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One Pill Can Kill

“One pill can kill.” A phrase repeated through the halls of high schools in the Lawrence School District in Kansas on a cold, wet day in February.

The origin of the phrase—or more specifically, why the students were repeating it—is a presentation to students about the dangers of fentanyl. Representatives of the school district, the Lawrence Police Department, the Douglas County District Attorney’s Office, and the FBI spoke to more than 3,000 students and 400 faculty members throughout the day. That night, parents and community members were invited to hear the presentation.

“The topic is heavy, but if we’re going to transform what is happening in our community, we have to take a deep dive into topics that make us uncomfortable, that are hard, so that we can reach our youth. So, I appreciate the community members that are here tonight,” Dr. Cynthia Johnson, executive director of inclusion, engagement and belonging at the school district, said to parents and the community.



Members of various agencies participate in a panel during the evening session of a fentanyl presentation to parents. Photo Credit: Taylor Mah, City of Lawrence.

The presentation included a general overview of fentanyl, how it can be mixed into other pills, and how students intending to take a different drug can be exposed to it. Students also received a presentation from their school resource officers, who spoke to them about reporting any known exposures immediately. District Attorney Suzanna Valdez told parents and students about her office’s work on fentanyl and shared her personal story of a fentanyl overdose in her family.

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“This situation with fentanyl is so very important to us. Fentanyl doesn’t care if you’re white or black, rich or poor, old or young,” said Lawrence Police Chief Rich Lockhart. “It’s tragic, but it can happen because our kids just don’t know how dangerous this stuff is.”

Overall, the message that one pill can kill was the theme of the night. But another key theme was the importance of the community coming together to solve the crisis.

“They are too young, there is too much in their future for them to lose their life to something like this,” said FBI Kansas City Special Agent in Charge Charles A. Dayoub. “It’s unacceptable for us to continue this way, so we need to do something about it, and we need to partner together.” ■



Special Agent in Charge Charles A. Dayoub speaks to students on the dangers of fentanyl during a morning session. Photo Credit: Dixon Land, FBI Kansas City.

FBI Norfolk Makes Push to Educate Community on Internet Safety

Over the last several months, FBI Norfolk has made a big push to educate schools, businesses, and community members about internet safety. Since December, the field office has made nine presentations at various sites in the area, including several middle and high schools. Presentations were also shared at a church, a community roundtable, at a human trafficking forum, and during a monthly Citizens Academy Alumni Association meeting. Some of the most important information covers sextortion and teaches children about unsafe behavior online.

Children and adults learn about the dangers of the internet. With older audiences, FBI Norfolk reminds adults

that perpetrators who take advantage of children are to blame, not their victims. Parents also learn how to speak with their kids about online activity.

When people are better able to connect with their children and let them feel comfortable sharing, the FBI is better able to stop dangerous behavior before it happens. Through these tours, FBI Norfolk has garnered positive feedback from the community and through the media.

FBI Norfolk has six more presentations scheduled through June. ■



FBI Norfolk has hosted multiple informational sessions to help educate the community on internet safety. Each session, which draws up to 200 people, features information on sextortion, unsafe online activity, and how victims can report online crimes.

Charlotte Division Announces FBI's Commitment to 30x30 Initiative During Women's Recruitment Event

In honor of National Women's History Month, FBI Charlotte announced the FBI's commitment to join the national 30x30 initiative during a joint women's recruitment event with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department on March 4.

The 30x30 is a dual initiative for law enforcement agencies across the country to increase the number of women special agents or officers in recruitment classes to 30 percent by 2030. Currently, women make up 45.3 percent of FBI's workforce, but only 23 percent are special agents. The initiative, and women-focused law enforcement events that support it, will help bridge the gap—ensuring that women can see themselves in law enforcement positions.

Female tactical bomb technicians and women from the FBI's Evidence Response Team, the SWAT team, and the Telecommunications Unit led hands-on demonstrations and discussed best practices. During a panel discussion, they shared their experiences working in a traditionally male-dominated profession and discussed what led them to join the FBI.

