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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From the desk of... Craig Penet, FPPOA President

The President's Message for this edition of The Connection applauds all of us in our work as U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Officers. Over the past several months, after talking with so many of you in various capacities, it is clear our jobs are getting busier, the days shorter, and the list of duties longer. In the past couple of months, FPPOA has started "Wellness Wednesdays, which is simply an email with some helpful hints for all of us to consider in balancing our lives, both professional and personal. We believe that wellness is different for each individual. So please take the time to check out "Wellness Wednesday", and hopefully you can gain something good to use for yourself.

The Board of FPPOA has had an extremely busy summer, and you can see some of what we have done in this newsletter. But we are proud to announce the next National Training Institute will be held from August 25 to 28, 2019 at the J.W. Marriott Starr Pass Resort in Tucson, Arizona. We are already in the planning process and look forward to working with both the Pretrial and Probation Offices in the District of Arizona on this always outstanding training opportunity. Turn the page for more information. Be sure to ask your district to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

- Craig Penet, National President

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FPPOA - National Training Institute 2019

FPPOA is excited to announce the next National Training Institute (NTI) will be held in Tucson, Arizona at the JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort from August 25 to 28, 2019. The board is already in the planning process and are ready to host 500 officers for this training, which will include having the entire hotel solely for our conference. Please mark your calendar! Registration will begin in the early spring.

As you know, the NTI is a very exciting and well attended training program, focused solely on the job of U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Officers. We achieved great success and popularity in 2015 when it was held in Scottsdale. We are very excited once again to bring this program to the District of Arizona.



2018 FPPOA SURVEY : RESULTS

Earlier this year, FPPOA conducted a survey to gather information from the field. A series of questions was developed to obtain information on topics FPPOA hears about from its members, as well as non-members. In no way was this survey a professional, long term, “survey company/academic” approach to gathering information. It was simply a series of questions to gather information from the field.

The survey received feedback from over 1,500 officers. That’s nearly 25% of the probation and pretrial officers in our system, meaning about one out of every four responded. We thank all of you for your time in responding. This number signifies to us that the line wanted to be heard. As FPPOA is the sole “voice” for Federal Probation and Pretrial Services Officers, we proudly provide you with the following information gathered from the survey. The survey was not intended to bring about dispute, but to bring about cooperation and a better future for our officers.

One conclusion FPPOA drew from the survey is that a follow up survey may be needed. We also hope to use this information in upcoming work measurement studies conducted by PPSO.



General data on who responded and provided feedback

- 53% of those responding were supervision officers; 19% presentence investigators; 9% pretrial officers; 19% combined job functions.
- 39% of those responding had less than 10 years on the job; 42% had between 10 and 20 years on the job; while 18% had 20 or more years.
- 86% reported not having a second job, while 14% indicated they did have a second job. Of those who did have a second job, 8% worked 5 or more hours per week.

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