

## DESCRIPTION OF WORKSHOPS

### **Heaven's Rain - Presenter: Brooks Douglass (confirmed)**

Brooks Douglass and his sister, Leslie, grew up in a home filled with love, compassion, and faith. On Oct. 15, 1979, Brooks opened the door of their modest family home to what he believed was a man in need. The man, a drugged-up drifter named Glen Ake, was joined by his partner, Steven Hatch. They pulled out guns, tied up the Douglasses, repeatedly assaulted Leslie, shot all four family members, and left them for dead. Richard and Marilyn died at the scene. Brooks and Leslie recovered from their wounds, but their ordeal had just begun. Ake and Hatch were caught, tried, and, in 1980, sentenced to death. In a 1986 retrial, Ake was convicted again but received life in prison instead death. Brooks Douglass became convicted as well, convicted that the system must no longer "step over the body of a victim to read the criminal his rights." Brooks earned his law degree, and, at age 27, became the youngest state senator in Oklahoma history where he passed a series of victims' rights bill. In 1995, a second turning point came. On a legislative tour of a state prison, Brooks saw Ake—requested a chance to talk to the man who had destroyed his family. After three senate terms, Brooks changed directions, pursuing long-held creative desires.

### **Debriefing for Law Enforcement, Victim Service Providers and Allied Professionals - Presenter: Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) (confirmed)**

Those working with crime victims and/or responding to crime scenes are bombarded with images of horrific events. Their personal responses are pushed aside while they deal with and respond to the needs of the victims and complete their jobs. Everyone working in these types of environments needs to be aware of the impact their job may have on their physical and emotional health. This session will provide the attendee with information on how to identify the impact the job is having on them and ways to help themselves and their co-workers manage their responses.

### **Kaity's Way - Presenter: Bobbi Sudberry, Kaity's Mother (confirmed)**

Bobbi Sudberry is the mother of Kaitlyn Marie Sudberry and the co-founder of Kaity's Way. The mission of Kaity's Way is to promote understanding and educate the community to lessen the instances of violence among or against children through P.E.A.C.E. (Patience, Empathy, Acceptance, Caring and Equality). The vision is such that the Awareness and Education we provide will bring about the Prevention of violence and therefore a societal shift providing a generation of healthy respectful relationships to be followed by many others. Kaityln (Kaity), born July 5, 1990 Kaity's willingness to share the love she knew extended to a young man with whom she became friends with in late 2006. She then began dating him in December 2006. About six months into the relationship this young man began to change. He suddenly became rude and inconsiderate at times, but apologetic when Kaity would stand her ground. This young man exhibited possessive and jealous behavior. After several months of enduring this behavior Kaity ended the relationship in late December 2007. In mid January 2008, this young man assaulted Kaity at school and stole her driver license and ATM debit card. With the help of the school officials her property was returned and he was suspended and a police report was filed. Even so, upon this young man's return to school, he again assaulted her and was then expelled from school and another police report was filed. Unfortunately, this young man's erratic behavior continued to escalate and he harassed her by phone continuously. He then threatened to kill Kaity and himself. This was relayed to Kaity's mother by a Phoenix police officer, who suggested an order of protection be arranged with the courts. The laws in Arizona at the time we were limited to an Injunction Against Harassment (IAH), which was obtained. On January 28, 2008, five days after filing the IAH, as Kaity was walking on her way home from school, this young man grabbed her from in front of her house and pulled her to the side yard of the house next door. He then killed her with a shotgun he had hidden in a duffel bag, and turned the gun on himself and committed suicide.

### **Westroads Mall - Von Maur Active Shooter: Lesson Learned for Law Enforcement and Victim Service Providers - Presenters: Omaha Police Dept (confirmed)**

### **Arabic Culture & Islam - Presenter: Sgt. Samer Issac, State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training (SLATT) Program (confirmed)**

This course covers the five pillars of Islam, Islamic Holidays, Islamic religious customs, and significant Islamic names. It explains how to use knowledge of Middle-Eastern culture and customs when conducting an interview and working with crime victims.

