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**POLICE MONITOR AND INTERNATIONAL POLICING EXPERT, ST. LOUIS ALDERMAN, AND EXPERIENCED OVERSIGHT PROFESSIONAL TO RECEIVE AWARDS AT THE 2015 NACOLE CONFERENCE IN RIVERSIDE. 2015 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS ALSO ANNOUNCED.**

The National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2015 Flame Award and Achievement in Oversight Awards. They are:

**Charles D. Reynolds** is a court-appointed consent decree monitor, a former chief of police in five communities, a past-president of an international police executive organization, a recognized expert on police organizational and management issues, and a past NACOLE board member.

**St. Louis City Aldermen Terry Kennedy** and **Antonio French** serve their community with distinction as elected representatives of their wards on the Board of Aldermen.

**Samara Marion** is a policy analyst and staff lawyer with the San Francisco Office of Citizen Complaints.

The awards will be presented at the 21st Annual NACOLE Conference in Riverside, California, on October 6, 2015.

**Charles D. Reynolds** will receive the **NACOLE Flame Award**, the association's highest honor, in recognition of his significant, long-term contributions to the field of police oversight and to advancing effective constitutional policing throughout his career as a former police chief, his various appointments as monitor of federal consent decrees and national and international policing expert, and a member of the NACOLE Board of Directors for nine years, including having served as the Board Secretary. Mr. Reynolds's policing career spanned more than 35 years, including having served as chief of police in five communities. He is a former president of the International Association of Chief of Police and currently serves as the Deputy Monitor for the consent decree in Oakland. Mr. Reynolds is a recognized police practices expert for the United States Department of Justice's (DOJ) Civil Rights Division and has consulted on police organizational and management issues in 18 states and internationally. Consistent with his demonstrated support of NACOLE goals and values, as a member of the NACOLE Board of Directors, he helped design, implement, and coordinate NACOLE's Certified Practitioner of Oversight Program.

**St. Louis City Aldermen Terry Kennedy and Antonio French** will receive **NACOLE's Achievement in Oversight Award** for their commitment and tireless efforts for the successful passage of Board Bill 208, which established a civilian oversight board for the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. The passage of the bill marked a significant accomplishment that was more than 30 years in the making. In the process to pass the bill, Aldermen Kennedy and French were able to prevent attempts by the St. Louis Police Officers Association to strip the bill of some of its main provisions. The sustained efforts of Alderman Kennedy, and the support and advocacy of Alderman French, along with community support, were key in establishing oversight in St. Louis.

**Samara Marion** is a policy analyst and staff lawyer at the San Francisco Office of Citizen Complaints and will also receive a **NACOLE Achievement in Oversight Award** for her collaborative efforts in successfully negotiating significant policy changes in the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD). Two of Ms. Marion's notable accomplishments came to fruition within the past year. Both are models for police and oversight agencies around the country. Both involved community members, law enforcement, and oversight working collaboratively to change procedures and practices impacting vulnerable members of the community. Ms. Marion wrote and negotiated a new policy concerning children of arrested parents. Additionally, in 2007, after seven years of effort by Ms. Marion, the SFPD adopted a formal policy on language access services for limited English proficient persons. Further, Ms. Marion worked with members of San Francisco's diverse communities and with the SFPD to create a training video, completed in 2014.

**NACOLE is also pleased to announce the recipients of the 2015 Scholarship Awards in the following categories:**

**Founders' Community Scholarship Award:**

**Deborah Jacobs** has spent more than two decades as an advocate for civil liberties and human rights. She has held executive positions at the ACLU and the Ms. Foundation for Women, including 13 years of leadership as Executive Director for the ACLU of New Jersey. Deborah currently serves in the leadership of the St. Louis' Don't Shoot Coalition, formed in the aftermath of the police shooting of Michael Brown.

**Melissa Smith** worked as a School Resource Officer for over 12 years. During her tenure, she noticed the disparity in treatment and arrests of minority juveniles as compared to other juveniles throughout the jurisdiction. She formulated and composed the first Civil Citation Program in Broward County, Florida. Working with the Broward County State Attorney's Office to gain the cooperation of its juvenile division to use this program as a diversion to keep juveniles out of the criminal justice system. The program would later become a model countywide.

**Olga Orraca** is a long time activist in various social movements. She is currently part of the Community Working Group on Police Reform in Puerto Rico, a diverse and broad group of individuals and organizations that are part of, and work with, different communities.

**Torin Jacobs** currently works with a group of grassroots organizations to establish civilian oversight in the City of Columbus. In conjunction with these organizations, he drafted petition language that was submitted to the city in April of 2015, and he is working to gather signatures to place it on the November ballot.

**Presidents' Scholarship Award:**

**Lynn Erickson** is working on a project to prepare a comprehensive literature review on police legitimacy and the civilian oversight process. Her particular research topic is to identify barriers to accountability in the police disciplinary process.

**Marielle Moore** is an Emerging Professional Fellow with the Rule of Law Working Group of the U.S. – Russia Social Expertise Exchange, working on a project to assess youth attitudes towards police in Russia and the U.S. She also serves on the organizing committee of DC Cop Watch.

**Membership Scholarship Award:**

**Richard Olquin** was a key player in establishing the Law Enforcement Accountability Network for the City of Anaheim. He also worked with city leaders to form a Public Safety Board in the city. He currently serves as a Commissioner for the City of Riverside's Commission on Disabilities where his work includes advocating, representing, and protecting the rights of persons with disabilities.

**Aisha Miles** has worked as an Intake Specialist for the City of Indianapolis for over eleven years assisting citizen complainants. She is seeking to expand her knowledge base and skills to better assist the citizens of Indianapolis.

**About NACOLE:** Established in 1995, NACOLE is a non-profit organization that works to enhance accountability and transparency in policing and build community trust through civilian oversight. To further its mission, NACOLE holds an annual conference that brings together the growing community of civilian oversight practitioners, law enforcement officials, journalists, elected officials, students, community members, and others to meet and exchange information and ideas about issues facing civilian oversight and law enforcement.

In addition to the annual conference, NACOLE publishes a regular newsletter, hosts an e-mail listserv, conducts regional training, offers a professional credential in the practice of oversight, administers a professional mentoring program for newer oversight practitioners, and provides assistance to communities looking to start or review their existing oversight process. For more information, please visit [www.nacole.org](http://www.nacole.org).

What: 21st Annual NACOLE Conference  
When: October 4-8, 2015  
Where: Riverside Convention Center, 3637 Fifth Street, Riverside, CA 92501  
Info: Flyer and registration available at [www.nacole.org](http://www.nacole.org)

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