

# FBI St. Louis Citizens Academy Alumni Association

## Annual Report 2019

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### **2019 Board of Directors:**

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**COS:** Rebecca Wu

**Year Formed:** 2006

**Area of Responsibility:** St. Louis, MO

### **Highlight:**

In 2017, 1 out of every 65 deaths in the State of Missouri was due to an opioid overdose. The opioid epidemic has affected urban and rural communities alike, particularly in the St. Louis metropolitan area and southeast and south central Missouri. In collaboration with the FBI St. Louis Office, DEA, other law enforcement agencies, and community-based organizations committed to ending this epidemic, FBISTLCAAA supported a community screening of the documentary “Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict” followed by a panel discussion in Festus, Missouri. More than 100 attendees from the community were present. Quoted in Leader Publications, a local Jefferson County newspaper, Randy Gray, Pastor of Radiant Life Church and FBISTLCAAA Board Member commented:

“We were very pleased with the response of the people who were there. I think people, churches included, all have to be more concerned about caring for your community and getting involved. It is about connecting with your community and helping them get the right resources... The DEA and FBI directors didn’t hold back; they were happy to respond and come to our area. They knocked it out of the park.”

As a direct result of this community outreach event, 7 individuals entered substance abuse treatment/rehabilitation, including a mother of 3 children.

FBISTLCAAA will support another screening and panel discussion of “Chasing the Dragon” in central Missouri in early 2020.



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**Chapter Priorities:**

1. Support initiatives that prevent opioid abuse, to include organizing, facilitating, and inviting the public to view “Chasing the Dragon” in partnership with FBI and DEA.
2. Organize, facilitate, and invite businesses and organizations to cyber security presentation(s) in partnership with FBI.
3. Support and assist FBI St. Louis Office's Teen Leadership Academy.
4. Co-sponsor and support the annual LDA memorial golf tournament.

## **Chronological Summary Review of Accomplishments– January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019**

January 26, 2019

The FBI St. Louis Office presented a free seminar on “Protecting Houses of Worship” at New Northside Conference Center in the City of St. Louis that was attended by more than 50 people representing Jewish, Muslim, and Christian faith communities from as far away as Cape Girardeau, Missouri. FBISTLCAAA provided a continental breakfast and refreshments; ten FBISTLCAAA members also attended and assisted with the event. FBI Special Agent in Charge Richard Quinn welcomed and thanked the attendees, placing the importance of the event into stark perspective. FBI special agents provided an overview on hate crimes, active shooter behavioral analysis, and what to do in an active shooter situation. FBISTLCAAA President Gary Chan provided tips on cyber security. Rounding out the 3-hour seminar, a sergeant with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department’s Crisis Intervention Team identified mental health resources available and how it provides training to police officers.



February 20, 2019

Representatives from the FBI St. Louis Office, FBISTLCAAA member Stephen Liang, and faculty and staff from the Barnes-Jewish Hospital Emergency Department staff presented a “Stop the Bleed” seminar to FBISTLCAAA membership. Dr. Liang provided an overview of mass casualty events and how bystanders can provide simple life-saving interventions to save a life, including bleeding control, opening an airway, providing basic first aid for a penetrating chest wound, and recognizing the signs and symptoms of shock. Law enforcement and tactical emergency care providers discussed the concept of Run, Hide, Fight when faced with an active shooter situation. The 2.5 hour seminar culminated in a simulated active shooter scenario requiring participants to apply basic first aid (e.g., application of a tourniquet) to moulaged

“victims” with a wide range of penetrating trauma, execute Run, Hide, Fight concepts, and interact with law enforcement officers engaged in a tactical response.