### **An Insider's Look at a Battering Relationship and the System's Response - Presenter: Marcus Bruning, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) (confirmed); Susan Still (confirmed)**

Marcus Bruning is Chief Deputy of the St. Louis County Sheriff's Department in Duluth, MN. Chief Bruning will provide a unique glimpse of battering and the criminal justice response. Chief Bruning assisted in the development of domestic violence curriculums for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and the National Sheriff's Association programs which are provided to police officers across the country as best practices standards. Bruning assisted in writing a model policy for the country on responding to a domestic crisis in a rural setting for the Department of Justice. Chief Bruning is known for the real world practical education and training he has provided for law enforcement professionals in all fifty states. Chief Bruning has a Masters of Education degree of the University of Minnesota, Duluth.

### **Human Trafficking Indicators and Providing Services to Victims - Presenter: Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) (confirmed)**

This workshop will focus on the definition and indicators of human trafficking. The indicators often times present themselves to state and local law enforcement officers making traffic stops, responding to domestic violence calls or encounters with under-aged girls committing commercial sex acts. Scenarios will be presented. At the end of this presentation, attendees will be able to identify human trafficking indicators that might be present during routine law enforcement responses.

**Threat Assessment and Management Training - Presenter: Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) (confirmed)**

This course, designed by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), provides an understanding of threatening communications investigations. Threat Assessments, as an applied technique, continue to develop and grow in the law enforcement community. Changes in legislation and lobbying efforts by victim advocates have placed an increasing awareness to the challenges of managing individuals who present threats at home, work and to the community. This course will train the officer in identifying and analyzing threats, offer interview/interrogation strategies and help the investigator in his/her approach to threat cases. These techniques relate to threats of violence from terrorism, school violence, sexual crimes, stalking, cyber crimes (cyber stalking), domestic violence, arson, sabotage, communicated threats, insider threats, pre-attack behavior, unsolicited communications of threats and a myriad of other incidents.

**Addicts as Victims: Prescription Drug & Heroin Abuse - Presenters: Dan Chatham, AUSA, USAO - NDIA (confirmed), Darrell Simmons, Special Agent, Iowa Division of Criminal Investigations (confirmed); Scott Smith, Supervisory Special Agent, DEA (confirmed)**

This workshop will discuss the relationship between and the prevalence of prescription drug abuse and heroin abuse. Trends show those who are addicted to prescription drugs oftentimes become addicted to heroin because heroin is often easier and cheaper to purchase and provides a similar high. This workshop will provide attendees with an overview of the increase in prescription drug abuse and heroin abuse in Eastern Iowa. Due to this increase in heroin use there is an associated increase in overdoses and deaths. Under the Attorney General Guidelines, those that overdose or die from their abuse of these drugs are crime victims.

**White Supremacists: Threats and Rights - Presenter: Todd Voter, Intelligence Analyst, USAO - NDIA (confirmed)**

This presentation provides a short history and description of white supremacist ideology, groups and actions. The briefing then discusses in greater detail the constitutional protections for some of these activities as well as the threats and criminal activity most commonly associated with white supremacists.

**Forensic Interviewing - Presenter: Stephanie Knapp, FBI (confirmed)**

This workshop will provide attendees with basic training in the area of Child Forensic Interviewing and the methods of conducting proper investigations of child sex abuse. The Phased Interview Protocol will be discussed and promoted as the means to conduct a legally defensible interview.

**Drug Endangered Children - Presenters: Ia Rep - Eric Nation (confirmed), WI Rep - Cindy Giese (confirmed)**

Drug endangered children (DEC) are a specific subset of the nation's abused and neglected victims. These children are at-risk or fall victim to physical, sexual, emotional and mental abuse as well as neglect as a result of their care-giver's use, distribution or manufacturing of controlled substances. In an attempt to swiftly identify and bring resources to these children, various agencies within the criminal justice system respond. However, without multi-disciplinary cross-communication and protocol, efforts can be duplicated, resources can be depleted and these children can be re-victimized. Therefore, drug endangered children efforts exist on a national level and state and local programs are being implemented. This workshop will first identify drug endangered children and then present an overview of program efforts, specifically within the state and local communities of Iowa and Wisconsin. Overall, attendees will leave this session not only educated on drug endangered children victims, but also equipped with tools to begin forming DEC programs in his/her community.

