



# Montana Narcotics Officers Association

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## 2014 Annual Conference — March 4th, 5th, and 6th.



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 31, 2014 to take advantage of the cheaper rate.

**Please make 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 eating 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 31st, 2014 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.

## Meet your MNOA Board

<u>President</u>	<u>1st Vice President</u>	<u>2nd Vice President</u>	<u>Secretary/Treasurer</u>
Major JV Moody Montana Highway Patrol	Detective Sgt Brian Korell Billings Police Department	Deputy Ben Mahoney Carbon County SO	Detective Troy Charbonneau Yellowstone County SO
Region 1— <b>Detective Sgt. Chris Hickmam (Great Falls PD)</b> —Blaine, Cascade, Chouteau, Fergus, Glacier, Hill, Judith Basin, Liberty, Pondera, Teton, and Toole Counties.			
Region 2— <b>Special Agent Lee Hurd (DEA)</b> —Flathead, Granite, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Powell, Ravalli, and Sanders Counties.			
Region 3— <b>Detective Kevin Maloughney (Butte Silver Bow LEA)</b> —Beaverhead, Broadwater, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Madison, Meagher, Park, Silver Bow, and Sweet Grass Counties.			
Region 4— <b>Deputy Randy Smith (Stillwater County SO)</b> —Big Horn, Carbon, Golden Valley, Musselshell, Petroleum, Stillwater, Wheatland, and Yellowstone Counties.			
Region 5— <b>Vacant</b> —Carter, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, McCone, Phillips, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Rosebud, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Treasure, Valley, and Wibaux Counties.			
Past President— <b>Deputy David Clark</b> (Southwest Montana Drug Task Force)			

Executive Director - **Mark Long (Montana DCI)**

Delegate to NNOAC—**Vacant**

## 2014 Conference Topics.....



**The Ogden Incident:** In January 2012 several members of a multi-jurisdictional drug task force in Utah attempted to serve a drug search warrant on a residence in Ogden, a daily occurrence in Montana. In a short time six officers were shot as was the lone suspect. One officer died from the wounds. Representatives from Utah will provide an incident analysis of that tragic event and discuss options to limit risk in those situations.

**Bakken Issues:** Sheriff Scott Bushing is the Sheriff of Williams County North Dakota. The county seat of Williams County is Williston, one of the most heavily impacted counties in Western North Dakota and Eastern Montana, due to the influx of people in that area working the “Bakken” oil fields. Sheriff Bushing will discuss the issues that his law enforcement agency has had to deal with because of the influx of people, many of whom are involved in criminal activity. He will provide insight into what criminal activities are present and what are some of the best practices to deal with crime and public safety issues relating to the oil field activity.

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

**Legal update:** A representative from the USAO will provide information regarding federal prosecution of cases in Montana, protocol for local/state officers involved in federal investigations, federal case law/court decisions. An Assistant Attorney General will provide similar updates on state/local prosecutions, issues, concerns, court decisions, new laws etc.

**Prescription Registry:** This session will explain the Montana Prescription Drug Registry, the database that collects/centralizes all prescription drug data in Montana, and how that system is helpful to and accessible to law enforcement.

**Drug Commander Meeting:** For those commanders/supervisors of law enforcement units operating in the state that are involved in drug enforcement efforts. This will be a round-table setting to discuss current drug trends, issues, and concerns among the drug task force supervisors. Moderated by RMHIDTA Director Tom Gorman.

**Mike Alexander:** Mr. Alexander will provide insight into integrity issues relating to law enforcement officers. Signs of “burnout”, indicators of officers who may be straying into criminal activity, signs of stress (PTSD), indicators of fellow officers/agents who may be developing symptoms of mental health issues that could affect work performance, impact other officer’s safety, and present issues in off-duty or home settings.

