



James M. Gallagher - Section 1 Representative Candidate FBI National Academy 245th Session

Fellow National Academy graduates, my name is Jim Gallagher from the Phoenix Police Department and I am a candidate to be your Section 1 representative to the National Executive Board of the FBI National Academy Associates.

I am a proud graduate of the 245th Session of the FBI National Academy and have been committed to serving the FBI National Academy Associates (FBINAA) and our members for the last ten years. In 2007, the Arizona Chapter hosted the Annual Training Conference and I was fortunate to work with former Association President Joe Gaylord (199th Session) and serve as Transportation Committee co-chair. My time working on this conference was transformative and introduced me to the National Academy and its mission to develop law enforcement leaders through training, education and relationships. My first opportunity to compete for a slot representing the Phoenix Police Department at the National Academy came in 2010. During a highly competitive process I was awarded a coveted spot in the 245th Session, the most significant experience of my law enforcement and leadership career.



Since graduating from the National Academy in 2011 I have been an active adjunct member of the Arizona Chapter Executive Board, I serve on the Youth Outreach Sub-Committee for the FBINAA National Executive Board and I serve as the 2019 Annual Training Conference Co-Chair hosted by the Arizona Chapter and the Phoenix Police Department. I have based my leadership style upon the guiding principle that leadership requires service to others and I can think of no greater service opportunity as a member of the FBINAA than service to our members, to the ideals of our Association and to our profession.

My wife, Esther, and I will be celebrating our 20-year anniversary this year and we have four amazing children – Ella, Mia, Ava and Jimmy. I am a twenty-two (22) year veteran of the Phoenix Police Department and Commander of the South Mountain Precinct, a diverse precinct of over 241,000 residents spread out over 92 square miles. My assignment history is varied with assignments in Patrol, Gang Enforcement, Fugitive Apprehension, Tactical Operations, Internal Affairs, Vice/Narcotics and Crime Analysis. I have a BA in Political Science from Arizona State University, an M.Admin – Leadership from Northern Arizona University and am completing my dissertation in Organizational Leadership at Northeastern University in Boston.

With the support of my family and the Phoenix Police Department as well as the encouragement and endorsement of the Arizona Chapter of the FBINAA, I humbly offer my service to our members and to the National Executive Board. I am committed to becoming Section 1 Representative and fulfilling the responsibilities it entails and I look forward to the opportunity to run for election at the 2019 Annual Training Conference to be held in Phoenix, AZ. If you have any questions for me or if I could be of any service, please email me at james.gallagher@phoenix.gov.