



ANNOUNCEMENT

Ms. Leslie Moore Selected for 2021 Cooper Meritorious Service Award

SEARCH is pleased to announce that Ms. **Leslie Moore** will receive the organization's highest Membership honor, the 2021 *Gary R. Cooper Award for Meritorious Service*.

Ms. Moore is Director of the [Information Services Division](#) of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and Chair of the SEARCH Membership Group and Board of Directors.

At its March 17 meeting, the SEARCH Board unanimously selected Ms. Moore to formally recognize her outstanding achievements and significant contributions both to the field of criminal justice information and to the success and leadership of SEARCH.

"Leslie is the consummate leader," said Mr. Robert Wessels, who serves as an At-Large Member of SEARCH and Chaired the SEARCH Board Nominations Committee. "Leslie is engaged, focused, and committed to service to the SEARCH Membership Group, her State, and the nation in leading efforts to improve the administration of justice."

The SEARCH Board cited Ms. Moore's dedication and support of SEARCH and the justice community:

- Ms. Moore has served the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) for over 25 years. She has served as Shift Supervisor of Criminal History Records and Identification, as Criminal History Records Manager, and as Division Director for the past 12 years.
- As a Governor-appointed SEARCH Member for nearly 10 years, Ms. Moore has actively sought leadership positions to support the organization's goals and operations. She has served on the SEARCH Board since July 2015 and has served two terms as Board Chairperson beginning in July 2018.
- Ms. Moore also serves as Chair of the National Crime Prevention and Privacy [Compact Council](#), which promulgates rules and procedures for the effective use of the Interstate Identification Index (III) system for noncriminal purposes. She has served as Chair since 2020, and previously served as a Member of the Council's Planning and Outreach Committee, Standards and Policy Committee, and Sanctions Committee.



Gary R. Cooper Award for Meritorious Service

Recognizes: A SEARCH Member for outstanding work in the field of criminal justice information systems, policy, or statistics

Named for: Gary R. Cooper, longtime SEARCH Executive Director (ret.)

Given since 1985, the Cooper Award is SEARCH's top Membership honor

Past Recipients: State-level justice and public safety agency and program officials representing 23 states and the District of Columbia

- At the state level, Ms. Moore serves as Chair of the [Kansas Criminal Justice Information System \(KCJIS\) Committee](#). This team of state agencies and public safety associations oversees KCJIS, a public safety information-sharing system that connects over 1,500 local, tribal, state, and federal agencies in all 105 counties in Kansas. She previously served as Chair of the committee's Project Planning and Coordination Subcommittee, Chair of its Executive Committee, and a Member of its Policy and Statute Subcommittees.

SEARCH will formally recognize Ms. Moore at an awards ceremony Tuesday, July 19, being held in conjunction with the SEARCH 2022 [Annual Membership Group Meeting](#) at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Denver, CO. In addition to recognizing Ms. Moore as the 2021 recipient of the Cooper Award, the ceremony will also recognize retired SEARCH Member **Kathryn Monfreda (AK)** as the 2022 recipient of award.