

COMPASS

Moving Forward Together



Episode 4 is LIVE

How quickly can training change the outcome of a case? For Detective Sgt. Brian Barber, the answer was 3 days.

For Detective Sergeant Barber, the job is about more than investigations—it's about advocacy. As a member of the City of Erie Police Department's Major Crimes Unit, he focuses on crimes against children, including sex offenses, abuse cases and unexplained child deaths. For the past four years, he and one other detective have worked out of the Erie County Children's Advocacy Center, alongside forensic interviewers and child protective services professionals, as part of a multidisciplinary team built around one goal: protecting children.

Child abuse investigations are among the most challenging cases—but they are critical to protecting communities and pursuing justice. Hear how one investigator carries that responsibility while managing more than 500 cases each year.

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TELL US YOUR STORY



"These are the most vulnerable victims. A lot of times with children under four, they aren't even able to communicate. You are advocating for somebody who really can't advocate for themselves."

- Detective Sergeant Barber

Has NCJTC training played a role in your work? Want to be featured in one of our 2026 episodes? We'd love to hear about it!

It's Time to Share YOUR Story

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FINAL CALL

Don't Miss NCJTC at our June Conferences

School Resource Officer Training Conference
June 9-11 | Appleton, WI

Join law enforcement and school personnel to address school violence and youth victimization through prevention and response strategies. Review lessons learned from case studies, examine trauma's impact on youth, explore current trends in social media and substance abuse, and discuss effective prevention and intervention programs.

[Learn more and Secure Your Spot](#)

WI Law Enforcement Administrative Professionals Training Conference (LEAP)

June 17-19 | Onalaska, WI

Join other administrative professionals, executive assistants, and support personnel from criminal justice and other governmental agencies to discuss relevant topics focused on improving communication, enhancing skills, and fostering community outreach.

[Learn more and Secure Your Spot](#)

Upcoming at NCJTC

AMBER Alert Training Webinars

Enduring the Unseen - Vicarious Trauma | June 24

Child abduction cases often expose investigators to the most disturbing aspects of human behavior. Repeated exposure to sexual exploitation, abuse, and victimization does not end when the case file is closed; it accumulates and can have lasting effects on those assigned to these investigations. This webinar instructor is a PhD researcher, a retired law enforcement investigator, and the current chair of a community college criminal justice department. Join him as he examines original research on vicarious sexual trauma among officers who investigate sex crimes, including documented psychological, emotional, and behavioral impacts. [Learn more and Register](#)

AMBER Alert Law Enforcement Field Guide: Policy and Practice Updates | June 25

The AMBER Alert Field Guide for Law Enforcement Officers provides a structured framework for the critical early stages of response, from call intake and patrol coordination to NCIC entry and AMBER Alert activation. The webinar will outline best practices for investigative follow-through, lead and tip management, CART deployment, organized search operations, volunteer oversight, family interaction, and strategic media coordination. It will examine evolving trends in AMBER Alert activations, including tip volume management, multi-jurisdictional coordination, and the expanding role of digital and social media in recoveries. [Learn more and Register](#)

2-Part IoT Webinar Series in September

Internet of Things (IoT): Maximizing Persuasion: Creating Powerful Visuals and Multimedia for the Courtroom

Join this two-part webinar to master the art of building impactful courtroom visuals, including interactive chalks, dynamic exhibits, and multimedia presentations. Learn how to effectively incorporate digital evidence from diverse sources—such as IoT devices, cell phones, computers, and cloud platforms—into your trial strategy.

[September 23](#) | [September 24](#)

NCJTC Conference Opportunities

August 18-20 in Appleton, WI | 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](#).

Want to share your expertise? Call for Presentations are OPEN for 2 Conferences

Do you have innovative strategies, real-world case studies, or emerging trends to share with the public safety community? We're looking for engaging presenters ready to spark conversation, share expertise, and inspire attendees.

Court Safety and Security Conference | Appleton, WI | March 23 - 25, 2027

The conference focuses on critical issues impacting the safety of court personnel, court facilities, and communities. Conference sessions highlight best practices, lessons learned from relevant cases, and current or emerging trends in courtroom safety. We are seeking submissions that will engage the audience through lectures, interactive and hands-on instruction, case studies, experiential learning, and skill enhancement instruction. [Learn more and SUBMIT your proposal.](#)

National Missing and Unidentified Persons Conference | Las Vegas, NV | April 13 - 15, 2027

Whether through a mass casualty event or a single occurrence, those responsible in the search, investigation, recovery, identification, and reunification of missing persons face enormous challenges. Missing persons cases are complex.

