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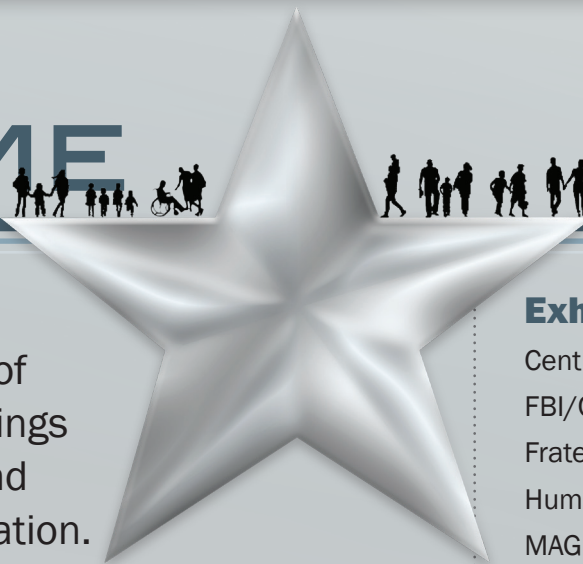
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HYATT REGENCY COLUMBUS



DAVE YOST
OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

WELCOME



Public safety is the first and most important responsibility of government. All of the good things that make a society healthy and prosperous rest on that foundation. And public safety depends on law enforcement.

Public safety depends on you.

We hope the 2019 Law Enforcement Conference provides you with fresh ideas and valuable connections to help you in your work of keeping the public safe. We also hope the conference shows the esteem we have for law enforcement.

The esteem we have for you.

Exhibitors

Central Ohio Crime Stoppers

FBI/CJIS Division, N-DEx Program

Fraternal Order of Police Inc.

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MAGLOCLEN

Ohio Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation,
Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG)

Ohio Attorney General's Consumer Protection Section

Ohio Attorney General's Crime Victim Services Section

Ohio Attorney General's Ohio Organized Crime
Investigations Commission (OOCIC)

Ohio Attorney General's Ohio Peace Officer Training
Academy (OPOTA)

Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Agency
Certification Program

Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center

Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Securities

Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

Ohio HIDTA — High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area

Ohio Homeland Security

Parr Public Safety Equipment

Virtual Academy



DEAR LAW ENFORCEMENT COLLEAGUE,

Welcome to the 2019 Ohio Attorney General's Law Enforcement Conference!

Our conference theme, "Protecting the Unprotected," reflects our combined mission to keep Ohioans and our communities safe. Your diligence, dedication and sacrifice in the name of public safety are vital to Ohioans. Our communities depend on you.

My hope is that you, in turn, rely on some of the resources of my office, including the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission, the Organized Crime Investigations Commission as well as the Crime Victims Services, Special Prosecutions and Health Care Fraud sections.

I am proud to partner with you each and every day and thank you for your service.

The workshops presented during this conference are designed to keep you prepared to meet the constantly evolving challenges to public safety. I encourage you to learn, ask questions and engage with your fellow officers.

I look forward to speaking to you and meeting you.

Yours,



Dave Yost
Ohio Attorney General



LAW ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE 2019 | SCHEDULE



TUESDAY, OCT. 8

7:15-8:45 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast, Regency Foyer, Third Floor					
8:45-10 a.m.	Opening Session, Regency Ballroom, Third Floor — Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost; Panel Discussion on Marijuana Enforcement					
10-10:15 a.m.	Break					
SESSION 1 10:15-11:45 a.m.	PARTNERSHIPS Workshop 1 Multi-Agency Collaboration for Information Sharing <i>Franklin A</i>	TECHNOLOGY Workshop 2 Trends in Cybercrime <i>Franklin B</i>	TRENDING Workshop 3 Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program <i>Delaware A-B</i>	LEGAL Workshop 4 Ohio Concealed Carry Update <i>Delaware C-D</i>	COMMUNITY Workshop 5 The Ohio Ethics Law: Good Government in Action <i>Franklin C</i>	INVESTIGATIONS Workshop 6 Don't Leave Your Nursing Home Residents Unprotected: Care Facility Investigations <i>Franklin D</i>
Noon-1 p.m.	Lunch Session: Regency Ballroom, Third Floor — Keynote Speaker Chief Lina Alathari, U.S. Secret Service Break: 1-1:30 p.m.					
SESSION 2 1:30-3 p.m.	PARTNERSHIPS Workshop 7 Under the Armor — Law Enforcement, Secondary Trauma and Building Resiliency <i>Franklin A</i>	TECHNOLOGY Workshop 8 Cellphones and Social Media Knowledge for Emergency Situations <i>Delaware A-B</i>	TRENDING Workshop 9 Mental Health and Wellness — A Team Effort <i>Franklin B</i>	LEGAL Workshop 10 Arrest, Search and Seizure <i>Delaware C-D</i>	COMMUNITY Workshop 11 The Rising Trend of Stimulant Misuse <i>Franklin C</i>	INVESTIGATIONS Workshop 12 ATF Gun Crime Intelligence for Law Enforcement Agencies <i>Franklin D</i>
3-3:15 p.m.	Break					
SESSION 3 3:15-4:45 p.m.	PARTNERSHIPS Workshop 13 Recognize and Respond: Interactions With Individuals With Autism Spectrum Disorder <i>Franklin A</i>	TECHNOLOGY Workshop 14 Dark Net and Cryptocurrency Investigation and Prosecution <i>Delaware A-B</i>	TRENDING Workshop 15 Preventing Human Trafficking <i>Delaware C-D</i>	LEGAL Workshop 16 Using Federal Firearms Laws in Homicide Cases <i>Franklin B</i>	COMMUNITY Workshop 17 Where's the Love? A Look Into Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse in the Later Years <i>Franklin C</i>	INVESTIGATIONS Workshop 18 Combating Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Activity in Ohio <i>Franklin D</i>
7:30-9:30 p.m.	FOP Reception, Gordon Biersch, 401 N. Front St. No. 120, Columbus					



WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9

8-9 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast, Regency Foyer, Third Floor					
9-10 a.m.	Opening Session, Regency Ballroom, Third Floor — Judge Paul Herbert, Franklin County Municipal Court					
10-10:15 a.m.	Break					
SESSION 4 10:15–11:45 a.m.	PARTNERSHIPS Workshop 19 Interacting With People With Disabilities: The Difference Between Defiance and Disability <i>Franklin A</i>	TECHNOLOGY Workshop 20 Prosecuting the Bayrob Group: Shining the Light on Sophisticated Online Fraud <i>Franklin B</i>	TRENDING Workshop 21 Portable Devices for Presumptive Drug Testing <i>Franklin C</i>	LEGAL Workshop 22 Basics of Stalking <i>Delaware A-B</i>	COMMUNITY Workshop 23 How To Create Ownership, Improve Teamwork and Build Morale Through Strategic Planning <i>Delaware C-D</i>	INVESTIGATIONS Workshop 24 Tracking the Overdose Threat in Real Time Using ODMAP <i>Franklin D</i>
Noon-1:15p.m.	Ohio Distinguished Law Enforcement Awards Luncheon, Regency Ballroom, Third Floor Break: 1:15-1:30 p.m.					
SESSION 5 1:30–3 p.m.	PARTNERSHIPS Workshop 25 The Significance of Collaborative Partnerships Among Small Police Departments in Ohio <i>Delaware A-B</i>	TECHNOLOGY Workshop 26 Vulnerable Populations Online <i>Franklin A</i>	TRENDING Workshop 27 Protecting Your House of Worship <i>Franklin B</i>	LEGAL Workshop 28 Victims' Rights in Ohio Under Marsy's Law <i>Delaware C-D</i>	COMMUNITY Workshop 29 Identifying and Protecting the Drug-Endangered Child <i>Franklin C</i>	INVESTIGATIONS Workshop 30 Building a Universe of Support for Child Sexual Abuse Victims <i>Franklin D</i>



FEATURED SPEAKERS



DAVE YOST

Ohio Attorney General

Dave Yost became Ohio's 51st attorney general on Jan. 14, 2019, bringing to the office his extensive experience in rooting out fraud, holding the corrupt accountable and reforming government.

