

8th Annual CSI Program, Department of Criminology, Regis University



FORUM SESSION 2: 10:30AM – 12:00PM

“High Profile Incident Communications and Command from the 911 Communications Center,” *presented by Michael Bedwell and Nanette Coats*

Being prepared and having a general plan in place to enable an emergency communication center successfully manage high profile events will be the focus of this forum. The series of steps taken and considerations made in managing high profile events and the lessons learned will be discussed.

“Lessons Learned on Managing the High-Profile Case: From Investigation to Sentencing; How to Not Only Survive, but Prevail,” *presented by Mr. Alvin LaCabe*; **“Prosecution of a High Profile Incident: Murder of Darrant Williams”** *presented by Tim Twining*

With regularity every jurisdiction will be faced with a case -- that for a variety of reasons -- causes intense media "coverage" and /or causes wide public attention and comment. When that case comes to you, how will you and your agency respond? Of course, the case will be scrutinized; additionally, and you and your agency will be under the microscope. How you and your agency respond, will shape opinions of the criminal justice system in your community, and the outcome of the case?

Mr. AI LaCabe, a former New Orleans police officer will examine the many pitfalls and solutions in managing a high-profile criminal prosecution. Tim Twining, a career prosecutor, will talk about his experiences in managing high-profile Denver cases, including his work on: a notorious Neo-Nazi capital murder case; the murders of police officers; and a highly-publicized murder of a professional athlete.

Topics and discussions will include:

- What can start the intense media coverage and public interest? How the police respond to the initial coverage

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- Limitations- ethical and strategic-on the prosecutor's responses to media and public inquiries
- Meetings with the victims' family and key witnesses
- Assessments of evidence and requests for additional investigation
- Keeping the police and prosecutors out of the spotlight
- Strategies in selecting a fair and impartial jury that will do the job, in the glare of cameras.
- Suggestions on how to protect witnesses
- Managing the media during the trial
- Suggestions on how to prepare for and address the drama during the trial.
- Outcomes and lessons learned of some high-profile Denver cases.

“Primary and Secondary Impacts of Violent Crime,” *presented by Ms. Barbara Lamanna*

The impact of violent crime is like a ripple effect that continues to spread from the initial victim at the micro level to the community at large at the macro level. This presentation will examine the primary impact of violent crime, beginning with the victim, to the secondary and tertiary impact of violent crime that reaches to the community. This impact will be explored from the initial law enforcement response to the impact of the criminal justice process and how those entities can affect the outcome of violent crime on both the victim and the community.

“Psychophysiological Effects of High Profile Incidents,” *presented by Dr. Roberta Mancuso*

This presentation will focus on the psychological and physiological effects of involvement in high profile incidents. Individuals who are directly and indirectly involved in these incidents, even those who simply witness the media circus caused by these events, can suffer serious and long-lasting consequences. In the presentation, the psychophysiology of trauma will be reviewed. Current research on the effects of trauma and strategies for healing after trauma will be discussed.

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"Regis Masterpiece Murder Mystery," *presented by Mike Fetrow*

This presentation will cover an actual murder investigation conducted and solved by the Denver Police Department Homicide Unit. Included within the presentation will be general information about the homicide, followed by a crime scene breakdown which will include the actions of the investigators and forensic crime scene unit. The case study will demonstrate the actions of investigators from the very beginning to the end of the case, as well as how it was finally solved. Active participation in this session is encouraged since this case will challenge attendee's investigative observations.

"Responding to High Profile Cases: A Coroner's Perspective," *presented by Mr. Matthew Lunn*

The lecture will focus on using a team approach when responding to high profile cases. Contemporary issues will be discussed including pre-planning, processing the scene as a team, common injury patterns, and post-incident management. Conference attendees will be shown case examples and the lessons learned from each.

"The Gift: A Survivor's Perspective," *presented by Allyson Garcia*

In this session, hear about Ally's journey through both the criminal and civil litigation processes regarding her case, and the healing process after being raped by her employer. By sharing her experience, Ally hopes to ignite social change and shift the attitudes associated with stigmas for survivors of rape. Additional topics include investigative procedures by law enforcement, health care processes, the court system, coping strategies, and healing.

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“Security issues and concerns in K-12 Education” *presented by Michael Eaton*

The following topics will be explored in this session:

- Social Media Revolution
- Denver Public Schools Safety and Security Overview
- Data analysis around school safety issues
- School Safe Initiative
- Bullying in the schools
- Threat assessments
- Partnerships with education
- Resources