We are seeking submissions that are dynamic and will engage the audience through non-lecture style presentations, interactive and hands-on instruction, case studies, experiential learning, and evidence-based practice. Submissions should focus on one or more of the five key conference themes: search, investigation, recovery, identification, and reunification/notification and/or those most vulnerable and at-risk of going missing. [Learn more and SUBMIT your proposal.](#)



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 sextortion 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



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

June 2 | June 24 | Live Online

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

June 25 | Live Online

[Investigative Considerations with iPhone® and Other iOS® Devices](#)

July 21 | October 14 | Live Online

[Investigations of Android® Devices & the Google Ecosystem](#)

July 28 | October 15 | Live Online

[Protecting Children in a Digital Age](#)

July 28 | November 2 | January 26, 2027 | Live Online

[Casting the Digital Footprint](#)

September 14-15 | Everett, WA
December 7-8 | Bay Harbor Islands, FL

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

September 14-15 | Newark, OH
November 2-3 | Anaheim, CA

[Mobile Device Investigations](#)

September 28-30 | Battle Creek, MI
November 2-4 | Hewitt, TX

[VIEW ALL](#)



2026-2027 Self-Paced term is OPEN!

A new self-paced term is NOW OPEN, giving you the flexibility to complete training on your own schedule while building valuable skills at a pace that works best for you.

Take a look at some of our featured self-paced trainings available:

- Checklist Training for Investigative Officers
- Engaging Communities on IoT Device Safeguards
- FIT: Preparing for the CST Forensic Interview
- Introduction to AI in Law Enforcement
- Introduction to Missing Child Investigations in Indian Country (MCI-IC)
- Investigative Checklist Training for Patrol First Responders

[View ALL Self-Paced Courses](#)

NCJTC Impact

Recognizing Missing Children’s Day - MCD 2026

On May 25th, National Missing Children’s Day, the National Criminal Justice Training Center (NCJTC) honors the children who are missing and stands in support of their families, investigators, and advocates working tirelessly to bring them home.

This day serves as a powerful reminder of the critical role that training, collaboration, and technology play in protecting children and responding to cases of missing and exploited youth. NCJTC remains committed to equipping law enforcement, prosecutors, and child protection professionals with the tools and knowledge needed to prevent child exploitation and support recovery efforts.

Together, we can make a difference - by staying vigilant, reporting concerns, and supporting those dedicated to safeguarding our communities’ most vulnerable.



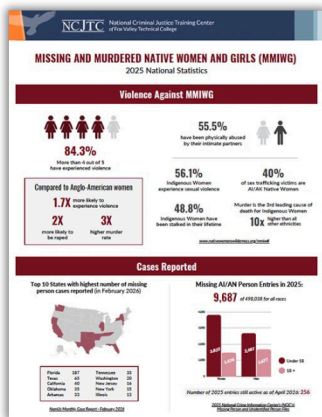
#MMIP Day | May 5, 2026

May 5 is Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) National Day of Awareness, a day to honor those lost and recognize a crisis that continues to impact Indigenous communities.

Every MMIP case represents a person whose absence is deeply felt by families, communities, and Tribal Nations. Indigenous people—particularly women and girls—are affected at disproportionate rates, underscoring the need for approaches that respect Tribal sovereignty, elevate Tribal voices, and strengthen coordination across systems.

This work is ongoing at NCJTC. Today, we are honored to share perspectives from our Tribal partners and connect practitioners and communities with MMIP resources and infographics that support awareness, prevention, and coordinated response efforts across Indian Country.

We remain committed to standing alongside Tribal Nations in advancing visibility, accountability, and justice in MMIP cases—today and every day.



[View the Infographic](#)

ICYMI - Annual Impact Report

Did you hear? We launched our 2025 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
- Critical Services through Grant-Funded Programs
- Success stories and new collaborative partnerships
- Key work with tribal and under-resourced communities
- ...and more



[READ THE REPORT](#)

Newsworthy Stories

Hometown Hero Award - NH

Join us in celebrating Det. Matt Fleming, NCJTC Associate and Deputy Sheriff with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, on being honored with the Hometown Hero Award from the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of NH.