Yost earned his undergraduate degree from The Ohio State University and law degree from Capital University. After working as a reporter for the Columbus Citizen Journal, he began his public-service career as Delaware County auditor and later served as the county's prosecutor. As prosecutor, he won the first-ever capital case in Delaware County and helped take down the largest drug ring in county history.

He became Ohio's 32nd auditor of state in January 2011, spending the next eight years fighting fraud, rooting out corruption and "skinnying down" government. In two terms, he contributed to more than 170 convictions involving corrupt public officials and uncovered \$30 million in stolen and misspent public funds. At the same time, he promoted efficiency by identifying potential savings of \$287 million for governments and school districts.

In November 2018, he won statewide election as attorney general, an office through which he now pursues his mission of protecting Ohioans while aggressively fighting corruption throughout the state.



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LINA ALATHARI, Ph.D.

Chief of the National Threat Assessment Center, Protective Intelligence and Assessment Division, U.S. Secret Service

As chief of the U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC), Lina Alathari oversees the targeted violence behavioral research program. The center's research has identified behaviors, motives and triggers of individuals who commit targeted violence at schools, workplaces and government facilities, as well as mass attacks in public spaces. The center's research builds on existing best practices in threat assessments by offering operational considerations for investigations and security practices.

Alathari also oversees NTAC's training and consultation programs. She frequently speaks about threat assessments to federal, state and local law enforcement; international security agencies; and schools. She has testified before Congress and provides guidance to government agencies, K-12 schools, universities and corporations on threats and establishing threat assessment programs.

Alathari's previous experience includes providing mental health treatment, behavior analysis and crisis intervention. Before joining the U.S. Secret Service, she worked at the Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute, an inpatient state psychiatric facility, where she oversaw the behavior management program for patients who posed a risk for violence, self-harm and suicide.

Alathari earned a Ph.D. in Cognitive Neuropsychology from George Washington University.



PAUL HERBERT

Judge, Franklin County Municipal Court

Paul Herbert, a graduate of The Ohio State University and Capital University Law School, has been practicing law for 32 years. After a brief stint in private general practice, he joined the staff of the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office as a trial attorney. In 1991, he became chief of staff for the office and, five years later, assumed the role of clerk of court. He spent seven years in that position before being elected a judge in 2003 and re-elected in 2009.

As a judge, he proposed a specialized program focused on human trafficking victims charged with the misdemeanor offense of solicitation. CATCH (Changing Actions To Change Habits) was introduced in 2009 and provides women with a safe path to exit the vicious lifestyle, reunite with their families, further their education and give back to the community.



WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Multi-Agency Collaboration for Information Sharing (Partnerships)

Jill Small, OHLEG training coordinator, BCI
Cynthia Paul, state liaison, N-DEX

Alan Hayes, law enforcement coordinator for Ohio, MAGLOCLN



Franklin A

Information sharing improves law enforcement agencies' abilities to detect, prevent and respond to crime. To be useful, the data provided must be relevant and available to authorized users in a timely and secure manner. Law enforcement agencies have come to rely on the information services of the FBI National Data Exchange (N-DEX), Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG) and Middle Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network (MAGLOCLN). This workshop explores those services and how they help law enforcement.

Trends in Cybercrime (Technology)

Jessica H. Kim, assistant U.S. attorney, Southern District of the U.S. Attorney's Office



Franklin B

As emerging technologies help many of us prosper and improve our quality of life, criminals turn to those same technologies as instruments of crime. Since the early 1990s, cybercrime — also known as internet and high-tech crime — has rapidly increased, posing grave threats and corresponding challenges. This workshop seeks to highlight the following topics:

- Social media and online investigations
- Cryptocurrency: a primer and current issues
- Theft of intellectual property
- Cyberstalking
- Phishing and compromised business email
- Cybercrime cases and coordinating with DOJ
- Obtaining electronic evidence in criminal investigations
- Venue in cybercrime cases (including international challenges)

Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program (Trending)

Jesse L. Wimberly, regional agent in charge, State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy Erin Reed, senior legal counsel, State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy



Delaware A-B

House Bill 523 took effect in early September 2016, legalizing medical marijuana in Ohio. Although the legislation established a basic framework for the program, it left the task of establishing specific rules and guidelines for the cultivation, processing, testing, dispensing and medical use of marijuana to three state agencies. This presentation shares the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy's responsibilities in regard to the Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program and provides an overview of the board's duties, which include the regulation, inspection and criminal investigations of medical marijuana dispensaries and patients. Attendees will receive detailed information about the procedure for patient registration and the laws and rules pertaining to the Medical Marijuana Control Program.

The Ohio Board of Pharmacy is a law enforcement agency charged with enforcing state law on drug offenses, pure food and drugs, controlled substances and the medical marijuana program.



Ohio Concealed Carry Update (Legal)

Jonathan Fulkerson, deputy attorney general, Ohio Attorney General's Office



Delaware C-D

This workshop, targeted to law enforcement officers and prosecutors, provides an update on Ohio's concealed handgun licensure laws, open carry and motor vehicle carry.



The Ohio Ethics Law: Good Government in Action (Community)

Paul Nick, executive director, Ohio Ethics Commission



Franklin C

Conflicts, nepotism and gifts? What do law enforcement officers and attorneys need to know? This dynamic interactive class aims to expand your knowledge of Ohio ethics law. The session outlines restrictions imposed upon public officials and employees and provides information regarding the resources available from the Ohio Ethics Commission. You can talk with commission members about common Ohio ethics law violations that occur within law enforcement agencies and gain insights about how to respond appropriately under the criminal statute.

Don't Leave Your Nursing Home Residents Unprotected: Care Facility Investigations (Investigations)

Christy Haenszel, assistant special agent in charge, Ohio Attorney General's Health Care Fraud Unit

Thalia Haddox, special agent supervisor, Ohio Attorney General's Health Care Fraud Unit

Charles Angersbach, special agent supervisor, Ohio Attorney General's Health Care Fraud Unit



Franklin D

Does your department receive calls from area nursing homes or assisted living facilities about theft of property, drug diversion, abuse or neglect incidents against residents? If so, we have resources to help. This presentation offers tips for investigating crimes in care facilities – crimes that are far-reaching, ranging from theft and abuse to sexual assault and homicide. The session leaders cover statutes specific to care facility residents and offer guidance regarding where to look for and obtain evidence. They also review schemes and acts by potential suspects and, most important, identify resources available to aid your investigations.



