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Anoka County Sheriff James Stuart Chosen for Prestigious Homeland Security Program



The National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) announced this week that a member of the Executive Committee of its Board of Directors, Sheriff James Stuart, Anoka County, MN, has been chosen by the Jewish Institute for the National Security of America (JINSA) to participate in JINSA's fully funded, and all expenses paid, Homeland Security Program trip to Israel during the month of December 2019. "We are excited for Sheriff Stuart for this great honor. He will bring great insight to the program and he will represent NSA proudly," said NSA Executive Director and CEO Jonathan Thompson.

JINSA's Homeland Security Program (HSP) forges a "best practices" exchange between the U.S. law enforcement community and expert Israeli counterterrorism practitioners. Founded in the wake of 9/11, HSP accomplishes this goal by bringing groups of active senior American law enforcement officers to Israel to study methods and observe techniques used in preventing and responding to terrorism. These delegations are comprised of representatives from the FBI, DEA, and other federal agencies, as well as various police chiefs, sheriffs, state homeland security directors, and state police commissioners. HSP is carried out in cooperation with the Israel National Police, the Ministry of Internal Security and the Israel Security Agency (Shin Bet).

Since the inception of HSP, over 200 law enforcement executives from almost as many municipal, county, state, and federal agencies have benefitted from their experience in Israel. In addition to its work internationally, JINSA has hosted ten conferences across the United States, with a combined attendance of more than 10,500 law enforcement personnel.

"I am truly honored to be selected for this opportunity and to represent the National Sheriffs' Association and American law enforcement," said Sheriff Stuart. "This is a unique chance to share, learn, and grow best practices as it relates to public safety. I look forward to broadening my own horizons and then sharing the lessons with my national colleagues."

About the National Sheriffs' Association

The National Sheriffs' Association is one of the largest associations of law enforcement professionals in the U.S., representing more than 3,000 elected Sheriffs across the nation, and with a total membership of more than 20,000. NSA is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising the level of professionalism among Sheriffs, their deputies, and others in the field of law enforcement, public safety, and criminal justice. Throughout its 78-year history, NSA has also served as an information resource for all law enforcement, as well as State governments and the Federal government.