

**CCREA Regular Meeting Notes**  
**January 18, 2023**

Sam opened the meeting, and then started out by asking for feedback from the members about what they would like to see for the association, such as topics for speakers, suggestions for speakers, activities that would be enjoyable for members.

He said that the association budget is in good shape. It would be good if ideas can be suggested about ways to raise funds through corporate sponsorship.

It would also be good if we could more closely tie in to HR with our organization so we would have an avenue to encourage retirees to join our group.

The new HR director is Jim Harner, and it would be beneficial if we could work with him to help present programs through HR that retirees would be interested in.

The speaker for the meeting, Stuart VanHoozer, was introduced. He was appointed police Chief on 5/10/22. His topic was "Law Enforcement Technology and the Future of Policing". He discussed how the police department began using facial recognition to help with arresting perpetrators, assist with issues such as missing persons, and similar activities. Since this could possibly be a controversial subject, the department has taken steps to help the public understand the program.

Another tool used by the department is the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) which is used to help capture perpetrators of violent crimes by linking these crimes together. Although this program is very expensive, the federal government provided to the department the necessary equipment for it.

Stuart also discussed the License Plate Readers tool, which has been "the best tool ever" in terms of impacting the number of crimes committed in the county. Some myths about the program that Stuart dispelled were that it is not a tracking program to track the movements of residents, nor does it have anything to do with facial recognition. He also dispelled the rumor that there is a 96% error rate using the program, which is not true.