



# COMMAND POST

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Welcome To The On-line Edition Of The Command Post

Spring 2023 Edition

## From the President / Chief Charles Rumsey

Greetings, and thank you for taking the time to peruse the latest edition of the Command Post! Since our last publication, there's been plenty of work happening on behalf of this great Association. Late last year, we began discussions with the Preti Flaherty law firm to provide us with lobbying services at the legislature. As the session ramps up, I'm pleased to report that this relationship is going very well. They have been keeping us well informed as new bills are published, and helping us prepare testimony when we need to take a position. This work couldn't succeed without the strong partnerships we have with the Department of Public Safety, Department of Corrections, Maine Sheriff's Association, and Maine Prosecutor's Association. Our work on this committee is led by Chief Mills and Brian MacMaster – their insight and efforts are incredibly helpful.



Members of the Association collaborated to update the white paper initially published in 2021, which is an incredible resource to any member of our profession needing to educate community members on the many ways in which Maine sets the standard for law enforcement best practices. You can find Law Enforcement in Maine in 2023 here.

<https://storage.googleapis.com/wzukusers/user-34829548/documents/b371d0ddcf894dfc878a239a93d6823a/Law%20Enforcement%20In%20Maine%202023.pdf>.

Director Tolan and I have had several conversations with our trainer for the May conference. Many of us were able to briefly hear from Dr. Lou Schlosser at our last

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## UPCOMING DATES OF IMPORTANCE

### MAINE CHIEFS SPRING CONFERENCE

May 16th - 18th  
DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton  
South Portland, Maine

### LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL SERVICE

May 16th, 2023 at 10am

### IACP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

October 14th – 17th  
San Diego, California

### NEW ENGLAND CHIEFS OF POLICE CONFERENCE

November 5th – 8th  
Sea Crest Hotel  
North Falmouth, MA

## What's Up at the State House?

By Brian MacMaster



The First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature is up and running with the various standing committees at work on 1,206 bills that have been submitted for consideration. In addition, there are a number of placeholder titles, so-called "concept drafts," that have yet to make it into bill form. The Maine Chiefs of Police Association is keen to the workings of these committees on bills that are of interest to or have a potential effect on law enforcement in the state. A group consisting of President Chip Rumsey, Legislative Chair Jared Mills, Executive Director Ed Tolan, and others are in frequent

contact with our lobbyist, Dan Walker of Preti Flaherty, in tracking the bills and supplying testimony at public hearings and work sessions. The group also meets weekly with others with an interest in the bills, including representatives of the Maine Sheriffs Association, the Maine Prosecutors Association, the Department of Public Safety (including State Police), the Department of Corrections, the Maine Warden Service, and the Attorney General's Office. This coalition of interested parties has proven to be extremely

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## About Dr. Lewis Z. Schlosser, PhD, ABPP

Lewis Z. Schlosser, PhD, ABPP, is the managing partner at the Institute for Forensic Psychology, which is a police and public safety focused specialty practice currently serving agencies in New Jersey, New York, Maine, and Virginia. Dr. Schlosser is a licensed psychologist in New York (#16482), New Jersey (#4822), Maine (#PS2163), Virginia (#0810007822), Pennsylvania (#PS019274), and Delaware (#B1-0011317). He is Board Certified in Police and Public Safety Psychology (#8539) and Counseling Psychology (#6558) by the American Board of Professional Psychology. He is a former tenured Associate Professor at Seton Hall University and former in-house Director of Psychological Services for the New York City Correction Department. Dr. Schlosser has conducted over 15,000 law enforcement psychological evaluations, including pre-employment, promotional, and fitness for duty evaluations. He provides training to police personnel on a variety of topics related to officer mental health, with special expertise in fitness for duty and officer wellness.



Dr. Schlosser is a member and past Chair of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Police Psychological Services Section. He is also an Auxiliary Member of the National Sheriff's Association (NSA) and a Member of the NSA Psychological Services Group. Dr. Schlosser is an affiliate member of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) and the Bergen County Police Chief's Association. He currently serves as the Chief Psychologist for the NJSACOP. Dr. Schlosser is a member of the New Jersey Police Surgeons and he is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association.

