

Amy Blasher
Crime Statistics Management Unit, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Amy C. Blasher, Unit Chief of the Crime Statistics Management Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Criminal Justice Information Services Division, is the program manager for the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, managing the FBI's Crime Data Modernization initiative to improve the nation's UCR crime statistics for reliability, accuracy, accessibility, and timeliness. Ms. Blasher also oversees the national UCR repository which houses the Summary Reporting System and National Incident-Based Reporting System data collections, Hate Crime collection, Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted collection, and the National Use-of-Force Data Collection.

Justin E. Herdman
U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio



Justin Herdman was sworn in as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio on August 21, 2017. In this position, he leads a staff of nearly 200 employees representing the United States in court in Ohio's northern 40 counties, including staffed offices in Cleveland, Toledo, Akron and Youngstown.

In 2017, Herdman was appointed to the United States Attorney General's Advisory Committee of the U.S. Attorneys (AGAC), of which he is currently the Vice-Chair. In this role, Herdman serves as one of fifteen United States Attorneys charged with developing and offering recommendations to improve management, operations, and functions of U.S. Attorneys' offices nationwide, as well as the Department of Justice.

Herdman also serves as the Vice-Chair of the AGAC's Terrorism & National Security Subcommittee. In 2019, Herdman was appointed to Attorney General Barr's new working group focused on federal responses to Domestic Violence. Herdman also serves as a Co-Chair of the Attorney General's Prescription Interdiction and Litigation Task Force, which is responsible for coordinating the Department of Justice's civil and criminal enforcement efforts to combat prescription pill diversion, fraud, and abuse.

Herdman was an Assistant United States Attorney from 2006 through 2013, serving as both a line assistant and supervisor. During that time, he was responsible for investigating and prosecuting national security crimes, including the successful trial and appeal of a homegrown terror cell that sought to support al Qaeda. He was also part of the prosecution team of five self-proclaimed anarchists convicted of attempting to use explosives to blow up a Cleveland-area bridge.

Immediately prior to becoming U.S. Attorney, Herdman was a partner at Jones Day, where he represented businesses and individuals in civil litigation and under criminal investigation.

Before returning home to the Cleveland area, Herdman was an Assistant District Attorney in New York City, working for the legendary District Attorney for the borough of Manhattan, Robert M. Morgenthau, where Herdman prosecuted a wide range of violent crime and identity theft cases.

He serves as a Judge Advocate in the United States Air Force Reserve and is a former intelligence officer in the United States Navy Reserve. He earned his B.A. from Ohio University, his M.Phil. from the University of Glasgow, and his J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Sherriff, Jim Skinner **Collin County, Texas**



Collin County Sheriff Jim Skinner is a 30-year law-enforcement veteran, trial attorney, and former prosecutor. He took office on January 1, 2017, and oversees 560 personnel, who serve over 1,000,000 citizens in the northeast quadrant of the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Like others, he's currently busy leading his Office's response to the national emergency related to COVID-19 and keeping an eye on a major project to renovate the intake, infirmary, kitchen, and housing areas of the county jail. He's honored to have been designated as a subject-matter expert in connection with the work of the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice. In January 2020, he was a panelist and speaker at the White House's summit on human trafficking and commemoration of the TVPA 2000. As Chair of the Legislative Committee of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas, Sheriff Skinner was proud to be a part of the efforts to persuade the people and the 86th Texas Legislature to pass a constitutional amendment and several statutes important to law enforcement, including SJR 32 and SB 2100 (2019), which improved the humane retirement of law-enforcement dogs and other service animals. And, in May 2018, he spoke, by invitation, at Texas Governor Greg Abbott's multi-disciplinary meeting in response to the May 18 Santa Fe High School shooting.

Since taking office, Sheriff Skinner has implemented several initiatives, including enlarging the Patrol Section to keep pace with County growth; starting a fugitive task force with assistance from the U.S. Marshal's Service and serving or clearing thousands of aging felony warrants; forming, with seven other sheriffs, the North Texas Criminal Interdiction Unit and arresting over 130 traffickers, seizing tons of illegal drugs, seizing numerous military-style weapons and over \$1.5 million in bulk cash, stopping several loads of human cargo, recovering just over 100 stolen vehicles, and rescuing three missing children in separate traffic stops; forming a new detention intelligence unit and gathering intelligence from the county's 1,100-bed jail, including intelligence about gangs and drug cartels; and forming a child-exploitation unit that investigates internet-based child exploitation (including participating, in May 2017, in operation Medusa, which resulted in 17 arrests, and similar operations in 2018 and 2019, which resulted in dozens of arrests and terabytes of child pornography seized). Sheriff Skinner is also a member of county committees on child advocacy, courthouse security, jail population, and local mental-health care.

