



# Montana Violent Crime Investigators Association

# 2022 TRAINING CONFERENCE

## "Missing Persons Investigations"

**MVCIA Training Conference | September 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Butte Copper King Hotel | Butte, Montana**

### INSTRUCTOR BIOS

#### **Greg Cooper:**

Greg is an expert in the field of criminal profiling. Greg was employed as an FBI Criminal Profiler for a large portion of his career. Greg specializes in reviewing violent crime scenes in order to try and provide investigators with information that may further their investigation. Greg has authored several books on the topic of criminal investigations and criminal behavior. Greg will provide an overview of what criminal profiling is and how it can further assist in violent crime investigations. Greg is also an active member of the Cold Case Foundation.

#### **Francine Bardole:**

Francine Bardole has spent 25 plus years a crime scene investigator, part of which was with the West Jordan Police Department in West Jordan Utah. The last 15 years, Francine spent working to develop a better method for locating trace amounts of DNA evidence. Due to Francine's work, she developed the "Bardole Method" of DNA recovery which includes using M-VAC Technology. Francine will present information on understanding DNA case results, new methods of DNA recovery, current case considerations as well as case reviews relevant to her field of specialty. Francine has studied at the National Forensics Academy and is an active member of the Cold Case Foundation.

#### **NCMEC Alan Nanavaty/John Bischoff:**

Alan spent 22 years as an FBI Agent before retiring and taking a position as an Executive Director for the Missing Children Division within the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). In his current position, Alan over sees the Native American and Indigenous person outreach program and long term missing children cases.

Dr. Bischoff is currently the Acting Vice President of the Missing Children Division of NCMEC. Dr. Bischoff over sees all missing

person's investigations which include both domestic and overseas case. Alan and Dr. Bischoff will present information to include available resources from NCMEC, risk factors and current best practices. Both will also present various case studies related to missing children cases.

#### **Kirby Plessas:**

Kirby is the founder and CEO of Plessas Experts Network, Inc (PEN) which was established in 2008. Kirby specializes in Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) internet technology and information extraction. Prior to PEN, Kirby was instrumental to the creation and institution of Open Source Works, an innovation center for conducting OSINT for the Central Intelligence Agency. A service-disabled veteran, Kirby established herself as one of the foremost tradecraft experts in OSINT through her career in Military Intelligence as an Arabic linguist supporting the Department of Defense and the Defense Intelligence Agency. Kirby will present information and various methods on open source intelligence gathering.

#### **IRS Special Agent Lisa Palmer:**

Lisa Palmer is currently a Special Agent with the Internal Revenue Service out of Colorado. SA Palmer is going to present information on crypto currency as well as trends and patterns of bitcoin use in financial crimes. SA Palmer will provide information the IRS has to assist in financial/missing person cases. SA Palmer will also provide relevant case studies.

#### **MVCIA Conference Registration**

<https://www.mvcia.org/registration/>

**Butte Copper King Hotel | Butte, MT**  
Reservations (406) 533-6960

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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.



#### **MVCIA**

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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

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### Thursday Scheduled Breaks

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

*Raffle Drawings at Breaks*

### 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*

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## CONFERENCE AGENDA

### Tuesday – September 27th, 2022

0700 to 0800 Hours	Conference Registration
0800 to 0815 Hours	Opening Ceremonies President Shane Bancroft Opening Remarks Butte-Silver Bow Sheriff Ed Lester Butte-Silver Bow Chief Executive J.P. Gallagher
0815 to 1200 Hours	Greg Cooper – Cold Case Foundation
1200 to 1300 Hours	Lunch - On your own
1300 to 1500 Hours	Gabby Petito Missing Person/Homicide Investigation
1500 to 1700 Hours	National Center for Missing/Endangered Children NCMEC

### Wednesday – September 28th, 2022

0800 to 1200 Hours	Kirby Plessas – Open-Source Intel Gathering
1200 to 1300 Hours	Lunch – On your own
1300 to 1500 Hours	Ray Rheingans – Cognyte Technologies
1500 to 1700 Hours	Mike Fegley Cellphone Geolocation - Updates

### Thursday – September 29th, 2022

0800 to 1000 Hours	Francine Bardole – Touch DNA Methods/Update
1000 to 1200 Hours	HSI RSA Cory Dunne HSI case study and resources
1200 to 1300 Hours	Lunch – On your own
1300 to 1500 Hours	NAMUS – MT Missing Persons Clearing House
1500 to 1700 Hours	IRS SA Lisa Palmer – Crypto Currency/Financial Investigative Resources
1700 to 1800 Hours	2022 MVCIA Business Meeting/Elections

### Friday – September 30th, 2022

0800 to 1000 Hours	FBI SA Eric Fellenz Cell Phone Tracking Legal Considerations
1000 to 1200 Hours	Jermain Charlo – Missing Persons Case Review
1200 to 1300 Hours	Lunch - On your own
1300 to 1500 Hours	Taylor Simonson Missing Persons Case Study - MCSO