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2015 Annual Conference — February 24th, 25th, and 26th.



Once again our annual conference will be held in Bozeman Montana. The GranTree Inn has been very accommodating to MNOA, and because Bozeman is centrally located the MNOA Board has decided to keep the conference in Bozeman.

Hotel reservations can be made directly with the host hotel by calling (406) 587-5261 or (800) 624-5865. Please advise the hotel you are with MNOA to receive the conference (State) rate. Please make your reservation prior to **January 22, 2015** to take advantage of the cheaper rate.

Consider making the GranTree Inn your first choice hotel. By staying at the host hotel you can help keep conference costs down.

The Bozeman Best Western GranTree Inn has a restaurant and bar area that features a very nice sports bar atmosphere. An indoor swimming pool is located near guest rooms. MNOA hosts a nightly hospitality room with snacks and beverages at the GranTree Inn.

If you call after January 22st, 2015 and there are no rooms available, we have reserved some rooms at the nearby Holiday Inn (406) 587-4561. Other hotel options include the Comfort Inn (406) 587-2322 and the Days Inn (406) 587-4561. Make sure you ask for a STATE RATE room.

Meet your MNOA Board

<u>President</u>	<u>1st Vice President</u>	<u>2nd Vice President</u>	<u>Secretary/Treasurer</u>
Sgt. Brian Korell Billings Police / HIDTA	Deputy Ben Mahoney Carbon County SO	Deputy Randy Poser Fergus County SO	Detective Troy Charbonneau Yellowstone County SO
Region 1— VACANT —Blaine, Cascade, Chouteau, Fergus, Glacier, Hill, Judith Basin, Liberty, Pondera, Teton, and Toole Counties.			
Region 2— Detective John Stienford (Missoula County) —Flathead, Granite, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Powell, Ravalli, and Sanders Counties.			
Region 3— Detective Kevin Maloughney (Butte Silver Bow LEA) —Beaverhead, Broadwater, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Madison, Meagher, Park, Silver Bow, and Sweet Grass Counties.			
Region 4— Deputy Randy Smith (Stillwater County SO) —Big Horn, Carbon, Golden Valley, Musselshell, Petroleum, Stillwater, Wheatland, and Yellowstone Counties.			
Region 5— SA Brian Archdale (BIA) —Carter, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, McCone, Phillips, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Rosebud, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Treasure, Valley, and Wibaux Counties.			
Indian County Rep— SSA Tony Larvie (BIA)			
Past President— Major JV Moody (Montana Highway Patrol) Executive Director - Mark Long (Montana DCI)			

2015 Conference Topics.....



The Clan Lab Re-cert: *This will be the annual recertification of those officers/agents who are currently certified to respond to meth labs.*

Tarnished Badges: *An in-depth look into the how and why narcotics based scandals occur within Law Enforcement agencies across the country and what can be done both administratively and by training officers to ensure these scandals do not occur. Often times, police departments do not provide newly assigned narcotic officers with any type of standardized training program involving undercover drug buys, managing confidential informants, tactical rescue techniques or dealing with the psychological impact of narcotic investigations. This lack of training is a contributing factor that can lead to policy violations, unethical behavior, corruption, criminal acts, and an officer being injured or killed in the line of duty.*

Photography for Law Enforcement: *A quick down and dirty summary of what to watch for when shooting a crime scene or conducting surveillance. You will learn some tips, tricks, and an aperture setting or two.*

Border Violence and the Mexican Cartel: *An overview of the history and organization of Cartels. You will also learn about the Cartel culture (Pagan Worship) and the pressures in Mexico due to Cartel activity.*

Conspiracies, Informants, and Verdicts: *Your investigation from A to Z. You will also learn EVERYTHING you ever wanted to know about drug legalization and then some.*

Marijuana Oils: *This presentation will cover the Butane Honey Oil (BHO) extraction process. Also known by other name such as THC, Marijuana Oil, or hash oil extraction labs, this presentation will discuss the process used in these labs, the health and safety issues to law enforcement, first responders, and the public, related to these labs, and how these are impacted by Montana's "medical" marijuana situation."*

Membership Meeting 4 PM Thursday: *This is the full membership business meeting and all members, including brand new members, are strongly encouraged to attend. Discussions on the upcoming year's activities will be discussed and the election of officers will be held. Many officer positions are open for election and members are encouraged to participate in that. It's important for the membership to attend to provide the best direction for the organization.*





