

# ORGANIZED CRIME SNAPSHOT

## NJ STATE COMMISSION OF INVESTIGATION



**55 YEARS**  
**130 +**  
**INVESTIGATIONS**

THE NEW JERSEY STATE COMMISSION OF INVESTIGATION WAS CREATED IN 1968 TO:

- IDENTIFY AND EXPOSE PUBLIC CORRUPTION, MISMANAGEMENT AND GOVERNMENTAL LAXITY
- SHED LIGHT ON WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE OF TAX DOLLARS
- MONITOR AND ASSESS THE THREAT POSED BY ORGANIZED CRIME
- RECOMMEND NEW LAWS AND REMEDIES TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS

### A WORD FROM OUR CHAIR



The Commission was established to serve the people of New Jersey fairly and independently by investigating and exposing systemic problems and recommending improvements to the legislative and enforcement arms of government. I could not be prouder of the work done by our staff to conduct fact-finding investigations but also in service as an important adjunct to the law enforcement community. Read on to learn more about the SCI's efforts in this regard in 2023.

*Tiffany Williams Brewer, Chair*

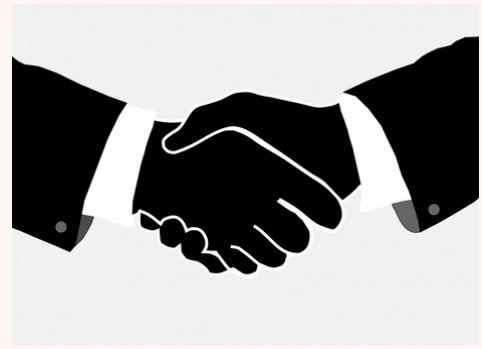
# TRADITIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME

THE SCI'S FIRST INVESTIGATION IN 1969 EXPOSED MOB INFILTRATION OF THE GARBAGE INDUSTRY. TODAY, THE SCI CONTINUES TO MONITOR THE ACTIVITIES AND TRENDS OF ORGANIZED CRIMINAL GROUPS, INCLUDING LA COSA NOSTRA.



## PARTNERSHIPS

BEYOND OUR PUBLIC INVESTIGATIONS COMPLETED IN A GIVEN YEAR, THE STATE COMMISSION OF INVESTIGATION STAFF REMAIN ENGAGED IN A HOST OF ACTIVITIES THAT STRENGTHEN AND COMPLEMENT THE INVESTIGATIVE WORK OF OUR PARTNERS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT.



**HOSTED THE TRI-STATE ORGANIZED CRIME GROUP FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT IN NJ, NY AND PA. MORE THAN 30 INVESTIGATORS ATTENDED EACH OF THREE MEETINGS HELD DURING 2023.**

- PROVIDED INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE IN FURTHERANCE OF FEDERAL, REGIONAL AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT PROBES
- COLLECTED AND SHARED ORGANIZED CRIME INTELLIGENCE WITH DOZENS OF AGENCIES
- CONDUCTED HUNDREDS OF HOURS OF SURVEILLANCE IN SUPPORT OF ONGOING INTELLIGENCE GATHERING
- MONITOR CHANGES IN THE STRUCTURE, INFLUENCE AND OPERATION OF TRADITIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME GROUPS



# CRIMINAL GANGS

REGIONALLY RECOGNIZED EXPERTS IN STRUCTURE, MEMBERSHIP & BEHAVIORS OF CRIMINAL STREET GANGS AND OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE GANGS. SCI SPECIAL AGENT EDWIN TORRES IS A FREQUENT SPEAKER AND TRAINER FOR GROUPS ACROSS NJ.



## 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

- CONDUCTED GANG TRAINING FOR RECRUITS AT THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY AND FOR DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS PERSONNEL
- ASSISTED MORE THAN A DOZEN POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE CASES
- SPOKE ABOUT SCHOOL SAFETY AND GANG PREVENTION FOR YOUTH TO HUNDREDS OF NJ STUDENTS AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
- SERVED AS A SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT IN A CRIMINAL TRIAL IN BURLINGTON COUNTY
- ADVISED SOCIAL SERVICE PRACTITIONERS ON WORKING WITH JUVENILE GANG MEMBERS
- PROVIDED INFORMATION ON NEXUS OF GANG ACTIVITY WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING
- ADDRESSED 350 ATTENDEES AT THE MID-ATLANTIC REGION GANG INVESTIGATORS NETWORKS TRAINING EVENT ON EAST COAST GANGS



FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW, SCI CHAIR TIFFANY WILLIAMS BREWER DELIVERED OPENING REMARKS AT THE MORRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, GANG INTELLIGENCE SYMPOSIUM. MORE THAN 275 PARTICIPANTS ATTENDED THE TWO-DAY EVENT ON JUNE 14 & 15, 2023. THE SCI HAS CO-SPONSORED THE EVENT, WHICH WAS CREATED 20 YEARS AGO, SINCE 2002.