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## Monday, March 31st

**7:30–8:15 Continental Breakfast**

**8:15–9:00 Welcome – Opening Remarks**

Roger Canaff – President, End Violence Against Women International  
The Honorable John W. Gillis – Director, Office for Victims of Crime

**Grand Ballroom A-B-C-D**

**9:00–9:15 Visionary Award**

Presented by: EAW International  
Presented to: Dr. Marc LeBeau

**Grand Ballroom A-B-C-D**

**9:15–10:15 Plenary I – Leading, Not Following: Media Management Strategies and the "Duke Case"**

Presented by: Anne Ream

**Grand Ballroom A-B-C-D**

Advocates estimate that sexual violence impacts one in four women and one in six men, and its "ripple effect" on our families, workplaces, and communities is profound and far-reaching. Yet many (though certainly not all) in the media continue to perpetuate damaging myths about rape, while "blaming the victim" in ways that have changed far too little since the early days of the anti-rape movement. Coverage of several recent high profile cases involving the charge of rape, most recently at Duke University, have been telling. Whatever the specifics of this case, the message sent was constant: women who come forward with rape charges should prepare to be put on trial, not only in the courtroom, but also in the court of public opinion, often via the media. For obvious reasons, these messages are damaging to victims of sexual violence. Yet the communal costs of such victim blaming media coverage is also profound when we consider those who are exposed to outdated, inaccurate messages: first responders, medical and health care professionals, service providers, policymakers, clergy members, employers, and of course potential jurors, who too often send perpetrators back into our community with minimum sentences. Initiating a strategic and creative dialogue with editors, journalists, and opinion shapers is critical to impacting media coverage. Placing opinion pieces of our own – and creating new media vehicles via the web and in the blogosphere – are also important steps. In becoming active participants in the development of more responsible coverage of sexual assault issues, we can reclaim the issue of sexual assault and begin to re-frame the dialogue surrounding it.

At The Voices and Faces Project we have developed a strategically model for media engagement that has allowed us to place pieces in mainstream media vehicles, generate heat in the blogosphere, and "control" content through our own much trafficked media vehicle, [voicesandfaces.org](http://voicesandfaces.org). Using our media work on the "Duke case" as an example, this workshop will provide practical tools for traditional media engagement and opinion piece placement, while exploring ways we can "lead, not chatter" in the online world.

**10:15–10:45 Break**

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**10:45–12:00**     **Plenary II – Grappling with Media Issues in Sexual Assault Coverage (Panel & Audience Discussion)**     **Grand Ballroom A-B-C-D**  
Facilitator: Katie Feifer  
Panel: Anne Ream, Steve Bush, Judy Benitez, Dave Cohen, Firuzeh Shokooh

Media coverage of sexual assault in general, and individual cases in particular, has powerful effects on public perceptions and attitudes. How potential jurors think and react; how willing witnesses are to get involved; how sexual assault survivors and their families respond; and how future survivors/victims' attitudes toward sexual assault are shaped are all impacted by what the media say and show. This panel of advocates, journalists and law enforcement will tackle some of the difficult and complex issues that arise when the media cover sexual assault. From this panel discussion and audience Q&A, attendees will gain a deeper understanding of: 1) Some of the difficulties in covering the issue of sexual assault and how to address those challenges; 2) effective strategies for engaging, responding to, and leading media coverage of sexual assault; 3) models for working successfully and collaboratively with media based on the intersecting interests of media, advocates and law enforcement.

**12:00–1:00**     **Lunch – Provided**

**Astor Ballroom I, II & III**

**1:00–2:30**     **Six Concurrent Break-Out Sessions**

### **Influencing Public Opinion: Why & How**

**Grand Ballroom A-B**

Presented by: Katie Feifer

Even after 35 years of legal and law enforcement advances designed to make our systems more responsive to sexual assault survivors, incidence, reporting, prosecution and conviction rates remain largely static. Partly to blame are public attitudes that have in some ways progressed little since the 1970s. Portrayals of rape victims in music, television and film perpetuate negative stereotypes. And the predominant opinion coming from the constant barrage of news and opinion surrounding high profile cases, from Kobe Bryant to Duke, do more of the same. The public “debate” on rape and sexual assault in our 24/7 blog and YouTube-filled world is lopsided.

