



2026

Gatlinburg Law Enforcement

Conference

***The Premier Training Event for U.S.
Law Enforcement Professionals in
the southeast region***

May 5-7, 2026

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Dear Attendees,

On behalf of the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police, it is our honor to welcome you to the 2026 Gatlinburg Law Enforcement Conference.

For over 30 years, this conference has been rooted in a simple but powerful idea: to provide high-quality training to law enforcement officers while fostering collaboration between federal, state, and local agencies

What began as a small initiative has grown into a premier training opportunity, now serving a wide range of agencies across the Southeast. We are proud to continue this tradition of excellence, providing cutting-edge instruction and strengthening the partnerships that are vital to the success of the law enforcement profession.

Again, this year, we are especially excited to provide the Victim Services Track, uniquely designed for system-based victim service providers working within law enforcement and prosecution offices. This reflects our continued commitment to addressing the evolving needs of the communities we serve and supporting those who assist victims throughout the justice process.

Throughout the week, you will have the opportunity to learn from some of the most respected leaders and instructors in the field, engage in valuable discussions, and build connections that will enhance collaboration and innovation across agencies and jurisdictions.

Thank you for your dedication to advancing your skills and strengthening the future of law enforcement. We are grateful for your service, and we are thrilled to have you join us for another outstanding year in Gatlinburg. Stay safe,

Shawn Butler
Executive Director

Allen Love
KACP Foundation President

Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police



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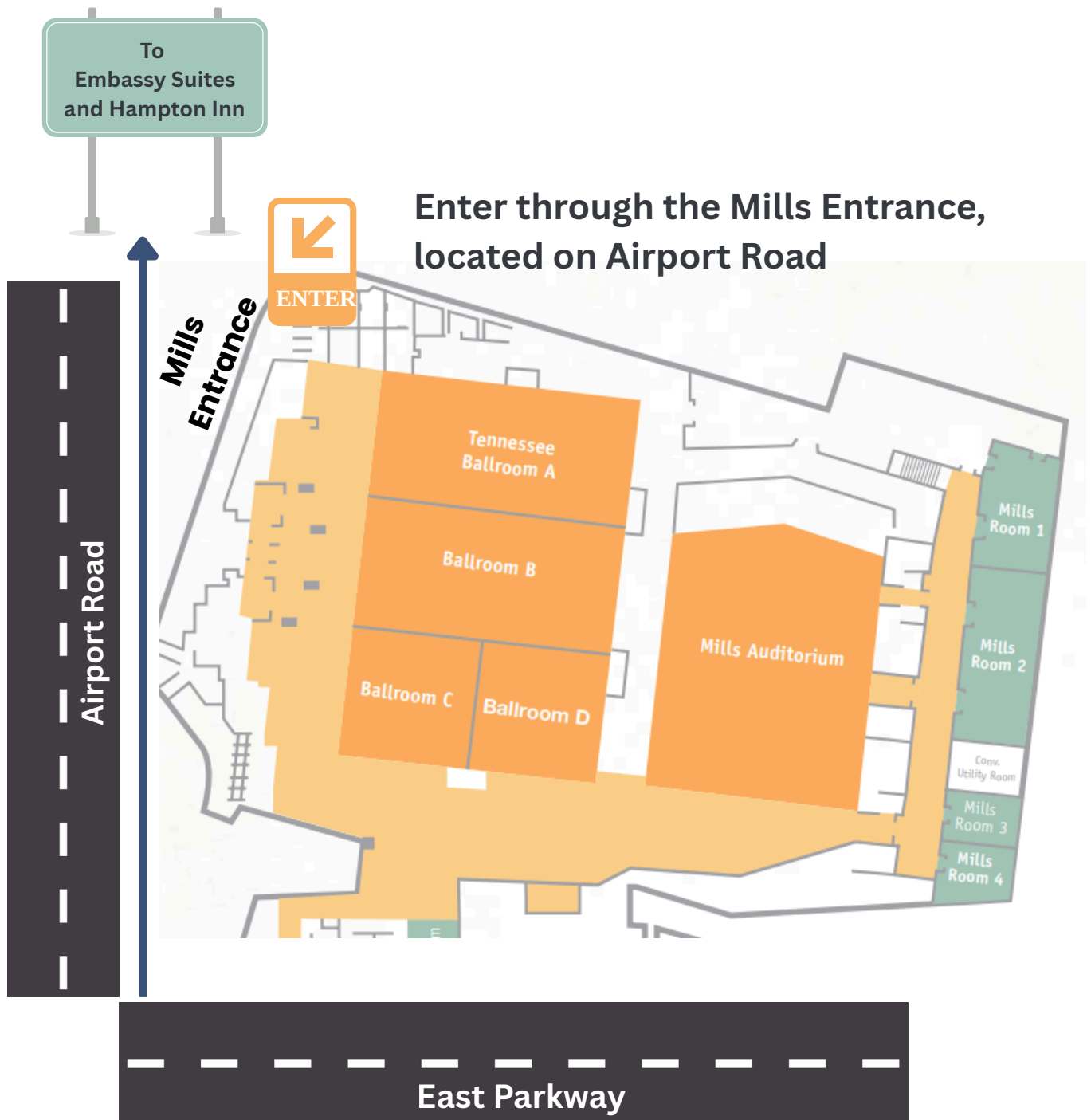
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Pre-Conference Registration and Welcome Reception