Dr. Schlosser earned his Bachelor's degree in Psychology, his Master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling, and his PhD in Counseling Psychology, all from the University of Maryland at College Park.

## From the Executive Director / Chief Edward J. Tolan, Ret.

As we thankfully approach the end of winter, we enter a busy time for the association. As everybody should be aware the dues notices were e-mailed several weeks ago and to date



I have received an excellent response. If you have misplaced the e-mail with your invoice please contact me so I can close the books.

The legislature has been incredibly busy with the number of bills that have been proposed, and we are watching those that have a direct or indirect effect on law enforcement. I think Chief Rumsey and Chief Mills would agree that our new lobbyist,

Dan Walker of Preti-Flaherty and his team have been doing a fantastic job in assisting us in preparing written testimony for several bills and keeping the membership notified with their

weekly legislative report.

Our next important event is the Law Enforcement Memorial Service on May 16th at 10 am at the Memorial. Members of the Memorial Committee met after the Board of Directors meeting on March 8th to coordinate the ceremony. Thankfully this year we do not have another name to add to the memorial, but having said that I am hopeful that we will have a bigger turnout of chiefs and officers than we have had in the past couple of years.

Following the memorial service on the 16th you will have the opportunity to register at the hotel (3 pm) if you plan on staying at the DoubleTree. The room booking link has been sent. We will have a hospitality room open on the evening of the 16th with Chief Stewart ready to welcome everyone.

We have two days of great training scheduled with Dr. Lew

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## Conference Training Agenda

Presented by Dr. Lew Schlosser & Dr. Chris Sbaratta

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

#### 9 A.M.

##### • Introduction

##### • Pre-employment Psychological Evaluations

*Discuss dimensions of suitability, legal issues impacting hiring, and risk management strategies for agencies*

##### • Fitness For Duty Evaluations

*Help leaders shift thinking about FFD – purpose is to save careers, not end them; discuss legal threshold for FFD, as well as what front line supervisors should look for in officers who may be having problems; share research on 10 years of FFD (reasons for evaluations, outcomes, lessons learned)*

##### • Lunch & vendor show time (90 minutes)

##### • Officer Wellness

- *Pitfalls in a police career as well as resiliency skills for officers*
- *Suicide risk factors and prevention strategies*
- *Unique stressors facing police leaders*
- *Wellness visits and other officer wellness initiatives*

##### • Officer Involved Shootings

- *Discuss how agencies should handle OIS, with a focus on officer wellness*

### THURSDAY, MAY 18

#### 9 A.M.

##### • General Assembly

##### Break

#### 11 A.M.

##### • PowerDMS Content Hub Training

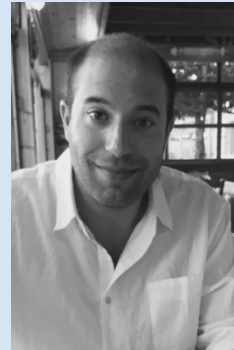
1. *What is Content Hub?*
2. *How to access Content Hub*
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5. *What will contained in Content Hub*

#### 12:30 P.M. Adjourn

## About Dr. Christopher (Chris) Sbaratta

Dr. Christopher (Chris) Sbaratta is licensed psychologist in the states of New York, New Jersey, and Maine.

He been involved with police psychology work since 2007 and is Board Certified in Police and



Public Safety Psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP). As a police psychologist, much of Dr. Sbaratta's expertise involves assessment, intervention, and agency consultation. He has performed over 12,500 psychological evaluations for law enforcement,

including pre-employment and fitness for duty evaluations.

He joined The Institute for Forensic Psychology (IFP) as an associate psychologist in 2021, after eight years working as an independent contractor for this, and other, police psychology firms. He is the former Assistant Director of the Applicant Investigation Unit for the New York City Department of Correction (2015-2021).

Dr. Sbaratta is a member of the Police Psychological Services Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), as well as a member of the Society for Police and Criminal Psychology (SPCP).

In the past, Dr. Sbaratta completed a Postdoctoral Fellowship at New York University with a specialization in substance abuse evaluation and treatment. He has held adjunct positions at New York University (2013-2018) and other NY-NJ area universities teaching graduate psychological assessment, abnormal psychology, and personality theory. He has been an invited guest lecturer in police psychology at both Columbia University and Pace University.