It's in the best interests of law enforcement, prosecution, and victim advocates to shift public opinion in general and on specific cases, to let the “other side” of the debate be heard. Doing so can only make your job easier and your efforts more successful. However, when you're not a PR expert, don't have the budget or the time to get a story out, and it's not even part of your formal job description, how can you make an impact on public opinion that will ultimately make you more effective in your efforts?

### **The Intersection of Crimes of Personal Violence**

**Grand Ballroom D**

Presented by: Judy Benitez

Child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, workplace and school violence are all considered different “categories,” yet they often overlap. Practitioners need to understand the dynamics of each of these types of violent crime, the ways that they overlap and intersect, and the ways in which they are clearly different. Response systems often make an artificial separation of these crimes; the impact of this on victims will be discussed. Implications for victim service practice and policy will also be discussed.

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### **Engaging Bystanders to Intervene to Prevent Sexual Assault**

Iberville

Presented by: Alan Berkowitz

Sexual assault and other forms of violence will only end when all community members take responsibility for their prevention. This requires that passive bystanders who have the potential to intervene be provided with the skills and understanding that will help them be part of the solution. In this presentation, we will review theory and research on bystander behavior to help us understand why people don't intervene and what can be done to help them take responsibility for violence prevention. Stages of bystander behavior and reasons why people don't intervene are presented, along with intervention skills.

### **Effective Cognitive-Behavioral Interventions for Batterers**

Toulouse B

Presented by: Dr. Kenneth Robinson

A lecture and discussion exploring the dynamics and basic personality traits of clients who are batterers. Basic outcome research on the effectiveness of treating domestic violence perpetrators will be presented. The method of MRT® DV will be reviewed.

### **Beyond the Obvious: Interpretation of Injury and Dominant/Primary Aggressor**

Grand Ballroom C

Presented by: Lt. Mark Wynn

This lesson will guide the investigator/officer through the difficult cases of dual assault. It will provide a clear definition and understanding of probable cause, self-defense, interpretation of injuries and dominant/primary aggressor. The goal will be will to reduce the inappropriate dual arrests that frequently occur at the scene of domestic violence crimes.

### **Sexual Assault: Investigating and Responding to Difficult Cases – Part I**

Toulouse A

Presented by: Kim Lonsway & Joanne Archambault

*This is a two-part course ~ Part II is scheduled for Tuesday, April 1st, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.*

This workshop provides the opportunity for small groups of multidisciplinary professionals to analyze several difficult cases, with materials drawn from real investigative files of non-stranger sexual assault. Participation will be limited to 24 people, broken down into 4 groups of 6 workshop participants. To register for this 2-part workshop, conference participants must be willing to commit to:

- (1) participate in both sessions (Part I and II) and
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### 3:00–4:30 Five Concurrent Break-Out Sessions

#### **Understanding the Link between Domestic Violence and Stalking**

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Presented by: Lt. Mark Wynn

This course will cover the growing crime of stalking in domestic violence incidents. Topics such as; stalking personalities and behavior, the impact on victims, level of danger, establishing probable cause, investigative tactics, counter-measures and prevention and safety planning will be discussed.

#### **Investigating Sexual Assaults Involving Victims with High Risk Life Styles**

**Toulouse B**

Presented by: Detective Catherine Johnson

A variety of challenges exist conducting an investigation of sexual assaults of women engaged in high risk lifestyles such as prostitution, drug and alcohol abuse, and homelessness. Predators seek out women engaging in these lifestyles with the comfort of knowing a significant number of these women either won't cooperate with an investigation and many lack the credibility needed for trial. This lecture will explore high risk lifestyles and strategies for overcoming the obstacles these types of cases present.

