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Join us for the Ohio Attorney General's 2023 Law Enforcement Conference

Oct. 24-25, 2023
Hyatt Regency Columbus
350 N. High St.
Columbus, OH 43215

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Conference tuition: \$125 per person

Registration deadline: Oct. 15th

Hotel reservations:

Attendees are responsible for making their own hotel reservations and arranging payment. Overnight accommodations are available at a group rate. Be sure to mention the Attorney General's Law Enforcement Conference 2023.

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2023 Law Enforcement Conference, Hyatt Regency Columbus

Tuesday, Oct. 24

7:00-8:30 a.m.: Registration and continental breakfast, Regency Foyer and Ballroom, third floor

8:30-10 a.m.: Opening session with Attorney General Dave Yost and Keynote Speaker U.S. Marshal Michael Black, Southern District of Ohio, Regency Ballroom, third floor

10:00-10:15 a.m.: Break

10:15-11:45 a.m.: Session 1

WORKSHOP 1	WORKSHOP 2	WORKSHOP 3	WORKSHOP 4
Law Enforcement and the Muslim / Middle Eastern Population	Catalytic Converter Criminal Theft Enterprises	The Link Between Animal Abuse, Domestic Violence and Mass/School Shootings: OH HB 33 Reporting Requirement for Child Abuse	Event Action Plan for Large Scale and After School Events

11:45 a.m.-noon: Break

Noon-1:30 p.m.: Luncheon and Keynote Speaker Lt. Col. Dan Rooney, USAF / Folds of Honor Foundation CEO and Founder, Regency Ballroom, third floor

1:30-2:00 p.m.: Break/Exhibitors

2:00-3:30 p.m.: Session 2

WORKSHOP 5	WORKSHOP 6	WORKSHOP 7	WORKSHOP 8
Community Coordinated Response to Intimate Partner Violence in Hamilton County	The Lost Person Call: Turning Panic into Positive Outcomes	OSHP's Approach to Drug Impaired Driving	Emergency Hospitalization (Pink Slipping) - Realistic Applications for Law Enforcement

Dinner on your own

Wednesday, Oct. 25

7:00-8:30 a.m.: Registration and continental breakfast, Regency Foyer and Ballroom, third floor

8:30-10:00 a.m.: Awards Program, Regency Ballroom, third floor

10:00-10:15 a.m.: Break

10:15-11:45 a.m.: Session 3

WORKSHOP 9	WORKSHOP 10	WORKSHOP 11	WORKSHOP 12
Prosecuting Child Sexual Abuse Offenses and Other SVU Cases	Ohio National Guard RMVE Investigation Case Study	NIBIN: An Effective Crime Gun Intelligence Tool	Veterans Response Programs Spreading Across Ohio

11:45-noon: Break

Noon-1:30 p.m.: Keynote Speaker Sheriff Russ Martin, Retired, Delaware County Sheriff's Office, Regency Ballroom, third floor

1:30-2:00 p.m.: Break/Exhibitors

2:00-4:00 p.m.: Panel discussion: Cold Case: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Unsolved Cases, Regency Ballroom, third floor

Featured Speakers

Michael D. Black, U.S. Marshall, Southern District of Ohio

The Honorable Michael D. Black was nominated by President Joseph R. Biden Jr., confirmed by the United States Senate, and appointed on Jan. 3, 2023, to serve as the United States Marshal (USM) for the Southern District of Ohio.

Black spent 29 years with the Ohio State Highway Patrol before retiring as the assistant superintendent and lieutenant colonel of operations in 2018. His previous roles included major and commander of the Office of Criminal Investigations from 2012 to 2017, as well as captain and Columbus District commander from 2011 to 2012. Black served as director of protective services for OhioHealth Corporation from 2021 until his appointment as U.S. marshal.

Black has received several awards and recognition throughout his career, including a letter of recognition from former Secret Service Director Joseph P. Clancy and a proclamation in recognition of service by the Office of Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson. In addition, in 2018, Black received the Distinguished El Paso Intelligence Center Director's Award, presented by the Motor Vehicle Criminal Interdiction Association, Drug Enforcement Administration, and the National Drug Interdiction Assistance Program.

Black attended the Army War College Leadership Course in 2012 and the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in 1997. He is a Marine Corps veteran.

Lt. Col. Dan Rooney, USAF/Folds of Honor Foundation CEO and Founder

Lt. Col. Dan Rooney is the founder of the Folds of Honor, an F-16 Fighter Pilot (1,800 hours of flight time) with three combat tours in Iraq, and a PGA golf professional. He is a Fox News contributor and host of the Fox Nation's series Fly Into the Wind and the author of two best-selling books.