**Victim Services in Rural Environments: Instilling Best Practices without Isolation - Presenter: Julie Homb, (confirmed)**

This workshop will provide attendees the opportunity to explore best practices in a rural environment that will help build and maintain appropriate boundaries without the need to isolate oneself. Attendees will be given tips and tools to use in their everyday practices

**Strangulation in Domestic Violence Cases - Presenter: Sue Michalski, Omaha Coalition Against Domestic Violence (confirmed)**

This workshop will increase the participants knowledge in regards to understanding strangulation in order to improve their care, investigation and prosecution on the behalf of strangulation victims and survivors. Upon completion of this program the participant will be able to: Establish strangulation as a primary bio-psychosocial issue Identify clinical signs & symptoms of strangulation including the correlation to a potentially life threatening event; Explain the medical-legal process as it relates to reporting and documentation; and Discuss effective strategies for creating a collaborative community response.

**State Compensation Programs - Presenters: Anne Thomas, IA Comp (confirmed); Kathy Zupan - WI Comp (confirmed), Danielle Kitto, MN Comp; (confirmed), Corey-Anne Gulkewicz - IL Comp (confirmed)**

Representative from the four states will discuss the recent changes in their state's compensation programs. They will also highlight common errors and what victim service providers can do to assist victims in applying for compensation. The states will discuss the financial benefits available to eligible victims of crime, and each state will prepare compensation statistics. Finally, the presenters will discuss program funding.

**Working with Persons Who Have Developmental Disabilities - Presenter: Det. Maya Krajinovic (confirmed)**

There are many challenges in investigating a case involving a developmentally disabled victim. Developmental disabilities may include mental retardation (also called cognitive or intellectual disability), cerebral palsy, autism, epilepsy, traumatic brain injury, Prader-Willi syndrome and other neurological disorders. There is a wide variation within each disability and many people have a combination of disabilities. In this course, students will be given an overview of how to investigate, communicate, provide assistance and some of the challenges of cases involving a developmentally disabled victim.

**Iowa's Mandatory Child Abuse Reporting Law - A Refresher Course - Presenter: Kerstin Marnin, Child Protection Center, St. Luke's Hospital, Cedar Rapids (confirmed)**

This workshop will provide an overview of the Iowa Child Abuse reporting requirements. It will cover topics such as who is a mandatory reporter, who are discretionary reporters, what should be reported, how to report suspected child abuse and the process that an investigation takes.

**Cultural Professionalism & Working Successfully with Emerging Communities - Presenter: Meg Gorecki, U.S. Department of Justice, Community Service Relations (confirmed)**

A training course that focuses on the development of biases and paradigms of various cultures and communities, the impact of police culture, and improved communication techniques. The course emphasizes improved communications techniques by implementing organizational strategies, and developing sustained partnerships with other agencies and support services to best serve the victims of crime. Particular focus will be given to conflicts based on race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, and disability.

**"Below 100" - Presenter: John Metzger, Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (confirmed)**

The BELOW 100 is an impactful course focusing on eliminating line of duty deaths where officers contribute to their own death through their actions. It's been more than 65 years since the annual number of line-of-duty police deaths was fewer than 100. Law Officer's BELOW 100 initiative will change that by concentrating on areas that can most effectively save officers' lives. BELOW 100 is an awareness campaign, combined with a training program that will provide a commonsense solution to driving down a number that has remained too high for too long. BELOW 100 is not about statistics. It's about each and every officer, trainer and supervisor taking individual and collective responsibility for the decisions and actions that contribute to safety. The five basic tenants of this program, combined with strong personal commitment, will reduce line of duty deaths across America to levels not seen since the 1940's.

**Christopher Newberry Case Study - Presenters: Marc Bennett, Sedgwick County Deputy District Attorney, Wichita, Kansas (confirmed); David Crump, retired, Wichita Police Department (confirmed)**

In March, 2009, Christopher Newberry set fire to his mobile home, where his wife and four children were sleeping inside. His intent was to kill his ten-year old step-daughter that he had been molesting. Everyone was able to get out of the trailer alive but the girl received severe burns over most of her body. This case study will document the progression of the case from the perspective of the social workers, the detectives and the prosecutor involved in this case. It will examine some of the failures in the system that caused this fire to initially be ruled an accident and will examine the many positive things that happened in the months that followed; including how one very determined social worker would not let the case die. This presentation will document the case against Christopher, his arrest, his interview and ultimately, his confession to sexually molesting his step-daughter and trying to kill her to cover up the molestation.

