

Greetings my fellow IACA Members,

I am running for Vice President of Membership with the primary objective of serving you the members.

The most important reason I am running is to be your voice in all things IACA. I promise today and during my entire term to reach out to for your input and to make myself fully available to listen to your concerns and ideas. I plan on hosting monthly membership zoom chat sessions that you can attend, to hear about IACA business and provide your thoughts, concerns and opinions on these matters and get answers to your questions. In this way, I can regularly vote on your behalf and not limit my decisions on what I want but what you as a collective voice desire.

I am an IACA Charter member (36 years) and have attended all but one conference in the last 35 years. I have served on the IACA Executive Board for 16 years as president, past president, and treasurer. My credentials include:

- Professor of Practice at the University of Akron – Criminal Intelligence Analysis
- IACA Lifetime Achievement Award Winner (2013) and the IACA Ambassador Award Winner (2019)
- Private consultant (JRA) to law enforcement agencies nationally and internationally: past 25+ years in GIS, statistics, RMS-CAD, data visualization, tactical and strategic crime analysis
- Voted most influential IACA member back in 2020 – listen to the podcase here:  
<https://www.leapodcasts.com/?s=Most%20influential> (start at 57:30 – the last 12-1/2 minutes)
- Director of the US Department of Justice's NLECTC Crime Mapping & Analysis Program (CMAP)

I have served on the Executive Staff for three different progressive police department: Tempe (AZ) PD, San Diego County Sheriff's Department, and Fairfax County (VA) Police Department. To my knowledge I am one of only a few IACA crime analysis civilian practitioners who has risen and served on a law enforcement command staff. I bring this experience and knowledge to the task of running the IACA. I am a certified strategic planner (ToP) and I am excited about bringing these skills to our organization in hopes of transitioning us into a position of power within the greater policing profession. I believe my knowledge and experience is best suited to address the growing needs of a 7,000-member organization.

My platform is two-fold:

1. Bolster the power of the members of the IACA to get involved and actively engaged:
  - a. To listen regularly and seek input from all the members at every turn.
    - i. Host Monthly Zoom Mtgs
    - ii. Quarterly focus groups and
    - iii. Bi-annual surveys
  - b. Keep members well-informed of every decision, but more importantly, well-informed before decisions are made to ensure support and transparency.
  - c. Solicit motions from members and encourage debates and voting on key issues.
  - d. Share decisions by the Board and seek feedback from a broader base of members.

2. The IACA has outgrown its current form of governance. With 7,000 members and a variety and complexity of services and products, the IACA needs to create a new organizational structure that coordinates committees more effectively and solicits and leverages every member that wants to get involved. Some ideas may include with direct member input:
  - a. Create an IACA Senate with proportional representation from Regional Associations, International Charters, and respective countries.
  - b. Expand the Executive Board into a larger Board of Directors .
  - c. Create several paid IACA administrative positions to formally run the IACA.
  - d. Create a tiered membership model that engages highly motivated career analysts and allows other members to be clients or consumers of services without their active involvement.
  - e. Actively pursue federal and international grants and non-profit funding. As a 501c3 organization the IACA qualifies for several financial opportunities and we should be actively pursuing them to improve service delivery and continuous improvement of our profession.
  - f. Build more and stronger partnerships with other associations, educational institutions, and government-based support units. Building formal relationships with colleges and universities, and setting professional standards, methods, and technology is an important partnership for the IACA and will contribute to the IACA's primary objectives.

These progressive changes will bring more services, and more robust products with broader impacts for the diverse community to which we serve. These ideas, with your support, will strengthen our legitimacy and expand our reach to the 17,000 law enforcement agencies throughout the United States, and enhance the development and implementation of crime and intelligence analysis globally. The IACA is in prime position to bring Evidence Based Policing practices to reality. Join the IACA and be an active change agent with me. As VP of Membership, I will work tirelessly to recruit and engage members.

As a smaller organization in the past, the IACA was able to operate informally and through various grapevines (e.g., regional associations and all-inclusive business meetings). Today, those days are over with our growing membership and the complexity and dynamic aspects of our services. The future requires that we leverage technology and find ways to give all interested members a voice. Self-governance and active involvement are how professional organizations thrive. The IACA is at a critical juncture and we must be able to adapt and find ways to continuously improve. The IACA provides outstanding products and services, but we have reached a critical mass that must be addressed. A vote for me is a vote for innovation and inclusiveness. A vote for me is a vote for you and new ways to guarantee your voice will be heard among the growing membership. Our collective vision is better than a limited representative approach.

I humbly ask for your vote for VP of Membership. Either way, please take the time to vote for the candidate that best represents your vision for our profession. Have a great day!

*Noah J. Fritz*

## **Noah J. Fritz, PhD**

### **BIO**

#### **Professor of Practice – Criminal Justice/Crime Analysis**

**Dr. Noah Fritz recently took a Professor of Practice position at the University of Akron in the Criminal Justice Department. He retired as the Director of the Office of Data Analytics and Strategic Initiatives (ODASI) within the Office of the Chief at the Fairfax County (VA) Police Department and today is the Chief Executive Officer of Justice Research Associates, a private research consulting firm based in Denver, Colorado. His primary area of research has been Crime Mapping, Crime Analysis and Geographic Information Systems, but in retirement he is dedicated to research on social and restorative justice. Noah previously retired from the Tempe (AZ) Police Department in 2020 where he oversaw the Police Analytics Bureau and served on the Command Staff managing the Strategic Planning, Analysis and Research Center (SPARC). He also served as the past Crime Analysis Manager at the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. Noah returned to the "field" of crime analysis after spending five years as an Assistant Professor in the Criminal Justice & Criminology Department at Metropolitan State University of Denver. He was the previous Director and Founder of the Crime Mapping and Analysis Program (CMAP)—a U.S. Department of Justice sponsored training and technical assistance program; and served as the Deputy Director of DOJ's National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center. Noah is a charter member and three-time President of the International Association of Crime Analysis where he was bestowed IACA's Lifetime Achievement Award and was selected as the most influential person in promoting the crime analysis profession.**

**Most notable accomplishments include a Doctorate in Justice and Social Inquiry from Arizona State University, a master's from same, and undergraduate degrees in Sociology and Criminal Justice from Illinois State University. His master's thesis focused on a robust understanding of the Missing Children's Issue and his dissertation was a hotspot analysis of crime and an ethnography of Denver's number one crime neighborhood. He has authored articles in the Sociological Quarterly, the Encyclopedia of Criminology and Deviant Behavior, and is a co-author of Exploring Crime Analysis (2004, 2009). He has appeared nationally on ABC's Weekend News Edition featuring crime mapping and has been featured on public radio in Australia where he provided consulting services to the Victoria Police Department. Noah enjoys camping, hiking, and golf. Now semi-retired, he looks forward to spending time outdoors with his family and friends, traveling; and finding ways to help others. His work on the Building Block Program is an example of this commitment.**