Dr. Sbaratta has held leadership position in both the New York State Psychological Association and the Brooklyn Psychological Association. His commitment to civil leadership and public service extends back to his youth, where he earned the rank of Eagle Scout at the age of 15 and received presidential recognition for his achievement.

He lives in Brooklyn, NY with his wife, daughter, and dog.



## State of Maine SAFE Advisory Board Update

My name is Christian Behr. For the past 3 years I have been a DV Investigator for the Kennebec and Somerset DA's office. Previously I worked for the Augusta Police Department for 25 years and retired in 2020 as the Bureau Chief of Information



Services. I have been an Associate and now "retired" Member of the MCOPA for 10 years. Attending meetings and training with MCOPA over this time, although not a Chief of Police, has been extremely rewarding, interesting and educational. As such I have been asked to share some

information pertaining to a little-known Advisory Board which I have been honored to serve on for the past two years.

In 2021 I was asked to consider serving on the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Advisory Board in the Law Enforcement representative position. At the time I had no idea this Board existed or what their mandate was and how my role interacting with this Board could help benefit Maine Law enforcement and the Board. Many positive experiences have grown out of this appointment. Namely, networking and understanding the struggles of our Statewide SAFE program.

The Advisory Board consists of 15 members appointed by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services for the state of Maine. Prospective Board members submit a letter of intent along with a resume and why they want to serve prior to being selected. The statutory requirement for the existence of the Board can be found at <https://legislature.maine.gov/legis/statutes/5/title5sec3360-N.html>

Other members appointed to this Advisory Board are from the medical field to include a Physician, a School of Nursing representative (UNE and Polly Campbell have been huge supporters) , two sexual assault nurse examiners, a representative from a sexual assault support center, one member from a statewide coalition against sexual assault, one survivor of sexual assault, one representative of the Office of the Attorney General (currently filled by Laura Nomani), one employee from the Maine State Police Crime Lab (Alison Gingras, a forensic chemist), a member of the Prosecutors Association (Andrew Berggren from York County), a person from a statewide association of hospitals, a forensic

pediatric health care provider, two public members and the law enforcement position I am currently holding. The term of appointment for each member is 3 years. The current Board Chair is Tina Panayides, an Assistant District Attorney in Kennebec County who I work closely with on this Board and many other cases and was appointed as a public member.

### According to the Statute:

***The board shall advise and assist the State in promoting and supporting the statewide creation, growth, and sustainability of sexual assault forensic examiner programs. The board shall provide advice and assistance regarding training, technical assistance, standards, and resources to the sexual assault forensic examiner programs. [PL 2001, c. 439, Pt. Z, §1 (NEW).]***

***The board may establish prerequisites applicable to persons who wish to participate in sexual assault forensic examiner training and authorize the issuance of certificates to those who complete the training. The process of sexual assault forensic examiner training and issuance of certificates under this section does not constitute a license or licensing action under chapter 375, subchapter 5. [PL 2013, c. 68, §1 (NEW).]***

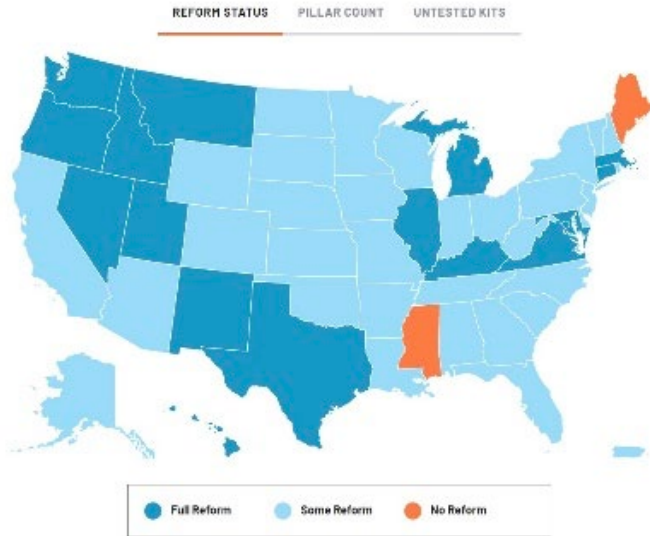
***The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide general administrative oversight for the board's policies and responsibilities. When appropriate, the Department of Health and Human Services may employ personnel necessary to carry out the purposes of the board; lease, rent or acquire adequate equipment and facilities; accept federal funds or grants that are available to carry out or implement the board's objectives; and provide technical assistance and training to sexual assault forensic examiners. [PL 2015, c. 267, Pt. GG, §3 (AMD).]***