Thirteen years ago, Rooney started the non-profit "Folds of Honor" to provide educational scholarships to the spouses and children of wounded or killed military service members. Since then, Folds of Honor has provided 44,000 life-changing scholarships totaling more than \$200 million.

Rooney continues his military service as an aggressor pilot in the 301st Fighter Squadron at Eglin Air Force Base in Destin, Florida. He is a two-time recipient of the Top Gun award and was honored with the Spirit of Attack award as a top graduate of F-16 training.

Rooney has received many decorations, including the Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Medal, Antiterrorism Medal, Combat Readiness Medal, and Air Expeditionary Medal. For his service and patriotism, Rooney was presented the White House's Presidential Volunteer Service Award by President George W. Bush, the Air National Guard's Distinguished Service Medal, the Air National Guard's Directors Service Award and the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

Rooney lives in Owasso, Oklahoma, with his wife, five daughters, and three dogs.

Russell Martin, Sheriff (retired), Delaware County Sheriff's Office

Russell Martin retired as sheriff of Delaware County in April 2023. His career spanned nearly 42 years, including almost eight years as chief of police for the City of Delaware. Subsequently, he was appointed sheriff in June 2012 and elected in November that same year. He was re-elected in 2016 and 2020.

During his time with the Delaware Police he had experience supervising in all divisions of the department. His specialties include major case investigations, consolidation of services, culture change, leadership development, and succession planning. Martin is the former president of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police. As sheriff of Delaware County his duties included managing an office of more than 250 employees, overseeing law enforcement services, court services and security, and maintaining the county jail in the eighth largest county in Ohio.

Martin has presented on the topic of leadership and anticorruption for more than a decade at the Police Executive Leadership College and the Public Safety Leadership Academy through the John Glenn College of Public Affairs in association with The Ohio State University. He has been a guest presenter on promotions at the FBI National Academy, where he graduated as a member of session 215. He's also presented both nationally and internationally on the topic of Principle Based Leadership with the Pointman Leadership Institute.

Martin is a member of the Board of Trustees at Bowling Green State University, his alma mater, and serves on several nonprofit boards. He and his wife, Jill, were married in 1980 and have two children, both graduates of OSU.

Panel Discussion: Cold Case – A Multidisciplinary Approach to Unsolved Cases

Panelists:

- Dana Forney, Criminal Intelligence Director, BCI
- Hallie Dreyer, DNA Lab Supervisor, BCI
- Roger Davis, Special Agent in Charge, BCI

The multi-disciplinary cold case panel discussion is designed for law enforcement professionals and prosecutors, who are actively involved and engaged in unsolved homicide investigations. The discussion will focus on unsolved case methodology, case file assessment, obstacles to unsolved investigations, and resources available. These include advancements in DNA including familial and genetic genealogy, cyber forensics, and criminal intelligence and analysis. The emphasis will be the utilization of a team approach to cold cases, focusing on a two-pronged approach involving analysis from a data driven and advanced forensics perspective, for a holistic and comprehensive analysis of cases on an individual basis.

LEC Workshops

WORKSHOP 1

Law Enforcement and the Muslim/Middle Eastern Population

- Sgt. Sarah S. Shendy, Case Western Reserve University Police Department

Misconceptions persist about the Islamic religion and the Middle Eastern culture, and this workshop seeks to dispel them. Explored are the five pillars of Islam, communication strategies, gender roles and expectations, the hijab (the head covering worn by women) and the religious code that governs its use, and other topics relating to the functions, effectiveness and safety of law enforcement officers. The workshop addresses preferred methods of interaction, language barriers, and tips for successfully investigating and prosecuting criminal cases. The instructor also covers key cultural considerations for recruitment and retention as well as implicit and explicit bias, intergenerational trauma and victim advocacy.

WORKSHOP 2

Catalytic Converter Criminal Theft Enterprises

- Detective Josh Gilbert, Groveport Police Department
- Ian Jones, Assistant Prosecutor, Franklin County Prosecutor's Economic Unit

Breaking up catalytic converter crime rings requires an analytic approach to identifying patterns, predicting thefts, and facilitating prosecutions. The workshop presenters, who have collaborated for the past two years, explain their methods and resulting success. Detective Gilbert describes where to find theft rings and how to attack such thefts from start to finish. He also covers what happens to converters once they reach a scrapyard. He also explains Section 4737 of the Ohio Revised Code (which limits the number of catalytic converters a scrap-metal dealer can receive in a day), and reveals how theft rings are exploiting a loophole in Ohio law to be nearly untraceable by law enforcement. Assistant Prosecutor Jones explains how these cases are being won in the courtroom and provides essential tips for achieving successful outcomes.