Guest Speakers

Monte Stiles served his entire professional career of 28 years as a state and federal prosecutor. For the past 24 years, as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Idaho, he supervised the Organized Crime/Drug Enforcement Task Force – a group of agents and prosecutors who investigate and prosecute high-level drug trafficking organizations, including Los Angeles street gangs, Mexican cartels, and international drug smuggling and money laundering operations. Working closely with foreign, federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, Monte has traveled extensively, including multiple trips to Hong Kong and Thailand, and travel to Fiji, Canada, and other countries. In 1995, Monte completed a six-month detail for the Department of Justice in Washington D.C. where he served as Special Counsel to the Director of the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys. His primary assignments involved domestic terrorism, violent crime, juvenile justice, and narcotics. As a result of his expertise, Monte has taught advanced narcotics and money laundering for the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina. He has also been an instructor at numerous international crime seminars, teaching prosecutors, judges, and police officers from Lithuania, Poland, Hungary, Estonia, Latvia, Slovakia, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Romania, Montenegro, and Croatia. One of his proudest personal and career achievements was the organization and implementation of the statewide “Enough is Enough” anti-drug campaign which produced community coalitions in every area of Idaho. In addition to the prosecution of drug traffickers, Monte has been a passionate drug educator and motivational speaker for schools, businesses, churches, law enforcement agencies, and other youth and parent organizations. Over the past 28 years, Monte has been recognized by various groups for his role in drug prosecutions, drug education, and other community service, including: (1989) an award from the U.S. Department of the Treasury in “recognition of dedication and commitment to the effective enforcement of criminal statutes relating to financial crimes”; (1990) the Idaho Department of Law Enforcement Director’s Award for “exceptional contributions to Idaho’s drug enforcement efforts”; (1995) the United States Department of Justice award for volunteer service in the community; (1996) the Attorney General’s Award for Participation in Litigation; (1997) the Boise River Festival “Pride of Boise” award; (1998) the Organized Crime/Drug Enforcement Task Force award for “outstanding efforts that have materially contributed to the attainment of the highest standards of cooperative law enforcement and justice in the United States of America”; (1999) the Organized Crime/Drug Enforcement Task Force award for “outstanding support, leadership and dedication to the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Program”; (2001) the Association of Idaho Cities Boyd A. Martin award “in recognition of exceptional contributions benefitting city governments in Idaho”; the “Seven’s Heroes” award presented by KTVB (NBC’s affiliate television station in Idaho); (2007) recognition from Drug Free Idaho for work in drug prevention and education; (2009) a national Organized Crime/Drug Enforcement Task Force award for Operation Northern Passage; and (2011) the Idaho State Bar Professionalism Award for “outstanding cooperation, respect, diligence, candor and competence” in the practice of law. Monte received his bachelor’s degree from Brigham Young University.

Chief Long has been in law enforcement in Montana for approximately 35 years, with the past 26 years spent in drug enforcement for the Montana Dept. of Justice. As a narcotics agent, regional supervisor, and Narcotics Bureau Chief he has experience in all aspects of drug investigations including operation and management of statewide drug enforcement programs.

He has taught and presented on drug enforcement related topics in hundreds of settings throughout Montana and other states, including topics such as undercover operations, prescription drug abuse, meth labs, drug identification and trafficking trends, and issues involving drug endangered children.



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Chief St. John began his career in 1981 with six years as a Billings patrol officer. He was appointed as a Juvenile Division Detective in 1987, and a Sergeant in the Patrol Division in 1989. From 1991 to 2004, he was a Lieutenant in the Patrol and Investigations Divisions. As part of a restructuring of the Police Department, he was named Captain of the Operations Division in 2004.

While in the Operations Division, he commanded the City’s SWAT Team, Bomb Squad, and Hostage Negotiations team. In May of 2005 he was named Deputy Chief and Chief in October of 2005. During his career, he has been named the American Legion’s Officer of the Year, Administrator of the Year and the Supervisor of the Year for the Billings Police Department, and recognized by Montana’s Chief’s of Police association as Administrator of the Year for 2006. Chief St. John currently holds executive positions on the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Traffic Area (HIDTA), and the Intermountain West Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory.

St. John has a Masters of Public Administration degree in criminal justice from City University in Bellevue Wash., and an undergraduate degree from Rocky Mountain College in Billings. He is a 1994 graduate of the FBI National Academy, and has attended many other professional courses, including the FBI Hazardous Devices School and the IACP Internal Affairs and Professional Standards School.

Kyle Land is currently assigned as a Detective on a Mid-Level Narcotic Enforcement Unit with the Dallas Police Department and is a Task Force Officer with ICE/Homeland Security National Gang Unit.

Detective Land has been a police officer with the Dallas Police Department for over 12 years and has spent the past 8 years of his career working in an undercover capacity conducting both State and Federal narcotics and firearm based investigations.

Detective Land has conducted multiple long-term investigations requiring the infiltration and befriending of violent gang members. The longest undercover investigation required Detective Land to spend 2 years infiltrating one of the most violent black tar heroin trafficking organizations in the Metropolitan area where he works. As a result of this investigation, 26 gang members, including several sources of supply connected to the Gulf Cartel, were indicted on State and Federal Narcotic Conspiracy charges.

Detective Land recently completed a yearlong undercover investigation into a Hispanic drug trafficking organization comprised of Tango Blast, Sureños, Los Zetas, and Michoacán Cartel members. The case resulted in 18 individuals indicted on Federal Narcotic Conspiracy charges and 6 individuals indicted on State drug trafficking charges.

Although Detective Land’s investigations typically target violent drug trafficking organizations, Detective Land has also conducted long-term undercover investigations into “rave clubs,” as well as overdose deaths caused by “club drugs” including Bath Salts, Mollies, MDMA, Heroin, and prescription medication. These investigations concluded with several problematic “rave clubs” being permanently shut down, the arrest of 46 dealers, and the arrest of a club owner who was drugging young female club goers and sexually assaulting them.

