

2021 GGIA Winter Training Conference Agenda

Sunday, December 12, 2021

4:30-6:00 **Conference Early Registration**

Monday, December 13, 2021

7:30-8:00 Registration

8:00-8:15 **Opening for 2020 GGIA Winter Conference**
Invocation - GGIA Chaplain Det. Don Colburn
Introductions - GGIA President Jimmy Callaway & GGIA Board Members,

8:15-10:00 **“Casting the Net” – The RICO / Gang Toolbox**
John Melvin, Assistant Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
John Regan, Gang Resource Prosecutor, Prosecuting Attorneys’ Council

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-12:00 **Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs in Georgia- Expert Panel**, hosted by
Ryan Foles, Coweta County DA Gang Investigator & GGIA Board Member

12:00-1:00 *Grab and Go Lunch provided by GGIA*

1:00-2:15 **Developing an effective Anti-Gang strategy for your agency –**
Kimball Murdock, Fulton County Sheriff’s Office & GGIA Board Member

2:15-2:30 Break

2:30-3:30 **El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC) –**
Michael (Vince) Kersey, Special Agent, U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency

3:30-3:45 Break

4:30-5:15 **Expert Testimony – Best Practices and Common Mistakes**
McKenzie Gray, Assistant District Attorney, Middle Judicial Circuit

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

8:00-9:30 **Regional Intelligence Trends-**
GGIA Regional Vice Presidents

9:30-9:45 Break

9:45-11:45 **Social Media Gang Trends**
Marissa Viverito, Fulton County DA Gang Investigator

11:45-11:55 **Closing**

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“Casting the Net” – The RICO / Gang Toolbox

This course Will be a practical lecture on utilizing Rico and the gang act to the fullest potential. The incredible power of Rico is seldom utilized considering the breath of intrinsic evidence allowed. After a basic but thorough familiarization with the statute examples Ring language will be given. Exemplars of prior indictments will also be available. Best practices of Rico and the gang act will also be addressed and encouraged.

Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs in Georgia

The number of outlaw bikers in Georgia is growing rapidly. Despite this, little intelligence is being shared among agencies in rural Georgia. This presentation will provide real-time intelligence on these groups’ activities over the last year and the violent turf war that may be on the horizon. To enhance this training, an expert panel of instructors have been diligently following the OMG activity in Georgia for the last 6 months. We will here from local, state and federal partners on how to address these criminal organizations.

Developing an effective Anti-Gang strategy for your agency

Developing an appropriate and effective anti-gang strategy can be difficult for any agency. Understanding the gang landscape, navigating societal concerns, and managing dwindling resources are just some of the challenges law enforcement faces as agencies seek to address rising crime associated with gang membership. This course will provide students with ideas and strategies for developing an anti-gang strategy for their agency and community. The course will focus on the concepts of deterrence, denial, disruption, and detention. Students will be provided with specific definitions of each concept and how each concept is used in the development of an overall anti-gang strategy. The course will also cover incident based strategies and enterprise-based strategies. Finally, the course will focus on building workgroups and/or task forces and how those units function together as part of the broader strategy to reduce part 1 crime committed by criminal street gangs.

El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC)

EPIC is a national-level tactical intelligence center led by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) that focuses on all threats and all crimes nationally. EPIC provides 24/7/365 support, free of charge, to all U.S. law enforcement through multiple federal database queries, case deconfliction, officer safety support, concealed trap data, criminal history information, border crossing information, access to the National License Plate Reader Program, interdiction training, private aircraft intelligence, pole camera and tracking device monitoring support, financial asset intelligence, commercial motor vehicle intelligence, as well as, the timely analysis and dissemination of intelligence on all threats to the nation.

Expert Testimony – Best Practices and Common Mistakes

This presentation will discuss tips, techniques and strategies for providing useful testimony and opinions. It will discuss the importance of remembering that the jury is your audience and reinforce how to effectively use scientific data, training and experience to help explain your testimony. It will also discuss standards regarding expert witness opinions and how to prepare for trial.

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Regional Intelligence Trends-

The Impact of Hybrid Gangs in the rural community. Instructors will give participants the tools needed to address this new trend and intercept these rural gangs linking up with national gangs in larger metro areas.

Social Media Gang Investigative Tools

Understand basic function, terminology, communication and interaction methods of major social media platforms. Teaching best practices when operating and maintaining covert/undercover pages. A review of the latest advanced social media searching tools and techniques.