#### **Sexual Assault: Virtual Training Takes Responders from the Exam Room to the Courtroom**

**Grand Ballroom A-B**

Presented by: Kristina Rose & Susan Williams

Panel: Joseph V. Henderson, Karen D. Carroll, Roger A. Canaff, Michael Weaver, Jim Markey

This panel will highlight a new interactive multimedia program titled, "Sexual Assault: Clinical and Forensic Management." Based on the National Protocol for Sexual Assault Forensic Exams, the goals of this program are to train health care professionals to perform a timely, well-done medical forensic examination that addresses patient concerns and minimizes trauma, while increasing the likelihood that evidence collected during the exam will aid in the sexual assault investigation and prosecution. A demonstration of the program will be provided. Discussions will focus on the development of the program, its potential for training and technical assistance, and its utility for SAFE's and others who are part of the sexual assault response team. Members of the multidisciplinary working group who provided advice and guidance in the development of the program will be on hand to discuss their role and how they see the program as a useful training tool for medical personnel, advocates, law enforcement, prosecutors, and forensic scientists. This project was funded by the National Institute of Justice and the Office on Violence Against Women at the U.S. Department of Justice.

#### **Developing a Comprehensive Approach to Prevention**

**Iberville**

Presented by: Alan Berkowitz

A comprehensive effort to prevent sexual assault requires coordination between policy and enforcement, victim support and advocacy, and education and prevention efforts. This session offers a picture of how a collaborative response might look and examines some of the barriers to comprehensive prevention. The goal of comprehensive prevention is to develop mutually reinforcing, synergistic intervention within policy, advocacy, and prevention domains. Examples from the drug prevention field of comprehensive prevention efforts are provided with suggestions for adapting these to higher education and communities.

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**Trial Advocacy for Advocates**

**Grand Ballroom D**

Presented by: Jennifer Long

This session will identify the different areas in which advocates can play a role in domestic violence and sexual assault prosecutions and offer strategies for helping to protect a victim's privacy, physical safety, and integrity. It will also help advocates prepare victims for the experience of participating in a criminal prosecution.

**5:00–6:00 Special Evening Session**

**Introduction to Secure Digital Forensic Imaging**

**Grand Ballroom D**

Presented by: Ward Allen

This extraordinary 60 minute event defines the intricate values of forensic digital pictures through the use of side-by-side on-screen sample comparisons and interactive classroom discussions including information about RAW files.

By defining the attributes of both "good" & "bad" digital pictures," forensic pictures can be analyzed, evaluated and judged instantly during a forensic examination. This objective evaluation should be used, on-site, to determine the need for additional pictures.

Examples of "focused and un-focused" pictures, "properly framed and poorly framed" pictures, "properly lighted and improperly lighted" pictures along with "overexposed, properly exposed, and underexposed" pictures will be compared and discussed openly.

Illustrations that show the unique relationship between "good & bad" pictures and the separately defined technical attributes of a digital picture will be shown. Examples that identify digital resolution, file compression, file types and overall quality will be presented, evaluated and described in understandable terms.

This course was specifically created for anyone capturing or handling SANE, SART or SAFE related still digital forensic pictures. It contains "must have" knowledge that can be applied to your forensic digital workflow process.

**5:30–6:30 Networking / Reception**

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**7:30 – 8:15 Continental Breakfast**

**8:15 – 8:30 Opening Remarks/Raffle**

**Grand Ballroom A-B-C-D**

**8:30 – 10:00 Plenary I – How Violence against Women and Girls Makes and Keeps Women Poor: Improving our Criminal Justice Response**

**Grand Ballroom A-B-C-D**

Presented by: Jody Raphael

For the past ten years, attorney, researcher, writer, and advocate Jody Raphael has studied how childhood sexual assault, domestic violence, and sexual assault work to keep women and girls poor in the United States, making the argument that good anti-poverty policy for women must have an anti-violence dimension. In her recently completed women, poverty, and violence trilogy, published by Northeastern University Press, she has used the stories of three Chicago women to illustrate how violence against women makes them poor and how dysfunctional coping strategies to that violence keep them poor.

Her work also illustrates, and this presentation will describe, how poorly conceived and uncaring criminal justice system responses to these low-income violence victims further entrap them and make their problems worse. Finally, she will describe how the stigmatization of women violence victims throughout their lives is perpetuated by the criminal justice system, preventing them from ever overcoming the effects of violence.

In her presentation, Jody Raphael will present her findings using the words of Bernice Haynes, Olivia Howard, and Tammy Johnson, the heroines of her trilogy.