Under the Armor — Law Enforcement, Secondary Trauma and Building Resiliency (Partnerships)

Cindy Kuhr, victim specialist/consultant, BCI



Franklin A

Responding to crimes in the criminal justice system can cause a high level of stress, leading to compassion fatigue and vicarious trauma. To effectively help the community you serve, you must provide and administer self-care techniques. This workshop focuses on identifying cases that might create undue stress and the signs and symptoms of such an overload. Also part of the session is understanding the role of resilience in the process — and how to achieve it.

Cellphones and Social Media Knowledge for Emergency Situations (Technology)

Geoff Moran, intelligence manager, Ohio State Highway Patrol



Delaware A-B

Cellphones, social media data and other mobile technology can help facilitate quick decision-making during abductions, school threats, suicidal/homicidal situations and other emergencies. This workshop — intended for investigators, law enforcement officials, emergency personnel and other public-safety practitioners — helps you understand what data can be requested (locations and pings, account information, call/message history, etc.); learn the process for submitting an exigent request; and make sense of the information.



Mental Health and Wellness — A Team Effort (Trending)

Steven Click, first responder liaison, Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services
Sgt. Michael Cortez, Hancock County Sheriff's Office
Kelley Davidson, manager of Communications, Grove City Division of Police
Anne Laux, field compliance officer, OPOTC



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This panel discussion will review local, national and global initiatives that focus on first-responder mental health and wellness, with a special emphasis on best practices in Ohio. Topics will include running peer-support programs, establishing wellness sections within departments and finding funding sources for programs.



Arrest, Search and Seizure (Legal)

Jeffrey S. Furbee, Columbus city attorney, chief legal adviser to the Columbus Division of Police
Steve Dunbar, Columbus city attorney

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The workshop, conducted via a PowerPoint presentation, focuses on arrest, search and seizure as well as related case law from the past year. Attendees receive a handout covering recent case law – drawn from state and federal courts in Ohio and the U.S. Supreme Court – that is topically organized. Police body camera and cruiser video footage relevant to Fourth Amendment seizures is also part of the session.

The Rising Trend of Stimulant Misuse (Community)

Kathy L. Federico, diversion program manager, Drug Enforcement Administration

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While the opioid epidemic continues to devastate families, the emerging threat of stimulant misuse and abuse is simultaneously gaining traction in many communities nationwide. The DEA-led session explores stimulant misuse, maps Ohio hot spots, and examines current trends in controlled substance pharmaceutical drug abuse. You can hear how the DEA fights to reduce such abuse, enforces controlled-substance laws and regulations against rogue practitioners, and combats pharmaceutical drug diversion.



ATF Gun Crime Intelligence for Law Enforcement Agencies (Investigations)

Richard Chmielewski, supervisory special agent, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

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Through the effective use of Crime Gun Intelligence (CGI), ATF's Crime Gun Intelligence Centers (CGIC) collect, collate and disseminate intelligence products to aid proactive and reactive investigations. The National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) and e-Trace can help solve violent crime and help reduce firearms violence by identifying, targeting and investigating shooters and the sources of crime guns. The intelligence provided can inform prosecutors, pretrial detention and courts for use in sentencing enhancements. CGICs can create task forces (ATF and law enforcement partners) to focus on the follow-up investigations from intelligence referrals targeting violent criminals.



Recognize & Respond: Interactions With Individuals With Autism Spectrum Disorder (Partnerships)

Jon Scowden, chief deputy, Delaware County Sheriff's Office
Carolyn E. Gutowski, attorney, Clemans, Nelson and Associates

Tracey Myers, lieutenant, Westerville Police Department
Kevin Gentner, officer, Columbus Division of Police

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Studies indicate that individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) are seven times more likely to interact with law enforcement than the general population. Because of the unique characteristics of ASD, first responders who interact with individuals with ASD may mistake benign behaviors as criminal, aggressive or non-compliant. To help protect this vulnerable population and increase officer safety, four parents of children with ASD, who are also experts in law enforcement and civil rights, train participants in how to recognize ASD and respond effectively to ensure lawful and successful interactions. Civil rights issues associated with these interactions are also covered.

Dark Net and Cryptocurrency Investigation and Prosecution (Technology)

Matthew J. Cronin, assistant U.S. attorney, Northern District of the U.S. Attorney's Office
Daniel J. Riedl, assistant U.S. attorney, Northern District of the U.S. Attorney's Office
Monica Hantz, special agent, FBI
Bryon Green, postal inspector, U.S. Postal Inspection Service

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Criminals are increasingly turning to the dark net and cryptocurrencies to mask their conduct. Law enforcement agencies need to familiarize themselves with these new technologies and the best ways to use them to disrupt the anonymity of their targets. The workshop presenters provide an overview of relevant technology, tips for prosecutors and law enforcement on how to confront these cases, and case studies of successful dark net and cryptocurrency-based investigations.



Preventing Human Trafficking (Trending)

Megan K. Mattimoe, Esq., executive director, Advocating Opportunity
Erin Albright, JD, visiting fellow, U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime

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This workshop presents best practices for the forensic interviewing of children. A forensic interviewer, along with an adult actor portraying a child, presents an example of a full forensic interview. Audience members participate in a "peer review session," during which they may provide feedback and ask questions. The session is geared toward newcomers to the topic or those seeking a "refresher" of the process. Individuals who are part of a multi-disciplinary team or want to develop an MDT are encouraged to attend. To become a forensic interviewer, additional training is required.



Using Federal Firearms Laws in Homicide Cases (Legal)

Kelly L. Galvin, assistant U.S. attorney, Northern District of the U.S. Attorney’s Office
Margaret Kane, assistant U.S. attorney, Northern District of the U.S. Attorney’s Office
Gerrod Briggs, special agent, ATF
Casey Carty, special agent, FBI

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This presentation explores how a federal firearms case might aid your homicide investigation and prosecution. Homicides present particularly challenging issues during both the investigation and prosecution phases, especially when multiple shooters and multiple victims are involved. Witnesses might be unwilling to come forward and cooperate, for example, or self-defense may be a defense that’s readily available to the suspect, even when the suspect is prohibited from possessing a firearm. In cases that are likely to present many hurdles during state prosecution, federal firearms laws might be useful. This presentation explains which laws might be applicable, how to determine a potential federal sentence, and whether dismissal of state charges for the homicide in favor of a federal firearm prosecution could ensure a significant sentence and ward off acquittals related to witness issues or other legal or evidentiary issues. Two cases – U.S. v. Jesus Bey and U.S. v. Gregory Raymore – are highlighted as examples of successful federal firearms prosecutions.

Where’s the Love?: A Look Into Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse in the Later Years (Community)

April Wehrle, senior elder services coordinator, Ohio Attorney General’s Elder Justice Unit
Monica Walker, elder services coordinator, Ohio Attorney General’s Elder Justice Unit
Nancy Radcliffe, comprehensive victim intervention specialist — advanced, Ohio Attorney General’s Crime Victims Services Section

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Many older Americans spend their retirement years fulfilling lifelong dreams. Others are much less fortunate. Rising numbers of older people have fallen victim to elder sexual abuse and family violence. This workshop addresses the complexities of such cases as well as some legal mechanisms available to respond to these situations and the need to promote multidisciplinary approaches. The presenters also outline concepts of informed consent, capacity, deception and undue influences and their impact on case situations. Participants gain an increased awareness of how to intervene to protect senior citizens.