In the law enforcement position on the Advisory Board, I have tried to maintain our professional responsibility of providing relevant input to the Board and then reporting out pertinent information to the MCOPA through e-mails, phone calls and in person meetings. I am usually able to attend our own District IV meetings along with District Attorney Maeghan



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Maloney, and provide updates, information, and upcoming items of interest to the MCOPA through this partnership. There are current issues of note which may affect law enforcement in Maine at different levels which are of interest.



**SEX KIT TRACKING INITIATIVE.** The SAFE Advisory board holds meetings with a sub-group of people associated with the Board and others aligned with our efforts on a variety of issues. Although the Board is only Advisory and does not take legislative action, the subcommittees provide an opportunity for professionals from different disciplines from all around the state to gather and share information and resources. Many of you are familiar with the past study involving the status of Maine sex kit tracking for police, hospitals, survivors, and prosecutors. The results of that study were provided in 2018 [sak\\_study\\_final\\_report\\_2\\_21\\_19.pdf \(mecasa.org\)](#) and one main take away was that Maine needs to establish a method of tracking sex kits provided to hospitals from DHHS, to the Crime Lab to individual medical facilities, through the law enforcement investigation, back to the crime lab and on to prosecution. Currently no such kit tracking system exists in Maine.

If you do a quick Google search for “sex kit tracking” you will find other states who participate in an open and above-board method of allowing for the survivors, medical personnel, and law enforcement to know the current location and status of a certain sex kit in the system. These systems are closed to the public and ensure confidentiality but at the same time help the survivor know “something is being done”. The survivor/


law enforcement relationship has long been lauded as directly related to supporting survivors of sex assault, domestic violence, and other crimes against the person.

However, we are one of only two States in the Nation which has not established some of the important ‘pillars’ of this work as identified by the victim advocacy agency the Joyful Heart Foundation. Mississippi is the other one.

There is public information from the National group known as “Joyful Heart” which has been the watch dog of this effort. Their interactive map of the United States provides information on what kit tracking reforms have been enacted State by State. The interactive mapping information is located here: [End The Backlog – END THE BACKLOG is an initiative of the JOYFUL HEART FOUNDATION](#) The District Attorney’s Office I work for is actively working on a local project to start a possible trial kit tracking within our District with Grant support initially as a first step effort to begin the process of tracking sex kits in Maine. More to come on this initiative.

The next issue of interest is potential future legislative enactment of a Strangulation Kit protocol for investigative evidence handling. Previously I reported out statewide, information pertaining to the issuance, collection and handling of a so called ‘strangulation kit.’ Currently there is an effort underway to ensure codification of strangulation kit handling and I am told that information has been provided to the Revisors office for this effort.

I am very honored to be representing law enforcement on this advisory board and believe I have been enabled to provide information to the Board and back to Maine Law Enforcement which is relevant to our needs. Tina and I will be presenting a 15–20-minute informational session during the Business Meeting at the MCOPA annual meeting and vendor show in May 2023.



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## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **NEW MEMBERS** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

I would like to welcome the 29 new members who have joined the association since December of 2022. We would like to thank all of these law enforcement professionals for joining our ranks.

