

# COMPASS

*Moving Forward Together*

## Recognizing Missing Children's Day 2025

Since 1983, the Department of Justice has commemorated Missing Children's Day by honoring the heroic and exemplary efforts of agencies, organizations, and individuals to protect children and make child safety a priority. The National Criminal Justice Training Center is proud to continue its long history of providing support for this important event. On May 22, 2025, the National Missing Children's Day Commemoration was held at the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, DC.

NCJTC extends its most sincere congratulations to Jax S., a 5th grade student from Ohio, who won the National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest out of 1,000+ submissions across the United States.



## Upcoming Training Opportunities

- ✓ **911-Telecommunicators and Missing & Abducted Children**  
June 3 | Crossville, TN | [REGISTER HERE](#)
- ✓ **Child Sex Trafficking Investigations: Strategies to Increase Prosecutions of Traffickers of Missing Children**  
June 11-12 | Bloomsburg, PA | [REGISTER HERE](#)
- ✓ **Initial Response Strategies and Tactics When Responding to Missing Children Incidents**  
June 12 | Live Online | [REGISTER HERE](#)  
July 18 | Chantilly, VA | [REGISTER HERE](#)
- ✓ **Following the Evidence in Child Abuse and Child Exploitation Cases**  
June 18-19 | Live Online | [REGISTER HERE](#)  
July 23-24 | Live Online | [REGISTER HERE](#)
- ✓ **Child Abuse: From Suspicion to Disclosure**  
July 29 | Live Online | [REGISTER HERE](#)

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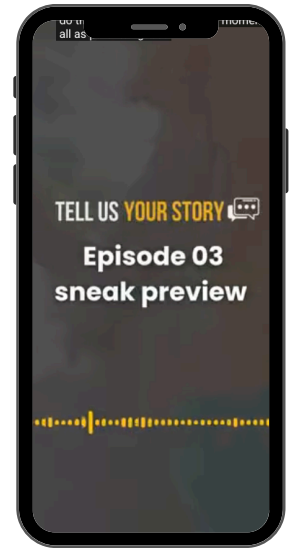
# NCJTC Impact

## Tell Us Your Story - Episode 03 Sneak Peak

*The new episode will be released in June!*

What would you do if a 5-year-old vanished on your shift? A missing child call is every investigator's nightmare, but the agency featured in **Episode 03** of **Tell Us Your Story** wasn't caught off guard. In this episode, you'll see how coordinated training and strong inter-agency partnerships led to a safe recovery within hours in one Iowa community.

[Watch this](#) sneak preview and don't forget to [subscribe to our YouTube channel](#) for all episodes in the series, plus training tips, behind-the-scenes insights, and exclusive content for criminal justice professionals.



[Read the Report](#)



## Annual Impact Report

**Did you hear? We launched our 2024 NCJTC Impact Report!**

As a valued partner in our mission to enhance public safety and strengthen communities, your support and collaboration have been essential to our progress.

### Inside the review:

- Innovations in public safety training delivery
  - Criminal justice training growth and impact by the numbers
  - Success stories and new collaborative partnerships
  - Key work with tribal and under-resourced communities
- ...and more!

## Ready to make your own Impact?

Join us August 19-21 in Green Bay, WI for the **Wisconsin Serving Victims of Crime Conference**

Provide participants with the knowledge and tools to better serve victims of crime. The goal of this conference is to provide examples of positive victim assistance programs as well as resources for multidisciplinary approaches to serving victims of crime. Attend this conference to build upon your services and systems to best fit the needs of our communities.

To learn more, view the full schedule and register, click [HERE](#)



# What's New at NCJTC?

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THE KNOW!

## Innovation-in-Action!

A Successful Week 1 of the **Law Enforcement Liaison Academy** pilot session!

Our NCJTC team has been busy for the past several months in collaboration with Johns Hopkins University to **create** an academy to provide standardized training for Law Enforcement Liaisons (LEL) across the country. Through research done early on in the project, a need was identified to expand training opportunities for LELs and so we're proudly piloting a hands-on, 3-week training academy designed to educate LELs about the latest trends and information on traffic safety and traffic safety enforcement. The week of May 5-9<sup>th</sup> we hosted training attendees and collaborative partners from across the country at the Public Safety Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College to kick off week 1 of 3 within the pilot training program!



