effort kicks off this week as the school year ends with information for students and parents on the danger of Fentanyl. We are putting together a committee to focus the Crime Commission's support to this effort. If you are interested in helping, please contact Julie.

Jeff Geoffroy  
President



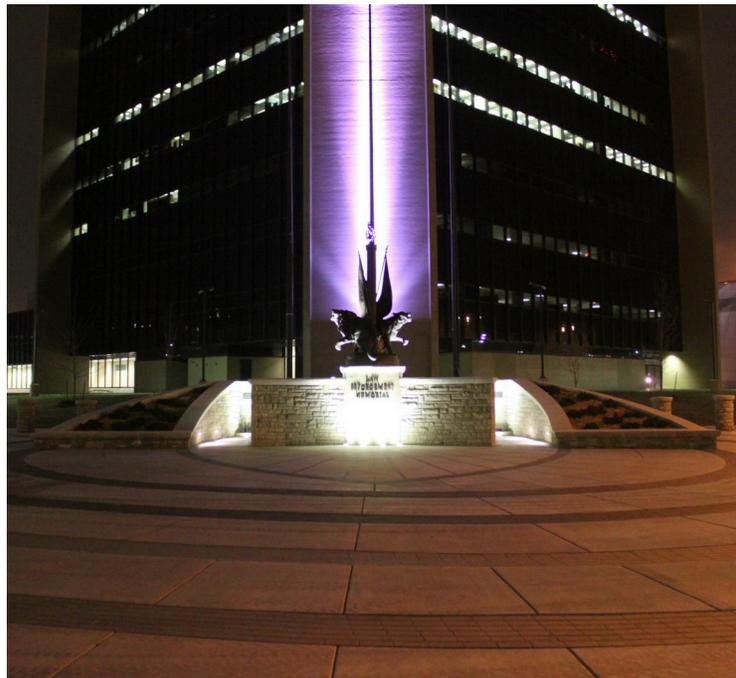
We look forward to seeing you on Monday, May 23rd at Botanica to Roast Mike Hill. It will be a fun filled evening for all!

## **CRIME STOPPERS WORKS!**

The Crime Stoppers Advisory Committee voted on nine tips at their May meeting and approved \$2,100 in rewards to be paid to tipsters. Most of the tips received were about suspects selling drugs including meth and fentanyl.

Crime Stoppers is also helping the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office and Wichita Police Department in their new cold case initiative.

**Crime Stoppers is looking for a few good men and women! Henry Donaldson, the Crime Stoppers Chair, is seeking volunteers to join the Crime Stoppers Committee. If you are interested, please contact Julie.**



### **Sedgwick County Fallen Officer Memorial Service**

**A special ceremony will be held on Friday, May 20, 10:00 a.m. 455 N. Main to honor Sedgwick County Fallen officers. Everyone is invited to attend.**



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