### NEW CHIEFS

**Interim Chief Heath Gorham**

*Portland PD  
Regular member*

**Chief Grainne Perkins**

*USM PD  
Regular member*

**Chief Michael Adcock**

*Livermore Falls PD  
Regular member*

**Chief Vincente Morris**

*Pittsfield PD  
Regular member*

**Colonel William Ross**

*Maine State Police  
Regular member*

**Chief Douglas Synder**

*Boothbay Harbor PD  
Regular member*

**Sheriff Jason Trundy** - *Waldo County SO - Regular member*

### NEW MEMBERS

**Interim Dep. Chief**

**Lincoln Ryder**

*Waterville PD  
Regular Member*

**Lt. Jason Richards**

*Maine State Police  
Associate Member*

**Sgt. Jason Longley**

*Waterville PD  
Associate Member*

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*Maine State Police  
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*Waterville PD  
Associate Member*

**Maj. Lucas Hare**

*Maine State Police  
Associate Member*

**Lt. Thomas Pickering**

*Maine State Police  
Associate Member*

**Sgt. Joshua Woods**

*Waterville PD  
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**Chief Dep. Corey Bagley**

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Regular Member*

**Lt. Michael Zabarsky**

*Maine State Police  
Associate Member*

**Sgt. Kyle McDonald**

*Waterville PD  
Associate Member*

**Capt. Jacob Lachance**

*Cumberland PD  
Regular Member*

**Lt. Jarod Verrill**

*Brunswick PD  
Associate Member*

**Sgt. Jonathan Rogers**

*York PD  
Associate Member*

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*Windham PD  
Regular Member*

**Lt. Gregory Mears**

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## Professional Development Training

### In-person

- Public Safety Employment Law
- Field Training Officer School
- Law Enforcement and Behavioral Health Training\*\*
- Conducting Pre-Employment Background Investigations\*
- Criminal Investigations for New Detectives
- First-Line Supervisors
- Mid-Line Supervisor
- Green Lab: Cannabis Impairment Detection Training
- Implied Consent & Chemical Testing Issues in OUI Investigations
- OUI Fundamentals
- OUI Testimony & Trials
- Initial Response to Major Crimes and Homicides
- Internal Affairs: Process and Investigations\*
- Police Media
- Addressing First Amendment Advocates
- Sexual Assault Investigations
- Death and Homicide Investigations
- Search and Seizure Law for Cops
- Forensic Statement Analysis
- Social Media Engagement for Law Enforcement

### Online

- MCJA Mandatory Training
- Maine Bureau of Labor Training
- MLEAP Level 2 Training
- Professional Development
- LEPS Phase 1

- Cannabis Liaison
- Police Liaison
- Maine Case Law
- K9 Critical Issues
- Stress Management for HEROES
- The Effective Writing of Search Warrants
- Vehicle Operation Liability Awareness for LE
- Interview and Interrogation: Patrol to Investigations\*
- Pain Behind the Badge
- Performance Evaluation & Management\*
- Property and Evidence Room Management
- Report Writing and Courtroom Testimony
- Freedom of Access Act (FOAA)\*
- Developing a K9 Unit
- Introduction to Electronic Evidence
- School Resource Officers and Students with Disabilities

\*Meets requirements for MLEAP Level 3

\*\*This course has been approved as a CIT-equivalent for the IACP's One Mind Campaign requirements

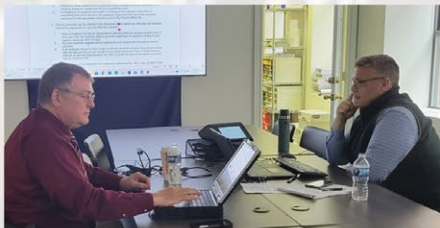
### On-demand

- Freedom of Access Act (FOAA)\*
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- Vehicle Operation Liability Awareness for Law Enforcement
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& more being added frequently!

### Consults

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### OUR PARTNERS:







# **MCOPA 2023 SPRING CONFERENCE**

## **TUESDAY MAY 16th**

Early check-in starts at 3 pm.