Combating Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Activity in Ohio (Investigations)

Mark Lovett, detective, Criminal Intelligence Unit, Columbus Division of Police

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This workshop addresses the heightened activity and expansion of outlaw motorcycle gangs statewide and the impact on local law enforcement. During the past several years, many prominent gangs have expanded their territory with new chapters in a growing number of communities. Local law enforcement can curtail this expansion through a cooperative effort of sharing information, documenting gang membership and investigating criminal activity spanning multiple jurisdictions.



Interacting With People With Disabilities: The Difference Between Defiance and Disability (Partnerships)

Ilka Riddle, Ph.D., University of Cincinnati Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
Erica Coleman, MS, CHES, UCCEDD coordinator, UC Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities
Tim Sabransky (Ret.), chief, MPA, CLEE, IACP/UC Center for Police Research and Policy
Gwen Bender, judge, Hamilton County Municipal Court

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This workshop introduces participants to the disability community as well as strategies to help differentiate between defiant behavior and characteristics of a disability. Attendees gain an understanding of various types of disabilities, how to safely interact with a person with a disability and how best to respond to this group of people — especially during a crisis, when they may not disclose their disability. Attendees also gain a better understanding of how to identify, communicate with and support victims, witnesses and suspects with a disability to promote procedural justice, improve trust and reduce the potential for escalation during a crisis.

Prosecuting the Bayrob Group: Shining the Light on Sophisticated Online Fraud (Technology)

Duncan T. Brown, assistant U.S. attorney, Northern District of the U.S. Attorney's Office
Brian M. McDonough, assistant U.S. attorney, Northern District of the U.S. Attorney's Office
G. Ryan Macfarlane, supervisory special agent, FBI

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In 2017, Assistant U.S. Attorney Duncan Brown and FBI Special Agent G. Ryan Macfarlane presented to this conference on the investigation of the Bayrob Group, a sophisticated fraud group based in Romania that developed a virus and infected more than 400,000 computers worldwide. The Bayrob Group used its virus to conduct millions of dollars in eBay fraud; data-mine personal information, which was sold on Alphabay; crypto-mine electronic currencies using the botnet's aggregate power; and send out infected spam to make it the world's largest sender of spam for 2016. This year, after a 2½-week trial in Cleveland, the leader of the Bayrob Group, Bogdan Nicolescu, and one of its most prolific members, Radu Miclaus, were convicted of 21 counts of wire fraud, aggravated identity theft, computer fraud, trademark infringement and money laundering. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Brown and Brian McDonough and Special Agent Macfarlane detail how the investigation evolved leading up to the trial and discuss lessons learned for prosecutors and law enforcement officers investigating similar crimes.

Portable Devices for Presumptive Drug Testing (Trending)

David A. Godin, field forensic applications scientist, 908 Devices
Scott Stranahan, special agent, BCI

Jennifer Acurio, forensic scientist, BCI

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With the introduction of highly potent synthetic opioids to Ohio's streets, BCI and many Ohio law enforcement agencies in 2016 stopped performing field testing on controlled substances. The traditional tests required significant sample handling and were not reliably accurate in detecting the presence of synthetic opioids. This workshop explores the use of portable field-testing devices that can more accurately identify the presence of a controlled substance or mixtures of controlled substances and in a manner that is safer for officers. The workshop also covers the validation work done by BCI as well as insights from the device manufacturer, 908 Devices.



Basics of Stalking (Legal)

Mary Lynn Caswell, director of the domestic violence and stalking unit, Columbus City Attorney’s Office

Gil Leffler, officer, Columbus Division of Police

Rick Ketcham, sergeant and detective, Columbus Division of Police

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This workshop explores the legal definitions and elements of stalking as well as behaviors not listed in the Ohio Revised Code. Presenters clarify the distinction between misdemeanor and felony stalking and the elements that elevate a crime to the felony level. Using case studies, presenters explain how to pull together each incident to create a bigger picture of intimidation, coercion and fear. Participants gain a broader knowledge of stalking, investigative strategies, evidence preservation and documentation, and the benefits of a multidisciplinary response.



How To Create Ownership, Improve Teamwork and Build Morale Through Strategic Planning (Community)

Joseph K. Han, interim chief, Notre Dame College Police Department

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Delaware C-D

In today’s busy and highly charged political environment, it’s easy for law enforcement agencies to simply react from call to call and survive from one management issue to the next. But a lack of ownership, trust and teamwork end up being the long-term effects of a reactionary culture. The compounding toll on the agency is the price paid in inefficiency, low morale and reduced overall effectiveness. The solution is to establish – through a participative strategic plan – a mission-, values- and vision-driven culture that both focuses the agency’s personnel and resources and invites public trust.

Tracking the Overdose Threat in Real Time Using ODMAP (Investigations)

Frank Perhacs, senior intelligence analyst, Ohio High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area

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This workshop introduces law enforcement officials to the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP) created by the nationwide HIDTA program. ODMAP provides first responders with near real-time data on suspected overdose incidents within their jurisdiction. Law enforcement agencies can use the data to produce more efficient overdose response teams to combat the spread of overdoses within their communities. Attendees receive an overview of the ODMAP system, see a live demonstration of it, and learn best practices on how to partner with Fire/EMS/Public Health to combat the threat in their area.



The Significance of Collaborative Partnerships Among Small Police Departments in Ohio (Partnerships)

Katherine Bobick, executive director, Ohio Small Police Department Association

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Police departments with 25 or fewer full-time sworn officers face unique issues, situations and challenges. This workshop, open to all levels of staff members, highlights the resources and advantages that come with department collaboration as a way to circumvent the obstacles of running a small police department in Ohio.



Vulnerable Populations Online (Technology)

Kendra Yurgionas, police officer, Westlake Police Department
Richard Johnson, digital forensic examiner, Westlake Police Department

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Franklin A

The internet and technology as a whole have played a role in addiction, child pornography, the sexting crisis and other societal problems. What are we doing, and are we doing enough? This workshop is a hands-on investigative lecture.

Protecting Your House of Worship (Trending)

Gary L. Sigrist Jr., officer, Plain City Police Department

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This session aims to inform church leaders about how to mitigate the dangers that have become increasingly prevalent at places of worship nationwide. Attendees receive resources to create their own training to introduce to their communities.





Victims' Rights in Ohio Under Marsy's Law (Legal)

Elizabeth Well, legal director, Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center

Bobbie Yeager, staff attorney, Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center

Christopher Woeste, staff attorney, Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center



This in-depth training covers victims' rights in every stage of the criminal justice process: hospitalization, investigation, prosecution and post-conviction. It focuses on the new rights for victims created in 2018 by the constitutional amendment known as Marsy's Law as well as any case law or implementation legislation related to the law. In addition, the training covers basic must-know information for victims regarding other legal topics, including Title IX, protection orders and immigration.

Identifying and Protecting the Drug-Endangered Child (Community)

Heather Dean, MA, Wayne County Children Services/Ohio Drug-Endangered Child Alliance

Ron Copenhaver, MSW, Wayne County Children Services/Ohio Drug-Endangered Child Alliance

Joshua Hunt, senior agent, Medway Drug Enforcement Agency/Ohio Drug-Endangered Child Alliance



Drug-endangered children are those at risk of suffering physical or emotional harm stemming from drug use, possession, manufacturing, cultivation or distribution. They might also be children whose caretaker's substance misuse interferes with providing a safe and nurturing environment. The primary challenge with drug-endangered children is identifying those at risk and coordinating the various systems and disciplines charged with intervening and providing services. This workshop aims to provide a roadmap to both, including through forming community-based partnerships. A case study is part of the presentation.

