

Presentations - 2012 Gatlinburg Law Enforcement Conference

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012 - PLENARY SESSIONS

Prescription Drug Abuse --Prescription drug abuse is at epidemic levels across the country. The crimes associated with the growing addictions are increasing daily and becoming more violent. Dr. Loyd is a recovered prescription drug addict, and his presentation is from the perspective of a physician and an addict. He discusses the responsibility of physicians when prescribing drugs, and he also provides information on how to recognize the telltale signs of a prescription drug addict.

Presented by: Dr. Stephen Loyd, Associate Chief of Staff of Education, Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, James H. Quillen VA Medical Center

Defining the Nationwide Prescription Drug Abuse Problem -- Prescription drug abuse occurs at an alarming rate in the United States. Leading indicators show substantially high levels in the abuse and misuse (non-medical use) of these drugs and the adverse consequences associated with such actions. These indicators include, but are not limited to: the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, Monitoring the Future Study, Partnership Attitude Tracking Study, Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN) data, Treatment Episode Data Set, American Association of Poison Control Centers' National Poison Data System, CDC's National Vital Statistics System, and the National Forensic Laboratory Information System (NFLIS).

Presented by: Joseph Rannazzisi, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Dangerous Drugs and Chemical Section

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012 - WORKSHOPS

Workshop #1 - MS-13 Murder for Hire --What began as a local homicide turned into an Interstate Murder-for-Hire plot by members of the MS-13 gang. This workshop presents lessons on how a detective working a homicide ended up working with South Carolina, Texas, and federal counterparts to solve an Interstate Murder-for-Hire that involved federal prosecution.

Presented by: Assistant United States Attorneys Jay N. Richardson and J.D. Rowell, District of South Carolina

Workshop #2 -- Financial Fraud Investigations -- Financial fraud cases continue to rise throughout the country. In this presentation, officers will learn investigative techniques and resources available to local, state and federal law enforcement that will help them to conduct a thorough investigation and prepare the case for federal prosecution.

Presented by: Assistant United States Attorney John K. Webb, Middle District of Tennessee and Will Dorroh, U.S. Postal Inspection Service

Workshop #3 -- Investigation and Prosecution of Human/Child Sex Trafficking --Human and child sex trafficking cases are some of the most heinous crimes law enforcement officers will ever encounter. This workshop will present information on how investigations and prosecutions of both international and domestic commercial sex trafficking are conducted.

Presented by: Assistant United States Attorney Steve Parker and Special Agent Tracy Harris, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Workshop #4 -- Beyond the Grave - Understanding Human Decomposition--An expert at determining how long someone has been dead is also developing a way to calculate "time since death" by reading the peaks of activity of different microbes associated with human decomposition. This will include information on a chemical technique for pinning down the day that any murdered victim died used when medical examiners submit organ tissues for the analysis of amino acids and neurotransmitter breakdown products. These techniques were used in the Casey Anthony trial by the presenter of this workshop who testified as an expert witness.

Presented by: Dr. Arpad A. Vass, Research Scientist/Microbiology Forensics, Health Sciences Research Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory

Workshop #5-- Interviewing Techniques -- Interviewing skills are critical for solving criminal investigations, obtaining information, and developing intelligence. Interviewing is the most important thing that officers do to collect information. This class will provide officers with tips and techniques they can utilize during the course of their daily duties.

Presented by: John "Jack" Schafer, SLATT Program, Institute for Intergovernmental Research

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Workshop #6 -- Emerging Trends in Electronic and Financial Crimes--The Secret Service exercises broad investigative jurisdiction over a variety of financial crimes. As technology changes, so do the trends in electronic and financial crimes. This workshop will discuss those trends and will present information on how the U.S. Secret Service can assist with these cases, including access device fraud, credit and debit card fraud, and fraud as it relates to computers. The presenters will discuss aggressive and innovative approaches to the detection, investigation and prevention of financial crimes

Presenters: David Stutheit and Nick Jameson, Special Agents, U.S. Secret Service, Memphis, TN

Workshop #7 -- FBI Terrorist Screening Center – Terrorist Watch List -- The Terrorist Screening Center (TSC) provides “one stop shopping” so that all government screeners are using the same terrorist watch list. The TSC allows government agencies to run name checks against the same comprehensive list with the most accurate, up-to-date information about known and suspected terrorists. State and local officers encounter these known or suspected terrorists 40-50 times each day, and confirming those encounters is critical to protecting officers and preventing terrorist attacks.

