

# COMPASS

*Moving Forward Together*



## YEAR IN REVIEW

Take a look back at NEW opportunities in 2025

**11** Classroom Trainings

**7** Self-paced Trainings

**11** Webinars

**5** Community of Practice Sessions  
9 more in 2026

[View ALL Training Opportunities](#)

## THE YEAR IN PHOTOS!



TELL US  
YOUR STORY

**3** Interviews

[Listen to their Stories](#)

THESE POWERFUL INTERVIEWS ARE:



Video format - highlighting an agency, tribe or individual's story



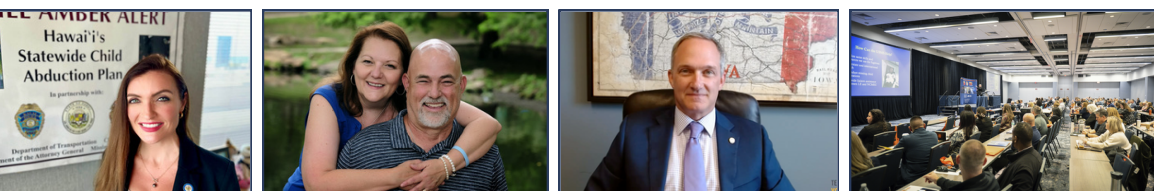
Case-study write-up with added details on case/outcomes, training taken, etc.



Their stories, in their own words.

**~10 min**

Videos are SHORT, making for easy viewing & actionable insights



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**ACT NOW**

**FINAL Opportunity to Register!**

**2026 Solving Crimes Through Emerging Technologies Conference**

January 13 - 15, 2026 | Las Vegas, NV  
Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino

**What you'll gain**

- **Understand** how connected devices produce legally relevant data.
- **Learn** methods for discovering, preserving, and interpreting tech-based evidence.
- **Harness technology** to solve crimes faster.

**LEARN MORE & REGISTER**

[ncjtc.org/emergingtech](https://ncjtc.org/emergingtech)

**Your Devices Are Talking & Sharing — Are You Listening?**

# What's Happening at NCJTC?

## PILOT Training Opportunity in Appleton, WI

In December, we rolled out a brand-new, intensive 3-day, in-person training!

**Advanced Strategies for Investigating and Prosecuting Domestic Violence** brought together 37 professionals, 12 of them joining us from U.S. Virgin Islands.

Over the past few days, participants engaged in expert-led discussions and real-world case studies focused on advanced investigative strategies, victim support, risk assessment, and courtroom preparation. The attendees came away with knowledge of:

- Strong cases start early with intentional evidence collection
- Effective strategies for working with non-cooperative victims matter
- Practical courtroom preparation improves confidence and results
- And much more!

Thank you to our subject matter experts Robert Kaiser and Todd Curtis for your dedication to this important work.

## Looking to enhance your response?

Couldn't make the Pilot? Join us in Nashville, February 11-13! Seats are filling fast - [Register TODAY!](#)



## FL ICAC Conference

2025 marked the 13<sup>th</sup> year of the FL ICAC Conference—and we're proud to be part of it.

Hosted by the Florida ICAC Task Forces, along with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Child Abduction Response Team (CART) and Sexual Offender Registration and Enforcement, this event has grown from a few hundred attendees to more than 1,000 investigators and prosecutors dedicated to combating technology-facilitated crimes against children.



Great connections made with NCJTC employees  
Sarah Southworth and Genevieve Croasdale

# 2026 Events

## NCJTC CONFERENCES

**LAST  
CHANCE**

### Solving Crimes Through Emerging Technologies Conference

[January 13 - 15, 2026 | Las Vegas, NV](#)

### Court Safety and Security Conference

[March 24 - 26, 2026 | Appleton, WI](#)

### National Missing and Unidentified Persons Conference

[April 21 - 23, 2026 | Las Vegas, NV](#)

### School Resource Officer Training Conference

[June 9 - 11, 2026 | Appleton, WI](#)

### WI Law Enforcement Administrative Professionals Training Conference (LEAP)

[June 17 - 19, 2026 | Onalaska, WI](#)

### Serving Victims of Crime Conference

[August 18 - 20, 2026 | Appleton, WI](#)

**Power Up Your 2026 —  
Register Today for a  
High-Impact Conference**



## Still time left to register for these LIVE Webinars

### Innovative Use of Rapid DNA in Investigations | [February 11](#)

This webinar will provide information for all stakeholders to further mass fatality incidents, human identification cases, and certain missing person investigations. The webinar and subsequent conference plenary session will focus on Rapid DNA technology as an important forensic tool that has significantly influenced the process of addressing mass fatality incidents, and other similar types of investigations. There will be a mix of lecture and case study with briefs on the Palisades and Maui Fire cases. This webinar will briefly cover the different ways agencies use Rapid DNA and a new innovative program from ANDE for agencies that want to use it, but do not currently own the technology.

## Tribal Responses to Alcohol and Substance Misuse Webinar Series - January 2026

The National Criminal Justice Training Center (NCJTC) of Fox Valley Technical College, in collaboration with our Tribal Training and Technical Assistance partners invite you to join the Tribal Responses to Alcohol and Substance Misuse Webinar Series, funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

This free series highlights current trends in fentanyl and opioid misuse and impact on tribal communities along with culturally driven response strategies in promoting healing and long-term recovery.

**This series is approved by U.S. DOJ.**

**Opioids and Fentanyl Update | [January 13](#)**

**Providing Treatment Responses that Lead to Long Term Recovery in Tribal Court  
[January 21](#)**

**Addressing Recovery through Comprehensive Treatment Services | [January 22](#)**

**Traditional Medicine: Accessing our Heritage to Support Healing for Our Relatives in Treatment  
[January 27](#)**



# THANK YOU

## To you, our valued customers and collaborative partners:

As the year comes to a close, we want to extend our sincere gratitude to the professionals, partners, and communities we serve. Your commitment to public safety, justice, and service makes a meaningful difference every day, and we are honored to support you through training, collaboration, and shared purpose.

Thank you for being part of our journey this year. On behalf of the NCJTC staff and associate cadre, 300+ strong and growing, we wish you a safe, restful, and joyful holiday season. We look forward to continuing our work together in the year ahead.



**Bradley Russ**  
Executive Director  
National Criminal Justice Training Center



NCJTC is dedicated to developing new programs and resources to meet the constantly evolving needs of the criminal justice communities we serve. In addition to an array of scheduled regional training events, NCJTC stands ready to assist you in hosting technical assistance and other programmatic support activities important for your community.



NCJTC offices will be closed in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays, December 24 - January 2.

We will be back to serve you in the new year on Monday, January 5, 2026.



## Did You Know?

We can come directly to YOUR facility to [host](#) our most highly-sought after training courses!



Did you miss the last issue of the NCJTC Compass? [Read the November issue!](#)



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