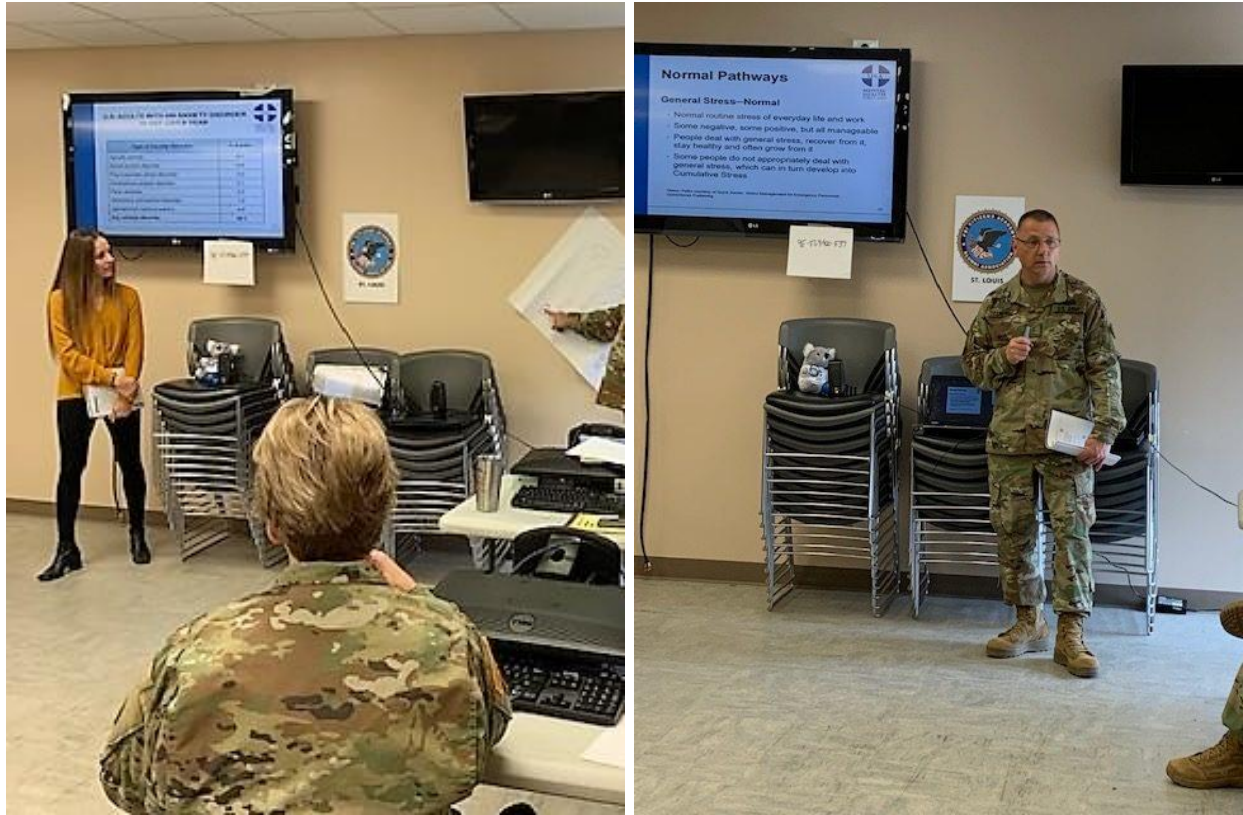
March 24, 2019

FBISTLCAAA sponsored a joint DEA and FBI outreach event at Festus 8 Cinema to raise awareness about opioid abuse, including a screening of the 50-minute documentary “Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict.” Championed by FBISTLCAAA Board Member Randy Gray, the objective of the event was to help the community understand the critical components of opioid addiction – how easily it can begin, the downward cycle that ensues, and the tragic consequences left in its wake. FBI Special Agent in Charge Richard Quinn and DEA Special Agent in Charge Bill Callahan explained their desire to provide information, resources, and support to communities beyond the City and County of St. Louis. They also strongly encouraged the 87 attendees who the packed auditorium to share these resources widely in their communities and encourage others, especially young adults, to watch the documentary online. After the screening, the Executive Director of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (NCADA) moderated an hour-long panel discussion on the opioid epidemic with FBI, DEA, Jefferson County Drug Prevention Coalition, Community Treatment Inc. (COMTREA), and an individual in recovery.



April 18, 2019

FBISTLCAAA helped sponsor a Mental Health First Aid Public Safety course at Camp Atterbury, Indiana for Special Agents of the U.S. Army's Criminal Investigative Command by donating funds to pay for all class manuals. Retired FBI Special Agent Karyn Feeny thanked FBISTLCAAA writing, "We had an engaging class of students who were open to reducing stigma surrounding mental health. We were excited to certify over fifteen Special Agents from across our nation and we could not have done it without your help."



April 19, 2019

As part of a long-standing tradition, FBISTLCAAA members volunteered with the FBI St. Louis Office's annual Teen Leadership Academy by role-playing for a mock bank robbery investigation.

