



# Metropolitan Crime Clinic

## April 1, 2017



### Meeting Dates:

Wednesdays: January 18<sup>th</sup>, February 15<sup>th</sup>, March 15<sup>th</sup>, April 19<sup>th</sup>, May 17<sup>th</sup>, June 21<sup>st</sup>

**NO MEETINGS IN JULY & AUGUST**, September 20<sup>th</sup>, October 18<sup>th</sup>, November 15<sup>th</sup>, December 20<sup>th</sup>

**Meeting Location: Holiday Inn 6001 Rockside Road Independence, OH 44131**

**Buffet Lunch \$15.00**

**Board Mtg. 11:30 am**

**General Mtg. 12 noon – 1:00 pm**

### President's Message

We had another great meeting on March 16, 2017, including an excellent presentation regarding Senior Scams, given by Danielle Murphy, a consumer educator for Attorney General Mike DeWine's consumer protection section. There were many excellent questions and follow-up points made after this presentation. On a more serious note, as we have discussed since January, the Metropolitan Crime Clinic is at a crossroads regarding its future sustainability.

During our meeting, it was noted that our average attendance is approximately 25 – 30 members out of a total membership of the 117 -- that is approximately 25% of our total members attending meetings regularly. Only 32 of our 117 members (27%) are active-duty, that is, members that are still working full-time. And only 79 (68%) of our members have paid their dues by the **31 March cut-off date.**

Even though the positions of first and second VP are still vacant we are still attempting to have relevant and interesting speakers, yet attendance remains extremely low. **Additionally, as with all organizations unless most of our members pay their dues – a preliminary budget projection indicates we will not be fiscally sound for long.**

Therefore, to address some of these issues, as all of you know, in January of 2017, we formed a special committee for the specific purpose of addressing the issue of sustainability. During our March meeting, the special committee suggested some of the following ideas to sustain and revitalize our organization:

- Focus on quality speakers.
- Train the trainers - we will reach out to all of the Chiefs to encourage attendance by their training officers & other officers.
- Create a "seminar series." This would include a series presentations by experts in a particular area that would be of great interest and relevancy to law enforcement officials.
- We need members to reach out to other members who have not been attending our meetings to advise them of our new format and revitalized MCC – and ASK them to ATTEND our meetings.

Tom Costello, President

### Guest Speaker: Mark M. Neapolitan

**Mark has a combined experience of 43 years between Law Enforcement and Loss Prevention.** Mark possess a Bachelor of Science degree in Police Science and Corrections, he is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and over 35 + other law enforcement seminars and courses. He has the designations as a Certified Forensic Interviewer (CFI) and Loss Prevention Certified (LPC) and has also been a practitioner of the martial arts for 47 years. Mark holds a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and a 1<sup>st</sup> degree black belt in Shotokan karate and was inducted into the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame in 1999 for Outstanding Contribution to the Martial Arts in Traditional Tae Kwon Do.

Mark was a police officer for the City of Hazleton, Hazleton PA and Weatherly Borough, PA from 1974 through 1983. Mark's law enforcement career included juvenile officer, patrol, undercover narcotics, and supervision. He was the recipient of the Meritorious Service Award for heroism from the City of Hazleton. Mark retired at the rank of Lieutenant to go into the Loss Prevention field.

Mark has held field and corporate positions for McCrory Stores Corporation as a District Loss Prevention Manager, Corporate Manager of Investigations and Undercover Operations, and Corporate Manager of Loss Prevention Distribution Services.

Mark also worked for the T.J. Maxx Corporation and was based in Minnesota as a District Loss Prevention Supervisor, as well as the Assistant Director of Loss Prevention for Kay Jewelers. Upon Sterling Jewelers acquiring that company he has been with Sterling – now Signet Jewelers since 1990.

Mark has held positions as a Regional Loss Prevention Investigator, Regional Loss Prevention Manager, Senior Manager of Loss Prevention and Director of Loss Prevention for Sterling and is now the Senior Director of Loss Prevention North America and Canada for Signet Jewelers (formally Sterling Jewelers).

Mark has instructed law enforcement agencies, field offices for the FBI as well as ORC Retail and National Retail Loss Prevention Organizations throughout the United States on jewelry identification and investigation. Mark is considered a leading expert on Jewelry theft and investigations. He was the recipient of the Jewelers Security Alliance Industry Service Award in 2014 and the Crime Practitioner of the Year Award from the National Association of Property Crime Investigators Association.

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Tom Costello

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