

Loudoun Crime Commission Update – February 2012

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February Luncheon Review

The February meeting of the Loudoun Crime Commission drew a near record crowd, including fourteen students from Monroe Tech’ Law Enforcement Program, to hear from Purcellville Police Chief Daryl Smith, Leesburg Police Chief Joe Price, and newly elected Loudoun County Sheriff Mike Chapman. The top law enforcement officers were invited to give an update on their departments and share their most pressing challenges.

Purcellville Police Chief Smith began by reminding the audience that Purcellville has a small population of about 7,000 people with a large percentage less than 19 years of age. With a budget of \$1.6 million and 14 sworn officers, Purcellville has excellent crime statistics compared to similar sized town in Virginia with a full-service force. The police department focuses on events and activities for youth. One challenge for the department is the increased Latino population in Purcellville, triggering the need to train and educate the Purcellville Police Force in the Spanish language.



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 (L-R) Chiefs Price, Chapman, and Smith with LCC Chairman Forsythe

Leesburg Police Chief Joe Price reported that Leesburg, Purcellville and Loudoun County Sherriff’s Office are all accredited law enforcement agencies by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services. Leesburg is also a full-service police department and has 85 sworn officers. The department not only practices community policing but also provides training on community policing for law enforcement personnel throughout Northern Virginia. The department’s focus is on partnership, policing, preventing crime and problem solving. They have many volunteer programs such as the Leesburg Citizen Support Team, the Police Explorers Program, and Recreation Outreach Community Kids (ROCK,) where they have join with Loudoun Parks and Recreation to run a summer leadership program and the Junior Leadership Academy. In closing, Chief Price’s plea was to “Please, lock your cars to prevent needless thefts.” He also commented that in 1955 there were 339 mental health hospital beds per 100,000 residents



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 Monroe Technology Center Students

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compared to only 17 per 100,000 in 2012. The challenge for law enforcement is dealing with mental health patients posing a threat to themselves or others.

New Loudoun County Sheriff Mike Chapman began his remarks by complimenting the broad talent and experience of the Loudoun Sheriff’s Office personnel. Since taking office, he has made an effort to meet every person that works for the Sheriff’s Office. He then explained the reasoning behind some of his leadership appointments. He then discussed one of his key initiatives to accelerate the process of getting the new jail operational to reduce the cost and logical challenges of housing prisoners outside of the County. Chief Chapman concluded his remarks by expressing his concern about drug availability in the schools by recounting a story about a middle school student arriving at school intoxicated by consuming brownies laced with marijuana.



LCC Board with Chiefs (L-R) Smith, Price, Chapman

A thorough question and answer session followed the panel’s opening remarks.

March 9 Luncheon

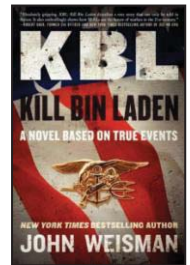


Keynote Weisman

We are pleased to announce that our March keynote will be award-winning author, Mr. John Weisman, who will expand on his idea that “when writing about certain, sensitive subjects, sometimes you can get closer to the truth in fiction than you can in nonfiction.”

The luncheon will be held at the [Belmont Country Club](#) from 12:30 to 2:00 PM. **RSVP by March 6** by e-mailing [LCC Director Steven Collins](#). Doors open at noon for registering and networking, and the meeting starts at 12:30 PM.

March Speaker Biography: Seven time New York Times bestselling author John Weisman is one of a select company to have books on both the Times nonfiction and fiction bestseller lists. His most recent novel is [KBL: Kill Bin Laden](#). Writing in the Washington Post, MI6 veteran Matthew Dunn called KBL “the best work of fiction I’ve read about CIA paramilitary activities.” NPR book critic Alan Cheuse compared KBL to Frederick Forsyth’s seminal [Day of the Jackal](#). Sean Hannity told his FOX viewers, “John Weisman offers an exclusive window into Operation Neptune Spear, the [SEAL Team 6] mission to take down the terrorist responsible for 9/11.”



Weisman pioneered coverage of Naval Special Warfare when he co-authored the No. 1 New York Times best-seller [Rogue Warrior](#), the story of Richard Marcinko and the creation of SEAL Team 6, then conceived, created, developed and wrote eight best-selling Rogue fictional sequels.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Seymour Hersh called his 2004 novel [Jack in the Box](#), “The insider’s insider spy novel.” Weisman’s CIA short stories were chosen for inclusion in [Best American Mystery Stories](#) in 1997 and 2003. His CIA short fiction “Father’s Day” appeared in [Agents of Treachery](#). He reviews books on intelligence and military affairs for the *Washington Times* and his analysis has appeared in AFIO’s periodical, *Intelligencer*. Since 2003, he

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has appeared on more than 160 radio and TV shows as an expert on terrorism and intelligence matters. In 2005, he was invited by the German Government to lecture on the state of the U.S. Intelligence Community.

Weisman is an adjunct instructor at [Team One Network](#), which provides tactical training to both local and national law enforcement agencies, and at the Executive Protection Institute, for which he teaches the terrorism block. He is an NRA-certified pistol instructor who has created and run tactical exercises for Loudoun and Fairfax counties, and worked on the City of Manassas Park and Clarke County active shooter exercises. He is a current a member of the Clarke County Sheriff’s Advisory Board and he was appointed in 2011 to the National Rifle Association’s Public Affairs Committee. Weisman lives in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia.

Upcoming Events

LCC Youth Committee Request (Director Chris McCalla) – Unpaid internship positions are needed for students in [Monroe Technology Center’s Administration of Justice Program](#). If your public or private organization has a law enforcement related program, please click on this link to e-mail [Mr. Brad Romanoff](#).

Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office Citizen’s Police Academy (March 2012) – This March, join LCC members and other Loudoun County citizens in learning about your Sheriff’s Office. During this eleven week program, you will be given special briefings by division leadership, tours, and hands-on opportunities. Sessions are held once a week on Wednesday evenings (March 14 through May 23, 2012) between 7:00 and 9:30 PM. Registration is now open, and a few slots are still available. For more information please e-mail Administrative and Technical Services Administrative Assistant [Bonnie Burke](#) or call her at 703-771-5722.



First Annual LCC Golf Fundraiser at Goose Creek (May 2012) – Please mark your calendars and join us on Monday, May 21 for a great round of golf at the [Goose Creek Golf Club](#) and help raise monies to support LCC scholarships and functions. Two members are needed to join the planning committee, and we are looking for corporate sponsors for the day. Please e-mail [LCC Vice Chairman Frank Holtz](#) for further details.

Free On-line Law Enforcement-related Training

There are several free on-line courses that are open to the public that we wanted you to know about:

- Interested in learning more about “Prevention and Deterrence of Terrorist Acts” or preparing for disasters, please follow the link below for free, online courses. These are courses are specially designed by FEMA and Louisiana State University for the community as well as for law enforcement. The courses can be taken at any time by logging on to the [eLearning Website](#).
- The Fraternal Order of Police provides free law enforcement and counter-crime webinars through their [Educational Services](#) webpage. In addition to upcoming live webinars, archived webinars can be viewed at your leisure.

Recommended Crime-Related Literature and Commentary by LCC Director Lloyd Reese

- *Homeland Security Newswire*, “[Terrorists focus on five U.S. urban counties, but rural areas not exempt](#)” by a staff writer – This article highlights some interesting domestic terrorism statistical findings from the University of Maryland’s-based National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, which is a Department of Homeland Security’s center of excellence.
- *YahooNews.com*, “[Fighting drugs and border violence at Arizona’s Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument: What about the ranger’s M14 rifle, Yogi?](#)” by Liz Goodwin – A Tour of American’s Most Dangerous National Park with Rangers Armed with M-14s.
- *PoliceOne.com*, “[Lt. Col. Dave Grossman to cops: ‘The enemy is denial’](#)” by Dough Wyllie – This article is worthy of discussion among our membership, concerning Lt. Col. Grossman’s belief that denial is the biggest enemy when it comes to school shootings.

LCC Membership Benefits

A \$5 LCC Luncheon Discount is an ongoing benefit of your membership! These luncheon meals catered by the Belmont Country Club are superb!

Reminder: 2012 Membership Dues can be paid at the March Luncheon

Sterling Shoe & Luggage/Safety Footwear and Apparel is offering a 15 percent discount on all 5.11 items to any LCC member, who presents their LCC membership card at purchase. [Safety Footwear and Apparel](#) although small is a well stocked 5.11 Signature Store and already offers a 15 percent discount to all law enforcement officers, who have credentials. LCC members now receive the same discount, which may be of particular interest to officers who are undercover as well as contractors and security personnel. Please stop by and check out the company.

LCC Volunteer Vacancies

- **Three LCC Board Members** – The LCC Board is seeking nominations for three new Board members. Should you like to self-nominate or would like to nominate another LCC member, please contact any current LCC Board Member.
 - LCC Secretary/Director, which is an officer’s position
 - Director, Luncheon Administration
 - Director, Membership Administration
- **LCC Newsletter Editor** – We are seeking an LCC member that would like to take on the responsibilities of editing and producing the monthly newsletter with Director Collins and Chairman Forsythe. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact [Chairman Forsythe](#).

Special Thanks to the Staff of the Belmont Country Club



The LCC Board and membership would like to thank Belmont’s terrific executive and catering staff for their ongoing support and superior service. Should you like to book an event yourself, please e-mail [Catering Sales Director Rhonda Lo Presti](#) or call her at 703.723.5349.

Note from Chairman Forsyth



Sadly, this is my last note to you as Chairman of the Loudoun Crime Commission.

Before I write any further, I want to welcome the newest member to the LCC Board, David Domin. Mr. Domin has been a longtime member and supporter of the LCC, and he has recently retired at the rank of Major from the Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office. I hope you will join me in congratulating Director Domin for his new status of citizen and thanking him for his continuing faithful service to the citizens of Loudoun County.

Now, I turn to my last opportunity to write to you as Chairman. It has been a great honor to have served as Chairman, and I want to thank the membership and the Board for their dedicated commitment to the LCC and our anti-crime mission. We have had many outstanding guest speakers and growing luncheon participation, and we are positioned to expand our scholarships and activities through our first annual golf fundraiser this May.

The future for the LCC is certainly bright. The Board has established a strong foundation of membership and consistent luncheons to build upon, and there are several initiatives, including providing future automated external defibrillators to local first responders and a committee to create a regional mental health drop-off center, spurred by our Mental Health panel luncheon. Involvement by you is critical to the future success of the LCC. Therefore, I urge you become more involved and support your colleagues that are leading the charge forward.

Although I step down as Chairman, I will continue to serve as a LCC Director, and I look forward to many years of future success and positive impact that we, together, will have on our community. Truly, “fighting crime is everyone’s business!”

Best regards, and thank you for this opportunity to serve along your side,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hugh Forsyth". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hugh “Bugs” Forsythe
Chairman

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Thank you to our Law Enforcement Members:



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(Corporate business membership is \$1000 annually)

Please consider becoming a corporate donor. We can target your donations to a particular program such as the AED's for Law Enforcement, for one of our other programs, or to use for our next critical need. Please contact our Membership Chairman, Director Steven Collins at 571-237-2257 or by email at Collins@loudouncrimecommission.org

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