Recognized for his exceptional work with the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, Det. Fleming and his K-9 partner, Niko, are on the front lines protecting children from technology-facilitated exploitation and online threats.

With more than 31 years in law enforcement, he leads ICAC efforts across all 31 cities and towns in Hillsborough County, trains investigators, and has conducted over 300 Electronic Storage Detection (ESD) K9 deployments since 2020. He is a valued member of the NCJTC Associate team and plays a critical role in preparing law enforcement to detect, investigate, and prevent crimes against children before harm occurs. ***Congratulations on this well-deserved honor!***

[WATCH THE NEWS STORY](#)



CART Certification



We are proud to announce that on May 11, the Cape May County, New Jersey, Child Abduction Response Team (CART) officially earned National CART certification through the U.S. Department of Justice and the AMBER Alert Training & Technical Assistance Program.

This milestone isn't just a badge of honor—it's the result of years of hard work. The Cape May CART has spent countless hours training, developing policies, and conducting mock exercises to ensure that if the unthinkable happens, they are ready to act instantly.

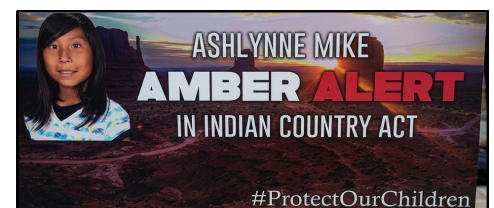
Congratulations to everyone involved for their professionalism and commitment to keeping children safe.

Honoring a legacy, renewing our commitment.

AMBER Alert in Indian Country (AIIC) Associate, Amy Hood-Schwindt, recently attended the annual Ashlynnne Mike Memorial Walk & Run in Shiprock, NM.

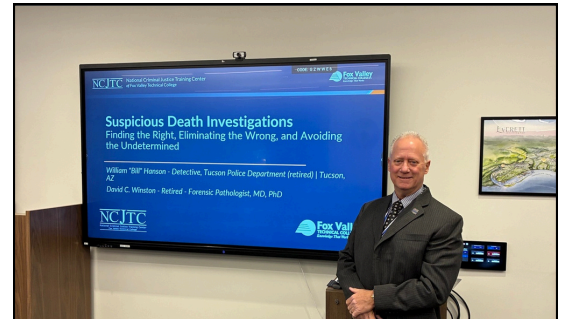
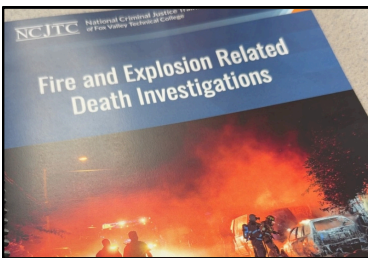
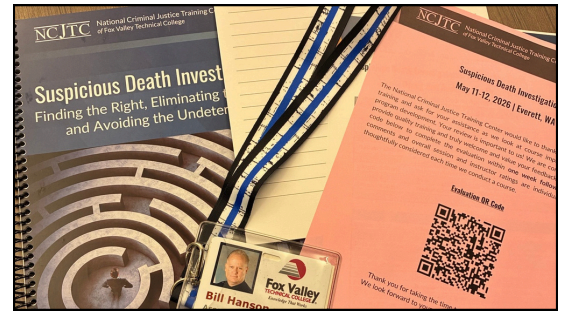
The event honors 11-year-old Ashlynnne Mike, whose tragic 2016 abduction highlighted critical emergency response gaps in Tribal communities. Today, the walk serves as a powerful remembrance and a vital call to action for families, advocates, and public safety professionals.

Ashlynnne's legacy paved the way for the Ashlynnne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act of 2018. This crucial legislation expanded funding and resources for Tribal Nations to strengthen their emergency alert systems and streamline investigative coordination.



Through our AIIC initiative, we will continue providing the specialized training and tools needed to protect every child across Indian Country

Snapshot from May Events



From Sexual Offenses: Mind and Motivation and Investigation and Prosecution of Cold Case Homicides to speakers at NADEC, May was a month full of learning, collaboration, and impact at NCJTC. From conferences and webinars to hands-on training, professionals from across the country came together to strengthen skills, share knowledge, and build connections.

Thank you to all of our instructors, associates, partners, and participants who made this month's trainings a success. We're proud to continue supporting those working to create safer communities through education and engagement.



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