Monday, May 4, 2026



2:00 PM - 5:30 PM Conference Registration-Embassy Suites Hotel

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Welcome Reception-Embassy Suites Hotel

Day One

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Morning Session- Mills Auditorium

7:30 AM-8:30AM Conference Registration-Gatlinburg Convention Center

8:30 AM- 9:20 AM Conference Welcome

Tribute to Fallen Officers

- Mrs. Beverly Razor, Louisville, KY

Invocation

- **Officer Brian Huff**, *Chaplain*, Gatlinburg Police Department

Presentation of Colors

- Gatlinburg Police Department Honor Guard

National Anthem

- **Naomi O'Shea**, *Dispatcher*, Sevierville Police Department

Welcoming Remarks

- **Ronnie Barrett**, *Chief of Police*, Gatlinburg Police Department
- **Nicole McNamee-Wicks**, FaceTec, Platinum Sponsor, Introduction to UR Codes
- **Beyond the Badge**: Code 3 Financial Health and Wellness Strategies, Gold Sponsor, The KFS Team, Kelly Financial Services, LLC.

9:20 AM- 9:40 AM

Break

Jeremy Thompson, Vice President, KACP and Chief of Police, Elizabethtown, KY

9:40 AM- 10:00 AM

Honorable Russell Coleman

Attorney General, Commonwealth of Kentucky

10:00 AM- 10:20 AM

Keynote Speaker

Honorable Todd Blanche

Acting Attorney General, United States Department of Justice

10:20 AM- 10:35 AM

Break

Day One Continued

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Alabama Executive Credit classes are indicated by ALEC
Georgia Executive Credit classes are indicated by GEAC

Room

10:35 AM – 12:05 PM

Responding and Investigating Hoax Bomb Threats and Swatting

- **Brian LaBlanc**, Supervisory Special Agent, FBI, Boston Field Office

Mills Auditorium

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Professional Ethics in Victims Services

- **Alejandro Palacios**, Victim Advocacy Training Manager, NOVA



VICTIM SERVICES
Track

Mills Room 2

12:05 PM – 1:30 PM

Lunch on your own

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Drug-Related Death Investigations

- **Lt. Josh Shaffer**, Knoxville Police Department

Mills Auditorium

Technology Safety for Victims of Crime

- **Alejandro Palacios**, Victim Advocacy Training Manager, NOVA



VICTIM SERVICES
Track

Mills Room 2

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Break

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Emerging Threats in Terrorism: Nihilistic Violent Extremeism

- **Max Wooten**, FBI Task Force Officer and Expert Investigator, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Mills Auditorium

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Emerging Topics in Victims Services Roundtable Discussion

- **John Hernandez**, Victim Witness Coordinator, U.S. Attorney's Office Middle District of Tennessee
- **Jenny Parker**, Victim Witness Coordinator, U.S. Attorney's Office Eastern District of Kentucky