Paperback copies of the books in the trilogy will be available after the presentation for sale and signing.

**10:00 – 10:30 Break**

**Grand Ballroom Gallery**

**10:30 – 12:00 Plenary II – Alcohol Facilitated Sexual Assault: From Science to Advocacy**

**Grand Ballroom A-B-C-D**

Presented by: Teresa Scalzo & Marc LeBeau

Voluntarily intoxicated victims present special challenges for prosecutors and investigators. Rather than focusing on the predator's use of intoxication as a tool, many investigators and prosecutors focus on explaining away the victim's choices and behaviors. Consequently, these cases are often not charged or are lost at trial. Many predators know of these challenges and prey upon voluntarily intoxicated victims. This lecture will offer strategies for winning alcohol facilitated sexual assault cases. The presenters will explain the toxicology of intoxication, how to use it in a case, and provide techniques for investigation and prosecution.

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**1:00 – 2:30 Six Concurrent Break-Out Sessions**

**Journalists and Advocates Learn Together: The Poynter/  
NSVRC Training Initiative**

**Toulouse B**

Presented by: Susan Lewis, Steve Bush & Firuzeh

This session will discuss goals, characteristics and the impact of a promising national, multi-year media training initiative developed and delivered by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) and the Poynter Institute. Some unique features of this training include the fact that pairs of journalists and advocates learn about sexual violence together in an extended week-long seminar. Woven throughout this session will be examples of the topics and questions that the first participants confronted, including some ongoing communications of challenging situations and different perspectives. The presentation will also include comments from a few participants of the first seminar, and offer information about the ongoing development of this project with its goal of moving toward more regional-based trainings and promoting greater sustainability.

**Law Enforcement Interviews Involving Persons with Mental Illness**

**Iberville**

Presented by: Detective Catherine Johnson

This lecture will address the different types of mental illness and the special challenges that may be present during a criminal investigation. Strategies to combat the challenges and successfully complete a case file will be discussed.

**Update on Crawford**

**Grand Ballroom D**

Presented by: Jennifer Long & Roger Canaff

This session will answer the question: "Is there life after Crawford, Davis & Hammon?" The presenter will discuss the rules of evidence and what has changed. The students will apply Crawford & Davis to a fact pattern and how they would handle Crawford & Davis challenges.

**Working with the Military and Reporting Restrictions**

**Grand Ballroom A-B**

Presented by: Russell Strand & Teresa Scalzo

Sexual Assaults can and do occur in every demographic profoundly affecting people in every walk of life - including the military. Victimization of men and women serving our nation is just as devastating and can be particularly overwhelming if the assault occurs in a combat environment. There are many barriers to reporting sexual assaults in military and civilian communities - for many of the same reasons. Military sexual assault victims often face additional barriers to reporting due to the nature of military culture, missions, and organizations. The Department of Defense, in coordination with military and civilian professionals, have developed and implemented many policies concerning the prevention, intervention, and investigation of sexual assaults. Among these implemented measures is a restricted reporting policy. This policy provides a restricted reporting option to military victims of sexual assault, and domestic violence. Federal, state, and local jurisdictions and helping professionals often work with military victims of sexual assault may have some confusion, concerns, or questions concerning the military restricted reporting options. This presentation will address the Department of Defense restricted reporting policies in a clear and concise manner. Restricted reporting policies will be reviewed and discussed using hypothetical and real-world examples. Participants will be encouraged to ask questions and engage in the discussion as well. The presenters will also provide tips for working with military victims and practical suggestions on working with military authorities responding to reports of sexual assaults.

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**The Nuts and Bolts of Improving the Criminal Justice Response to Victims of Violence**

**Grand Ballroom C**

Presented by: Jody Raphael

All too often, the criminal justice system's response to low-income victims of violence serves to further entrap them in poverty and violence. Part of the problem has been the unintended consequences of laws, policies and procedures, as well as the responses of perpetrators and communities that negate well-intentioned efforts. Importantly, stigmatization of women violence victims throughout their lives, a stigmatization perpetuated by the criminal justice system, makes it difficult for them to ever overcome the effects of violence.