Presented by: Terrence Wylie, External Training and Outreach Coordinator, FBI Terrorist Screening Center

Workshop #8 -- How Mexico’s Drug Traffickers Harness Social Media--Mexican drug traffickers are using social media to further their criminal activities. This presentation discusses how social media is being used, and is presented by an open source analyst with real knowledge of Mexican culture and social media. Her presentation is based on research conducted on drug trafficking organizations and her experience as a volunteer for a micro-finance organization in Mexico, which provides a keen understanding of the complex issues facing the country.

Presented by: Shauna Dillavou, Global Security Analyst, Plessas Experts Network, Inc.

Workshop #9 -- Search and Seizure Update --Search and seizure case law is constantly changing, and it is critical that officers are informed of these changes. In this presentation, an update on relevant cases will be provided to help officers stay on top of recent developments in the courts, including the new requirement for search warrants in order to use GPS and other tracking devices.

Presented by: Erin Roth, Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of Kentucky

Workshop #10 -- Tactical Diversion Squads - The Enforcement Side of Pill Mills--The Tactical Diversion Squads (TDS) were created by the Drug Enforcement Administration to investigate, disrupt and dismantle individuals and/or organizations involved in drug diversion schemes. Those schemes include prescription forgers, doctor shoppers, and pill mills. The mission of the TDS is to attack the prescription drug abuse problem as organized crime, targeting not just the doctor but the infrastructure of the organization to use federal laws, including asset forfeiture, to take down the organization.

Presented by: Joey Mundy, Senior Special Agent/Group Supervisor, Drug Enforcement Administration, Nashville and James Martinez, Senior Special Agent/Group Supervisor, Drug Enforcement Administration, Atlanta

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Federal Discovery for State and Local Law Enforcement --The failure to provide required discovery materials to the defense can result in dismissal of a case and sanctions. This presentation will use hypotheticals drawn from actual cases so officers will gain a better understanding of how seemingly innocent shortcuts taken during a criminal prosecution often can lead to unethical conduct. It also will show officers/agents the impact that actions taken during the investigative stage can have during the discovery phase of a case, and it addresses the dangers of using emails, text messages and social media to communicate about substantive case matters.

Presented by: Jill Rose, Chief, Criminal Division, United States Attorney’s Office, Western District of North Carolina

Protective Intelligence Investigations Using a Threat Assessment Model --This presentation is based on the Exceptional Case Study Project (ECSP), a study conducted by the USSS to examine the thinking and behavior of those known to have assassinated, attacked, or approached to attack a prominent person of public status in the United States between 1949 and 1996. The findings of the ECSP shaped the protective intelligence investigations mission of the USSS and led to the creation of the threat assessment model. The model will be discussed in depth, with emphasis placed on practical guidance in detecting thinking and behavior indicating an interest in attack or assassination.

Presented by: Lina Alathari, Ph.D., Research Psychologist, National Threat Assessment Center, U. S. Secret Service

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2012

U.S. Department of Justice VALOR Program—Preventing Violence Against Law Enforcement Officers and Ensuring Office Resilience and Survivability -- VALOR training is designed for law enforcement, including front-line officers, to promote officer safety and to help prevent injuries and deaths to law enforcement officers in the line of duty. In this training, participants will gain an understanding of emerging threats, including those posed by antigovernment criminal extremists, and learn techniques for anticipating and surviving a violent encounter, based on the “Deadly Mix” framework (the officer, the offender, and circumstances). Officers also will learn how to identify concealed weapons and armed gunmen, gain knowledge of the mental and physical skills required for high-risk tactical situations that may involve active shooters, and how to understand the importance of self-aid/buddy-aid training.

Presented by: The Institute for Intergovernmental Research