



Gatlinburg Law Enforcement Conference Proposed Agenda May 6 – 9, 2024

Topics, Times, and Speakers are Tentative and could change prior to the conference.

Monday May 6, 2024

4:00pm – 8:00 pm Conference Registration – Gatlinburg Convention Center

Tuesday May 7, 2024

7:30am – 5:00pm Conference Registration – Gatlinburg Convention Center

8:30am – 5:00pm Program – Mills Auditorium

8:30am – 9:30am

Conference Open

- Invocation: Officer Brian Huff, Chaplain, Gatlinburg Police Department
- Tribute to Fallen Officers – Mrs. Beverly Razor
- Presentation of Colors, Gatlinburg Police Department Honor Guard
- National Anthem – Mandy Poynter, Mandy Poynter, Eastern District of Kentucky
- Welcoming Remarks:
 - Mike Werner, Mayor, City of Gatlinburg
 - Ronnie Barrett, Chief of Police, Gatlinburg Police Department
 - Francis M. Hamilton, United States Attorney, Eastern District of Tennessee
 - Ryan K. Buchanan, United States Attorney, Northern District of Georgia

9:30am – 10:30am

Keynote: In the Line of Duty: When Law Enforcement Officers are Victimized

- George Almond, (Retired) Cary Police Department (NC)
- Michelle Scott, Victim Witness Coordinator, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of North Carolina
- Charity Wilson, Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of North Carolina

10:30am – 11:00am

Break

11:00am – 12:00pm

Crime Gun Intelligence and Developing Violent Crime Strategies with State And Local Partners

Katherine Eberhardt, Firearms Operations Division Chief, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)

12:00pm – 1:30pm

Lunch on your own

2:15pm – 3:00pm

National Domestic Communications Assistance Center: <https://ndcac.fbi.gov/about>

Alan K. Distajo, Supervisory Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

3:00pm – 3:30pm

Break

Tuesday May 7, 2024

Continued:

3:30pm – 4:15pm

Combatting the Ever-Evolving Opioid Crisis

- Thomas Forsyth, Assistant U.S. Attorney / Opioid Coordinator, U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Georgia
- Sean Morrow, Special Agent US Drug Enforcement Administration, Houston

4:15pm – 5:00pm

Panel Discussion on Gangs: New Trends, Challenges, and Successes

- Kimball Murdock, Criminal Investigator, Office of the Georgia Attorney General, Gang Unit; Sergeant in Arms, Georgia Gang Investigator Association
- Stewart Young, Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Tennessee
- Beth Boswell, Assistant, U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Tennessee

5:00pm

Adjourn



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Wednesday May 8, 2024 – Breakout Sessions 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

	Times	Workshop Title	Instructor(s)	Room
1	8:30am - 10:00am Repeated 10:30am – noon	Take Action: Make the R.I.G.H.T. choice and intervene	CRI-TAC: https://cops.usdoj.gov/cri-tac	Mills Rooms 1-2
2	8:30am - 10:00am Repeated 10:30am – noon	Investigative Genealogy to Solve Cold Cases	Tim Burke, Supervisory Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Atlanta	Mills Rooms 3-4
3	8:30am - 10:00am Repeated 10:30am – noon	Drones as First Responders: Ideas, Lessons, and Successes on Integrating Drones into Daily Public Safety Operations	Abrem Ayana, Lieutenant, Brookhaven Police Department (GA)	Mills Auditorium
4	8:30am - 10:00am Repeated 10:30am – noon	Practices and Cases Using the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)	Brian Moore, Special Agent / NIBIN Coordinator, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Atlanta	TN Ballroom A
5	8:30am - 10:00am Repeated 10:30am – noon	Recognizing and Responding to Civil Rights/Hate Crimes	Craig Januchowski, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), South Carolina Luke Davis, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), South Carolina Samantha Beltz, Intel Analyst, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), South Carolina	TN Ballroom B
6	8:30am - 10:00am Repeated 10:30am – noon	RICO & VCAR: The Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations & Violent Crimes in Aid of Racketeering Acts	Beth Boswell, Criminal Chief, Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Tennessee	TN Ballroom C
7	8:30am - 10:00am Repeated 10:30am – noon	Operation Jellyfish Case Study	Tim Severo, Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of North Carolina Nellie Waterman, Special Agent, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Mike Horn, Special Agent, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)	TN Ballroom D

12:00pm - 1:30pm Lunch – On Your Own

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8	1:30pm-3:00pm Repeated 3:30pm-5:00pm	Human Trafficking: Wallace Case	Nicole DuPré, Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, Middle District of North Carolina	Mills Rooms 1-2
9	1:30pm-3:00pm Repeated 3:30pm-5:00pm	Anti-Gang Strategy: Ghost Busters	Jennifer Kirkland, Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Georgia	Mills Rooms 3-4
10	1:30pm-3:00pm Repeated 3:30pm-5:00pm	Switches & Privately Made Firearms (Ghost Guns)	Blake Childress, Special Agent, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)	Mills Auditorium
11	1:30pm-3:00pm Repeated 3:30pm-5:00pm	Postal Robberies/Key Thefts	Michael Rogers, Inspector, U.S. Postal Inspection Service	TN Ballroom A
12	1:30pm-3:00pm Repeated 3:30pm-5:00pm	VALOR: The Calm Professional	Cory Tchida, Chief, Georgetown Police Department (TX)	TN Ballroom B
13	1:30pm-3:00pm Repeated 3:30pm-5:00pm	Trends and Innovations in Combating Auto Theft	Rick Barber, Sergeant, Chamblee Police Department (GA)	TN Ballroom C
14	1:30pm-3:00pm Repeated 3:30pm-5:00pm	What You Do Matters: Lessons from a "Chief of the Year"	Billy J. Grogan, Chief, Dunwoody Police Department (GA)	TN Ballroom D

5:00pm Adjourn





Thursday May 9, 2024

8:45am – 3:30pm	Program – Mills Auditorium
8:45am – 9:30am	<u>Cryptocurrency Purchased Drugs on the Dark Web</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kyle Wilson, Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Tennessee
9:30am – 10:30am	Moderated panel discussion comprised of USA's and State Attorney Generals / District Attorneys <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TBA
10:30am - 11:00am	Break
11:00am – 12:00am	<u>Cold Case Investigative Research Institute</u> (https://charityvino.com/CCIRI-home) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sheryl "Mac" McCollum, Director
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch on your own
1:00pm – 1:30pm	<u>National Policing Institute - Knowledge Lab: Technical Assistance and Training (TTA) Opportunities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laura Wyckoff, Ph.D., Senior Director
1:30pm – 2:00pm	IACP - TBA
2:00pm – 3:00pm	<u>VALOR Officer Safety and Wellness Program's Safer Together Campaign</u> https://www.valorforblue.org/Training/ExploreSaferTogether
3:00pm	Closing Remarks, Drawings & Adjourn