As a follow-up to her plenary presentation on the subject, Jody Raphael will explore with participants the reasons that the criminal justice system in some instances has become part of the problem, the specific improvements that need to occur in the system to overcome this trapping effect, and why the system has been resistant to respond. Participants will be asked to share their specific experiences and lend their observations.

Participants will learn: The major current barriers to the criminal justice system responding adequately to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault; the reasons for these barriers and the role of stigmatization of victims; and Effective solutions.

**Sexual Assault: Investigating and Responding to Difficult Cases – Part II**

**Toulouse A**

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**Grand Ballroom Gallery**

**3:00 – 4:30 Five Concurrent Break-Out Sessions**

**Grand Ballroom A-B**

**Sexual Assault Victim Interviews - Beyond the Obvious**

Presented by: Russell Strand

Sexual assault victims undergo experiences most will never understand. Even survivors of sexual assault may not be able to fully appreciate the experiences of each and every victim.

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Traditional victim interview techniques sometimes actually do more harm than good. Professionals may inadvertently close down victim disclosure and build barriers to further disclosure, which may also increase the risk of future false recantations. Criminal justice personnel, healthcare providers, victim advocates, and other helping professionals who struggle with understanding victims of sexual assaults and their experiences will benefit from this session. This instruction has been designed to assist professionals in understanding how to conduct a better interview, ensuring justice, and providing much needed intervention to assist victims in dealing with the affects of these cruel violations. This presentation will address many of the disclosure obstacles facing victims and interviewers alike. Attendees will understand some of the basic, intermediate, and advanced issues and hidden factors surrounding the solicitation of information regarding the experiences of the victim. Providing victims with a sensitive and empathetic response is just the beginning. This session will offer practical methods in working with a victim of sexual assault going beyond "just the facts Ma'am" to truly understanding the trauma experienced by the victim. Training will also explore useful methods to assist professionals in obtaining the information and experiences of the victim needed for the proper investigation and intervention of reports of sexual assault. Special issues affecting victimization will also be discussed. This break-out session will include a practical exercise along with numerous examples and experiential segments to assist in the learning process.

**Surviving the Media and Making the Experience Work for You**

**Grand Ballroom C**

Presented by: Dave Cohen & Judy Benitez

Are you like so many others -- scared to death to do a media interview? You don't know if you can trust the reporter; you're not even sure you can trust *yourself* in an interview. If so, then you should plan to attend this workshop. Chief Karin Montejo (Miami-Dade Police Dept.) and Dave Cohen (San Diego Police Dept., retired) will provide you with tools that will boost your interview confidence and performance. You'll learn (1) the most common mistakes made in an interview, (2) how to avoid making those mistakes, and (3) how to use the interview opportunity to promote your organization.

**Sexual Assault and the Elderly Patient**

**Toulouse B**

Presented by: Diana Faugno and Dr. Michael Weaver

Over the next 50 years, the population age 85+ is expected to grow faster than any other age group. The graying of America brings us to this vulnerable population. The subject of sexual assault (SA) in the elderly is rarely addressed in studies of elder maltreatment and there is not much data on the sexual abuse of elders. One study reports that SA accounts for less than 1% of all elder mistreatment. The elderly are indeed a vulnerable population that is for the most part easily accessible. They are vulnerable because they are likely to live alone, lack the physical size and strength and have variable guardianship. They are at increased risk for sustaining serious injury from sexual assault because of increased genital tearing and bruising that never fully heals due to their own health. This lecture will review the literature for the past two years as well as provide statistics from one program in San Diego and the MAD data on elder sexual assault. Challenges to identifying Elder Sexual Abuse will be discussed as well as several cases presented of elder sexual assault and court outcomes. This session will increase the participant's knowledge about elder sexual assault.

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**Making a Difference (MAD) Data**

**Iberville**

Presented by: Kim Lonsway & Joanne Archambault

It is clear that sexual assault cases and victims are often viewed with suspicion – both by the general public as well as criminal justice and community professionals – and this is especially true for cases that do not resemble the cultural stereotype of “real rape.” The purpose of this session is to present data findings from a large-scale research project exploring whether this stereotype influences the processing, attrition, and outcomes of sexual assault cases – both within the criminal justice system and the larger community response.