Building a Universe of Support for Child Sexual Abuse Victims (Investigations)

Miriam Mohamed, executive director, Ohio Network of Children's Advocacy Centers

Courtney Turner, statewide MDT coordinator, Ohio Network of Children's Advocacy Centers



Children's advocacy centers help victims of sexual abuse begin to heal, obtain justice and learn to trust. This session explores the development, evolution and impact of the multidisciplinary response to child sexual abuse in Ohio and the crucial role that trust and cultural competency play in sustaining multidisciplinary teams and achieving better outcomes for children and communities.



OFFICER ERIC J. JOERING

WESTERVILLE DIVISION OF POLICE



“Selfless” would be one way to describe Officer Joering, said Guy Cerino, his good friend and fellow officer at the Westerville Division of Police. “Generous” would be another.

“It’s hard to try to say one thing about him or describe him in one word,” Cerino said. “To find that word – I can’t. It’s many.”

Joering, 39 and a married father of three, was a guy who would bring in the best cuts of the deer he’d hunted to share with co-workers for dinner. He’d put aside his own work to help fellow officers find answers to their questions.

“Eric would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it; if you needed money, he’d give you money,” said Cerino, who was hired the same year Joering was, in 2001. “That was the kind of person he was.”

In his off time, Officer Joering liked to hunt, scuba dive and spend time with family and friends. His three young daughters – Eva, Elena and Ella – can be called proud daddy’s girls.

At work, the officer was an expert in police tactics and weapons. During his years at Westerville, he served as a juvenile case detective, training officer, firearms trainer, street cop and, most recently, K9 officer.

Westerville retired Officer Joering’s K9 partner, Sam, and gave the dog to the officer’s family.

“There’s nothing better than those three girls getting to be with that dog,” said Joe Morbitzer, who served as chief of police when Officer Joering was killed.

On Feb. 10, 2018, he and Westerville Officer Anthony P. Morelli were dispatched to a home on a domestic-violence call. After they were let in, a man ambushed them. Both officers were shot and fired at the shooter, wounding him.

Officer Joering, who was the first in the door, died at the scene.

He is survived by his wife, Jami, and their daughters; mother-in-law, Terri Seligman; parents, Jim and Lillian; brother, Michael (Jen); his police family; and many friends.



OFFICER ANTHONY P. MORELLI

WESTERVILLE DIVISION OF POLICE



The countdown to retirement was underway for Officer Morelli, 54, and four of his fellow officers at the Westerville Division of Police.

The five had started on the same day in 1988. They'd attended the State Highway Patrol Academy together. They'd gone on family vacations together, and they'd all signed on to the deferred retirement program.

"The 'Fab Five' were going to go out and have one giant party," Sgt. Tony Rudd said. Then Feb. 10, 2018, happened.

"You don't realize how much you've lost until he's gone," Rudd said. "He was full of life, and every day was something special to him."

A devoted family man, Officer Morelli also loved the Massillon Tigers (and sharing how he'd played football there with Ohio State star Chris Spielman); baseball (his team was the Boston Red Sox); AC/DC (he'd play air guitar to "You Shook Me All Night Long"); and tailgating before OSU games.

Officer Morelli ran races such as the Warrior Dash with his daughter, wife and anyone else he could coax into joining him. He golfed with his son.

At work, Officer Morelli was voted officer of the year in 2003 and 2012 and was honored with a Medal of Valor, among other awards. He worked special duty at the Westerville Library, taught self-defense classes and spent a few years as a school resource officer.

Three days after his birthday last year, he and K9 Officer Eric Joering were dispatched to a home where a gunman ambushed them. Both officers were hit and fired back, wounding the shooter.

Officer Morelli died soon after at a local hospital.

He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Linda; daughter, Elizabeth (Danny Frank); son, Christopher; parents, Anthony and Carolyn; brothers, David (Ramneet) and Michael; nieces and nephews Sukhjot, Jasjit, Simi and Lucas; and friends in Westerville and Massillon.



PATROLMAN MATHEW J. MAZANY

MENTOR POLICE DEPARTMENT



Patrolman Mazany was an old-school kind of cop.

He didn't believe in writing long, extravagant police reports, or in being politically correct every second of his shift. He'd tell you how it was, and then he'd move on.

"He knew what he was doing, and he did it well," said retired Mentor Police Sgt. Scott Tkach, who supervised the officer. "He just did it a little bit different from most of us."

Police work was in Patrolman Mazany's genes. From a young age, he knew he wanted to follow in the footsteps of his father, who spent 50 years as a police officer.

"If you knew Mat, Mat would never fight for himself when we were in school," said his best friend, Jamie Bassell. "But if someone else was getting bullied, Mat was the first one to step in. That's the kind of person he was."

Patrolman Mazany was also the kind of person who enjoyed playing video games with his son, also named Mat, and smoking cigars. His sense of humor cracked up friends and family members.

The 41-year-old loved sports cars, his motorcycle and his wife of 22 years, Lisa. And he also loved being a cop.

Throughout his 14 years with the Mentor police, Patrolman Mazany worked 12-hour midnight shifts. He was honored with an Exceptional Service Award, and residents had written in to compliment his professionalism and compassion.

"Mentor was a safer place and the Mentor PD was a better police department because of Mat," Tkach said.

On June 24, 2018, a fellow officer had pulled over a wanted driver, and Patrolman Mazany arrived to assist. As he approached the vehicle, a Jeep struck him and drove off. He was rushed to a hospital but didn't survive.

Besides his wife and son, Patrolman Mazany is survived by his father, Michael S. Mazany; siblings, Michael J. Mazany (Danica) and Cindy Bradshaw; nephew, Alexander Devine; niece, Ashley Derda; and friends.



OFFICER VU X. NGUYEN

CLEVELAND DIVISION OF POLICE



Officer Nguyen’s mission in life was to make others smile, especially his wife, Holli, and their two daughters.

“Literally all he wanted was for his family to be happy,” said Sgt. Jennifer Ciaccia, who went through the police academy with Nguyen and lives next door to the family. “But he also managed to touch so many people’s lives and make a difference by being himself and being present and engaged.”

Officer Nguyen spent 20 years working the streets for the Cleveland Police Department. He was a popular officer, with commendations including a Medal of Heroism and a special thanks from the FBI’s Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Detective Aaron Reese, Nguyen’s partner for more than six years, said he was the kind of officer who, if he was called to a single mom’s home and found the refrigerator empty, would go buy the family groceries using his own money.

In fact, the Nguyen family dog was a rescue the officer had found — sick and abandoned in an empty house — while on patrol.

Officer Nguyen had a big heart. He was known around his neighborhood for passing out popsicles and organizing games for big groups of kids at the local pool. One of 14 siblings, he was referred to as the fun one, and the strong one.

That is why his death at age 50 came as such a shock.

On July 2, 2018, Nguyen collapsed in 90-degree heat during a canine-officer training exercise. In large part due to the exertion, he ended up suffering organ failure and died four days later.