The FBI women represented many demographics and backgrounds. More than 100 women attended the event and were eager to learn more about a career in law enforcement. Some even drove several hours to attend and stayed for the entire event.

Assistant Special Agent in Charge Beth A. Boggess, who sat on the panel, came up with the idea of hosting the joint



Community Outreach Specialist Stacie K. Ward talks with attendees of the women's recruitment event on March 4.

event with CMPD. ASAC Boggess was a CMPD police officer, detective, and sergeant before joining the FBI in 2005.

"It was inspiring to see the personal interaction of our employees with women from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences. We hope those women walked away knowing not only that there is a place for them in law enforcement, but also a great need," Boggess said.

To learn more about career opportunities with the FBI, visit fbijobs.gov. ■



FBI Charlotte staged ERT, SWAT, bomb, and electronic telecommunications outside the facility to draw event attendees into deeper and more interactive discussions.



In honor of National Women's History Month, female FBI employees who work in a variety of positions connect directly with the candidates to discuss Bureau career opportunities.

More than 100 Participants Attend the FBI Minneapolis Mini-Academy

On March 11, more than 100 Explorers and Scouts and their leaders and advisors attended the third annual FBI Minneapolis Mini-Academy. The full-day event featured FBI briefings, tours, networking, and a question-and-answer session. Previous Mini-Academies had been open only to Explorers in the Northern Star Council. This year's event was opened to Scouts from other troops as well.



At the FBI Minneapolis Mini-Academy, attendees receive briefings on the FBI's history and the Bureau's recruitment and hiring process.

Special Agent in Charge Alvin M. Winston Sr. started the day with welcoming remarks. He also quizzed the participants on FBI trivia and rewarded correct answers with challenge coins.

The Explorers and Scouts, mostly ages 14-19, also heard an FBI 101 presentation and a discussion on the FBI's recruitment and hiring process. Participants got to try on the SWAT vest and were encouraged to network with Bureau personnel.

In the afternoon, the group took turns visiting the gun vault, where several historical firearms are stored. The participants also enjoyed a tour of the SWAT room and the Bearcat vehicle. Bureau staff also provided information about the bomb technician career pathway and shared details about the FBI's drones, robots, and other specialized equipment used during operations.

"This was truly a great day full of new experiences for more than 100 of our Explorers, Scouts, and leaders."

Bob Thielen

Assistant Director of Field Service for Northern Star Scouting
Fort Snelling, Minnesota

Additionally, the attendees learned about the FBI's Operations Center, which is manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Another highlight was visiting the FBI Store to purchase Bureau "swag."

The day ended with closing comments from SAC Winston and recognition of those attendees who had achieved high honors from their respective schools. Before departing, the participants had ample time to ask questions and share feedback about their visit.

The Mini-Academy was coordinated by Community Outreach Specialist Luisana Pinales in conjunction with the FBI Minneapolis Citizens Academy Alumni Association. ■



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FBI Buffalo Partners with the Niagara Falls Boys and Girls Club for a Junior Special Agent Academy



FBI Buffalo ERT members show students how to determine if something is blood using ERT techniques.



An FBI agent speaks to a student about the type of equipment he has to wear as a member of the FBI SWAT team.



FBI Buffalo ERT members show students how to use magnetic powder to lift their prints.

More than 40 sixth graders in Niagara Falls, New York, participated in the recent Junior Special Agent Academy, led by FBI Buffalo and the Niagara Falls Boys and Girls Club. The program aims to give children the information, skills, and discipline necessary to stay away from gangs, drugs, and crime. Bureau personnel also shared ways law enforcement helps to serve and protect the community.

Participants were selected by their teachers to represent their class in the Academy and were expected to share what they learned with their classmates.

The Academy consisted of three after-school meetings at a local elementary school. The first session focused on this

history of the FBI, the FBI handbook, what youth should do if they find an unsecured firearm, and physical fitness. Students also got to try on FBI SWAT and agent gear.