The data presented in this session was recorded by professionals in 8 U.S. communities involved in the “Making a Difference” (MAD) Project with EAW International. With funding provided by a private foundation, these 8 communities have been involved with MAD Project over the course of 3 years. During that time, the communities have received various forms of training and technical assistance, and they have committed to collecting extremely detailed information on the characteristics of their sexual assault cases, as seen by 5 core disciplines: law enforcement, forensic medicine, prosecution, community-based victim advocacy (e.g., rape crisis centers) and system-based victim advocacy (e.g., Victim-Witness Assistance). In each of the 8 communities, professionals within these 5 core disciplines have recorded 3-4 pages of detailed information on thousands of sexual assault cases seen by their agencies during an 18-month period.

The research is therefore designed to evaluate whether the stereotypic features of “real rape” predict decisions made by law enforcement professionals and prosecutors, by orienting them “downstream” toward the judgments that are likely to be made by judges and/or jurors. The research will also explore whether this downstream orientation is evident at an even earlier stage, in the decisions that are made by victims themselves regarding whether or not to report to law enforcement and participate in any subsequent investigation and prosecution. Because data has been recorded by criminal justice professionals, health care providers, and victim advocates, the characteristics of sexual assaults that are reported to authorities can be compared with those known to community-based victim advocacy agencies (e.g., rape crisis centers), to understand how they might differ. Differences may reveal gaps in the services that are provided and identify needs for outreach to the most vulnerable and/or isolated victims within the community.

**Vine Protective Orders: New Tools for Victims’ Safety**

**Grand Ballroom D**

Presented by: Travis Fritsch

For victims of crime, notification and information regarding their offenders’ whereabouts can be both critical to their safety and absolute for their peace of mind. The VINE Protective Order® system is designed to inform and notify domestic violence and sexual assault victims of the service of their Order of Protection on the respondent. An overview of the VINE Protective Order system, current implementations, a system demonstration of VINE Protective Order, and new funding opportunities will be provided.

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**5:00 – 6:00 Evening Case SAFE Review (Open)**

**Toulouse B**

Facilitated by: Diana Faugno & Dr. Michael Weaver

Case review is one way practicing clinicians and other victim service professionals can share expertise, particularly regarding challenging or unusual cases. This session will provide participants the opportunity to share details of recent cases with colleagues in an informal setting. Participants are asked to bring case notes, de-identified medical records and photographs for presentation. Please note this session is open to all professions and not just health care providers.

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## Wednesday, April 2nd

**7:30 – 8:15 Continental Breakfast**

**8:15 – 9:45 Five Concurrent Break-Out Sessions**

**SART: Fundamentals for a Collaborative Response**

**Iberville**

Presented by: Heather Huhtanen

This workshop will address the fundamental components and essential elements needed in order to develop and to sustain a functioning Sexual Assault Response Team (SART). In January 2006 the Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force (Task Force) collaboratively developed and published a statewide SART Handbook with as many as 100 contributing individuals and six committees. The basis of this presentation comes from the lessons learned during the SART Handbook development process. The most notable lesson learned was the need for common ground, common language and a common goal. This in turn necessitated an examination of how history, culture, society, individual beliefs and the media are responsible for shaping our understanding of and response to sexual violence.

This is a lively and dynamic presentation that includes a pop culture media analysis and participant discussion.

**Community Policing Strategies to Prevent Domestic Violence**

**Toulouse A-B**

Presented by: Captain Pete Helein

This presentation will focus on law enforcement strategies that are designed to embrace the philosophy of community policing to reduce domestic violence. Community Policing is a philosophy of policing based on community empowerment, developing trust, earning respect, and cultivating relationships. Increasingly, police departments are transforming the way they do business. Community policing employs customer-based organizational strategies, partnerships, and problem-solving processes to reduce or prevent crime and to improve the community's quality of life.

Meeting the needs of domestic abuse survivors is a dynamic endeavor, unless you're moving ahead, you may find yourself falling behind. This presentation will focus on how communities can work together to empower each other to create and maintain dynamic coordinated community response teams that focus on meeting preventing violence. The goal of this session is to provide practical information that attendees can gain insight from and implement in their own jurisdictions.

