



Franklin County Coroner

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August 15, 2022

Franklin County Board

I annually attend the Medicolegal Death and Homicide Investigation Conference (sponsored by the Illinois Coroners & Medical Examiners Association). This is more of information than a request, due to the proceeds used to pay for this conference, hotel expenses, meal reimbursement, and mileage is funded through the Coroner Fee account 6202, NOT ASSOCIATED WITH THE County General Fund.

I have to attain 24 hours of continuing education annually for my position as Coroner. At this conference I will receive 21 hours of continuing education. Also, I am currently Vice-President of the Illinois Coroners and Medical Examiners Association, and we have a quarterly board meeting during the evening hours of this conference.

Attached is a copy of the information for the training and conference. It is August 30th thru September 1st, at the Double Tree Hilton Conference Center in Collinsville, Illinois.

If you have any questions regarding this conference, feel free to ask me.

Cost of Conference.....	\$475.00
Hotel reservation \$85 x 3 nights.....	\$255.00
Benton to Collinsville(196 miles roundtrip @.585).....	\$114.66
Meals \$28.00 per day x3.....	\$84.00
TOTAL.....	\$928.66

If there is anything further that you need from my office, just feel free to contact me.

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"Dignity in Life; Dignity in Death"

28th Annual
**MEDICOLEGAL
DEATH AND HOMICIDE
INVESTIGATION
CONFERENCE**

August 30 - September 1, 2022
Collinsville, Illinois



**Sponsored by the
Illinois Coroners
and Medical Examiners Association
Jamie Harwood, President**



**Registration for this conference is restricted
to law enforcement personnel.**

Conference Agenda

Tuesday, August 30

Kelsey McKay, Andrea Zaferes, Det. Thomas McAndrew

- 8:00-8:30 Registration/Check-In
8:30-9:00 Introductory Remarks & Improving Practice
Kelsey McKay, Thomas McAndrew & Andrea Zaferes
9:00-10:30 Case Studies Across the Spectrum: Improving Practice
Kelsey McKay & Andrea Zaferes 10:30-10:45 BREAK
10:45-11:30 The Crisis of Indifference: Missing & Unidentified Women in the U.S.
Thomas McAndrew
11:30-12:30 LUNCH
12:30-2:30 The Cold Case Dilemma & Overcoming Obstacles in Death
Investigation. **Thomas McAndrew**
2:30-2:45 BREAK
2:45-3:30 The Strategies of Sexual & Serial Offenders
Thomas McAndrew & Kelsey McKay
3:30-4:15 Solutions to Improve Identification and Investigation
Thomas McAndrew & Andrea Zaferes
4:15-4:30 Question, Answer & Debrief

Wednesday, August 31

Kelsey McKay, Andrea Zaferes, Maria McCarthy

- 8:30-8:45 Lessons Learned: Review, Remember & Discussion
8:45-9:15 Missing Murder: The Unique Role of Asphyxiation
Andrea Zaferes & Kelsey McKay
9:15-9:45 The Road to an Autopsy: Where Asphyxiation Deaths Fall through the
Cracks & Tips for Practice **Andrea Zaferes**
9:45-10:30 Determining Intent: Blood Test for Murder?
Kelsey McKay & Andrea Zaferes
10:30-10:45 BREAK
10:45-11:30 Case Study: Cynthia Hrisco **Andrea Zaferes & Maria McCarthy**
11:30-12:30 LUNCH
12:30-1:30 Crime Scene Considerations: Recognition, Documentation &
Reenactments **Andrea Zaferes**
1:30-2:30 Asphyxiation Deaths: Susceptibility to Staging & Misdirection
Andrea Zaferes & Kelsey McKay
2:30-2:45 BREAK
2:45-4:00 Failure to Communicate: Cause, Manner & Need for Translation
Andrea Zaferes, Maria McCarthy & Kelsey McKay
4:00-4:15 Tools & Tips for Success **Andrea Zaferes & Kelsey McKay**
4:15-4:30 Questions, Answers & Debrief **Andrea Zaferes & Kelsey McKay**

