

National Conference on Responding to Missing and Unidentified Persons
August 15 – 19, 2016

Pre-Conference Agenda

Sunday, August 14, 2016	
7:00 am -7:45 am	**Pre-Conference Registration**
Monday, August 15, 2016	
7:45 am – 8:30 am	**Pre-Conference Registration**
8:30 am - 5:00 pm	**Pre-Conference: Urban Search Management** **Presenter:** ❖ *Chris Young*, Chair, Bay Area Search and Rescue, National Association For Search And Rescue (NASAR) Critical knowledge and skills are needed to effectively manage missing person searches. This course prepares managers and search personnel for specific tasks and special techniques when searching in urban settings. The urban/suburban/rural interface with the wilderness search processes will be compared and contrasted. Discussions will start with the evaluation of the pre-planning and vulnerable assessments and move into managing the urban incident from the initial hasty search through multiple operational periods. Special focus will be given to additional investigation considerations, including the modification and additional documentation required, and the use of SAR resources and their additional skills and training. Practice sessions and map exercises will be part of this learning experience.
Tuesday, August 16, 2016	
7:45 am – 8:30 am	**Pre-Conference Registration**
8:30 am – 5:00 pm	**Pre-Conference: Urban Search Management Instructor Course** **Presenter:** ❖ *Chris Young*, Chair, Bay Area Search and Rescue, National Association For Search And Rescue (NASAR) A sequel to the Urban Search Management Course on August 15th, this course certifies participants as an instructor in urban search management. NOTE: The Urban Search Management Certification is a pre-requisite for this course.
8:30 am – 5:00 pm	**Pre-Conference: Mass Fatalities: Planning and Response for Rural Communities** **Presenter:** ❖ *Arbie Goings*, Director of Mass Fatality Planning and Response Services, SNA International Preparing rural first responders and officials with the basic knowledge, skills and abilities to manage a mass fatality incident impacting their jurisdiction is critical. This includes first responders, coroners/medical examiners, public health officials, and others with responsibilities during a mass fatality incident. This session will focus on establishing roles and responsibilities, assets management, remains processing and identification, diversity issues and development of a mass fatality plan that affect the construct of a mass fatality response.
8:30am – 5:00pm	**Pre-Conference: Managing the Search and Investigation of Missing College Students** **Presenter:** ❖ *Jim Walters*, Program Administrator, National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College Each year many college and university students go missing or are the victims of predatory abductions in the United States. Understanding the issues surrounding their disappearance and how to effectively respond is important in their safe recovery. Information on current trends, prevention and planning, risk factors and the dynamics which make investigating these cases so unique will be discussed. Case studies and group discussion will be used to provide investigative and response strategies that the student can employ at their own agency.

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Wednesday, August 17, 2016	
7:30 am - 10:00 pm	**Conference Registration**
8:30 am - 9:00 am	**Opening and Welcoming Remarks** ❖ *Dr. Cedric Alexander*, Deputy Chief Operating Officer of Public Safety, DeKalb County, Georgia ❖ *Mr. James Butterworth*, Director, Georgia Emergency Management Agency ❖ *Mr. Vernon Keenan*, Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
9:00 am - 10:30 am	**Opening Plenary - Search and Recovery During Complex U.S. Disasters Over the Last Quarter Century** **Presenter:** ❖ *Benjamin Ho*, M.D., F.A.A.P., Captain MC USN (ret) Does history repeat itself and what does it have to teach us? During the last quarter century, the United States has experienced a number of complex disasters both natural and manmade. Some are sudden and unexpected, while others are preceded by significant warning. The search for and recovery of missing and unidentified victims after these situations has presented numerous challenges for public safety personnel. The session will help participants understand the multiple challenges which search and recovery operations face in responding the large scale complex disasters.
10:30 am - 10:45 am	**Break**
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	**Breakout Sessions (sessions will be repeated in the afternoon)**
	Search and Rescue Initial Actions **Presenter:** ❖ *Brian Enberg*, Director of Education, National Association For Search And Rescue Emergency services responders must be prepared to respond and take correct initial actions starting an investigation and searching for missing/injured subjects. Being well qualified for incident command and emergency operations is essential. This session will cover incident commander duties, initial search tactics, and practical applications of lost person behavior using both lecture and hands-on table top sessions based on real missions. Following this session you will be able to profile a subject quickly, plot theoretical and statistical search areas, identify the highest probability areas to deploy SAR resources, identify additional investigation paths, and rapidly field tasks to ensure the best possible outcomes.