**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.

**Banquet:** The MNOA Banquet will be held on Thursday evening, and the member’s cost is included in the registration fee. Several awards will be presented, there are many raffles, including several firearms, and the guest speaker will be Jim Seykora. Mr. Seykora is a long time prosecutor in Montana at the local level as well as having retired recently as an Assistant U.S. Attorney.





# Guest Speakers

**Mike Alexander** attended St. Edwards University in Austin Texas where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice. Mike has spent 31 years in law enforcement which began as a Correctional Officer and Deputy Sheriff at the Travis County Sheriff's Office. Mike continued his career at the Austin Police Department as a Patrol Officer and a D.A.R.E. Instructor, teaching adolescents the importance of staying drug free. Mike spent 25 years with the Austin Police Department where he retired as a Sergeant. Mike's last assignment with APD gave him the opportunity to lead the Continuing Education Division and the Leadership Command College. He also worked with the Louisiana Community Policing Institute where he evaluated the performance of police departments and sheriff offices in the area of community policing; he made recommendations for implementation. He designed leadership and ethics curriculums that are currently being taught throughout the United States. After his retirement from APD Mike was employed as a Major with the Office of Inspector General Internal Affairs Section, where he was in charge of a statewide Internal Affairs investigation division. This division is responsible for investigating State Employees accused of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of the elderly and people who are mentally and physically incapacitated and who reside at state supported living centers, state hospitals, group homes. Mike's team also investigated various other criminal and administrative violations committed by state employees. Mike is currently the founder of LION (Loyalty Integrity Optimism Nobility) Organizational Development Institute. LION is a leadership and development institute with a focus on Healthy Work Environments, Officer Wellness, Ethics and Leadership. Mike is a National Certified Instructor on Ethics and Integrity through the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC). He has traveled the Nation, training officers and community members on Ethics and Integrity issues. Mike spent time in Belo Horizonte Brazil as well as the Virgin Islands, teaching and lecturing on Leadership, community policing, ethics, etc. Mike is also a licensed Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) instructor as well as a national instructor with the Multijurisdictional Counter Drug Task Force Training Center (MCTFT) and a Master peace officer. He is a graduate of The University of Texas Leadership Academy, which is a collaborative effort between the Austin Police Department, and the University Of Texas LBJ School Of Public Affairs. Mike is an instructor with the Texas Police Chiefs Association on Developing Police Leaders in Texas. Mike attended and graduated from the International Association of Chiefs of Police Leadership train the trainer program on Developing Police Leaders.

**Publications:** Alexander, M. (2007). "Ensuring Integrity" *The Society for Public Safety*, Vol. 1. Pp. 16-20 / Alexander, M. (Winter 2005 – 2006) "Supervision and Integrity" *The Florida Police Chief Association Magazine*, Vol. 32, Number 2, Pp. 73 - 77

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## Tim Sellers—Mexican Drug Cartel

Prior to retirement in 2006, DEA Supervisory **Special Agent Timothy Sellers** initiated an investigation that led to the arrest of fourteen Hizb-I Islam Gulbiddin and Taliban terrorists, including the leader, who claimed responsibility for the homicide bombing and murder of five Afghanistan National Directorate of Security agents in early 2004. He prevented a planned attack on U.S. and NATO forces by tackling an armed homicide bomber as he was boarding a bus loaded with innocent Afghans, blocks from US and NATO military headquarters, the Presidential Palace, and the American Embassy.

Tim worked 33 years in the state of Texas, serving as an El Paso police officer, and as a Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Drug Enforcement Administration. During his Texas assignments, he worked extensively in undercover assignments to penetrate and dismantle large-scale Mexican trafficking organizations.

He appeared on Hannity and Colmes, Fox News Network in 2007 and the Dylan Ratigan's Morning Meeting Show on MSNBC in 2010. He presently travels around the United States to speak to federal, state, and local law enforcement, military, universities and national service organizations. In addition, he owns and manages a multi-million dollar real estate investment firm in Texas.