WORKSHOP 3

The Link Between Animal Abuse, Domestic Violence and Mass/School Shootings: Ohio House Bill 33 Reporting Requirements for Child Abuse

- Vicki Deisner, Esquire, State Government Affairs Adviser, Animal Welfare Institute
- Janet Hoy-Gerlach, Ph.D., LISW-S, founder of OneHealth People-Animal Wellness Services (OHPAWS)
- Todd Curtis, retired senior investigator with the Wood County Prosecutor's Office, retired detective sergeant with Perrysburg Township Police Department

Animal abuse frequently is an indicator and predictor of violence. It is known, for example, that some women stay in abusive relationships because of threats to their animals; that children who carry out or witness animal cruelty are at risk of being victims themselves or of committing future acts of violence; and that many serial killers, school shooters, mass murderers, and terrorists have histories of animal abuse. This workshop looks at the emerging research on animal abuse, its effects on child development, and the links between animal cruelty and school shootings. Lead presenter Deisner was a key advocate for a state law that took effect in 2021. To create a system of cross-reporting, this law requires veterinarians and social-service professionals to report suspected animal abuse to authorities. It also requires animal-control officers and dog wardens to report animal and child or elder abuse to social-services professionals. The workshop also explores practical tips for identifying animal abuse and child maltreatment, Ohio's felony strangulation bill, and the increasingly dangerous nature of domestic-violence calls.

WORKSHOP 4

Event Action Plan for Large-Scale and After-School Events

- Douglas Smith, Mobile Training Officer, Ohio School Safety Center
- Joe Grecol, Zone Manager, Ohio School Safety Center

This workshop promotes preparedness for potential hazards or threats during large-scale and after-school events, including athletic contests, graduations, plays and musicals, political rallies, protests, and other community events. The presenters identify the operational details to consider (e.g., parking, crowd management, safety services, security, power outages) and the steps necessary to effectively prepare, test, and distribute the action plan.

WORKSHOP 5

Community-Coordinated Response to Intimate-Partner Violence in Hamilton County

- Shawnse Bess, Jessica Gordon and Claudia Uchtman
Program Supervisors, Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) at Women Helping Women
- Detective Spencer Bischoff, Newtown Police Department

A coordinated community response (CCR) to domestic violence brings together advocacy programs, law enforcement, the justice system, human services, and other agencies to provide a more uniform response in supporting victims and prosecuting offenders. This workshop describes the benefits and services of CCRs through the work of the Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team at the Cincinnati-based nonprofit Women Helping Women. It explains the history of the team, the population it serves, and the experiences of survivors. It also looks at case studies and the tools used to measure the successful implementation of a CCR team.

WORKSHOP 6

The Lost Person Call: Turning Panic Into Positive Outcomes

- Dr. Robert Davis, DNP, RN, NREMT
- Beth Davis, M.Ed., RN, NRP
- Craig Spieker, NRP, WP-C, EMSI, CPST
- Jerry Whaley, LSW, NRP, WEMT
- Sarah Whaley, PEM, EMT, WEMT

This presentation introduces a framework that prepares law enforcement officers, first responders, and supervisors by providing proven strategies to increase the likelihood of quickly and safely finding missing persons – a category that often includes young children as well as older adults with dementia. The presenters, all members of the National Association for Search and Rescue, review the Search and Rescue Initial Actions (SARIA) program, which is used by the state of New Jersey and is taught in a number of Canadian provinces.

WORKSHOP 7

OSHP's Approach to Drug-Impaired Driving

- Staff Lt. Christopher J. Kinn, Ohio State Highway Patrol

Due to an increase in drug-impaired driving, the Ohio State Highway Patrol is using two innovative tactics to counter the trend: evidentiary oral fluid testing and green lab training. This workshop explains how these tools work and why they are important to law enforcement. Oral fluid testing is simple and non-invasive. It is used roadside to screen a person's saliva for specific drugs and, when positive, indicates relatively recent drug use. Although a positive result is preliminary and requires further testing to establish impairment, the result is sufficient to develop probable cause. Green labs are used to train officers to recognize cannabis-impaired motorists. The labs rely on volunteers in the Medical Marijuana Control Program who have consumed cannabis to teach officers what to look for.

