



Member National Council of Negotiation Associations

## **WESTERN STATES HOSTAGE NEGOTIATORS' ASSOCIATION**

President's Message  
January, 2018

As 2017 comes to an end, it seems like a good time to reflect on the year and on our roles as professionals in the crisis negotiation world. I hope you feel good about your role as member-supporters of WSHNA. With your support more than 400 negotiators, command staff and negotiations support personnel were provided quality training either through the 2017 HNT Conference and Competition held in Portland, or through several WSHNA supported training events across our region. You are part of a decades-long tradition of promoting peaceful options to critical events all over the country, and in 2018 we will carry that tradition forward with what could be our best conference/seminar to date.

As practitioners and promoters of the craft of crisis negotiation, you have helped bring hope into the lives of many people who may have feared death and some who hoped for it. From hostages to innocent third parties to persons in crisis, you have collectively made a difference in many lives this year. As you reflect back on the year, I hope you will see that your value and impact reaches beyond the borders of your institution, city, county or state. You are part of something important, something with growing significance and recognition, something worth your hard work and sacrifice.

As we enter the holiday weekend please know that you are an important part of the WSHNA family, and you are appreciated. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

President Troy King

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*2018 Training Seminar & HNT Competition*  
*Reno, Nevada - April 30, 2018 - May 3, 2018*  
*Atlantis Resort & Conference Center*