June 29, 2019

FBISTLCAAA members and FBI St. Louis Office staffed an outreach booth at the annual Redbird Rookies Health Fair, hosted by Cardinals Care, the St. Louis Cardinals' community foundation dedicated to improving the lives of children. The booth sported giveaways, community-relevant FBI information (including promotion of the FBI Child ID app), and a child-friendly virtual reality experience. This combination made the FBI/FBISTLCAAA booth the hit of the event with crowds lining up to learn about the FBI and play games.

August 14-16, 2019

FBISTLCAAA members attended the 2019 FBI National CAAA Leadership Conference in Houston, Texas, and were honored to receive the Presidential Chapter of Excellence and the Public Safety Innovation Award.

The Presidential Chapter of Excellence Award is given to an FBICAAA chapter that has exhibited excellence in all organizational aspects: strong partnership with their local FBI Field Office; successful community outreach programs; sustained membership growth; full compliance with all documentation required by the Federal, state, and local entities to be a certified 501(c)(3), non-profit organization; meeting all FBINCAAA standards for professionalism and participation to include attendance at the previous year's FBINCAAA Leadership Conference.

The FBINCAAA Innovation Award is given to chapters that exhibit uncommon innovation and creativity. This includes innovative approaches to community outreach; developing and maintaining excellent chapter membership participation; creating unique partnerships within their communities; and/or leading the way in establishing true "Best Practices," which can be replicated by other FBICAAA Chapters.



September 5, 2019

FBI, U.S. Secret Service, and DHS held a briefing entitled, "E-Skimming: Protecting Your Online Business from a Growing Threat," for FBISTLCAAA membership at Barnes-Jewish Hospital/Washington University School of Medicine. Following this briefing, attendees were given an overview of Information Security and Physical Security programs at Barnes-Jewish Consortium (BJC) HealthCare and had an opportunity to tour the BJC Emergency Operations Center.

September 6, 2019

FBISTLCAAA hosted the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual LDA Memorial Golf Tournament at Forest Park in St. Louis. 49 teams comprised of FBISTLCAAA, FBI Agents Association, and Society of Former FBI Agents members got together for a day of great food, fun, and golf, with proceeds benefiting the FBI Memorial College Education Fund and The Missouri Special Olympics.

December 12, 2019

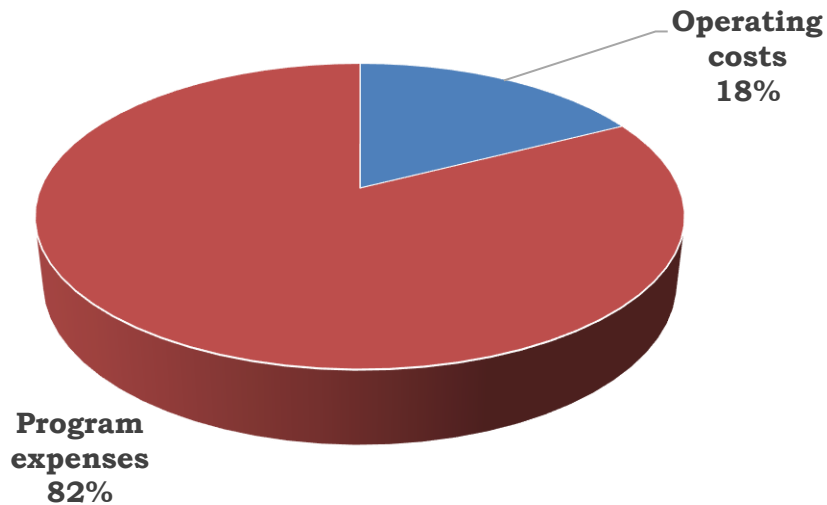
The FBISTLCAAA Holiday Reunion was held at Spazio Westport in St. Louis. Approximately 40 FBISTLCAAA members gathered to celebrate each other's company. Emeritus and founding member Norm Appelman was recognized for his dedication and enormous generosity in sustaining and supporting the mission of FBISTLCAAA. Immediate Past President Gary Chan recapped a successful year for FBISTLCAAA that included two national awards for the St. Louis chapter. President David Brickhaus and FBI Special Agent in Charge Richard Quinn signed the 2020 Memorandum of Agreement, which included five objectives for the chapter in the new year. FBI Special Agent in Charge Quinn presented significant investigations accomplished by FBI St. Louis Office in 2019 and answered questions from the FBISTLCAAA membership.



