

NO MORE Crimes of Power and Control

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS | 2019

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Morning Keynote | 8:45am – 10:15am

Frog in a Pot: The Relationship Between Domestic Violence, Strangulation, & Mass Homicide | Rachael Frost, ICED

A discussion regarding mass homicide and those who commit homicidal/suicidal violence and how their pre-attack behaviors intersect regarding domestic violence and strangulation incidents.

Morning Breakout Sessions | 10:30am – 12:00pm

1. Threat Assessment and Management Teams: A Quick Guide to Changing the Way You Do Business | Rachael Frost, ICED

Learn how to develop a multi-disciplinary threat assessment team and create a paradigm shift in how you and all your agencies address subjects exhibiting behaviors of concern.

2. Improving Community Safety through Sex Offender Accountability & Registry | Andi Hart, NSP and Chris Cicha & Bill Bitting, US Marshals Service

This presentation will include an overview of the Sex Offender Registry (SOR) law focusing on state statute requirements. Attendees will better understand when, what, and where sex offenders need to report and the required data. The presentation will also highlight what documents the SOR accumulates to complete offender tiering and what is submitted by registering agencies. Presenters will also show prosecution packets for officers and attorneys regarding SOR violations and highlight re-offenses that have occurred while offenders are absconded.

3. Using Effective Crime Fighting Tools in Investigation & Prosecution of Criminal Cases Involving Immigrant Crime Victims | NIWAP

This workshop will provide law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and staff working at law enforcement and prosecution agencies with information on the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) programs available to immigrant crime victims and the role they play in effective community policing. Attendees will improve their understanding of best practices and recommendations based on Department of Homeland Security (DHS) regulations, policies, and training materials on DHS programs that help crime victims. Agencies can more effectively hold offenders accountable by using the U Visa and T Visa certification as a crime-fighting tool. The training will include a discussion of how following DHS's recommendations for early certification in cases can improve the safety of law enforcement officers, victims, and the community by building collaboration to increase the likelihood that immigrant victims of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, and human trafficking will report and provide helpfulness in criminal investigations and prosecutions. An overview of federal language access laws will be provided and best practices for working with Limited English Proficient (LEP) crime victims and witnesses will be discussed. The workshop will also directly address the array of issues that prosecutors encounter when prosecuting cases involving immigrant crime victims and witnesses.

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4. Implementing Sexual Assault Anonymous Reporting Protocols in Your Community | Michelle Miller, Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, Jen Tran, Methodist Health System – Omaha, Kelly Drake, Fremont Police Department, & Is your community collecting anonymous reports of sexual assault? Do medical providers offer options to victims who disclose? Is law enforcement prepared to store the kit? Do your advocates respond to medical facilities? This panel discussion will showcase the efforts in 3 communities across the state. Representatives from medical, law enforcement, and victim advocacy will discuss their community's path to anonymous reporting implementation, including the bumps along the way. Workshop will also highlight key elements in the development of the statewide model protocol.
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Afternoon Breakout Sessions | 1:00pm – 2:30pm

1. How to Write Grants to Fund Threat Assessment Teams | Rachael Frost
Grants 101. We will discuss the basics of writing grants and different grants that may be available to fund your threat assessment teams. Rachael Frost will remain afterwards to address any specific grant questions had by attendees.
 2. Improving Community Safety through Sex Offender Accountability and Registry | Andi Hart and Chris Cicha & Bill Bitting (Repeated from Morning Session)
 3. Using Effective Crime Fighting Tools in Investigation and Prosecution of Criminal Cases Involving Immigrant Crime Victims | NIWAP (Repeated from Morning Session)
 4. Implementing Sexual Assault Anonymous Reporting Protocols in Your Community | Michelle Miller, Jen Tran, Kelly Drake, & (Repeated from Morning Session)
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Afternoon Case Study | 2:45pm – 4:15pm

The Sherry Wounded-Foot Death Investigation | Keith Drinkwalter, Retired Investigator, Nebraska State Patrol

This presentation will discuss the murder investigation of Sherry Wounded-Foot, who lived on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota and the challenges of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) investigations. This case study will demonstrate the unique dynamics of MMIW investigations, identify the barriers to effective perpetrator accountability, and recognize the obstacles to improving victim safety in tribal populations. By addressing obstacles such as alcohol abuse, the lack of trust of outsiders, and preconceived assumptions about lifestyle and choices by Native Americans, Investigator Drinkwalter will relate the barriers to justice for Sherry's family on this still-open, cold case.