

Non-profit Community Outreach Initiatives

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Introduction

- Jolene Sundlie, M.S. Social Sciences, M.S. Criminal Justice Studies
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 - Saint Paul College is a 2-year, public community college in the Twin Cities Metro area.



FBI Minneapolis Citizens Academy

- The first FBICA was in 1993 in Phoenix. 2023 = 59 chapters
- The Citizens Academy is an engaging six-to-eight-week program that gives business, religious, civic, and community leaders an inside look at the FBI.
- The mission of the FBI Citizens Academy is to foster a greater understanding of the role of federal law enforcement in the community through frank discussion and education.

FBI Minneapolis Citizens Academy Alumni Association



Completion of a 6-week CA course in 2016
Began serving on the Board of Directors in January 2017 –
specifically serving in Education and Community Outreach



The FBI Minneapolis Citizens Academy Alumni Association (the "Chapter") is a community-based and supported organization, **distinct and separate from the FBI***, and is designed to promote a safer community through community service projects and a process of educating business, labor, media, medical, minority, religious, government, senior citizens, and other community leaders about law enforcement, with particular emphasis on the mission, resources, and limitations of the FBI.

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Community Outreach Initiatives

- Child Advocacy Cards
- Rescue Bags
- NetSmartz Internet Safety/Sextortion

Community Outreach Initiatives

Child Advocacy/Food Cards

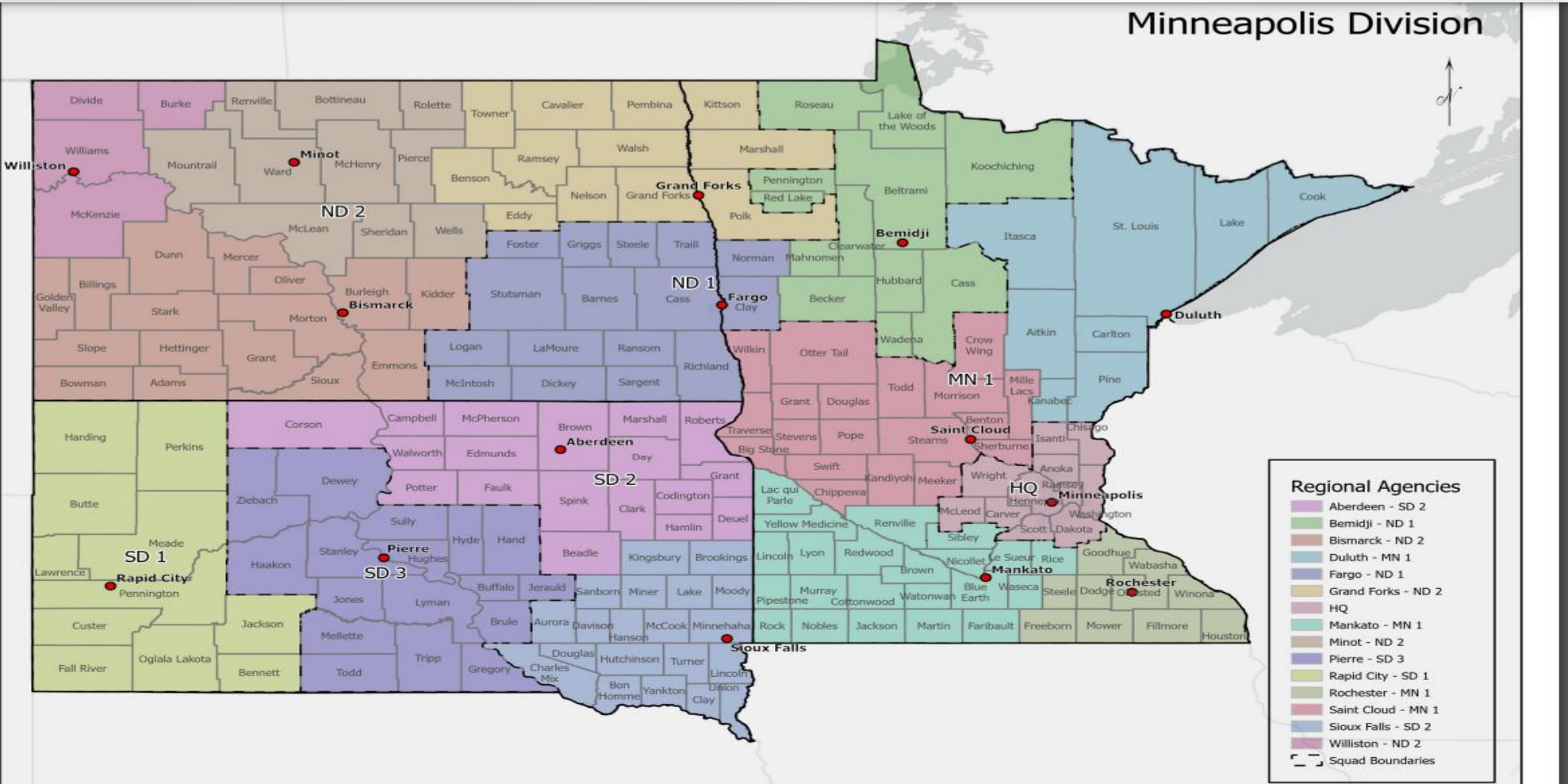
- Food card distribution started in 2017
- The FBIMCAA purchases food cards to feed victims of federal crimes who are brought to a Child Advocacy Center (CAC) in MN, North or South Dakota by FBI victim specialists.
- In a comfortable setting at these CACs, the child victims or witnesses undergo a forensic interview for the court case. Everyone who will work on the case is in a room nearby so they can see and hear the interview.
- This allows the children to only have to tell their story once. Most of these children are brought to the CAC from a reservation several hours away, the visit to the CAC takes most of the day.
- The child advocacy card (a \$10 McDonald's gift card) provides the child and any family member present with a lunch. Many of these children haven't eaten, so the meal helps keep them focused to recount their traumatic experience.