The second session, “Serve with STEM,” focused on the Evidence Response Team. Participants were able to dust and lift their own fingerprints, use the camera to take pictures of boot prints, and use Hemastix (a presumptive blood test) to determine if a stain was “blood” or ketchup.

The final session featured a presentation on online safety to help students protect themselves and make good choices online. Students received Junior Special Agent credentials at a closing graduation ceremony. ■



FBI Office of Public Affairs Assistant Director Cathy Milhoan and FBI National Citizens Academy Alumni Association President Karen Corrigan signed a memorandum of agreement governing the Bureau’s relationship with the FBINCAA on Feb. 27, 2023.



About the FBI National Citizens Academy Alumni Association
The FBI National Citizens Academy Alumni Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, all-volunteer organization that works in partnership with the FBI to promote public safety and security through community engagement, education, and outreach initiatives. Founded in 2005, the national organization provides training, resources, and governance oversight for nearly 60 local FBI National Citizens Academy Alumni Association Chapters representing more than 53,000 business, civic, religious, and community leaders across the U.S., Guam, and Puerto Rico.

FBI Sacramento Hosts Series of School Safety Symposiums



Sean Ragan, special agent in charge of FBI Sacramento, is joined by Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher, superintendent of schools of the Fresno County Office of Education, at the School Safety Symposium on Feb. 28.



Nearly 200 law enforcement and education partners attended the Fresno School Safety Symposium held Feb. 28. Other sessions were held in Bakersfield, Redding, and Sacramento.

Over the past few months, FBI Sacramento has worked closely with law enforcement partners to host a series of School Safety Symposiums. The all-day events bring law enforcement leaders and school officials from Kindergarten through high school together to share the most updated information and practices in active-shooter threat prevention and response.

Designed for school resource officers, school administrators, school safety personnel, and state and local law enforcement, the symposiums provide information to both the law enforcement and education sectors. They also facilitate relationships between the two sectors ahead of any threat or issue. Participants learn about active-shooter awareness indicators, behavioral threat assessments, suspicious activity reporting, and surviving an active shooter. After the event, law enforcement participants received the FBI presentations.

“We need to identify people that may be thinking about committing some sort of violence and how to intervene in their lives before they actually do something.”

Sean Ragan
Special Agent in Charge FBI Sacramento

Sessions have been conducted in Bakersfield, Fresno, Redding, and Sacramento. Participants were invited from the county in which the event was hosted and from neighboring counties to blanket FBI Sacramento’s large geographical area. ■

A photograph of a wooden award plaque with a black center. The text on the plaque reads: "OLATHE UNIT 2022 DIVERSITY ADVOCATE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD IS PRESENTED TO BRIDGET B. PATTON". The plaque is set against a background of colorful confetti.

Congratulations! Felicitations!

In January, Bridget Patton, public affairs specialist at FBI Kansas City, was awarded the Diversity Advocate in Law Enforcement Award at the Kansas NAACP Martin Luther King, Jr. Dinner. The award recognizes exceptional service in community outreach and liaison between the community and law enforcement.

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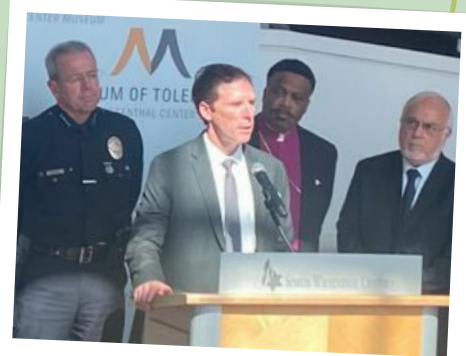
Community Outreach in Action



FBI Charlotte was honored to join the Chinese American Association of Charlotte to celebrate the Chinese New Year. The ceremony at East Voyager Academy for the Year of the Rabbit was beautiful.



FBI Detroit visits the Mexican Heritage Association of West Michigan to provide a presentation on the FBI. Topics discussed included FBI 101, internet safety, and the FBI's Safe Online Surfing Program.