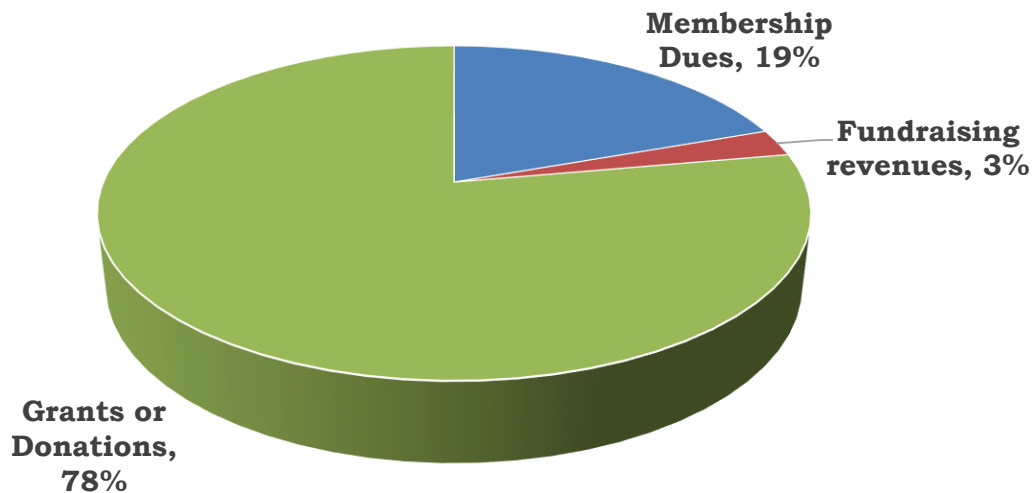
## Financial Report / Annual Budget:

Our 2019 Financial Report demonstrates a noted increase from prior years with the donation of investment shares to the FBISTLCAAA. These shares were donated by an FBISTLCAAA Member who wishes to increase our financial reserves and secure our sustainability for the future. The revenue generated in 2019 and beyond from membership dues, fundraising events, donations, and other activities will continue to support our Chapter priorities, sponsor future community outreach and public service programs, and grow our membership.

### Chapter Expenses



### Chapter Revenues



**Membership:**

Paid Members as of 12/31/2019: 145

Paid Members as of 12/31/2018: 130

Difference in membership number from 2018 to 2019: +15

FBISTLCAAA maintains and/or increases membership by actively recruiting during the annual FBI St. Louis Citizen's Academy and holding several member events throughout the year.

FBISTLCAAA currently has 116 Lifetime Members (LTM) as of 12/31/2019. LTM benefits include a custom lapel pin designating this status, periodic perks (e.g., reduced rates) at member events, and occasional events limited exclusively to LTMs.

FBISTLCAAA dues are \$35 for Annual Membership and \$350 for Lifetime Membership.

**Donors, Sponsors, and Partners:**

FBISTLCAAA is indebted to a longstanding Member wish to remain anonymous for their donation of investment shares to help secure our financial sustainability. We would also like to acknowledge Larry Christopher, Karen Aroesty, and David Brickhaus for their generous donations to the Chapter.

We recognize and thank the FBI St. Louis Office and the DEA for their engagement in FBISTLCAAA's "Chasing the Dragon" event on March 24, 2019. Such collaborations promote trust and foster open and clear dialogue with communities impacted by the opioid epidemic. We are indebted to the FBI and DEA for their support of this work and look forward to future "Chasing the Dragon" events in 2020.

Director Emeritus Norm Appelman has been a constant presence and source of unwavering support to the FBISTLCAAA ever since he founded this Chapter in 2006.

**Call to Action:**

In partnership with FBI St. Louis Office, we believe that we can build stronger and safer communities through outreach, education, and public service, engaging citizens and law enforcement in shared purpose and mutual respect. FBISTLCAAA needs your support, whether it be spreading the word about our efforts, volunteering your time and talents, or helping offset the costs of our programs through monetary donations.

**Submitted by:**

**Name:** David Brickhaus (President) and Stephen Liang (Secretary)

**Tagline:** Honor through service and community.