Vendor set-up: 4 pm

Hospitality room opens at 8 pm (Room 718-719- West Tower)



## **WEDNESDAY MAY 17th**

Morning training – 9 to 11:30 – Sebago Room

(90 minute break for lunch and vendor time)

Afternoon training: 1pm – 4pm

Vendor Show – Lighthouse Ballroom 9 – 4

Vendor/attendee reception with cash bar & refreshments – 3:30

Security Industry Alarm Coalition meeting 4:30 – Sebago room

Hospitality room opens at 8 pm



## **THURSDAY MAY 18th**

General Assembly 9 am – Sebago Room

Training – PowerDMS Content Hub – 11:30 am - Sebago room

Auxiliary meeting – 9 am – Hotel Conference room

Banquet Social hour 5 pm – Ballroom

Banquet Dinner & Awards Program – 6 pm – Ballroom

Hospitality room opens 8 pm



# MAINE CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION

Spring Meeting, May 16th - 18th, 2023  
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel



## REGISTRATION:

I will attend training: \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend the banquet \_\_\_\_\_ If yes # of attendees \_\_\_\_\_

## REGISTRATION FEE:

Training - \$100 (per attendee) \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet - \$50 (per attendee) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send a separate form for each attendee for the training.**

**Dress for the banquet will be uniform or business.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form via e-mail or mail no later than 5/5/2023**

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Schlosser and his colleague Dr. Chris Sbaratta presenting on Wednesday. The information for their training topics is contained in the Command Post "Training Day" outline along with their bios. Once you see it I think you will agree that it is vital and pertinent topics.

On Thursday immediately following the General Assembly Lynne Doucette from Dirigo Safety and Chief Willis will be presenting information on what is the PowerDMS Content Hub. The Content Hub is where a great deal of information such as, Maine Chiefs' model policies, Board of Directors' meeting minutes, committee information, and MLEAP information will be stored. Remember you will not need to be a customer of PowerDMS to access the Hub.

The banquet will begin with social hour a 5 pm followed by dinner at 6 pm. The Awards Ceremony will immediately follow dinner. If you recall we elected not to have a guest speaker at this banquet and focus on the award recipients. The hospitality room will be open on the 17th and 18th as well.

We have a busy and informative two days at the conference, and I look forward to seeing everyone.

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meeting, and I can assure you that attendees are in for a valuable and riveting day of training. I sincerely hope you can join us!

I can assure you that we are in great hands with Director Tolan – whenever we speak, I'm amazed by his command of every detail of the management and direction of our group. Lately, this work has included him processing a huge number of new members! Many of these members are new chiefs who have recently taken over leadership of Maine departments. If you are a neighboring chief, please be sure to reach out and offer your support, and, encourage their active participation in our Association. There are many opportunities for committee work and we all know, we're only as strong as our network. Thank you for all you do, and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

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beneficial in developing an effective strategy to address concerns and issues of mutual interest. You can read about any of the bills by clicking here [https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/billdirectory\\_ps.asp?snum=131&ldFrom=1](https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/billdirectory_ps.asp?snum=131&ldFrom=1) Other information available for each LD is the committee status and copies of any written testimony submitted to the committee considering the bill. Some of the LDs have already been reported out of committee with OTP (ought to pass), ONTP (ought not to pass), or a divided committee vote. Here is a list of bills the Association is tracking:

**LD 22** – An Act to Impede the Transfer of Firearms to Prohibited Persons.

**LD 35** - An Act to Establish Adult Protective Services Training Requirements for Professionals Mandated to Report Suspected Abuse, Neglect, Or Exploitation to Enhance Protection of Incapacitated and Dependent Adults.

**LD 39** - An Act to Amend the Maine Juvenile Code.

**LD 52** - An Act to Allow Certain School Employees to Carry Firearms on School Property.

**LD – 60** An Act to Require A 72-hour Waiting Period After the Sale of a Firearm.

**LD 96** - An Act to Ensure Release of Relevant Background Investigation Material to Current Employers of Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers.

**LD 104** - An Act to Make it a Crime Not to Report a Death.

**LD 110** - An Act to Prohibit Leaving a Child Under 10 Years of Age Alone in A Motor Vehicle.

**LD 115** - An Act to Protect Minors from Exploitation by Adults for Violation of Privacy.

**LD 145** - An Act to Increase the Penalties for Operation of a Motor Vehicle While Using a Handheld Electronic Device or Mobile Telephone.