FBI Los Angeles Special Agent in Charge Brian T. Gilhooly joined Jewish Community Leaders and LAPD Chief Michel Moore at the Museum of Tolerance to denounce antisemitic activity.



Recently, members of the FBI New York Citizens Academy Alumni Association visited the FBI's Tactical Training Facility in New York. Members had a meet-and-greet with special agents, received information on the evidence collection process, and viewed several tools used by Bureau personnel.



On Dec. 13, FBI Minneapolis hosted an opioid awareness session and panel discussion for a group of more than 100 eighth graders. Panel members, including an FBI special agent, shared information on how opioid use affects the brain.



In January, FBI Louisville's leadership team provided presentations for youth at the YMCA Chestnut Street for the Black Achievers program. Approximately 100 high school-aged youth received information about counterintelligence, civil rights, public corruption, organized crime, violent gangs, and cyber crimes. The Black Achievers program is a multicultural effort to create equity in education and the workplace by motivating African-American and other minority youth to develop and pursue high educational and career goals. (Pictured: Louisville Assistant SAC Quincy Barnett.)



FBI New York coordinated a whirlwind trip to Washington for a group of 24 Explorers. During the visit, the group toured FBI Headquarters, the National Museum of African American History and Culture, the Marine Helicopter Squadron One, and the FBI Academy.



FBI Columbia participates in the Pathways to Possibilities South Carolina event Feb. 22-23 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The event exposed 8,000 middle school students from across South Carolina to different careers. The Columbia Community Outreach Team and Evidence Response Team set up a crime scene, fingerprint activity station, and ERT equipment display.



In February, the Buffalo Division attended an interfaith prayer service to show support for the Turkish and Syrian communities impacted by the devastating earthquake.

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Community Outreach Program

WHAT WE DO

The better we know our communities, the better we can protect them. **FBI community outreach specialists in field offices across the country** create and strengthen relationships locally and nationally with minority groups, religious and civic organizations, schools, non-profits, and the American people.

The Community Relations Unit at FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C., partners with national organizations to share information, support threat awareness, and develop meaningful initiatives.

WHY WE DO

These partnerships have led to a host of crime prevention programs, enabling families to stay safe from fraudsters and cyber predators, businesses to protect themselves from hackers and economic espionage, schools, and workplaces to safeguard against violence and illegal drugs, and all citizens to become alert to potential acts of terrorism.



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OUR PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

Citizens Academy

The Citizens Academy Program fosters a greater understanding of the role of federal law enforcement in the community through frank discussion and education. Business, religious, civic and community leaders participate in a multi-session program, giving them an inside look at the FBI.

Youth, Teen, & Collegiate Academies

Middle school, high school, and college students are provided presentations on topics including terrorism, cybercrime, public corruption, polygraph exams, evidence response, SWAT, and the day-to-day operations of a typical FBI office. Students also learn about career paths and internship opportunities.

Community Awareness Presentations

This shorter, more focused version of the FBI Citizens Academy program is conducted in partnership with a specific community group. Community groups identify topics that are of concern to their organization for FBI subject matter experts to address.

Community Engagement Councils

These Councils are generally composed of community ethnic, religious, and minority leaders who help the FBI better understand the cultures and committees they represent. Participants discuss issues and concerns within their communities and collaborate with the FBI to identify solutions.

Junior Special Agents

The Junior Special Agent Program aims to provide elementary school students with the information, skills, and discipline necessary to stay away from gangs, drugs, and crime. Students also take a course in civics and learn about the FBI and ways in which law enforcement helps to serve and protect their communities.

Director's Community Leadership Award

Since 1990, the Director's Community Leadership Award has been the principal means for the FBI to recognize individuals and organizations that make extraordinary contributions to education and the prevention of crime in their communities.

There are FBI outreach specialists in your community eager to partner with you.

Contact them today by visiting [FBI.gov/contact-us/field-offices](https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices).

Call your local FBI field office and ask to speak with a community outreach specialist.