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	Emerging Mass Fatality Management Trends (The West Coast Perspective) **Presenter and Description: To Be Announced**
	Search for the Missing – The Effective Manager **Presenters:** *Allen Padgett*, Co-Director, South East Search and Rescue Associates *Bob Bolz*, Co-Director, South East Search and Rescue Associates Missing person searches can overwhelm those involved in search and recovery. Managers, agencies and resources want to help but have no formal training in planning and carrying out an effective search mission. This presentation will highlight current cutting edge methods and science related to search for the missing. The presentation will show effective strategies and techniques for managing the lost/missing person search from initial response to expanded operations. Based on a 10 step sequence the presentation will show the science of how to find that which we seek and the art of doing it fast and efficiently.
	Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Teams **Presenter:** ❖ *Arbie Goings*, Director of Mass Fatality Planning and Response Services, SNA International **Description to be announced**
	The Search and Recovery of Missing Persons in Closed Population Disasters **Presenter:** ❖ *Frank Ciaccio*, Emergency Management Coordinator, Houston Airport System **Description to be** announced
	Cell Phone Technology - Communicating in Mass Disasters **Presenter and description to be announced**
12:15 pm -1:45 pm	**Lunch on Own**
1:45 pm - 3:15 pm	**Afternoon Plenary Panel - The Technology** **Presenter and description to be announced**
3:15 pm - 3:30 pm	**Break**

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Thursday, August 18, 2016	
8:30 am - 10:00 am	**Opening Plenary -** NIJ's Missing Persons and NamUs Programs: An Overview and Case Study: Mass Graves – Solving Missing Persons Cases/Uncovering Evidence After Decades **Presenters:** ❖ *Chuck Huerich*, Senior Program Manager, National Institute of Justice, U.S. Department of Justice ❖ *Kelsee Hentschel*, Laboratory Manager, Forensic Anthropology Lab, University of South Florida When missing person's cases span years and even decades, solving them is extremely difficult, particularly when a mass grave is uncovered. This presentation focuses on human identification in long term missing person cases. Latest scientific tools and investigative strategies that can be utilized will be discussed. Specific case study examples from successful cases, including the Dozier School and others, will be examined.
10:00 am - 10:15 am	**Break**
10:15 am - 11:45 am	**Breakout Sessions (sessions will be repeated in the afternoon)**
	Interacting and Responding to Persons with Disabilities **Presenters:** ❖ *Leona Lancaster* ❖ *Hildegard Koenig*, Founder and Principal Consultant, Human Capabilities, LLC. **Description to be announced**
	A Tale of Two Cities - The Role of Healthcare in Identifying and Responding to Missing Persons in Healthcare Systems **Presenters:** ❖ *Kathleen Hackett*, RN, BSN, SANE-P, Pediatric SANE Program, University Case Medical Center Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital ❖ *Holly Austin Gibbs*, Patient Care Services Program Director, Dignity Health In 2014, a study was published in the Annals of Health Law which revealed that 88% of trafficking survivors had reported an encounter with a healthcare system. The study reveals how medical providers are "woefully unprepared" to identify and respond to victims of human trafficking. Presenters will discuss present programs implemented by their respective health systems to identify and effectively respond to trafficked persons. The session will cover facility-level implementation as well as a corporate-level initiative to launch a system-wide program.