Sheriff Skinner is an active member of the National Sheriffs' Association and the Texas Sheriffs' Association. He sits on the 9-1-1 committee of the North Central Texas Council of Governments. He is a member of the North Texas Crime Commission and a former member of its board of directors. He's a member of the board of the local Meals on Wheels as well.

Sheriff Skinner's career has spanned over 30 years in law enforcement. He has served as the Second Assistant District Attorney and Chief of the Special Prosecution Division of the Collin County Criminal District Attorney's Office. In 2008, he prosecuted a District Attorney from the DFW Metroplex for official corruption (15-year sentence). He also separately served as an

Assistant District Attorney and Special Prosecutor in the Office. In private practice, he both consulted on the investigation of financial crimes and represented child victims of sex abuse from around the country.

Before graduating the University of Houston Law Center in 2001, Sheriff Skinner served as the Chief Investigator for New Mexico's Ninth Judicial District Attorney's Office and over 19 years as a police officer in New Mexico and Texas. He worked in homicide, robbery, burglary, gangs, narcotics, vice, white-collar crime, and public corruption.

Sheriff Skinner served our country for eight years as a U.S. Air Force Security Police Dog Handler, Investigator and EST (SWAT) Team Leader/Operator, stationed in Southeast Asia, New Mexico, and the Middle East, and is currently the Judge Advocate for the Bill Bryant Post 110 of the American Legion located in McKinney.

Chief Steve Anderson
Metropolitan Nashville Police Department



Chief Steve Anderson is a 43-year veteran of the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department. His experience in the Patrol and Planning & Research Divisions served him well in his role as an Administrative Assistant to former Chiefs of Police Joe Casey, Robert Kirchner and Emmett Turner. Prior to Mayor Karl Dean appointing him Chief in 2010, Anderson headed, at separate times, the Administrative Services Bureau, the Investigative Services Bureau and, most recently, the Field Operations Bureau. In prior years he served as the law instructor at the MNPD Training Academy and provided on site legal advice to the SWAT Team and other department components during critical incidents and mass gatherings.

Anderson is a graduate of Peabody High School in Trenton, Tennessee, Belmont University (Bachelor of Science Degree), and the Nashville School of Law (Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree). He is a member of the Nashville and Tennessee Bar Associations and is licensed to practice law in the local, state and federal courts. Prior to joining the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, he served in the United States Air Force and was employed by the White County, Tennessee Sheriff's Office.

Chief Anderson is known to seek and carefully consider input from his staff before making decisions that impact the operations of the police department. He also empowers his deputy chiefs, precinct and component commanders to work with community leaders in the development and implementation of strategies specific to their particular areas.

Chief J. Scott Thomson (retired)
Camden County Police Department



Chief J. Scott Thomson (ret.) began his law enforcement career in 1992. His 27 years of service in policing were capped with the last 11 years (2008-2019) as the Chief of Police for the city and then county of Camden, NJ. From 2015 to 2019, he was the elected President of the Police Executive Research Forum.

Upon retirement from policing on September 1, 2019, Chief Thomson (ret.) joined Holtec International as the Executive Director of Global Security. His responsibilities are inclusive of the nuclear fleet security, corporate security, and cybersecurity. Holtec International is a world leader in the nuclear and energy industry with operations and facilities in 20 countries, on 5 continents, including an expanding fleet of U.S. nuclear power plants. In January of 2020, Chief Thomson (ret.) was additionally appointed as Chief Corporate Governance Officer for the company.

In May of 2013, Chief Thomson (ret.) created and implemented a new law enforcement organization, the Camden County Police Department, with the abolishment of the Camden City Police Department. It was a first of its kind endeavor in modern American policing.

This new organization significantly reduced crime in one of the nation's most challenged cities by leveraging technology and changing the organizational culture to an innovative guardianship ethos rooted in community policing. Homicides have been decreased by -72% and violent crime -39%. These reductions have been sustained with a trajectory that now annually continues to build upon half-century lows.

The transformation has resulted in Camden, which was perennially ranked as the "Nation's Most Dangerous City", to be a safer urban city. This has facilitated the investment of \$3.5 billion in business development in Camden and the city's upward trajectory continues.

Chief Thomson has provided testimony for the President's Task Force Report on 21st Century Policing on using community policing to reduce crime. Chief Thomson sat on the Board of Advisors for the New York University School of Law's Center on the Administration of Criminal Law, The American Law Institute's Principles of the Law. He is the Co-Chair of The Policing Project at New York University Law School, an Executive Fellow for the Police Foundation in Washington, D.C., and a founding member of the Harvard University Law Enforcement Summit Executive Leadership Group.

Chief Thomson (ret.) is the Past President of the Police Executive Research Forum.