PROTECT and SERVE: HOW LAW ENFORCEMENT IS TRANSFORMING THE AMERICAN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2018

7:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.  Social Media and Positive Community Policing
This session will explore how law enforcement can use social media to develop and strengthen relationships with the community. In addition to generating more positive community interactions, social media can help break down barriers that sometimes exist between law enforcement and the public. This session will incorporate the law enforcement discipline-specific breakout.

8:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  Break

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  The Role of Law Enforcement in Building Public Trust: Community Engagement, Police Branding and Information-sharing
Law enforcement leadership and command staff set the tone for how an agency is perceived in the community. This panel discussion explores how leadership and command staff can build a network of community support for law enforcement and change public perception of law enforcement's role in advancing justice. The panelists will provide examples of their department's approach to community engagement, police branding and information-sharing, and discuss how their approaches address the challenges many departments face.

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  Break

10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  Behind the “Thin Blue Line”: How Police Culture Impacts Perception and Performance of Law Enforcement
The public's perception of law enforcement is often shaped by fictional television and movies, the media and social media. This exposure can misrepresent the duties, responsibilities and attitudes of law enforcement officers, leading to a misperception of who they really are. This session offers a look behind the “thin blue line” to understand the culture of law enforcement and the challenges, both personal and professional, that impact decision-making. It also provides a glimpse into the sub-cultures and challenges within agencies and how those sub-cultures influence peers.

12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.  Lunch Break

1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  Debriefing: The Impact of Legalizing Marijuana
This session looks at the impact of marijuana legalization across the nation, including its effect on crime and law enforcement. It examines the social cost, crime rates and community safety in states that have legalized marijuana. It specifically explores the impact of legalization in Colorado and how law enforcement has adapted.
THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2018

9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  Mobilization: Connecting Community and Criminal Justice to Improve Outcomes
Bringing about change in a community requires input from many different stakeholders. For law enforcement, it is critical to build relationships with a diverse constituency, including civilian and community organizations. This type of collaboration fosters accountability and engagement critical to supporting the work of law enforcement. This session looks at the process and outcomes of a community mobilization and cooperation model in use in Ohio.

10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  Break

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  SOS: Saving Our Superheroes
Like a superhero, law enforcement is often a selfless profession that puts the needs of community before the needs of the officer. The burden of life on the front lines can lead some officers to struggle with their own well-being. The result may range from discovering positive coping skills to adopting harmful and destructive behaviors. This session provides a look at first-responder testimonies and coping mechanisms. First, an officer who works in the juvenile drug treatment court system will discuss how he copes with the ups and downs of the difficult cases he encounters. Next, an officer who was part of the initial recovery during the Oklahoma City bombing will discuss his years of struggling to make sense of his experience. Finally, an organization founded specifically to provide 24-hour crisis referral assistance for public safety employees will explain how it helps these professionals develop healthy coping skills.

12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.  Lunch Break

1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  The Opioid Crisis: How Law Enforcement and Public Health Professionals Work Together to Save Lives
America is in the grips of an opioid epidemic. Criminal justice professionals are on the front lines, seeing the devastating impact of opioids on individuals, families and communities. Often, opioid addiction begins with the misuse of medication prescribed by a doctor. This session addresses how law enforcement can collaborate with and educate public health officials, including family physicians, pain management specialists and emergency room doctors and nurses about addiction patterns and resources such as naloxone (Narcan) that law enforcement uses to combat this issue.

3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.  Lunch Break

3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  Rethinking the War on Drugs: Options and Opportunities that Reduce Crime and Address Public Safety
Advancements in both the criminal justice system and addiction treatment have reshaped America’s approach to drug policy. The days of trying to arrest our way out of the problem of addiction are over. But what comes next? This session introduces law enforcement to some unique programs that combine a justice response to addiction and related crime with a public health emphasis on treatment.

4:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.  Break

4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  Crisis Intervention Teams: An Effective Approach to Trauma-informed Policing
Trauma is described as emotionally distressing situations or events that limit a person’s ability to cope. Citizens in substance use and/or mental health treatment often report histories of trauma and use of substances to self-medicate trauma-related symptoms. Crisis intervention teams can be an effective response to these citizens, providing tools and resources to help them cope. This session will help law enforcement understand the role of trauma in substance use, mental health and co-occurring disorders; how crisis intervention teams appropriately respond to people with histories of trauma; and ways to avoid retraumatizing participants.
FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2018

9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  Tall Cop Says Stop: High in Plain Sight - Current Drug, Addiction and Impairment Trends
Officer Jermaine Galloway (“Tall Cop Says Stop”) addresses trends in drug potency, impairment, logos, marijuana wax, edibles, hidden compartments, vapes, over-the-counter drugs, designer drugs, overdoses and more. Officer Galloway will provide real-life examples and photos from his community, environmental scans from across the country and more than 50 visual aids to help law enforcement become familiar with these trends.

10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  Break

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  Working Effectively with Trauma-impacted Juveniles and Young Adults in the Juvenile Justice and Adult Criminal Justice Systems
This session presents how trauma can lead to a host of challenging behaviors associated with struggles in relationships, disengagement from school, employment problems and involvement in the justice system. Participants will learn how physiological responses to chronic stress can have a profound impact on brain development, how subsequent adaptive skills can push youth and young adults away from protective influences such as school and positive associates, and how educational and allied systems can become more trauma-informed at all points of contact with children, youth, young adults and families.

12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.  Lunch Break

1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  Advances in Criminal Justice and How They Impact Policing
The American criminal justice system continues to advance at both the state and federal level. What are the key issues? What does the research say? And how are law enforcement officers impacted? This session answers these critical questions to help law enforcement understand its role in advancing the justice system.

3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.  Break

3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  Procedural Justice: Responding to Individuals with Mental Health Disorders
This session looks at the use-of-force continuum and how law enforcement can de-escalate interactions when responding to calls for service involving a person with a mental health disorder.