Nguyen is survived by Holli, his wife of 17 years; daughters, Kayla and Maya; siblings Tam (Ken), Phuong (Trung), Van (Linh), Hang (Larry), Hai (Terri), Son (Nancy), Nga (Thuy), Phong (My-Lan), Huyen, Lan (Le), Mai (John), Truc (Sulaiman) and Thao (Kekoa); and more than 30 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a young son, Devin Vu Nguyen, and his mother and father, a former police chief in Saigon.



AWARDS LUNCHEON AGENDA

Call to Order and Presentation of Colors

Columbus Police and Fire Pipes and Drums
Whitehall Division of Police Honor Guard

National Anthem

Regina Dudley, retired detective,
Columbus Division of Police

Invocation

Chaplain **Richard Ellsworth**,
Ohio State Highway Patrol

Remarks

Ohio Attorney General **Dave Yost**

Lunch

Tribute to Fallen Officers

Attorney General **Dave Yost**
Vernon Stanforth, chairman, OPOTC,
Fayette County sheriff

Presentation of Awards

Attorney General **Dave Yost**
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Distinguished Law Enforcement Lifetime Achievement Award

Chief Kimberley K. Jacobs (retired) | Columbus Division of Police

Throughout her 39 years with the Columbus Division of Police, Jacobs — the first woman to serve as Columbus’ chief of police — focused on excellence to open doors not just for herself but also for future officers from underrepresented populations.

“I don’t want to be the first-and-only,” Chief Jacobs liked to tell people. “I want to be the first of many.”

When she joined the Columbus Police Division shortly after it began training women for patrol in 1979, Jacobs was one of about three dozen women who faced skepticism about whether they could do the job. As she became the division’s first female commander, in 1995; the first female deputy chief, in 2009; and the first female and openly gay police chief, in 2012, she proved not just that women could tackle the job but that they could excel at it.

“She was confident, capable, no matter what,” said former Columbus Mayor Michael B. Coleman, who promoted Jacobs to chief.

As Columbus’ top officer, Jacobs made a lasting impact in the division and the city by revamping recruitment strategies to bring in more officers from underrepresented populations; by adding practices to address officer health and wellness; and by using her unique perspective to address changing needs in the community. She encouraged officers to spend more time meeting residents;

created training programs to increase awareness of constitutional and human rights and to decrease the use of deadly force; and helped equip officers with tourniquets, which saved many lives.

In her first four years as chief, violent crime and resident complaints fell, despite a force of sworn officers whose number didn’t expand along with Columbus’ big spike in population — and that, in fact, fell below staffing levels at police departments in Ohio’s other big cities. In 2017, homicides in Columbus hit a high, but the department cited proactive policing for the nearly 30% drop the next year, Jacobs’ final year as chief.

Jacobs steered the Columbus Division of Police through a fraught time when the opioid crisis intensified, body cameras were introduced, and officers in Columbus and nationwide faced an intense level of public scrutiny. Through it, she emphasized authenticity and communication so that officers and residents could better understand one another.

Jacobs retired in early 2019 after almost 40 years with the police division.



Distinguished Civilian Leadership Award

Yvonne Pointer | Activist, philanthropist

After her daughter Gloria was violently killed in 1984, Ms. Pointer vowed that she would work to save other children so that her daughter's death would not be in vain.

Since her 14-year-old daughter's rape and murder, Ms. Pointer has worked to make the world a better, safer place for disadvantaged children.

"What I realized was that someone had to protect children," she said, "and I started looking for the person who would do it. Over time, I became that person I was looking for."

Ms. Pointer started visiting schools to share Gloria's story and teach children how to stay safe. She worked with local law enforcement's Stranger Danger program and started groups such as Parents Against Child Killing and Positive Plus to support families and mothers who had experienced violence.

In the 1990s, Ms. Pointer started a midnight basketball league in Cleveland to help keep kids and teens off the street and teach them life skills. The league lasted for 12 years, and crime dropped on the nights it was running.

"She had to go out and approach all these young men, try to convince them to sign up," Mayor Frank Jackson told Cleveland

Magazine. "She did it all times of night and day. ... Would you have gone down to public housing in the early '90s, when gangs were selling drugs and shooting people?"

Ms. Pointer did it because she was determined to make a difference. She also visited prisons to share how her daughter's death had affected her family and kept in touch with inmates who sought hope and moral guidance — in essence, a mother.

Ms. Pointer became a member of Cleveland's crisis intervention team, partnering with the local police department to comfort crime survivors, and worked as a regional liaison for the Ohio Attorney General's Office to help crime victims.

She started a scholarship in her daughter's name and, along with a young man inspired by her daughter's story and Ms. Pointer's work, established the Gloria Pointer Teen Movement Foundation in Ghana, in western Africa. That group has built four schools, helped dozens of children get an education, and trained girls on how to avoid becoming a victim of crime.



Distinguished Law Enforcement Community Service Award

Officer Roy W. Tittle | Alliance Police Department

Officer Tittle co-founded a 21-year-old after-school martial-arts program that gives children and teenagers constructive options, positive role models and a sense of pride in an effort to help them resist drugs and gangs.

Since the start of Kick Drugs Out of Alliance in 1998 — introduced during a drug epidemic in the city — thousands of at-risk kids have benefited from having a safe place to go and building self-confidence and self-control.

KDOA emphasizes making good choices and respecting others, from the children's martial arts instructors and parents to classmates and fellow KDOA participants. Parents are encouraged to help with the program, spend time with their kids and set a good example.

"Mr. Tittle is amazing," said Staci Gurney, whose son joined the program almost two years ago because he struggled in school. Today, at 11 years old, he's a confident purple belt who turned his bullies into friends.

"He trusts the instructors," Gurney said, "and I'm confident that if he had a problem he couldn't talk to me about, he would go to them and they would guide him in the right direction."

Officer Tittle has been heavily involved during KDOA's 21 years. He teaches kids; has been director for 12 years; recruits teachers — the entire program is volunteer-run; and raises funds (sometimes from

his own bank account) to ensure that the program remains free for all Alliance City Schools students. No one is turned away.

The program teaches taekwondo, jujitsu and aikido and helps students progress as far as they want to; some teachers are black belts who came up through the KDOA program.

Officer Tittle writes grant applications and solicits donations from local groups. He also raises money for other nonprofits that help children. For example, for the past six years, Tittle and fellow Alliance police officers have raised thousands of dollars for St. Baldrick's Foundation, which funds research into childhood cancers.

Officer Tittle, a lifelong practitioner of martial arts, has been inducted into two world martial arts hall of fames for his community service, and the KDOA program has been recognized by the United States Kido Federation's Martial Arts Hall of Fame as an Outstanding Nonprofit School, among other honors.

Lt. William Morris of the Alliance Police Department said Tittle has proved himself a true "community officer" and continues to serve area youth by finding new ways to help KDOA grow.



Distinguished Law Enforcement Training Award

Gregory A. Perry | Marion Technical College

This firearms expert and former prosecutor leads the basic training academy at Marion Technical College and helps make law officers and civilians safer in their daily lives.

As commander of Marion Technical College's Law Enforcement Academy and director of criminal justice and law, Greg Perry devotes himself to helping law enforcement officers become better officers, basic training cadets become strong officers, and people of all kinds become better shooters.