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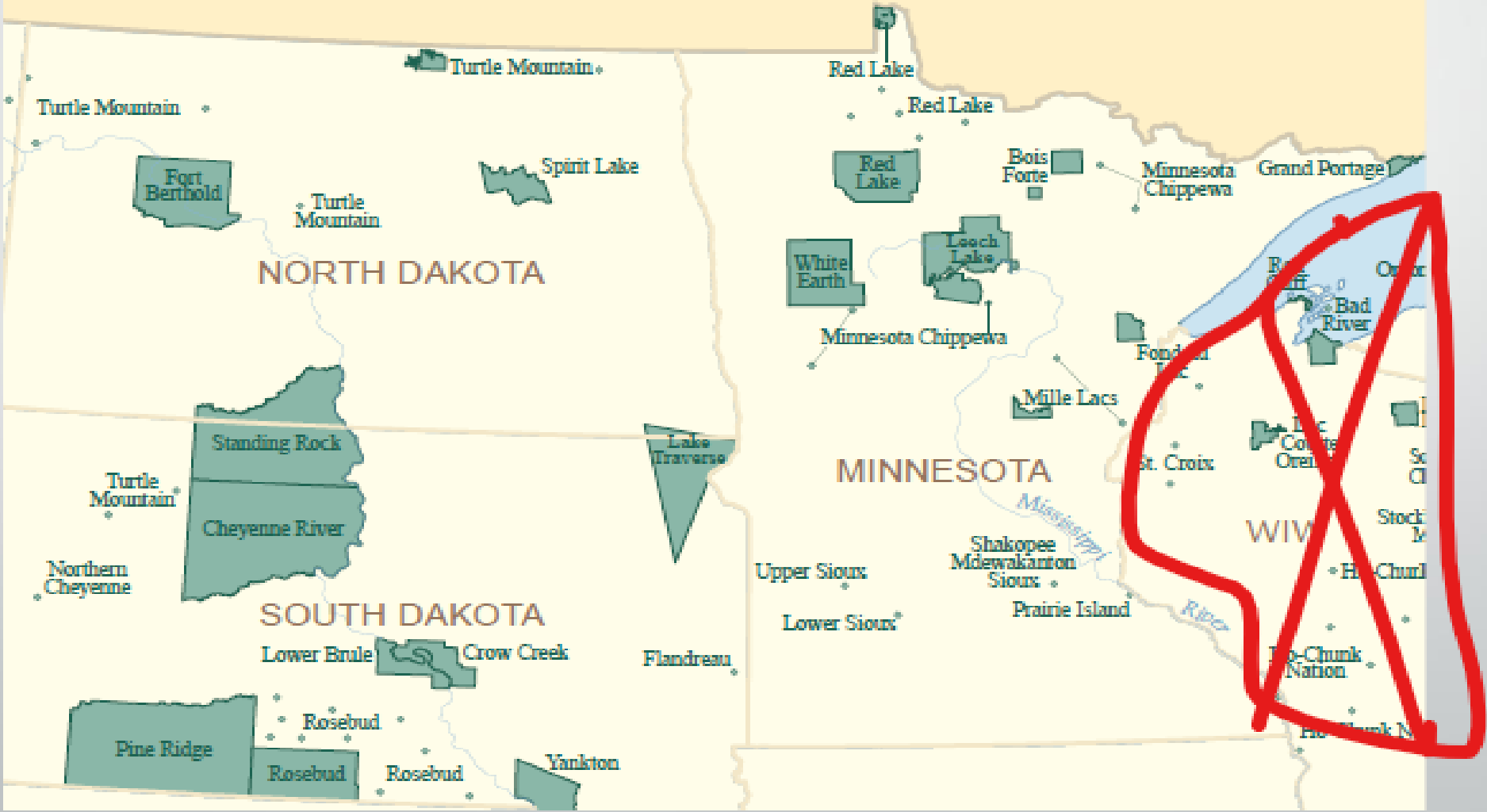
Food Cards