**LD 148** - An Act to Allow Detention of Juveniles for Certain Acts.

**LD 161** - An Act to Modify the Law Regarding Tinted Glass in Motor Vehicles.

**LD 168** - An Act Regarding Criminal Background Checks for The Sale, Transfer or Exchange of Firearms.

**LD 178** - An Act to Support Reentry and Reintegration into the Community (re-establishing parole).

**LD 179** - An Act to Provide Support for Restorative Justice Practices in Maine.

**LD 197** - An Act to Address Employee Retention at the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory and the Computer Crimes Unit in The Department of Public Safety.

**LD 313** – An Act to Ensure Consistency in Retirement Plans for Certain Law Enforcement Officers.

**LD 419** – An Act to Ensure Polling Place Security.

**LD 428** - An Act to Reclassify Certain Offenses Under the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws and Increase the Efficiency of the Criminal Justice System.

**LD 429** - An Act to Reclassify Certain Offenses Under the Motor Vehicle Laws and Increase the Efficiency of the Criminal Justice System.

**LD 439** - An Act to Allow Death by Suicide to Be Considered a Death While in The Line of Duty.

**LD 444** - An Act to Designate First Responders and Other Public Safety Professionals as a Special Risk Population for The Purposes of Improving Insurance Coverage for the Effects of Trauma.

**LD 474** - An Act to Improve Collaboration Between Mandatory Reporters and Law Enforcement in the Investigation of Alleged Child Abuse and Neglect.

**LD 477** - Resolve, Directing the Maine School Safety Center to Convene a Stakeholder Group to Develop Best Practices for Lockdown Drills and Allowing Parents to Opt Out of Lockdown Drills for Their Children.

**LD 493** - An Act to Establish a Statewide Relinquished Firearms Inventory.

**LD 518** - An Act to Allow Armed Security in Schools.

**LD 522** - An Act to Require That Motor Vehicles Be Clear of Snow When Operated on Public Ways.

**LD 530** - An Act to Facilitate the Installation of Safe Haven Baby Boxes at Hospitals, Law Enforcement Facilities, and Fire Departments.

**LD 548** - An Act to Amend the Duties of County Sheriffs.

**LD 551** - An Act to Strengthen Maine Citizens' Second Amendment Rights by Allowing the Discharge of Firearms on Private Property That Is Within 500 Feet of School Property in Certain Circumstances.

**LD 552** - An Act Regarding the Definition of "Reportable Accident."

**LD 575** - An Act Regarding a Seat Belt Exemption for Persons with A Medical Condition.

**LD 582** - An Act to Enhance Certain Penalties for Possession of Firearms by Prohibited Persons.

**LD 588** - An Act to Promote Public Safety and Retain Essential First Responders by Funding the Maine Length of Service Award Program.

**LD 598** - An Act to Require a Vehicle Operator to Notify an Owner or Law Enforcement Officer of An Accident Involving a Dog, a Cat, or Livestock.

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taining Records Related to Firearms Owners.

**LD 629** - An Act to Improve, Protect and Defend the Individual Civil Right to Bear Arms Through Exemption of Firearms and Ammunition from Taxation.

**LD 630** - An Act to Ensure Rural Law Enforcement Services in Maine.

**LD 635** - An Act to Allow a Retired Law Enforcement Officer to Serve as a School Resource Officer Without Affecting That Officer's Retirement Benefits.

**LD 648** - An Act to Address Staffing Shortages in Critical Public Safety Jobs Through Economic Incentives

**LD 673** - An Act to Direct the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to Develop a Nonresidential Law Enforcement Training Program.

**LD 674** - An Act to Allow Bail Commissioners to Carry Firearms in Correctional Facilities and Jails.

**LD 685** - An Act to Codify That Freedom of Access Act and Freedom of Information Act Requests Are Not Hate Crimes.

**LD 702** - An Act Regarding the Detention, Supervision and Transportation of Arrested Juveniles.

**LD 703** - An Act to Clarify the Requirements Regarding Fingerprinting Law Enforcement Officers in Schools.

**LD 714** - An Act to Expand the List of Crimes That Do Not Qualify for Immunity Under Maine's Good Samaritan Laws Concerning Drug-related Medical Assistance.

**LD 727** - An Act Regarding Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders Injured in The Line of Duty.

**LD 736** - An Act to Remove the Requirement That Certain Motor Vehicles Be Equipped with A Front License Plate.

**LD 739** - Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to The Constitution of Maine to Empower the Legislature to Allow the Expungement or Sealing of Certain Criminal Records.