"He has the patience of a saint," said Deputy Penni Fox of the Morrow County Sheriff's Office, where Perry has provided in-service training since 2015. "He doesn't just fail students on a course. He will stop the training to explain to each student having trouble exactly what they are doing wrong."

Since March 2018 at that sheriff's office, Perry has provided 157 hours of training, including classes on firearm instructor recertification, officer-involved shootings and the Glock Armorer Course. He has provided Legal Update training for the Marion Police Department for at least five years and also has worked with the Marion Probation Department, Marion County Children Services, the village of Cardington, Cardington police, Ohio State University-Marion, and churches and other groups.

His trainings have addressed firearms, defensive tactics, court

testimony, undercover narcotics investigations, coordinated active-shooter response, crisis intervention, self-defense and more.

Before Perry joined the college full time in 2013, he served 17 years as a criminal prosecutor and three years as a detective and deputy sheriff. He started teaching part time at the college in 2006, has been a guest instructor at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy in London since the same year, and also teaches concealed-carry classes for students and instructors.

Perry was selected as Instructor of the Year at the MTC academy in 2008, 2009, 2011 and 2012; honored with citations by the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association in 2008, 2009 and 2017; and, in December 2018, recognized for excellence in teaching by Ohio Magazine.

Officers and civilians alike respond to his approach to teaching.

"If you are looking for someone extensively qualified to come to your church, your school, your business or your nonprofit to teach on safety and security, this is your guy," the Rev. Bradley Stacy of Willard Church of the Nazarene enthusiastically wrote after a workshop Perry gave there. "... You will not be disappointed, and you will also make a new friend."



Mark Losey Distinguished Law Enforcement Service Award

Police Officer Kenneth Lawson | Columbus Division of Police

Officer Lawson has been called “a one-man movement to raise awareness and mobilize the community” against human trafficking.

Officer Lawson, who spent 16 years investigating sexual assaults and kidnappings, was on the ground floor of Ohio’s anti-human trafficking efforts.

Beginning in 2003, he brought the issue to the attention of the police department and, recognizing the wider lack of awareness, began to push for hospital and law enforcement training, laws to address the issue and engagement from community activists and social services workers.

“Without him, we would not have the robust laws that enable law enforcement to go after some of our most predatory individuals,” said state Sen. Teresa Fedor of Toledo.

Officer Lawson identified raising awareness and training as the biggest areas where he could make a difference, and 95% of his work took place on his own time, outside of his duties with the police department.

He contacted hospitals and worked with sexual assault nurse advocates. He spoke to Ohio legislators to reinforce the depth of the problem in Ohio. And he was instrumental in the establishment of Franklin County Municipal Court’s specialized court for human

trafficking victims.

Officer Lawson lobbied the U.S. Health and Human Services Rescue and Restore Victims of Human Trafficking program to establish a coalition in Ohio, at a time when there were just 16 nationwide; today, nearly 75% of Ohio’s 88 counties have coalitions. The Salvation Army alone, which runs the Central Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition, reported serving 383 survivors in 2018 and reaching 839 others through street outreach.

Officer Lawson has presented human trafficking trainings more than 300 times, to police officers, foster children, educators and others. He has held 174 six-hour sessions for 3,600 caseworkers.

“This was by far the best training I have ever been to,” wrote one participant in a course evaluation. “Mr. Lawson provided a ton of information, including real experiences he encountered.”

Said Fedor: “It would be impossible to calculate the ripple effect of Officer Lawson’s impact on human trafficking in Ohio. Because of his role in passing legislation, conducting trainings, networking around the country and being a vital member of law enforcement, I can think of few people more important to Ohio’s anti-human trafficking effort.”

Distinguished Law Enforcement Group Achievement Award

Metropolitan Richland County Drug Enforcement Task Force

Mansfield Police Department

Detective Sgt. Stephen Blust

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Lt. Joseph Petrycki

Detective Sgt. Joseph Soehnlén

Detective Perry Wheeler

Ashland Police Department

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Special Agent Matthew Komar

Special Agent John Minichello

Special Agent Drew Stragar-Rice

Marion Police Department

Detective David Troutman

Drug Enforcement Administration

Group Supervisor Quinn Auten



The Metropolitan Richland County Drug Enforcement Unit took down a multilayered drug trafficking organization, an investigation that resulted in significantly less violent crime and illegal drugs in the Mansfield area.

As part of Operation Hadley's Hope, METRICH dismantled a complex drug trafficking organization that was importing heroin, fentanyl, cocaine and prescription pills into the Mansfield area. The organization, which also trafficked in stolen firearms, was responsible for multiple fatal overdoses and shootings.

Relying on their best investigative assets and techniques, the partner agencies established a phased plan to identify the various layers of the criminal organization. Their tools included controlled drug purchases, wire-taps and data analysis. They intercepted thousands of communications and tracked financial records that led to co-conspirators in states beyond Ohio, including California, Georgia, Illinois and Michigan.

The operation targeted more than 150 people combined, culminating in February 2019 in an arrest operation involving more than 300 law enforcement officers, including seven tactical teams in other states.

Almost 120 criminals were indicted on federal and state drug charges and in other violent felony cases, dozens of weapons were seized, and the organization was completely dismantled. The availability of illegal drugs plummeted in the Mansfield area.

As a direct result of the investigation, violent crime has fallen in the region and community members have been more willing to cooperate with law enforcement.



Distinguished Law Enforcement Group Achievement Award

Central Ohio Violent Crime Working Group

Columbus Division of Police

- Police Officer Bradley Agerter
- Police Officer Bryan Brumfield
- Police Officer Samuel Chappell
- Crime Analyst Amber Gill
- Police Officer Joseph Houseberg
- Police Officer Joshua Mcallister
- Crime Analyst Eliza McUne
- Police Officer Rodger Nolan
- Police Officer Jerry Orick
- Police Officer Nathan Schwartz
- Detective Mitchell Seckman
- Police Officer Joe Shalek

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Columbus Field Office

- Special Agent James Bajus
- Crime Analyst Debra Van Fossen
- Special Agent Shane Messner

FBI

- Special Agent Erick Lauber

Ohio Adult Parole Authority

- Parole Officer Chris Majewski

The Central Ohio Violent Crime Working Group shut down one of the most violent criminal enterprises in Columbus' history and ensured that justice will be served for scores of victims.

Fed up with violent crime inflicted on the King-Lincoln neighborhood, Columbus police officers and task force members initiated an investigation (without their supervisors' direction). Their goal was to give the neighborhood back to its residents and end their suffering – a result of a gang called the Trevitt and Atcheson Crips.

The investigation, which lasted more than two years, required painstaking work and tremendous patience as the investigators tied 19 gang members to dozens of crimes. The officers listened to thousands of hours of jail calls; used the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network to connect firearm discharges, linking the gang members to 380 incidents, including murders and felonious assaults; used data from cellphone towers, social media and license plate readers to connect the gang members to crime scenes; gathered intelligence from incarcerated gang members; conducted dozens of interviews with gang members, their family members and their victims; and executed dozens of search warrants. The investigators were calculated in how and when they interviewed those involved to ensure the operation would remain a secret.