- 2017 –mid-year, started with (approximately \$300) in McD's gift card donations
- By 2019 \$750
- 2020 \$750
- 2021 - \$1000
- 2022 - \$1000, but increased to \$3500
- 2023 – budgeted \$3500

Community Outreach Initiatives – Food Cards



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Community Outreach Initiatives

Rescue Bags

- The idea for this initiative came to our chapter (past) President at an FBINationalCAAA meeting
- Minneapolis started its roll-out in 2019

Community Outreach Initiatives

Rescue Bags – Packing List

- Backpack
- pair of leggings
- 1 shirt (long sleeve or short)
- 2 pairs of cotton underwear
- 1 sports bra
- 2 pairs for socks
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Lotion
- Soap/body wash
- toothbrush,
- toothpaste
- deodorant
- hair brush
- pony tail holder/scrunchies
- sanitary pads, tampons
- writing journal
- pen
- coloring book
- colored pencils or crayons
- water bottle
- small blanket that can fit into the backpack



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Rescue Bags

- When rolled out in 2019, we pushed out 300-400 bags in one year
- By 2022, we pushed out over 700 bags
- 2023, we have over 400 bags ready to be deployed
- End of May 2023, a large corporate packing event will take place
- Each bag is valued at \$70
- We are now using a “pull” method versus a “push” method for distribution
- Bags must go to an agency/organization approved by FBI Minneapolis.



Community Outreach Initiatives Internet Safety

- National FBI Citizen Academies are encouraged to work with NCMEC, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, to provide NetSmartz, KidSmartz, and Safe to Compete programming to local organizations, including schools, community safety camps, PTA/Os, religious organizations

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Internet Safety

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T6ulH2bWCnY&t=183s>
- [Sextortion](#)

Community Outreach Initiatives: Other

- Elder Scams/Elder Justice
- Chasing the Dragon
- National Night Out
- Fallen Agents Memorial
- Critical Response – George Floyd protests, D. Chauvin trial