

COMPASS

Moving Forward Together

June Event Recap

Our 2026 School Resource Officer Training Conference brought together professionals from across the country - united by a shared commitment to creating safer schools and stronger communities.

230+

Attendees from more than 130 different agencies

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

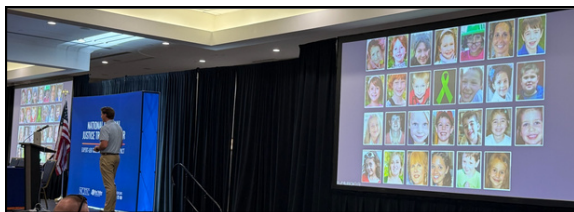
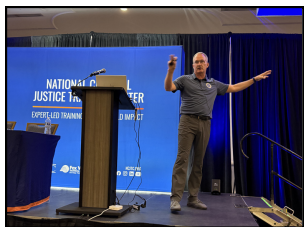
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Expert-led plenaries

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Interactive break-out sessions & workshops on critical topics.

Powerful presentations from survivors, law enforcement leaders, victim advocates, and subject matter experts reinforced the vital role School Resource Officers play in fostering safe, supportive learning environments. From lessons learned in the aftermath of tragedy to emerging threats facing youth in today's digital world, attendees left with new knowledge, valuable connections, and actionable tools to bring back to their schools and communities.



Key Partner Recognition

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**Registration for 2027
is NOW OPEN**

June 22-24, 2027 | Appleton, WI

[Conference Details](#)

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**LESS THAN
3 WEEKS AWAY**

Serving Victims of Crime Conference

August 18-20 | Appleton, WI

Experience three days of learning, networking, and collaboration with peers who understand the challenges—and opportunities—ahead.

Join professionals dedicated to advancing victim support at the Serving Victims of Crime Conference. Gain valuable insights, practical tools, and innovative strategies from experts and peers committed to improving outcomes for victims and survivors.

You've been thinking about it. Your colleagues registered. Now it's your turn.

[Learn more and Secure Your Spot](#)

**ROOM BLOCK CLOSES
ON AUGUST 3**

Why wait? Reserve your room today and secure the State Rate.



Law Enforcement Administrative Professionals Training Conference (LEAP)

June 17-19, 2026 - Over 150 law enforcement administrative professionals from across the Nation came together to learn, connect, and grow through engaging presentations, meaningful discussions, and valuable networking opportunities.



A sincere thank you to NCJTC's LEAP Conference Committee for your leadership, time, and thoughtful planning that made the 2026 event a success

Back Left to Right: Linda Lamm, Nicky Rowan, Kayla Taft, Gina Holmberg, Heather Blicharz, Katelyn Vaughan, Jason Sterling **Front Left to Right:** Megan Gundrum, Kristen Riemer, Diana Delfosse, Lori Kay Ceccarini

Mark Your Calendars for our 25th Anniversary!

New Date - Same Impactful Conference



LEAP
CONFERENCE

October 19 - 21, 2027 | Oshkosh, WI
Learn more and register at ncjtc.org/LEAP

2026 Service Award Winners

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.



Administrative Professional of the Year Award: Diane Franklin

Diane has dedicated more than 30 years to the Door County Sheriff's Office, serving as the confidential Administrative Assistant to four Sheriffs. Her deep institutional knowledge, professionalism, and understanding of the history behind the work have provided invaluable continuity and guidance through changing administrations.

Thirty years of service is not simply a milestone; it is a legacy. Diane's dedication has helped shape the strength and stability of the Door County Sheriff's Office for more than three decades.



2026 Beth Jasiak Community Service Award: Amy Lorenz

Behind every successful organization are individuals whose dedication, initiative, and leadership keep everything moving forward. Amy Lorenz is one of those people. From supporting statewide programs and field offices across Wisconsin to stepping into critical roles during staffing shortages, Amy consistently goes above and beyond to ensure the Division of Criminal Investigation operates efficiently and effectively. Her expertise, problem-solving abilities, and willingness to help others have made her a trusted resource for agents, analysts, supervisors, and administrative professionals throughout the agency.

Known for her quiet leadership, unwavering reliability, and genuine care for her colleagues, Amy strengthens the systems, programs, and people that support public safety every day. Her impact reaches far beyond the Milwaukee Field Office, benefiting communities across Wisconsin through the essential work she does behind the scenes.



Thank you to Aramark, our generous conference sponsor



Mark Your Calendars

There's still time to register for our 2026 Wisconsin Serving Victims of Crime Conference

August 18 - 20 | Appleton, WI



Opening Plenary Highlight

Jamie Counsell's TEDx talk, "Freedom with Purpose," challenges attendees to rethink what freedom truly means after trauma, violence, and victimization. Rather than defining freedom as simply the absence of harm, she emphasizes that true freedom is found in healing, connection, advocacy, and the courage to transform pain into purpose.

[Conference Details](#) | [Jamie's TEDx talk](#)

**The Extended Room Block ENDS Monday, August 3
Don't Miss Out and secure lodging TODAY!**

Our 2027 Conference calendar has been set!