As a result, a federal grand jury indicted 19 men on charges including aiding and abetting, conspiracy, racketeering, murder in aid of racketeering and drug trafficking. Nine of the gang members face the death penalty. Several murders and felonious assaults were solved, 71 firearms and \$35,000 in cash were seized, large amounts of drugs were recovered, and the TnA Crips were effectively shut down. The U.S. attorney general even flew to Columbus to announce the arrests of gang members.

The professionals working as the Central Ohio Violent Crime Working Group demonstrated a high degree of initiative, performed in an exemplary manner and made Columbus safer for hundreds of residents.



Distinguished Law Enforcement Valor Award



James M. Davis



Charles M. Gannon



Jason R. Hutchison



David L. Robison

Troopers James M. Davis, Charles M. Gannon, Jason R. Hutchison and Sgt. David L. Robison
Ohio State Highway Patrol

These State Highway Patrol officers saved the life of a pregnant woman trapped in a crashed school bus that had caught fire on Interstate 75.

On Dec. 14, 2018, as southbound traffic on Interstate 75 in Montgomery County slowed to avoid a crash moved to the berm, a semitruck hit the pickup truck in front of it. A small school bus, carrying just the driver and a school aide, slowed in time to avoid that crash, but another semi failed to stop, striking the bus and pushing it into the pickup.

“I thought to myself, ‘That wasn’t too bad,’” bus passenger Harold Raybern said. “And two seconds later, it was like a bomb went off in the van.”

Troopers Davis and Gannon, who had originally responded to the crash on the berm, rushed to the bus. As it filled with smoke, they called for help and evaluated the passengers. Trooper Hutchison and Sgt. Robison arrived soon after. The officers removed

Raybern from the bus, but driver Cayley Seitz, who was about two months’ pregnant, couldn’t get out. Her left foot was pinned.

As flames began to consume the engine and passenger compartments, it became harder to see and breathe. The officers used fire extinguishers to keep the flames away from Seitz and kept her calm.

“They never left me,” she said. “One was instructed to get off because the flames started getting worse, and he didn’t leave me.”

The officers took turns in the bus until the fire department could arrive, and they continued to help until Seitz was extracted from the bus.

“I know absolutely if they had not been there, I wouldn’t be here,” Seitz said.



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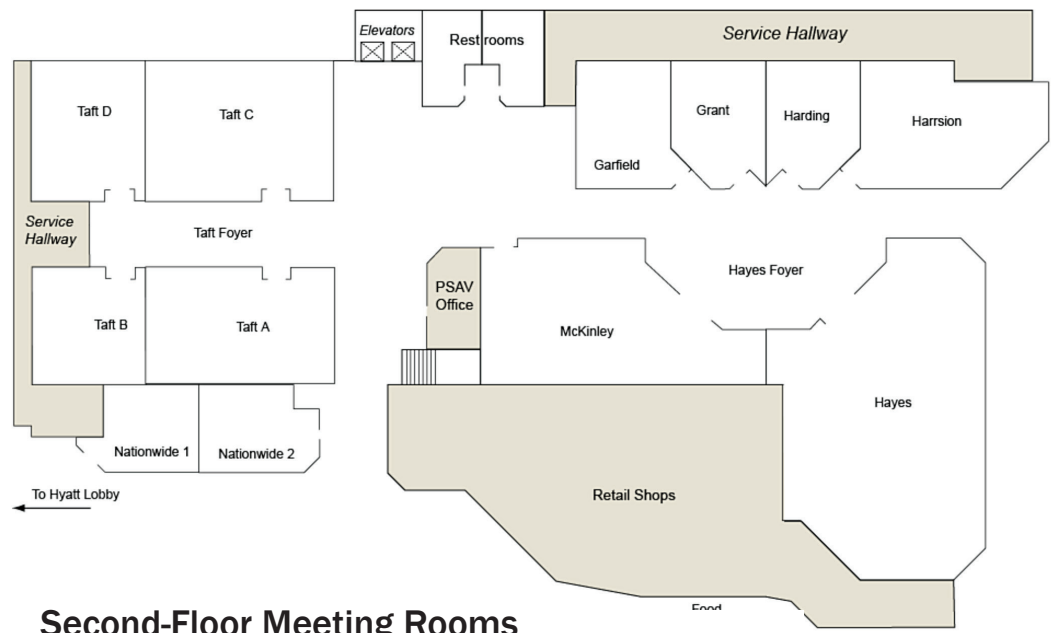
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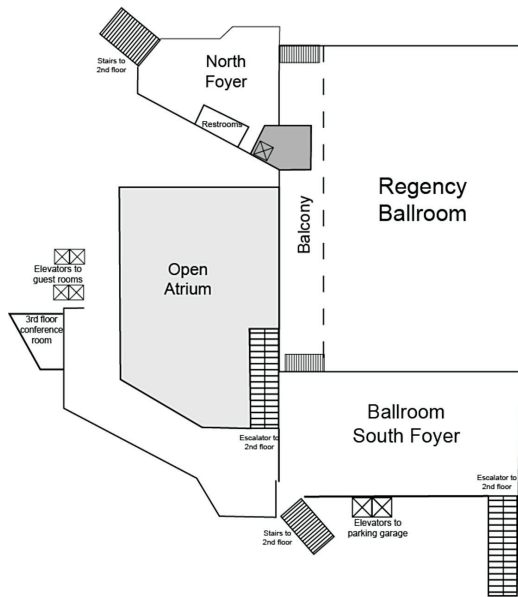
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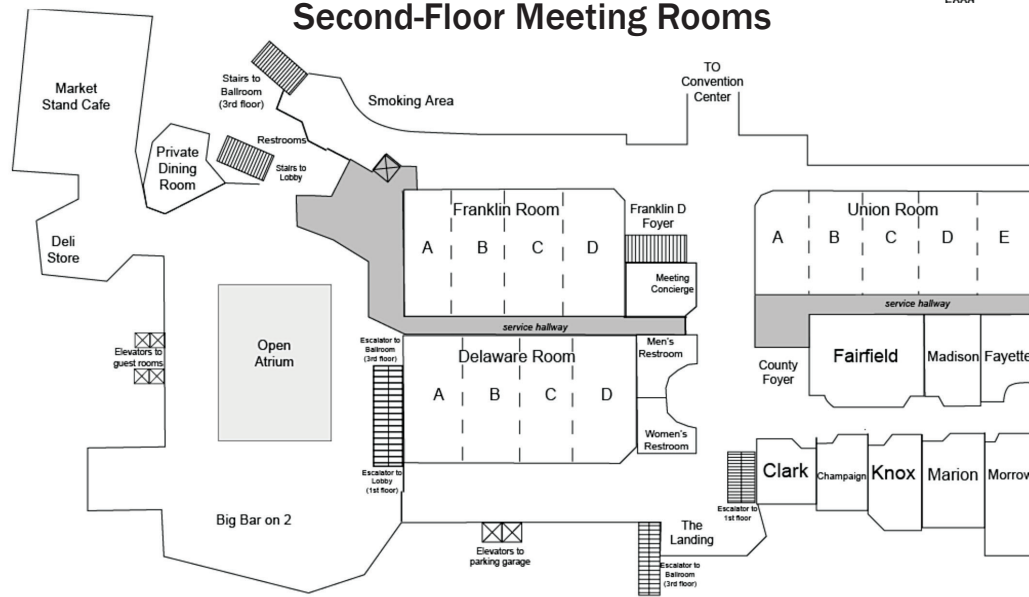
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