Thursday, September 1

Maria McCarthy, Dr. Hilary McElligott

Kelsey McKay, Andrea Zaferes

- 8:30-9:00 The Search for New Evidence **Kelsey McKay**
9:00-10:30 The Significant Circumstances of Death
Maria McCarthy & Dr. Hilary McElligott
10:30-10:45 BREAK
10:45-11:30 Thinking Outside the Box: Determining Intent, Ruling out Alternatives
and Preparing for Court **Maria McCarthy**
11:30-12:30 LUNCH
12:30-1:00 Introduction to Case Investigation All Faculty
1:00-2:30 Interactive Crime Scene Group Activity
2:30-2:45 BREAK
2:45-3:30 Case Debrief: Applying Facts & Evidence to the Law
All Faculty Group Discussion and Debrief of Case
3:30-4:15 Overcoming "The Rough Sex Defense"
Kelsey McKay, Andrea Zaferes, & Maria McCarthy
4:15-4:30 Tips, Tools, Lessons

Guest Lecturers

Thomas McAndrew, Detective

Thomas McAndrew is a homicide detective with the Lehigh County District Attorney's Office. He formerly served with the Pennsylvania State Police for 26 years. During his career with the Pennsylvania State Police, he was a member of the Criminal Investigation Assessment (CIA) Unit that specializes in behavioral analysis of violent crimes and is designed to supervise and investigate homicides and missing person investigations of significance. He is president of the Pennsylvania Homicide Investigators Association, is a member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, the International Association of Bloodstain Pattern Analysts, the Middle Atlantic Cold Case Homicide Investigators Association, and is a board member of the Vidocq Society.

Maria McCarthy

Maria McCarthy was an assistant state's attorney with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office in Chicago for nearly 30 years. She was Supervisor of the Third Municipal District, where she oversaw the prosecution of felony, misdemeanor and traffic offenses from approximately 25 suburbs of Chicago. Prior to that, Maria was the Supervisor of the Homicide/Sex Unit in Chicago, the Supervisor of the Domestic Violence Division and was a Deputy Supervisor in the Traffic Division. While in that office, Maria prosecuted numerous high profile murder cases involving intimate partners, including cases that were 45, 37 and 20 years old at the time of the trial. From 2020 to 2021, Maria was the First Assistant in the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office where she supervised the Criminal and Civil Bureaus. In addition, Maria taught trial advocacy classes at Northwestern University School of Law and The John Marshall Law School. Maria conducts trainings for the Chicago Police Department's new detectives as well as detectives seeking their Lead Homicide Investigator certification, and for police officers throughout northern Illinois. Maria is a Fellow in The American College of Trial Lawyers.

Hilary S. McElligott, M.D

Dr. McElligott is the Chief Forensic Pathologist in the DuPage County Coroner's Office, a position she has held since 2013. Previously, Dr. McElligott was a Forensic Pathologist in Kane, Kendall, DeKalb and Cook Counties. Since 2019, she has been a member of the Cook County Disaster Response Team. While an Assistant Medical Examiner in Cook County, Dr. McElligott was an Adjunct Professor of Pathology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and Director of Forensic Pathology resident rotation at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. Dr. McElligott is a Diplomate in Anatomic, Clinical and Forensic Pathology with the American Board of Pathology. Dr. McElligott has supervised exhumations and conducted postmortem examinations on human remains in numerous cases.

Kelsey McKay

Kelsey McKay is a highly recognized national expert on the topic of criminal asphyxiation and interpersonal violence. She was a child abuse and domestic violence prosecutor in Travis County, Texas for 12 years, exclusively prosecuting strangulation related crimes for half of that time. She now trains and consults nationally to implement sustainable protocols and help strengthen how communities collaborate, investigate, treat, and prosecute strangulation in cases ranging from intimate partner violence, human trafficking, sexual assault, child abuse, and homicide. She is the President & CEO of RESPOND Against Violence, a non-profit organization. She also serves on multiple faculties, advisory boards, and committees.

Andrea Zaferes

Andrea Zaferes, a medicolegal death investigator, is familiar with the handling of aquatic and asphyxiation cases from the scene to the courtroom. She trains law enforcement, medical examiners/coroners, dive teams, domestic violence and trafficking crime workers, medical personnel, and jurisprudence members to recognize, document, and investigate homicide, death, assault, and abuse cases that involve drowning and other forms of asphyxiation. She assists in analyzing and building such cases in the U.S. and abroad, and has developed standards for their investigation. She has been teaching dive teams around the world for more than 30 years to recover submerged evidence and bodies, is an author, and frequent public speaker on aquatic forensics. She is a pro bono consultant for such organizations as NCMEC and the NYS DCJS Missing Person Cold Case Review Panel, and works with Lifeguard Systems, Dutchess County Medical Examiner's Office, and Respond Against Violence.