## Donna Peterson

**Donna M. Peterson** is the Program Manager of the Montana Prescription Drug Registry (MPDR). She comes to the MPDR with over 30 years of experience in business, project management and software design and development. Donna was selected by the Montana Department of Labor and Industry to conduct the day-to-day operations of the MPDR, including user support and education; auditing pharmacies for reporting compliance; coordinating new phases of software design and implementation; and promoting use of the MPDR within Montana's medical community.

POST – Public Safety Officer Standards & Training

**Clandestine Laboratory Re-Certification—4 hours**

**2014 MNOA Conference—22 hours**

**You must be present for the entire conference to earn P.O.S.T. Credit hours.**

# Guest Speakers (Continued)

## Jim Seykora

Jim is a retired Assistant United States Attorney. Jim worked for the United States Attorney's Office for 28 years retiring in 2012. Jim had a very successful career prosecuting federal cases. As the Lead Prosecutor for the "Montana Freeman" case (1995-1998) Jim received the US Attorney General's Exceptional Service Award in 1999. This award is the highest award given by the Department of Justice and the Attorney General's Office. On two separate occasions, Jim received the "Rain Maker" award. This is the United States Attorney's Office Award given for disposing of the greatest number of cases in the District of Montana in a one year period. Through-out Jim's career with the USAO he was the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force lead prosecutor. Prior to working for the USAO Jim was in private practice and was the Big Horn County Attorney from 1988-1997. Jim enjoys spending time with his wife of 45 years, Sue and his children including 10 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

## \$\$ 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.

## Rob Pride

Detective Pride is certified in Clandestine Laboratory Investigations and Processing, and has investigated and assisted in the dismantling and processing of labs locally and statewide. He is also a state certified instructor for Clan Lab certifications, re-certifications and is a certified Clan Lab Site Safety Officer. Detective Pride is currently certified as a Clan Lab Instructor the Rocky Mountain region of HIDTA, teaching and certifying officer to investigate, process, handle and dismantle clandestine labs in Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and Montana.

## 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 2013 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.



## Clandestine Lab Re-Certification

March 4th, 2014 @ 1300 hours

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

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

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

Rocky Mountain HIDTA announces the 2013 Rural Task Force of the Year—Eastern Montana HIDTA in Billings. Congratulations on all your hard work!



## GUN RAFFLE / GUN RAFFLE / GUN RAFFLE

- ◇ Savage model BA; Lapua with Leopold scope package
  - ◇ Henry Golden Boy .22 LR
  - ◇ Taurus Judge nickel
- ◇ Mossburg Silver Reserve 12 gauge O/U
  - ◇ Colt 1911 Gold Cup .22



**MNOA 2014 Conference Schedule**  
(Schedule subject to change)



	<b>Tuesday March 4</b>	<b>Wednesday March 5</b>	<b>Thursday March 6</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Board Meeting	Tim Sellers	Mike Alexander
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Registration Opens	Tim Sellers	Mike Alexander
<b>10:00 AM</b>	Registration	Tim Sellers	Mike Alexander
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Registration	Tim Sellers	Mike Alexander
<b>NOON</b>	Lunch No Registration	Lunch Break	Lunch
<b>1:00 PM</b>	Drug Commander Meeting Lab Recertification Legal Update	Dale Quigley Effects of Legalizing Marijuana in Colorado	Sheriff Scott Bushing Bakken Issues
<b>2:00 PM</b>	Drug Commander Meeting Lab Recertification Legal Update	Will Cragun Ogden Incident	Sheriff Scott Bushing
<b>3:00 PM</b>	MT Prescription Drug Registry Lab Recertification	Will Cragun Ogden Incident	Sheriff Scott Bushing
<b>4:00 PM</b>	MT Prescription Drug Registry (Cont) Lab Recertification	Will Cragun Ogden Incident	MNOA Membership Meeting
<b>5:00 PM</b>	End of Session Dinner (on your own)	End Of Session Dinner (on your own)	End of Session
<b>6:00 PM</b>	Hospitality Room Opens	Hospitality Room Opens	Banquet