



National Case Closed Project: 2023 Convening | Practices for Effectively Investigating Fatal & Non-fatal Shootings

September 25-26, 2023

CONFERENCE AGENDA

All times listed are in Eastern Standard Time.

Monday, September 25 | 8:30 am–5:00 pm

8:30-9:00 **Check-In/ Meet and Greet**

9:00–9:30 **Opening Remarks/National Case Closed Project Overview**

Session will include a welcome to attendees, an overview of the National Case Closed Project (NCCP), and a review of the topics that will be covered during the convening.

Presenters:

Duren Banks, PhD., Vice President of the Justice Practice Area, RTI International

Karhlton Moore, Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

Kevin Strom, PhD., NCCP Project Director, RTI International

9:30-10:45 **Updates from NCCP Sites: Discussion of the Challenges and Progress Made in
Addressing Fatal and Nonfatal Shootings**

Session will review key challenges and needs from the field based on NCCP assessments conducted to date as well as updates from agency leaders on steps taken towards addressing their organization's response to shootings and plans moving forward.

Panelists:

Kevin Strom, RTI International

Detective John Skaggs, Los Angeles (CA) Police Department Homicide (ret.)

Chief John Thompson, Greensboro (NC) Police Department

Assistant Chief Robert Backus, Lansing (MI) Police Department

10:45–11:00 **Break**

11:00–12:15 **Coordinated Approaches for Solving Fatal and Nonfatal Shootings**

Session will feature examples of successful efforts to increase clearance rates including the importance of case triage of nonfatal shooting cases and how best to manage staff workload, case oversight, coordination for both nonfatal and fatal shooting cases.

Panelists:

Detective John Skaggs, Los Angeles (CA) Police Department (ret.), Facilitator

Tom Scott, PhD., RTI International

Sergeant Josh May, Chattanooga (TN) Police Department

Commander Kyle Hartsock, Albuquerque (NM) Police Department

- 12:15–1:30 **Lunch Break**
- 1:30–2:30 **Data-driven Casework: Leveraging Crime and Intelligence Analysis**
Session will feature a discussion focused on the crucial collaboration between investigators and crime and intelligence analysts, as well as individuals focused on use of technology to solve cases. Specific topics will include the importance of social media analysis, network analysis, NIBIN data, and other forensic intelligence in shooting cases.
- Panelists:**
Bill Wells, PhD., Sam Houston State University, Facilitator
Kerry Yerico, National Policing Institute
Keisha Harper, Milwaukee (WI) Police Department
Hannah Cochran, Finn Institute for Public Safety
- 2:30–3:30 **The Importance of Policies and Training: Promoting Investigative Standards in Crime Scene, Patrol, and Investigative Activity**
Session will focus on how robust, comprehensive policies and training curriculums serve as the foundation for strong investigative standards for shooting cases, as well as the importance of establishing roles and responsibilities in promoting case clearance.
- Panelists:**
Lindsay Miller Goodison, Facilitator
Assistant Chief Stephanie Mardis, Greensboro (NC) Police Department
Inspector Paul Lough, Milwaukee (WI) Police Department
Commander George Kucik, Metropolitan (D.C.) Police Department (ret.)
- 3:30–3:40 **Break**
- 3:40–4:55 **Advancing Investigations: Forensics, Technology and Digital Evidence**
Session will feature a discussion on the application of forensics and other technology in advancing shootings cases, including gun crime intelligence and digital evidence.
- Panelists:**
John Grassel, RTI (facilitator)
Bill Wells, PhD., Sam Houston State University
Stephanie Stoiloff, Chief, Forensic Services Division, Miami-Dade Police Department (FL)
Michael Garvey, Director, Office of Forensic Science, Philadelphia Police Department
Lt. William Gonzalez, Miami (FL) Police Department
Sgt. Fabio Sanchez, Miami (FL) Police Department
- 4:55–5:00 **End-of-Day Wrap-Up**
- 5:30-7:30 **Networking Reception at the Hyatt Place Durham Southpoint**
7840 NC-751, Durham, NC 27713

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Tuesday, September 26 | 8:30 am–12:30 pm

8:00-8:30 **Meet and Greet**

8:30–8:45 **Welcome for Day 2**

8:45–10:00 **Engaging Communities: How to Earn Trust and Build Relationships to Reduce Gun Violence**

Session will feature a discussion with community leaders and academic scholars aimed at addressing gun violence, with a focus on strategies for strengthening police-community partnerships and community trust with local law enforcement agencies.

Panelists:

Stacy Sechrist, PhD., RTI International (facilitator)

Rod K. Brunson, PhD., University of Maryland, College Park

Michael McKissic, Mikey 23 Foundation

Pastor Rodrick Burton, New Northside Missionary Baptist Church, St. Louis, MO

Debra Gillispie, Milwaukee Mothers Against Gun Violence

10:00–11:00 **Investigative Effort and the Role of the Supervisor**

Session will focus on the critical role supervisors play in ensuring investigative standards are followed across shootings investigations, ensuring that all leads have been exhausted and that witnesses and victims have been engaged throughout.

Panelists:

Kevin Strom, PhD., RTI International (facilitator)

Detective John Skaggs, Los Angeles (CA) Police Department (ret.)

Mary Nero, Greensboro (NC) Police Department

Commander George Kucik, Metropolitan (D.C.) Police Department (ret.)

11:00–12:15 **Multidisciplinary Partnerships: Engaging Prosecutors to Solve Shooting Cases**

Session will focus on the importance of collaboration among law enforcement and prosecutors as well as the critical role each play in improving clearance rates for both fatal and non-fatal shootings.

Panelists:

John Wilkinson, AEquitas (facilitator)

Lamar Fyall, Assistant United States Attorney (Columbia, SC)

John Dewane, Ingham County Prosecutor (MI)

12:15-12:30 **Closing Remarks/Next Steps**

Tammy Brown, BJA

Kevin Strom, RTI International

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