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NCJTC June Event Recap

We held our 17th annual School Resource Officer Training Conference in Appleton, WI to kick off the month of June. This year's event brought over 230 SROs together - united by a shared commitment to creating safer schools and stronger communities.

2025 SRO by the #'s



230+

Attendees - from nearly 150 different agencies and organizations

28

Presenters who are leading experts in school safety, technology, youth victimization, and more.

20

Interactive break-out sessions & workshops on critical topics

06

Expert-led plenaries

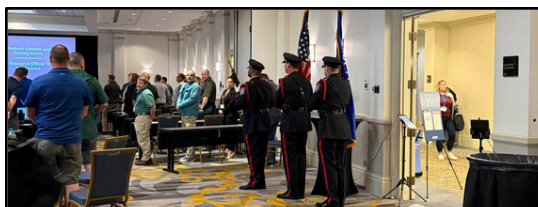


Key Partner Recognition

Conference Sponsor



Presentation of Colors and Opening Remarks



Exhibitors



We appreciate the Appleton Police Department (APD) Honor Guard for leading the Presentation of Colors, and APD Police Chief, Polly Olson for sharing our Day 1 opening remarks.

2026 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

June 9 - 11, 2026 in Appleton, WI

Learn more and register [HERE](#).



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7:00 am - 5:00 pm CT (M - F)



June 18, we kicked off an impactful and informative 3- day conference in Appleton, WI - our Wisconsin Law Enforcement Administrative Professionals Conference (LEAP). 2025 welcomed 195 attendees from 160 different agencies and organizations nationwide.

On the final day of the conference, we had the privilege of honoring individuals who embody the values of dedication, service, and excellence in the field. The ceremony highlighted the incredible impact made by those who go above and beyond in support of their teams and communities. We are proud to recognize this year's outstanding award recipients and share a glimpse of their accomplishments.



Stacy Schmeling
2025 Law Enforcement
Administrative Professional
of the Year Award

Nominated by Chief Patrick Mitchell of the West Allis Police Department, Stacy Schmeling was honored as this year's Administrative Professional of the Year.

With nearly 30 years of service, Stacy has consistently gone above and beyond—managing critical functions like payroll, FMLA, and Worker's Compensation with exceptional professionalism and care.



Teresa Berger - Recipient of the
2025 Beth Jasiak Community
Service Award

Nominated by Shane Heiser, Special Agent in Charge with the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Teresa Berger was honored with the 2025 Beth Jasiak Community Service Award. As a Program & Policy Analyst, Teresa has gone above and beyond in her service - managing the statewide ACISS records system, supporting law enforcement across the state, and using her bilingual skills to strengthen community trust.

Teresa's professionalism, attention to detail, and willingness to go above and beyond (whether mentoring peers, managing digital evidence, or training new staff) has made her an invaluable resource and respected leader. Her commitment to excellence exemplifies the spirit of this award.



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2025 WI-LEAP by the #'s

24

years holding the
LEAP Conference

195

attendees from 160
agencies nationwide

12+

Expert Presenters who led 7
plenaries, 6 breakout sessions
and Q&A panels

17

States represented, with
attendees coming from as
far as Alaska!



A sincere thank you to NCJTC's LEAP Conference Committee for your leadership, time, and thoughtful planning that made the 2025 event a success.

From behind-the-scenes planning to event-day coordination, raffles, session support and more...your efforts created a meaningful experience for all who attended!



Thank you to our generous conference
sponsors: Wisconsin Chiefs of Police
Association and Aramark

NEW LOCATION!
2026 Registration is NOW OPEN

June 17 - 19, 2026 | Onalaska, WI
[Secure your seat today!](#)

Mark Your Calendars!

There's still time to register for our 2025 Wisconsin Serving Victims of Crime Conference in Green Bay, WI (Aug 19 - 21).

Learn more about this [conference](#) and our [Keynote Speakers](#), Rick and Erin Rachwal, who tragically lost their 19-year-old son, Logan, to a fentanyl poisoning on Valentine's Day, 2021.



Rick and Erin Rachwal

Our 2026 Conference calendar has been set!