**Human Trafficking in Iowa: Minors Recruited for Commercial Sex - Presenters: Anna Brewer, FBI (confirmed); Steven Patrick O'Meara, USAO - SDIA (confirmed)**

The Western Division of the Southern District of Iowa is a rural area in southwest Iowa consisting of nine counties. The core city is Council Bluffs, with a population of approximately 56,000 people. Council Bluffs is, however, part of the Omaha, Nebraska metropolitan area, with a population from about 850,000, to about 1,000,000, depending on which outlying municipalities are included. Since opening a staffed United States Attorney's Office in Council Bluffs in the Spring of 2009, this office has initiated three sex trafficking cases in various stages of development. These cases have been found and developed because of the serious commitment to combat sex trafficking and other crimes against children and young women by the Council Bluffs Police Department and the Omaha Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with significant support by the Omaha Police Department. One of these cases, United States of America v. Merrideth June Crane-Horton, et al, is currently on appeal to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. The case involves minors ages 15 and 13, with the 15 year old being a focal point of the case. The office has also initiated two cases regarding the enticement of minors in interstate commerce for sexual abuse, and handles a variety of child pornography cases, including one case in which a then minor victim burned the family residence, killing the minor's younger siblings. This presentation focuses on United States of America v. Merrideth June Crane-Horton, et al. This conspiracy to engage in sex trafficking was run by Merrideth Crane-Horton, and supported by her husband (Nate Horton), his nephew (Ramon Heredia), and his nephew's wife (Katherine Heredia). All of the perpetrators and all of the victims are local, domestic people. There is no trans-international border component to this case. All of the victims are females ranging in age from 13 years of age to 22 years of age. Each of the victims in the case exhibited a certain vulnerability upon which the perpetrators preyed to entice that victim into the conspiracy, and then relied on physical and psychological coercion to force involvement in commercial sex acts. The involvement of one or more minor victims was not known until after the investigation was well underway. While this case is not necessarily unique, or the worst case of its kind, it is hoped that this presentation will encourage those in attendance to consider : (1) this type of crime could happen anywhere; (2) federal laws regarding victims of sex trafficking allows concentration on the vulnerability of victims which leads to enticement into prostitution; (3) investigators must learn to recognize that prostitutes could be victims; (4) determining who is a victim and who is a criminal participant is a difficult process; (5) Victim-Witness Specialists must be involved at the onset of these type of investigations to provide adequate services for the identified victims because they develop an essential victim service community; and (6) the seriousness of the victimization and the corresponding penalties for sex trafficking support devoting resources to this type of enforcement.

**Identifying, Documenting & Serving Drug Endangered Children: A Collaborative Response between Law Enforcement & Child Welfare - Presenters: Eric Nation, LE; (confirmed) Stacey Read, Social Worker (confirmed)**

Ignored, abused, and abandoned - these are some of the chronic conditions experienced by children raised in environments where there is illegal drug use, manufacturing, cultivation and distribution. Drug endangered children are part of a very large, and growing population of children whose lives have been seriously and negatively impacted by dangerous drugs. Thousands of these children across our state go unnoticed and do not receive the necessary care and treatment to heal from these abusive environments. If ignored and left unmonitored, these children continue to be victims caught in a cycle of drug abuse. The primary challenge with illegal substance abuse and drug endangered children is in aligning systems responsible for preventing, intervening, and treating these issues to achieve common outcomes. The National Strategy for Drug Endangered Children focuses on the formation of multi-disciplinary partnerships that take advantage of existing agency personnel, resources, and responsibilities and coordinate their mutual interests and duties to meet the specific needs of these children. The focus on these children's needs is throughout the entire process until the child is in a permanent, safe and positive functioning environment. This session will demonstrate how a collaborative response between law enforcement, child welfare, and the judicial system can help break the cycle of abuse and neglect.

**Child Exploitation: A Case Study - Presenter: Patrick Geahan, FBI (confirmed); Felice Weiler, U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Illinois (confirmed)**

SA Geahan and VWC Weiler will present on US vs. Mario Meschino, a case that transitioned from a simple child pornography case to one involving molestation more than ten years old. SA Geahan and VWC Weiler will discuss how proper victim assistance, in addition to being the right thing to do, can have direct positive impacts on cases and sentencings.