While many law enforcement organizations continue to attempt to "protect and serve", successful law enforcement officers have embraced the reality that every new day represents an opportunity to find a better way to meet the dynamic needs of complex community.

**How to Improve your Investigation and Prosecution of Strangulation**

**Grand Ballroom A-B**

Presented by: Dr. Michael Weaver

This workshop is designed to provide participants with the background information and specific techniques that are needed to effectively investigate and prosecute strangulation cases. Discussion will cover the prevalence and lethality of strangulation, including the implications for both the medical and police response. Various types of strangulation will be defined, and



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participants will be provided with the tools to better identify the signs and symptoms among strangulation victims. The medical response to a strangled patient includes evaluation, examination, and disposition; each of these will be discussed. Suggestions will then be provided for effective documentation. The workshop will conclude with recommendations for building a successful case for successful prosecution, including tips for prosecutors, advocates, judges, probation officers, medical professionals, and local experts who can testify in court.

### **A Typology of Rapists – Part I**

**Grand Ballroom C**

Presented by: Gary Lowe

*This workshop will be presented in a Part I and Part II format on Wednesday, April 2, 2008. The first 90 minute workshop is from 8:15-9:45. The second follows the morning break from 10:15-11:45 AM. To be most effective, the audience should plan to attend both sessions.*

The presentation will provide an over view of a typology of adult rapists looking at the personality make up, social and sexual behavior, criminality, thinking processes, victim criteria, M.O., and motivations unique to each type. It will include relatively new information on the spousal rapist. The information provided in this workshop can be extremely useful for law enforcement officers when investigating rape. It is especially beneficial in setting up for interviews and interrogation of suspects.

### **Evidence Assessment, Interpretation and Case Impact**

**Grand Ballroom D**

Presented by: Joanne Archambault

Contrary to the stereotype of stranger danger, we know that someone known to the victim commits most sexual assaults, yet date rape, another common stereotype, accounts for only a small percentage of sexual assaults. In a study of 1,228 sexual assaults reported to the San Diego Police Department Sex Crimes Unit between 1994 and 1996, 70% of the acquaintance assaults were perpetrated by an acquaintance in a non-dating relationship with the victim.

Sex offenders rarely use weapons other than verbal threats and hands, or intoxicating substances, such as drugs and alcohol. Although few sexual assault victims require medical attention as a result of injuries suffered during the assault, in the same study, 46% of adolescents, and 55% of adults, suffered some form of non-genital injury, most commonly to the head, face or neck. Law enforcement and forensic examiners are often times so focused on the collection of evidence such as semen and trace, evidence most often used to identify an assailant, they overlook the subtle signs of force and injury such as scratches, fingerprint marks, a missing button from a blouse or the stretched elastic on a victim's panties, evidence that can be used to overcome a consent defense.

SANEs have significantly improved medical evidence collection following a sexual assault. For optimal impact on the criminal case, it is essential that law enforcement officers and prosecutors understand how to interpret and use the medical evidence obtained. It is also important for SANE programs to have a feedback procedure in place to obtain the results of the evidence they collect, so that they can continually improve their evidence collection process.

**9:45 – 10:15 Break**

**Grand Ballroom Gallery**

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**10:15 – 11:45 Five Concurrent Break-Out Sessions**

**Developing Protocols for Forensic Exams without Law Enforcement Involvement**

**Iberville**

Presented by: Heather Huhtanen

The Oregon Attorney General's Task Force was instrumental in getting House Bill 2154 signed into law on June 1, 2007, thereby making the state compliant with the new VAWA STOP requirements. Informally known as the "Forensic Evidence Preservation Bill," HB 2154, "...provides sexual assault patients with an opportunity to have the [forensic evidence kit] collected up to 84-hours post assault, regardless of their choice to report the assault to law enforcement." This workshop will review the issues raised, lessons learned and recommended policies developed by the Task Force related to the development and passage of the *Forensic Evidence Preservation Bill*.

