



Montana Violent Crime Investigators Association

2021 TRAINING CONFERENCE

"Homicide Investigation" - No Body-No Problem

The MVCIA is an organization of Investigator/Detectives who believe that the highest duty that can be asked of them is to be entrusted with the investigation of a violent crime that has been committed on another human being.

To support that concept a group of Detectives met in Missoula, MT in 2008 to discuss the options that might be available to support these types of investigations. Montana has always had a historical perspective when it comes to cold case homicides, missing person, and unidentified remains investigation. If a lead was possibly developed the Investigator played phone tag until someone was located in MT who had some idea of what jurisdiction might have a matching case. As Investigators retired or passed away large "holes" were left in the ability to provide historical information. The group decision was that a more formal format to preserve these types of case was critical. To that enhance that ability MVCIA was created.

The format that was decided on was to host an annual training conference that would provide attendees with cutting edge investigative methods instruction that will assist them with their efforts investigating violent crime. The mantra of MVCIA has to "bring the instructors who have written the books" rather than those who teach from the books to the conferences. In that effort subject matter experts from across the United States and Canada have provided training to MVCIA members.

The first conference was hosted in Missoula, MT in October of 2008 with the Missoula County Sheriff's Office hosting. At the business meeting the first slate of Officers and the Board of Directors was elected. Each year since the MVCIA conference has been held. The conference is hosted in the current year's Presidents home town. To date nearly 1000 law enforcement officers have attend and received training at MVCIA conferences. This is truly an international effort as officers from British Columbia, Alberta, and Saskatchewan have attended. Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, California, New York, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and Montana have all been represented at MVCIA training.



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FBI SA Jen Waterfield and SA Dan O'Donnell

FBI SA Jen Waterfield/SA Dan O'Donnell are assigned to the FBI Behavioral Analysis Unit 3. This unit is responsible for training and supporting law enforcement during investigations involving child abductions, mysterious disappearances of children, child homicide and child sexual victimization. SA Waterfield and O'Donnell will present a case review of the Jayme Closs and Jessica Ridgeway kidnapping/Murder cases. They will also speak on the current trends and patterns of child homicide.

Dr. Lawrence Simon

Dr. Lawrence Simon is a clinical psychologist who specializes in trying to help law enforcement understand the psychology behind some of the most violent and sexually motivated crimes. Dr. Simon experience and studies have been presented to law enforcement all across the country to assist them with understanding these individuals in order to stop them and solve their heinous crimes. Dr. Simon provides information relating to the psychology/decision making behind why offenders chooses a specific weapon over another. This is only one of the many topics/information Dr. Simon will present.

Dr. Ashley Kendall

Dr. Ashley Kendall is an Assistant Professor and Forensic Anthropologist at California State University in Chino California. Dr. Kendall has extensive experience in recovering buried human remains and identifying them. Dr. Kendall will provide current best practices for working buried body homicides.

Siobhan McGuinness Homicide

Siobhan McGuinness was a 5-year-old girl who went missing outside of Missoula Montana on February 5th, 1974. Her body was later found dumped in a ditch off Interstate 90. The case turned cold with limited leads over the next 46 years. In 2020 a DNA profile was linked to a suspect and the case was solved. Missoula Cold Case Unit will present on the challenges overcome during the long and difficult investigation.

Bear Brook Murders | Allenstown New Hampshire

In 1985 in Allenstown New Hampshire police discovered a deceased female and child inside a 55-gallon drum both of which were murdered. Investigators worked tirelessly to identify the victims and killer. In 2000 the crime scene was searched again and investigators found a second 55-gallon drum containing two more young female victims. Investigators will present the methods of how they identified the victims as well as the killer during this lengthy and difficult homicide case.

MVCIA Conference Registration

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BREAKS & RAFFLE DRAWINGS

Tuesday Scheduled Breaks

1000 to 1015 Hours
1100 to 1115 Hours
1400 to 1415 Hours
1530 to 1545 Hours

Raffle Drawings at Breaks

Wednesday Scheduled Breaks

0915 to 0930 Hours
1045 to 1100 Hours
1400 to 1415 Hours
1530 to 1545 Hours

Raffle Drawings at Breaks

Thursday Scheduled Breaks

0915 to 0930 Hours
1045 to 1100 Hours
1400 to 1415 Hours
1530 to 1545 Hours

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Friday Scheduled Breaks

0915 to 0930 Hours
1045 to 1100 Hours
1400 to 1415 Hours

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*Raffle drawings will be the
last five minutes of each break*

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Monday October 4th, 2021

1700-1900 Early Registration

Tuesday October 5th, 2021

0700 to 0800 Hours Conference Registration
0800 to 0900 Hours Opening Ceremonies: Honor Guard Billings PD
President Kodi Kaiser | Billings Mayor Bill Cole | Billings Chief: Rich St. John
0900 to 1200 Hours FBI Behavioral Analysis Unit Child Homicide Case Reviews/Recent Trends
1200 to 1300 Hours Lunch - On your own
1300 to 1430 Hours FBI Behavioral Analysis Unit Child Homicide Case Review/Trends
1430 to 1700 Hours Missoula Cold Case – 5 YOA Siobhan McGuinness Homicide 46 years later/Developing a regional cold case unit

Wednesday October 6th, 2021

0800 to 1200 Hours Dr. Lawrence Simon Understanding the psychology behind homicide and sexual abuse cases
1200 to 1300 Hours Lunch - On your own
1300 to 1700 Hours Dr. Lawrence Simon continued with understanding child Homicide and weapon choices

Thursday October 7th, 2021

0800 to 1200 Hours SA Joseph Lestina SAC Richard Rahn – No body homicide case review/considerations
1200 to 1300 Hours Lunch - On your own
1300 to 1500 Hours Dr. Ashley Kendall – Best Practices for Recovering buried human remains
1500 to 1700 Hours Mike Fegley – Zet-X case review/information update
1700 to 1800 Hours 2021 MVCIA Business Meeting/Elections

Friday October 8th, 2021

0800 to 1000 Hours FBI SA Dave Burns – John Lieba Child Abduction Montana
1000 to 1200 Hours Sgt. Matthew Koehler – Allentown Murders Iowa
1200 to 1300 Hours Lunch – On your own
1300 to 1500 Hours Det. Anthony Jurenic – Julianne Stallman Homicide Montana