[Court Safety and Security Conference](#)

March 23 - 25 | Appleton, WI

Call for Presentations: [Due September 18](#)

[School Resource Officer Training Conference](#)

June 22 - 24 | Appleton, WI

Call for Presentations: [Due November 5](#)

[National Missing and Unidentified Persons Conference](#)

April 13 - 15 | Las Vegas, NV

Call for Presentations: [Due September 25](#)

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

October 19 - 21 | Oshkosh, WI

Call for Presentations: [Due March 26, 2027](#)

Upcoming Webinar Opportunities



[Critical Crime Scene Factors in Missing Child Investigations](#)

August 6 | 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm CT

[Protecting Children: Abduction Prevention Strategies for Tribal Communities](#)

August 18 | 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm CT

[Child Sex Trafficking \(CST\) and First Responders Part 1 - Identifying and Securing Early-Stage Evidence](#)

August 26 | 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm CT

[Child Sex Trafficking \(CST\) and First Responders Part 2 - Critical First Contact with Victims](#)

September 16 | 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm CT

[Internet of Things \(IoT\): Maximizing Persuasion: Creating Powerful Visuals and Multimedia for the Courtroom Part 1 - September 23 | Part 2 - September 24](#)

[Strategic Interviewing of Child Sex Trafficking Victims](#)

September 24 | 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm CT

[Digital Doorsteps: Advanced Ring Data Recovery](#)

October 22 | 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm CT

[Signals, SIMs, and Satellites: Decoding Cellular GPS Tracking Technology, A Case Study](#)

November 10 | 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm CT

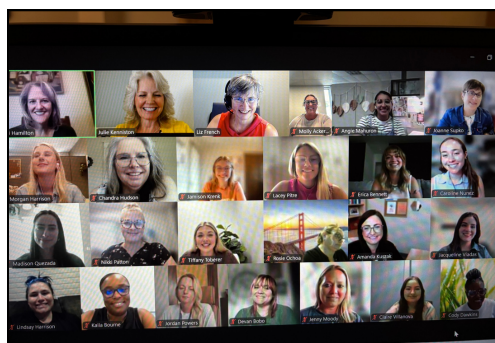
Snapshots from Recent Events

AMBER Alert CART

Members of our AMBER Alert Training & Technical Assistance Program were onsite in New Jersey overseeing a coordinated Child Abduction Response Team (CART) training exercise for a multi-disciplinary group in Essex County, NJ.

Essex County Sheriff Amir Jones shared how the CART exercise allowed each department to understand how to collaborate effectively and provide resources to one another. **"Communication is key. Time is key."**

This type of training is vital to improving the response when children go missing, and ultimately equipping responders to bring them home safely. [Read More](#)



A look behind the scenes of a July deep dive workshop for experienced forensic interviewers.

Our [Advanced Peer Review for Child Trafficking Cases](#) training gave professionals a focused, collaborative space to refine their practice. Through expert-led peer review, participants spent the day critically analyzing interview structure, defensibility, and trauma-informed techniques to ensure every victim-centered interview stands strong in court.

Thank you to all who attended and to our NCJTC instructors for a great 3-hours of learning, discussion and skill-building.

Thank You Julia



On July 6, 2026, NCJTC celebrated the retirement of Julia Snay, whose impact over more than two decades helped shape NCJTC into the national presence it is today. From Project Specialist to Financial Services Coordinator, Julia brought steadfast dedication and a deep commitment to the mission behind the work.

Julia played an important role in building the financial processes, guidelines, and practices that continue to support NCJTC's programs, especially as the Internet Crimes Against Children program areas expanded. Known for her attention to detail, deep institutional knowledge and willingness to help, she became a trusted resource across the organization.

Beyond the systems she helped strengthen, Julia leaves a lasting legacy through the people she mentored, the knowledge she shared, and the standards she helped set.

We are grateful for everything Julia has contributed over the years and for the many people she has helped along the way. *Congratulations on a well-deserved retirement, Julia. We wish you all the best in the next chapter ahead!*

NCJTC Impact

NCJTC is heading to Dallas | 38th annual Crimes Against Children Conference

NCJTC will have a resource booth, so be sure to stop by #33 & #34 to meet our team.

We are proud to have two of our NCJTC subject matter experts 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 #CACC2026 event app for session details.

Powerful sessions led by NCJTC subject matter experts!



Julie Kenniston, MSW, LISW
Deputy Administrator | NCJTC

Forensic Interview Forum

Minimizing Miscommunication with Who, What, Where, When and How Questions in Child Interviews



Chris Kolcharno - Associate | NCJTC
Deputy Chief Detective | Lackawanna County
District Attorney's Office

Drafting Electronic Device Search Warrants to Enhance Sexual Abuse Prosecutions

Initial Response to Unexplained Child Death Cases

Navigating Delayed Disclosure Cases of Child Sexual Abuse

National Forensic Interviewers Week | July 6–10

We're recognizing the professionals who balance precision and empathy to gather critical information. Their work is the foundation for justice in the field, and we're proud to support the impact they make every day.

To mark the week, we're sharing a perspective from one of our own NCJTC Deputy Administrators, Julie Kenniston, MSW, LISW. Julie brings deep, firsthand experience as a forensic interviewer to her leadership role. [Hear from Julie](#)

National Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week | July 19–25

NCJTC recognizes the professionals who help individuals find a path forward—and strengthen communities along the way. Every day, pretrial staff, probation and parole officers, reentry professionals, and community corrections practitioners balance accountability with opportunity, helping people overcome barriers, rebuild lives, and create safer communities for us all.

Your work often happens behind the scenes, but its impact is seen in every life changed, every family strengthened, and every second chance made possible. [Hear from Kevin](#)



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



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