VICTIM SERVICES
Track

Mills Room 2

6:30 PM

Networking Cookout at the Embassy Suites

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8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Room

Undercover Stressors, 1% Motorcycle Clubs, and Mental Health

Mills Auditorium

- **Scott D. Payne**, Retired (JTTF/Gangs/CEI, Undercover Coordinator, Principal Tactical/Active Shooter/Defensive Tactics Instructor) ALERRT Active Instructor and Former Deputy, Greenville County Sheriff's Office, South Carolina

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Break

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

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1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Safety Through Mental Health and Resilience

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- **Ret. Captain Brandon Post**, Provo, Utah Police Department, Valor Program

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Department of Homeland Security Resources, Programs, and Partnerships for Victims



VICTIM SERVICES
Track

Mills Room 2

- **Clarissa Whaley**, Victim-Witness Program Manager, U.S. Attorney's Office South Carolina
- **Robin G. Chapman**, DSW, LCSW, National Victim Assistance Manager, Homeland Security Investigations
- **Eia Richardson**, Victim Assistance Specialist, Homeland Security Investigations

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3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Break

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Cracking Cold Cases: How AI is Transforming Investigations

Mills Auditorium

- **Jim Penrose**, CEO, Tranquility AI

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The VINELINK.com Experience: Delivering Resources to All Victims!



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- **Brad Jeffries and Joyce Karrfalt**, Equifax Workforce Solutions

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Reception at the Embassy Suites

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8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Room

Tren de Aragua (TDA): A Brief History, Tactics, Techniques, Procedures, and Recent Activity

Mills Auditorium

- **Michael Walters**, *Special Agent in Charge*, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation

Helping the Helpers: Fostering resilience and reducing trauma in victim services professionals



VICTIM SERVICES
Track

Mills Room 2

- **Angela Moreland, Ph.D.**, *Associate Director*, National Mass Violence Center (NMVC)

9:30 AM – 10:45 AM

Leveling up your leadership, 1 Degree: by LIVING your legacy, not leaving one

Mills Auditorium

- **Chris Cowan**, *Executive Director*, Excellence in Policing and Public Safety Program at the University of South Carolina's Rice School of Law and *Director of Professional Development*, Jim Hudson Automotive Group. Former Chief of Police in Cayce, SC

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Trauma-Informed Victim Services and Interviewing



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Mills Room 2

- **Angela Moreland, Ph.D.**, *Associate Director*, National Mass Violence Center (NMVC)
- **Cassidee Carlson**, C3 Strategies, LLC.

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM

Break

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

From Chaos to Control: Critical Incidents and Officer Involved Shootings

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- **L. Scott Miller and Aaron Ann Cole**, L.S. Miller Law

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Victim Service Responses in Mass Violence Incidents



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- **Cassidee Carlson**, C3 Strategies, LLC.
- **Clarissa Whaley**, *Victim-Witness Program Manager*, U.S. Attorney's Office South Carolina

12:00 PM–1:30 PM

Lunch on your own

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1:15 PM – 2:30 PM

Room

Integrated Response: A Case Study of the Laguna Woods Mass Shooting

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- **Scott Dierdoff**, Orange County Fire Authority (SLATT Program)

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2:30 PM – 2:45 PM

Break

2:45 PM – 3:45 PM

The Impact of Transnational Organized Crime on National Cargo Theft Trends

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- **Steve Hall**, Supervisory Special Agent, National Insurance Crime Bureau

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

Inside the Digital Hunt for Darknet Child Sex Offenders

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- **Ryan Heethuis**, Investigative Analyst, United States Secret Service

4:45 PM – 5:00 PM

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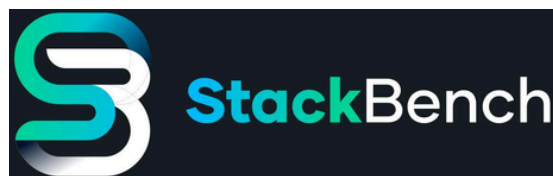
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