In 2009, Detective Land was invited to become a National Training Instructor for Professional Law Enforcement Training (PLET). Detective Land’s unique narcotics experiences have enabled him to teach both undercover officers and patrol officers the most effective ways to target all levels of drug trafficking organizations. He is a certified law enforcement training instructor, and has presented training courses to thousands of military, federal, state, and local law enforcement officers in the United States & Canada with extremely high reviews.

Guest Speakers (Continued)

Agent Leo Pena has been a commissioned Officer with the Texas Department of Public Safety for over 28 years. In 1982, Agent Pena received a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from the University of Texas in Austin. Agent Pena attended the Texas Department of Public Safety Training Academy in 1986 where he received his commission and was assigned to the Traffic Law Enforcement Division as a Highway Patrol Trooper. In 1995 Sgt. Pena promoted into the Narcotics Service where Agent Pena worked as an undercover officer. Presently, Agent Pena is assigned to Intelligence and Counterterrorism Division. While working with the Narcotics Service, Agent Pena worked several undercover cases that allowed Agent Pena to become familiar with the inner workings, the culture, and the slang of the drug community. Agent Pena has trained DPS personnel in undercover operations, debriefing, and the use of informants. Agent Pena has debriefed numerous gang and cartel members that have provided information pertaining to drug trafficking within Texas and the United States. Agent Pena has provided expert testimony in court cases pertaining to drug violence and the pagan worship of drug traffickers and continues to present current intelligence to State, Local, County, and Federal Officers in Texas as well as the United States. Agent Pena receives updated information on Mexican Cartel activities throughout Texas and the United States with the help of Federal Partners in the Texas Fusion Center and the use of informants and sources.

\$\$ MNOA SWAG \$\$

Don't forget your extra spending money to purchase raffle tickets and other MNOA SWAG. Hats, shirts, mugs, coins, etc. will be available for purchase daily. Door prizes will be drawn before each session (ticket must be present to win) and big ticket items will be drawn at the Banquet.

Ross Magnuson is an award winning professional photographer from Billings, Montana. In 2013, Ross retired from a 30+ year career in law enforcement where he used his photography skills on a daily basis. Ross gained much of his expertise as a professional photographer during his law enforcement career. However, he also spent a great deal of his personal time learning and honing his skills, knowledge and love of photography. Ross enjoys passing on his expertise to new officers as well as seasoned veterans. You will learn basic camera operations and techniques for taking quality surveillance and crime scene photos.



MNOA Awards / Scholarships

Each year MNOA recognizes an Outstanding Officer that has gone above and beyond in their assigned duties. Now is your chance to make a nomination for the 2014 MNOA Officer of the Year. Each year MNOA also recognizes an Outstanding Citizen of the Year. This citizen might be your administrative assistant, prosecuting attorney, intelligence analyst, or whomever makes your job easier than it should be.

Open Board Positions

Board Positions can be filled by any member in good standing that has been a member for a minimum of one year.

All regional representative positions are open yearly. If you have an interest in filling an open representative position, a nomination can be offered at the Annual Meeting.

MNOA members will vote to fill the following **three year** positions on the MNOA Board:

2nd Vice President (This position moves to 1st Vice President after one year and serves as Board President the final year.

Secretary/Treasurer



Clandestine Lab Re-Certification

Feb 24th, 2015 @ 1000 hours (Lunch Provided)

Clan Lab re-cert is included in your MNOA Conference registration.

If you are **only attending** the Clan Lab Re-Cert you must pay your yearly MNOA Membership Dues (\$35) to attend.

GUN RAFFLE

AR-15—DPMS RAA3-OC 5.56 cal
Savage 110BA 338 Lapua
Mossberg Silver Reserve 12 Gauge Over/
Under
Remington 700 338 Lapua
Smith & Wesson Model 642 38 Spl
Henry Golden Boy 22 LR Lever action
Kimber Solo 9MM Semi Auto
Armilite Single Shot 50 BMG

GUN RAFFLE



MNOA 2015 Conference Schedule
(Schedule subject to change)



	Tuesday Feb 24	Wednesday Feb 25	Thursday Feb 26
8:00 AM	Board Meeting	Land Tarnished Badges	Stiles
9:00 AM	Registration Opens	Land	Stiles
10:00 AM	Registration CLAN LAB	Land	Stiles
11:00 AM	Registration CLAN LAB	Land	Stiles
NOON	Lunch CLAN LAB No Registration	Lunch Break	Lunch
1:00 PM	Magnuson Photography for LEO	Pena Boarder Violence/ Mexican Cartel	Stiles
2:00 PM	Magnuson	Pena	Stiles
3:00 PM	Magnuson	Pena	Stiles
4:00 PM	Magnuson 4:30 Long Marijuana Oils	Pena	MNOA Member- ship Meeting
5:00 PM	End of Session Dinner (on your own)	End Of Session Dinner (on your own)	End of Session
7:00 PM	Hospitality Room Opens	Hospitality Room Opens	Banquet (Hospitality Room opens at 6:00 PM)



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