**Seizing Firearms to Save Lives**

**Toulouse A-B**

Presented by: Captain Pete Helein

This presentation will provide an overview of the Federal Gun Control Act (18 U.S.C. §§922(g) (8) and 922(g) (9)), law enforcement's role in seizing weapons and the legal authority to take control of firearms through evidentiary/contraband, plain view, voluntary relinquishment and safekeeping. The presentation will also focus on gun and ammunition prohibitions imposed on those convicted of misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence, or those subject to a qualifying protection order.

Participants will learn what successful law enforcement agencies have done to implement simple, effective enforcement strategies in their jurisdictions. Enforcement strategies and promising practices will be incorporated into this presentation to encourage law enforcement agencies to consider new and creative ways to remove firearms from people that commit violent crimes. The goal of this session is to provide practical information that attendees can gain insight from and implement in their own jurisdictions.

**A Typology of Rapists – Part II**

**Grand Ballroom C**

Presented by: Gary Lowe

*This workshop will be presented in a Part I and Part II format on Wednesday, April 2, 2008. The first 90 minute workshop is from 8:15-9:45. The second follows the morning break from 10:15-11:45 AM. To be most effective, the audience should plan to attend both sessions.*

The presentation will provide an over view of a typology of adult rapists looking at the personality make up, social and sexual behavior, criminality, thinking processes, victim criteria, M.O., and motivations unique to each type. It will include relatively new information on the spousal rapist. The information provided in this workshop can be extremely useful for law enforcement officers when investigating rape. It is especially beneficial in setting up for interviews and interrogation of suspects.



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**Wednesday, April 2nd**

**The Prosecutor’s Role in Protecting the Sexual Assault Victim**

**Grand Ballroom A-B**

Presented by: Anne Munch

The majority of sexual assault cases against adult victims are unreported in the U.S. Reasons include the victims’ concern that coming forward will disrupt their privacy, allow defense attorneys to pry into their prior sexual histories, and result in their being stereotyped and blamed for the crime. If we are to effectively hold offenders accountable for the offenses they commit against sexual assault victims, prosecutors and courts must provide mechanisms for safety and privacy in the criminal justice process. This session will examine issues such as rape shield protections, confidential psychological and medical records, and other strategies for protecting the integrity of the victim in the trial process.

**Teens & Technology: Victims of Violence in a Virtual World**

**Grand Ballroom D**

Presented by: Sarah Tucker

This session will address how teens and young adults are using social networking sites and what we all need to know about the newest cyberworlds. Do you know how to safety plan around social networking sites like MySpace, Facebook, Second Life, or online dating or alumni sites? Are you prepared to share safety tips about using email, posting to a blog, instant messaging, or sharing music or photos online? Learn about all this and more as we dive into the virtual world.

**11:45 – 12:45 Lunch – Provided**

**Astor Ballroom I, II & III**

**12:45 – 1:00 Comments/Housekeeping/Raffle**

**1:00 – 2:15 Plenary I – The Influence of Media and Public Opinion on High Profile Sexual Assault Cases: People vs. Kobe Bryant**

**Grand Ballroom A-B-C-D**

Presented by: Anne Munch & Claudia J. Bayliff

When the state obtains evidence and charges a high profile person with sexual assault, the case is subject to influences of the media and public opinion at levels that far exceed other kinds of criminal cases. Factors such as gag orders, the expression of public opinion and the intense media coverage affect the prosecution of cases and result in extreme levels of pressure on victims and witnesses. These issues will be examined as they manifested themselves in the prosecution of People v. Kobe Bryant.

**2:15 – 2:45 Break**

**2:45 – 4:15 Plenary II – Violence Against Women Goes High Tech**

**Grand Ballroom A-B-C-D**

Presented by: Sarah Tucker

Like many criminals, perpetrators of stalking and other forms of violence against women are often ahead of the curve on the use of technology. This session will detail how offenders are misusing technology to terrorize their victims, and how survivors can use technology to access safety and support. Sarah Tucker will draw from many survivor experiences to illustrate the safety risks and benefits of phone, imaging, mapping, Internet, and computer technologies including webcams, Global Positioning Systems (GPS), email, TTY, computer histories, wireless networks, PDAs and SpyWare.

**4:15 – 4:30 Closing Remarks/Raffle**

**Grand Ballroom A-B-C-D**