**LD 748** - An Act to Strengthen the Due Process Rights of Persons in Law Enforcement Custody.

**LD 761** - An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Crime of Endangering the Welfare of a Child and To Create the Crime of Aggravated Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

**LD 799** - An Act to Fund Patrol Positions for The Penobscot County Sheriff's Office.

**LD 800** - An Act to Allow Hitchhiking at Night.

**LD 819** - An Act to Reduce the Penalty for Operating a Motor Vehicle Under a Suspended License in Certain Situations.

**LD 847** - An Act to Support Law Enforcement in Interactions with Individuals with Histories of Trauma.

**LD 864** - An Act to Clarify Provisions of The Maine Good Samaritan Law.

**LD 868** - An Act to Extend the Protections of The Maine Civil Rights Act to Actions That Cause Emotional Distress or Fear of

Violence.

**LD 888** - An Act to Allow Use of Courthouse Facility Dogs by Criminal Justice Agencies for Criminal Justice Purposes.

**LD 891** - An Act to Protect Due Process for Certain Public Sector Employees.

**LD 911** - An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Certain Law Enforcement Interactions and Tools for Determining Residency During Conflict Resolution.

**LD 913** - An Act to Support First Responders.

**LD 943** - An Act to Enhance Privacy and Prohibit Shipping Companies from Maintaining Records of Firearm and Ammunition Shipments.

**LD 963** - An Act to Require Reporting and Training About Domestic Terrorism Threats.

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**LD 986** - An Act to Ensure Safer Communities by Increasing the Punishment for Crimes Involving Fentanyl.

**LD 994** - An Act to Include Possession of Compounds, Mixtures or Substances Containing a Detectable Amount of Certain Scheduled Drugs to Prove the Offense of Unlawful Trafficking of Scheduled Drugs.

**LD 1011** - An Act Requiring the Reporting of Stolen Firearms.

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**LD 1046** - An Act to Decriminalize Public Drinking.

**LD 1052** - An Act to Expand Good Samaritan Protections for Naloxone Hydrochloride Administration.

**LD 1076** - An Act to Expand the Use of Traffic Cameras for School and Work Zones.

**LD 1087** - An Act to Remove Restrictions in The Provisions of Law Relating to No-knock Warrants.

**LD 1103** - An Act to Allow Persons Who Lawfully Use or Possess Cannabis to Own or Possess Firearms or Ammunition

**LD 1119** - An Act to Clarify the Criminal Statutes with Regard to Assaults on Emergency Medical Services Persons.

**LD 1123** - An Act to Create a Presumption That a Cardiovascular Injury or Disease or Pulmonary Disease Suffered by Certain Law Enforcement Officers Is in The Course of Employment

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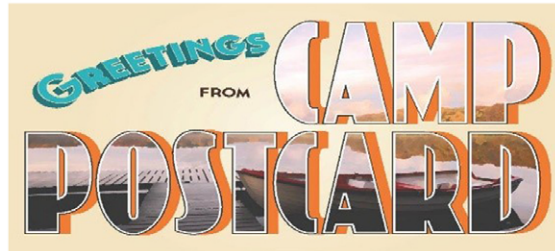


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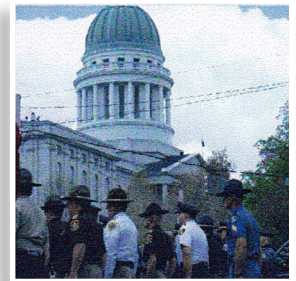
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#### WHO CONDUCTS THE EVALUATION?

In most instances the MCOPA assembles a team of three highly respected Maine police chiefs to conduct the assessment. This peer review panel is fully versed in the requirements for effective police agency management in Maine and therefore in the best position to not only understand the policing environment but also make real-world recommendations for improvements that will positively impact the public safety of the community involved.

#### WHAT AREAS ARE EXAMINED?

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- Administration
- Budget
- Community Relations
- Crime Analysis
- Record Keeping
- Facilities
- Investigations
- Equipment
- Personnel (Hiring, Promotions, Staffing, Morale, Labor Relations)
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