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	Skeletons in the Closet – How Small Jurisdictions Can Solve Mysteries **Presenter:** ❖ *Scott McCord*, EMT-P, MLDI, CFT What should you do when all you are left with is a box of bones? What if you have limited or no resources? This session includes a case study of the review of unidentified skeletal remains of three (3) young people, two were the victims of serial killer Larry Eyler and the other a young woman who had been shot and her body dumped and burnt in a local Wildlife Area. Learn the "how-to's" and "who-to's" regarding bringing these extremely cold cases back to life in an attempt to get these, and other, kids home.
	The Digital Age – The Intersection of Technology and the Legal System – part 1 **Presenter:** ❖ *David Lewen*, Assistant States Attorney, Knoxville, Tennessee **Description to be announced**
	Missing from Tribal Lands **Presenter and description to be announced**
	Don't Forget the Children – Unknown Victim Identification Resources for Law Enforcement **Presenter:** ❖ *Michael Murphy*, Ph. D., Program Manager, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children Naming the Nations nameless can be extremely challenging. Unidentified children can be especially difficult. Learn the technologies and protocols that will assist you in this daunting task. And remember - you do not need to walk this path alone.
11:45 am - : 15 pm	**Lunch on own**

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1:15 pm – 3: 15 pm	**Plenary - Coping with Traumatic Life Events** **Presenter:** ❖ *Roxane Cohen Silver*, Ph.D., University of California, Irvine **Description to be announced**
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8:30 am – 8:45 am	**Opening Remarks** **Speaker:** ❖ *Susan Jacobs*, Ambassador, Special Advisor on Children's Issues, U.S. Department of State
8:45 am – 10: 15 am	**Plenary - Crossing International Boundaries - A Panel Discussion on How to Prevent Abductions in Progress** **Presenter and description to be announced**
10:15 am - 10:30 am	**Break**
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	**Breakout Sessions**
	Developments to the North - NCMPUR Operations and Canada's DNA Identification Act and Prevention Programming **Presenters:** ❖ *Jane Boissonneault*, Sergeant, NCO I/C NCMPUR Operations, Royal Canadian Mounted Police – National Center for Missing Persons and Unidentified Remains ❖ *Jacque Bannach*, Senior Analyst, National Search and Rescue Secretariat, Public Safety Canada A number of developments have taken place in Canada that are vital to locating missing persons who cross border to the north. This session will provide a look at Canada's response to missing and unidentified persons; including regional Centres for Missing Persons and Unidentified Remains and the National Missing Persons DNA Program.
	Addressing Missing Person Issues Over the Border with Mexico **Presenter and description to be announced**
	Working with Refugee and Immigrant Populations **Presenter and description to be announced**

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10:30 am – 12:00 pm	**Breakout Sessions – continued**
	Are You Prepared? Responding to Victims in the Aftermath of a Mass Casualty **Presenter:** ❖ *Staci Beers*, Coordinator, Victim Assistance Rapid Deployment Team (VARDT), Federal Bureau of Investigation In 2014, the FBI initiated a study of active shooter incidents between 2000 and 2013 to provide federal, state, local, campus and tribal law enforcement with accurate data to better understand how to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from these incidents. The FBI identified 160 active shooter incidents. Of which, 486 people were killed and 557 were wounded (not including the shooters). Victims of mass casualty events should be a priority for community leaders. This presentation will review lessons learned and best practices when responding to mass casualty victims.
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	**Lunch**
	A Parent's Perspective **Presenter:** ❖ *Dr. Noelle Hunter*, President and Co-founder, iStand Parent Network Inc. Children who are kidnapped by a parent to a foreign nation are hidden victims. Concealed first by a parent who unlawfully removes them, often in violation of custodial and legal orders, they pass undetected through U.S. borders. They are further obscured by a lack of recognition of International Parental Kidnapping (IPK) as a federal crime and of the unique circumstances and victims' assistance needs of this special population. This presentation highlights the critical role of first responders in a child's home city and state to thwart parental kidnapping attempts, and shares strategies for swift, coordinated response after a kidnapping occurs.
	Special Award Presentation – To Be Announced **Presenter:** ❖ *Brad Russ*, Director, National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College