WORKSHOP 8

Emergency Hospitalization (Pink Slipping): Realistic Applications for Law Enforcement

- Officer Jeff Futo, Kent State University Police Services; Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence
- Retired Cmdr. Chris Bowling, Columbus Division of Police; Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence

Calls for help related to mental-health crises can be challenging for officers. This workshop explains simply and concisely how Ohio's emergency-hospitalization law applies to law enforcement. Section 5122 of the Ohio Revised Code grants police officers, sheriffs, and certain non-law enforcement professionals the authority to take someone into custody if they have reason to believe that he or she is a "mentally ill person subject to a court order" and if that person represents a substantial risk of physical harm to himself/herself or others if allowed to remain free pending examination. The presenters use crisis scenarios to explain how the law is applied and how best to resolve such situations. Time is provided in the workshop to discuss the scenarios and troubleshoot other scenarios provided by participants.

WORKSHOP 9

Prosecuting Child Sexual Abuse Offenses and Other SVU Cases

- Kara Keating, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Ohio Attorney General's Office, Special Prosecutions Section
- William R. Walton, Senior AAG, Ohio Attorney General's Office, Special Prosecutions Section
- Erik Spitzer, Senior AAG, Ohio Attorney General's Office, Special Prosecutions Section

Former SVU prosecutors now in the Special Prosecutions Section of the Ohio Attorney General's Office present an introduction to prosecuting child sexual-abuse cases and answer questions about other issues related to SVU cases (disclosure, investigation, trial preparation, trial, etc.). The workshop explores how law enforcement can work with Child Advocacy Centers, the need to understand events from a child's perspective, and how to build rapport with a victim. It also covers the importance of evidence collection, hearsay, and the medical diagnosis exception, as well as lab examinations.

WORKSHOP 10

Ohio National Guard RMVE Investigation Case Study

- Detective Christopher Betts, Columbus Division of Police
- Detective David Bucy, Columbus Division of Police

In March 2022, the Columbus Division of Police Counter Terrorism Unit, within the Statewide Terrorism Analysis and Crime Center, initiated an investigation into a social-media group whose posts threatened to commit a mass shooting at a local Jewish school. The investigation ultimately uncovered a group of radicalized soldiers within the Ohio Army National Guard responsible for multiple threats against the Jewish community and other criminal offenses. This case study of racially or ethnically motivated violent extremism (RMVE) articulates and emphasizes the need for successful interagency cooperation and intelligence sharing among local, state and federal agencies throughout the investigative arc. Evidence discovered throughout the investigation gives insight into the radicalization process of white nationalists and the progression from patriotic young soldiers to extremists. The presentation provides a timeline of the investigation, beginning with the death of a soldier in a small cabin in McConnelsville, Ohio, and continuing through the processes of suspect identification and search-warrant execution, and discovery of massive amounts of digital evidence. The workshop also addresses the likely prevention of other acts of mass violence in which fusion center capabilities allowed careful and complete analysis of digital evidence.

WORKSHOP 11

NIBIN: An Effective Crime Gun Intelligence Tool

- Kevin Kramer, Forensic Scientist, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation
- Lauren Van Dyne, NIBIN Technician, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation
- Patrick Murphy, NIBIN Technician, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation
- Daryl S. McCormick, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)

This workshop explains the services provided by the Firearms Unit of the Ohio BCI crime laboratories, with a focus on the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) database. – Operated by the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, NIBIN makes 3D scans of cartridge cases and compares them to millions of other images in the database potentially linking them to previously unconnected gun crimes. BCI recently added new NIBIN units to its labs in London, Bowling Green, and Richfield, meaning gun crime evidence can be entered into the database for law enforcement agencies far more easily. Attendees learn how the database works, how to participate and submit evidence to BCI for entry into NIBIN, and how their departments are notified when a lead is discovered. Real case examples are shared to demonstrate the practical application of following up on leads generated by NIBIN.

WORKSHOP 12

Veterans Response Programs Spreading Across Ohio

- Carrie Bartunek, Director of External Affairs and Senior Policy Adviser, Ohio Attorney General's Office
- Sgt. Dave Corlett, retired, Cincinnati Police Department; former military liaison coordinator at CPD
- Chief Andrew Turowski, Louisville Police Department
- Sgt. Robert Boggs, Lucas County Sheriff's Office

Ohio is home to more than 700,000 military veterans, the fifth-largest veteran population in the United States. Law enforcement officers in our state often struggle to help veterans who are battling homelessness, addiction, or psychological demons. This workshop explains the Veterans Response Program, a new statewide initiative that brings law enforcement and community resources together to better help veterans in need. The presentation walks through the steps involved in developing a program and explains how the Ohio Attorney General's Office can help. Panel members describe their unique approaches to implementing Veterans Response Programs in their communities, share the challenges and benefits of starting a program, and discuss their successes.