[Solving Crimes Through Emerging Technologies Conference](#)

January 13 - 15 | Las Vegas, NV

[Court Safety and Security Conference](#)

March 24 - 26 | Appleton, WI

[National Missing and Unidentified Persons Conference](#)

April 21 - 23 | Las Vegas, NV

[School Resource Officer Training Conference](#)

June 9 - 11 | Appleton, WI

[WI Law Enforcement Administrative Professionals Training Conference \(LEAP\)](#)

June 17 - 19 | Onalaska, WI



Upcoming Training Opportunities

[Creating a Community Action Plan for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse](#)

August 6 - 7 | Live Online

[911-Telecommunicators and Missing & Abducted Children](#)

August 11 | Tulsa, OK

[Public Information Officers and Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies Webinar](#)

August 14 | 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm CT

[Digital DNA at the Crime Scene: Leveraging Mobile Signals to Uncover the Truth Webinar](#)

September 3 | 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm CT

[Child Sex Trafficking: From Suspicion to Disclosure](#)

September 4 | Live Online

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

September 8 - 9 | Kenosha, WI

November 17 - 18 | Centennial, CO

[Fire and Explosion Related Death Investigations](#)

September 8 - 9 | Carlsbad, NM

[Conducting Unexplained Child Death Investigations](#)

October 7 - 10 | Colorado Springs, CO

[NCJTC Death Investigation Academy](#)

September 15 - 19 | Fargo, ND

December 8 - 12 | Bow, NH

For all training dates, visit ncjtc.org/training.

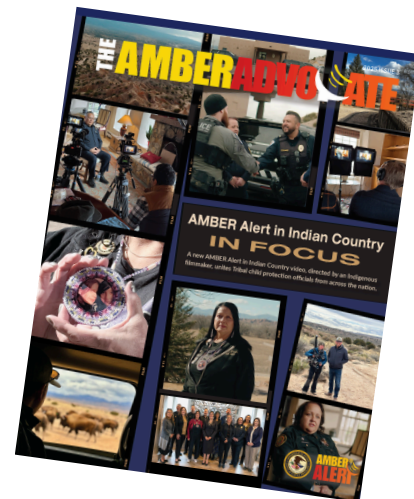
What's New at NCJTC?

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THE KNOW!

NEW Edition of the AMBER Alert Advocate

The AMBER Alert Training & Technical Assistance Program (AATTAP) is happy to introduce the [63rd edition](#) of The AMBER Advocate magazine. Our Summer 2025 issue includes:

- **Help, Unity & Hope in Focus:** Three new AMBER Alert in Indian Country videos highlight the value of AMBER Alert plan implementation, multijurisdictional collaboration, and response preparedness in Tribal communities.
- **Mission Rescue:** A groundbreaking rescue operation in Upstate New York locates more than 60 missing children
- **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 — at AMBERAdvocate.org.

“Voices of AMBER Alert in Indian Country” series

Bridge the gap: Implementing AMBER Alert plans in Indian Country plans comes with unique challenges: jurisdictional rights, infrastructure and resources limitations, crime reporting complexities, the need for cultural understanding, and multiagency collaboration.

AATTAP's AMBER Alert in Indian Country (AIIC) initiative is a bridge meant to overcome such issues—and this subject is at the core of our ongoing series, “Voices from AMBER Alert in Indian Country.”

Watch our [three new videos](#) that feature insights from law enforcement leaders from across the nation.

*The compelling endeavor, filmed in New Mexico by the Indigenous-led film company **Bravebird**, focuses on “opening eyes, finding resources and forming lasting partnerships to ensure every person matters,” says Janell Rasmussen, Director of the National Criminal Justice Training Center and Administrator of the AMBER Alert Training & Technical Assistance Program (AATTAP).*

“We all have a role to play in protecting our children. By working together, we can ensure that every community in Indian Country has the resources and support they need to implement AMBER Alert effectively.”

JANELL RASMUSSEN
Director, National Criminal Justice Training Center
Administrator, AMBER Alert Training & Technical Assistance Program

AMBER ALERT
IN INDIAN COUNTRY

“Be part of a brighter future for your community and its youngest, most vulnerable members.”

For other impactful stories and resources, visit AMBERAdvocate.org



NCJTC Impact

Tell Us Your Story - Episode 03

Each episode of our Tell Us Your Story series is short, yet powerful (~10 minutes long), and is designed to showcase our customers' stories and impact. Don't miss the opportunity to learn from those who face similar challenges in public safety – [check out this 30-second glimpse of Episode 03!](#)

In this powerful snippet from our Tell Us Your Story impact series, Adam DeCamp, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Criminal Investigation with [Iowa Department of Public Safety](#) shares key insights on the most crucial elements of missing children investigations, and how it helped his team and other agencies recover a missing 5-year old, within hours of the first report. Learn what makes the difference when every second counts.

To view the **full video on August 4** - please [SUBSCRIBE](#) to the NCJTC YouTube channel.



NCJTC will be heading to Dallas next week for the 37th annual Crimes Against Children Conference. We will have a resource booth, so be sure to stop by and meet our team.

We are proud to have several of our NCJTC staff and Associates selected to lead forums and training breakouts throughout the conference on key topics like forensic interviewing, navigating delayed disclosure, investigating and prosecuting child exploitation cases, IoT trends, legal issues in death investigations, cross border abductions and more.



Visit the [#CACC2025 event app](#) for session details!



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