



2025 WCPA Conference Agenda

Wednesday, October 22nd

Marriott Grand Ballroom

Waterfront Premier Hotel, Oshkosh, WI

7:15am – 8:30am

Arrival and Registration

(Coffee and doughnuts/fruit/muffin will be provided)

8:30am – 8:45am

Color Guard posting of colors. Welcome by President Joel Dhein, Introduction of WCPA Board of Directors, special guests & key personnel.
Conference instructions and overview by board member Peter Ehlert.

8:45am – 11:55am



THINLINE Psychological Services – Dr. Rachael Goldmann, PsyD., LPC

Dr. Goldman is an encyclopedia of mental health information and serves as an on-call consultant for any critical incident as part of the multi-jurisdictional SWAT team in Waukesha County Wisconsin. She works with law enforcement professionals and has extensive experience working with first responders. She specializes in treating and educating about Moral Injury, trauma/PTSD, and complex issues that can manifest from serving as a police officer or prior military.

12:00pm – 12:45pm

Lunch and WCPA Annual Meeting

1:00pm – 3:45pm

Law Enforcement Challenges Regarding Challenges Crypto Currency

Special Agents Jeffrey Lenzner and Courtney Ripp

This session will provide an overview of cryptocurrency and its impact in the criminal ecosystem. Attendees will learn more about cryptocurrencies, the ways criminals use cryptocurrency in illicit activity, criminal investigative strategies, open-source resources for investigations and trends criminals are using to scam vulnerable victims. We will be providing attendees with the resources to obtain relevant information from reporting parties to further cryptocurrency investigations.

3:45pm – 4:00pm

Day in Review and Preview of Day 3 Speakers and Events

Quick summary of Events and Raffle Ticket Give Away. Must be present to win.

(Break Times per Speaker)

WCPA Crime Prevention Certification Update – Joel Dhein

This session will discuss how this certification can benefit you, your department, and your community. The first three classes have been completed and were well received by all. Be one of the first to become a Wisconsin Crime Prevention Specialist. We will share the 2.5 day class success stories during this fast-paced 30 minutes.

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Attendees.

Special Event for all 3-Day Conference

(Food, Fun and Prizes!!! This network event always exceeds expectations.)

Thursday, October 23rd

7:00am – 7:45am

Breakfast

A hot breakfast with a fresh waterfront touch.

8:00am – 11:55am
(Break Times per Speaker)

“E.W.C. Alcohol Tobacco Enforcement”

Senior Master Patrolman Kenosha Police Department - Erich Weidner

Erich is a master patrolman in the KPD Tavern Unit. He is also an advanced Training instructor and law enforcement academy instructor at GT College. Officer Erich Weidner has 25(+) years of Law Enforcement experience. For the past 20 years he has been involved in the enforcement of alcohol and tobacco laws. This enforcement includes inspections at licensed businesses, enforcing laws at licensed businesses, criminal investigations at licensed establishments, and administering underage decoys programs. Officer Erich Weidner has trained over 200 Officers in the state of Wisconsin on these topics. He is currently sponsored by Molson Coors and is assisted by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue Alcohol/Tobacco agent with this training. Officer Erich Weidner will be presenting the appropriate methods and techniques to operate and administer an underage decoy program. He will provide real world examples and experiences in that area.

12:00pm – 12:40pm

Lunch

12:50pm - 1:05pm

Afternoon Session starts with Board of Directors Elections

12:45pm – 1:55pm

(Break Times per Speaker)

Homelessness Resources and Law Enforcement – Liz Croley, Coordinated Entry Specialist, City of Appleton Health Department

Liz will present on the current state of homelessness in Wisconsin, will explain the role of Coordinated Entry, and outline the Basic Needs Team, where civilian Health employees are embedded in the Police Department to help streamline communication and resources. Other discussion will outline the Community Resource Unit, Interagency Collaboration, and other efforts to get all resources at one table.

2:00pm – 3:10pm

(Break Times per Speaker)

CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) - Practical Applications in your community – Sgt. Christopher Biese, Community Liaison Officer, Appleton PD

Sgt. Biese is a certified Crime Prevention Specialist through WCPPA and has earned his CPTED Professional Designation through The NICP. He will discuss the most universally applied strategies, and practical implementation of them at a variety of forums in your community, such as residences, parks, businesses, and new developments.

3:15pm-4:15pm

Collaborative Action to Prevent Childhood Trauma: Handle with Care in Winnebago County - Jennifer Skolaski, PhD

- This session will share how OFR data revealed the deep connection between childhood trauma and substance use, prompting the adoption of the national Handle with Care model. Jennifer will share the plan's creation, and implementation in Winnebago County. Panel members will describe their role in identifying and communicating HWC alerts and explain how schools use those alerts to provide timely, trauma-informed support to students. Success stories will illustrate the real-world impact of this collaboration, and the session will close with time for audience questions and discussion. Participants will leave with a deeper understanding of how multi-sector partnerships can be used to reduce trauma and promote well-being in their communities.

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Enjoy the Oshkosh area with food and fun for everyone!

Friday, October 24th

7:00am – 8:00am

Hot Breakfast & Final Raffle Sales

8:00am – 10:00am

(Break Times per Speaker)

Homemade Explosives Recognition and Awareness - Lt. Mike Jansen, Brown County Sheriff's Office / Commander - Brown – Outagamie Bomb Squad

With the increasing trend and threat of active attacks in America's communities, it is important for law enforcement, first responders, security professionals, and crime prevention specialists to be able to identify potential explosives or evidence of their construction. When responding to a scene, knowledge of components and chemicals used could assist you in identifying evidence of explosive manufacturing that may have been otherwise overlooked. Lt. Jansen, Commander of the Brown – Outagamie Bomb Squad, will cover the construction and classification of IEDs, including their function, components, classifications, and how they are constructed, as well as identify common precursor chemicals and materials used to make homemade explosives and how they are used in an attack. Lt. Jansen will be presenting in-person two back-to-back CISA courses - IED Construction and Classification, as well as HME and Precursor Awareness. Successful completion of these courses also qualifies the participants for a certificate. To obtain the certificate students simply need a FEMA SID prior to the course. The link to acquire this will be emailed to registered attendees.

10:00am – 10:15am

Last chance to purchase raffle tickets

10:15am – 11:15am

Legal Update - Department of Justice – Kari Hoffman, Assistant Attorney General – Kari is in the Criminal Litigation Unit of the Wisconsin Department of Justice and former Assistant District Attorney in Brown County where she handles a variety of cases including complex drug conspiracies, homicides and child abuse as well as providing training to law enforcement and prosecutors statewide. Kari also has a background in law enforcement, having been employed for several years as a patrol officer in Idaho and Utah.

An update of what is new in recent court decisions that apply to law enforcement.

11:15am-12:00pm

Raffle & Closing Remarks

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Agenda subject to change without notice