### In partnership with:

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA), Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and Johns Hopkins Center for Injury Research and Policy

## AMBER Advocate

The AMBER Alert Training & Technical Assistance Program (AATTAP) is pleased to share with you the [62nd edition](#) of The AMBER Advocate magazine. Our Spring 2025 issue includes:

- ✓ **Team AMBER 2025—Top Takeaways:** Hundreds of child protection professionals recently gathered in D.C. for the 2025 AMBER Alert & AMBER Alert in Indian Country Symposium. We highlight dozens of compelling ideas and resources shared at the event, plus feature even more content and photos [online](#).
- ✓ **Triumph Amid Tragedy:** Minnesota's first Tribal AMBER Alert—resulting in the safe recovery of 3-year-old Ethan Stately—underscores the vital role that partnering agencies, and the public, play in recovering missing children.
- ✓ **Take 5 With TBI's AAC:** In the past five years AMBER Alert Coordinators have seen numerous investigative and technological changes, ones leading to progress—and new challenges. Shelly Smitherman, longtime AAC for the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, discusses this and more.
- ✓ **News about AMBER Alert and other endangered missing persons work** being done across the U.S., within Indian Country, and across the world.



Find this issue—plus numerous learning opportunities, resources and more!

[AMBERAdvocate.org](https://www.AMBERAdvocate.org)

## Did You Know?

### June is Internet Safety Month

#### *Keeping Children Safe on the Internet*

Since the spring of 2022, there has been a significant increase in cases of Financial Sextortion, where offenders obtain explicit content from a victim and demand money or gift cards to prevent the content from being shared with the victim's family, friends, and peers. This crime of extortion frequently perpetrated by organized crime groups in Nigeria or the Ivory Coast, targets young males through various social media using fake female profiles. The commonality of sexting among youth is greatly increasing the danger of falling prey to this crime and these organized crime groups. Victims of this crime are desperate to stop the offender from sharing their content, some paying large amounts of money, and yet the offender will continue to ask for more. Sadly, some became so desperate that they saw no way out of this situation and committed suicide.



Check back throughout the month of June for resources and tips on Internet Safety

## Upcoming Technology Related Training

### [Mobile Device Investigations](#)

June 18-20 | Daytona Beach, FL  
October 6-8 | Doylestown, PA

### [Internet of Things: Criminal Investigation Considerations](#)

June 24 | July 16 - ONLINE

### [Internet of Things: Privacy Concerns: What Communities Need to Know](#)

June 25 | July 17 - ONLINE

### [Criminal Connections: Child Exploitation Material and Child Sexual Abuse](#)

September 8-9 | Kenosha, WI  
November 17-18 | Centennial, CO

### [Beyond Google - Discovering Online Resources in Investigations](#)

September 29-30 | Doylestown, PA

### [Protecting Children in a Digital Age](#)

November 12 | January 6, 2026 - ONLINE

[VIEW ALL!](#)



## National Days & Weeks Recognized in May

- ▶ National Corrections officers' Week | May 4 - 10
- ▶ National Police Week | May 11 - 17
- ▶ Peace Officers' Memorial Day | May 15
- ▶ National Mental Health Prevention Week | May 11 - 17
- ▶ National Missing Children's Day | May 25

Join us every month as we celebrate and recognize the dedication of criminal justice professionals and their lasting impact on the safety and well-being of our communities.



# NCJTC in the News

## AMBER Alert in Indian Country - featured in Navajo News Online

*Our AMBER Alert in Indian Country TTA team collaborated with the Missing and Murdered Diné Relatives (MMDR) Task Force to provide training across the Navajo Nation.*

At the end of April, members of our AMBER Alert in Indian Country (AIIC) team, David Chewiwie and Amy Hood-Schwindt led a presentation for the *Missing and Murdered Diné Relatives (MMDR) Task Force* to focus on available tools and resources that the Navajo Nation can use in response to cases involving missing Indigenous children.

"We cannot address the crisis of missing and murdered Diné relatives without equipping our communities with the right tools, training, and partnerships. This presentation is not just a resource — it's a commitment to action, to justice, and to protecting our children and families," Amber Kanazbah Crotty, Chair of the MMDR Task Force shared with [Native News Online](#). Learn more about NCJTC'S longstanding commitment and emphasis on providing training and technical assistance to rural, Tribal and underserved communities [here](#).

## Recognizing #MMIP Day | May 5, 2025



May 5<sup>th</sup> was National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Day - national call to action to end violence against Indigenous communities and to support the families and communities affected by the MMIP crisis, especially women & girls. [Click here](#) for insights from NCJTC Program Manager, Tyesha Wood on what this day means, and learn more about how we're confronting the MMIP/MMIWG crisis through support.

## An Award-Winning Short Film

NCTJC - AIIC Associate Jen Murphy helped produce an award-winning short film that turns a lens on the MMIP/MMIW crisis. [Read more](#) in the AMBER Advocate and watch the film now streaming on Omeleto.



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