Registration Form

Name _____

Department/Employer _____

Title _____

(Example: SGT, Detective, Investigator, Coroner, Deputy Coroner)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____ Telephone _____

E-mail Address _____

Registration Fee

Full Fee..... \$475.00

***Please Return Completed Form by Mail or Scan & Email to
icmeatraining@hotmail.com***

Mail Payment To:

Illinois Coroners and Medical Examiners Association

P.O. Box 528

Sullivan, IL 61951

Questions: Contact Lynn Reed or Dave Reed

Telephone: 217.433.0540 or 217.433.0488

E-mail: coroner79@hotmail.com

***There will be two raffles conducted at the end of the day on Thursday, to win your choice of the following: Glock Model 43 (9 mm) Semiautomatic handgun or Glock Model 43x (9 mm) Semiautomatic handgun or \$300.00 cash.**

Raffle #1 - Every paid registration will be entered into a drawing to win your choice of either the Glock Model 43 (9 mm), the Glock Model 43x (9 mm) or \$300.00 cash. Must be present to win.

Raffle #2 - Raffle tickets will be offered during the conference at \$5.00 per single ticket or \$25.00 for six tickets to be eligible to win the Glock Model 43 (9 mm), the Glock Model 43x (9 mm), or \$300.00 cash. Raffle will be held after raffle #1. You do not need to be present to win.

****Only sworn law enforcement officers are eligible to win firearms.
All others must take cash prize.***

Continuing Education Credits: There will be 21 hours of continuing education credit for this three days of training, or seven hours will be allowed for each individual day. Approval of ABMDI and Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standard Board, Lead Homicide Investigator Recertification hours are pending.

It is with great enthusiasm that we announce the upcoming presentation of the Twenty Eighth Annual Medicolegal Death And Homicide Investigation Conference, to be held August 30 to September 1, 2022 in Collinville, Illinois.

For the law enforcement professional, medical examiner, coroner or anyone involved in the investigation of death from a legal, medical or scientific perspective, MDHIC 2022 promises to be the premier venue for the advanced training this year. A glance at the attendees will attest, participants of this annual gathering gain substantial new capabilities offered by the very best in our field. This conference has become a great place to learn, network and socialize with professionals from all across the country. We invite you to join us.

As always, we'll do everything we can do to make your attendance both comfortable and worthwhile. Thank you for your continued interest and participation.

David Reed, F-ABMDI
*Chief Deputy Coroner
of Moultrie County
Course Coordinator
I.C.M.E.A.*

Conference Data

Location: This conference will be held at the Gateway Convention Center, 1 Gateway Dr., Collinsville, IL 62234 conveniently located off of I 55/70 at Ill 157 (exit 11), next to the DoubleTree by Hilton Collinsville-St. Louis. and just 30 minutes from Lambert International Airport.

Lodging: A block of rooms has been reserved at the DoubleTree by Hilton Collinsville-St. Louis. Reservation deadline for the special conference rate is Saturday August 6, 2022. The special conference rate will be 85.00 per night (single or double occupancy). Reservations should be made by calling the hotel direct at 618.345.2800 and reference the Illinois Coroners and Medical Examiners Association Group. DO NOT make your reservations through Expedia or any other booking company because you will not get the special rate.

Hotel Policies:

- Only hotel guests are allowed in the guestrooms.
- No pets or service animals are allowed on this property.
- This property advises that enhanced cleaning and guest safety measures are currently in place.
- Disinfectant is used to clean the property: commonly touched surfaces are cleaned with disinfectant between stays; bed sheets and towels are laundered at a temperature of at least 60 C/ 140 F.
- Personal Protective equipment, including masks will be available to guests.
- Social distancing measures are in place: staff at the property wear personal protective equipment; a shield is in place between staff and guests in main contact areas; periodic temperature checks are conducted on staff; guests are provided with hand sanitizers; masks are required in public areas.
- Contactless check-in and check-out are available.
- Individually – wrapped food options are available for breakfast.
- This property affirms that it follows the cleaning and disinfecting practices of CleanStay (Hilton).