

NW3C Re-Elects Glen B. Gainer III to Chair Board

RICHMOND, VA - October 3, 2002 - NW3C (National White Collar Crime Center) today announced the election results of its 2003 Board of Directors. The 2002 NW3C Board of Directors unanimously voted West Virginia State Auditor Glen B. Gainer III to his fifth consecutive term as Chairman of the Board

"I will do all I can to help further the mission of NW3C," Gainer said in his acceptance speech. "I have been a part of NW3C for eight years, and I am committed to its mission because I truly believe it is doing great things for the betterment of law enforcement."

As Chairman, Gainer led NW3C through several impacting achievements since his first term in 1999. Some of those include:

- The launch of the Internet Fraud Complaint Center (IFCC) in partnership with the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation)
- The release of a National Public Survey on White Collar Crime revealing that one in four Americans fell victim to some form of white collar crime
- The growth of NW3C law enforcement membership by 149 percent
Nearly doubling the amount of financial investigations and computer crime training classes provided and in 2001, deploying that training to over 2,600 students
- The release of the IFCC Annual Internet Fraud Report, recapping the first full calendar year's worth of Internet crime victim data reported to the organization via its Web site at www.ifccfbi.gov
- Relaying organizational fortitude and direction post 09/11/01 in directing NW3C to utilize resources and technology in place to assist the FBI in the collection of terrorist tips within hours of the tragedy

NW3C Director Richard L. Johnston commended Chairman Gainer's participation and the daily giving of his time, energy, and effort to NW3C. "His leadership has allowed NW3C to accomplish much over the last eight years and will allow us to accomplish and be involved with much more in the next five years," Johnston said.

NW3C's voting membership, which comprises over 1,400 state and local regulatory and enforcement agencies across the nation, elect regional Directors and Alternates for the Board every two years. This year, elections were held in the Northeast, Midwest, and Southeast Regions. The winners are as follows:

Northeast Region: Board - Andrew Russell, Connecticut State Police; 1st Alternate - Chris Cotta, Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General; 2nd Alternate - Michael DiChiara, Medford Police Department, Mass.

Midwest: Board - Paul Cordia, Missouri Highway Patrol; 1st Alternate - Joe Kisner, 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office, Sedgwick County, Kan.; 2nd Alt - Gary Engel, Lincoln Police Department, Neb.

Southeast: Board - Steve Edwards, Georgia Bureau of Investigation; 1st Alternate - Phil Ramer, Florida Department of Law Enforcement; 2nd Alternate - George Hutchinson, Gwinnett County District Attorney's Office, Ga.

Term lengths for Board of Directors are two years, with the Chairman's term being one. There are no term limits.

About NW3C

Funded by a grant from the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, NW3C is a non-profit organization that provides a national support network for state and local law enforcement agencies involved in the prevention, investigation, and prosecution of economic and high-tech crime.