



COUNTY SHERIFFS
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Colorado Association of
Chiefs of Police

Co-hosted by Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock,
and Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser

Colorado Fentanyl Summit

An Intensive Two-Day Training for Law Enforcement on Fentanyl Investigation and Prosecution

June 2-3, 2022

Denver Art Museum
100 W 14th Ave Pkwy.
Denver, CO

Colorado Fentanyl Summit Co-chairs:

John Kellner, 18th Judicial
District Attorney

Brian Mason, 17th Judicial
District Attorney

This **FREE** summit is a closed conference for law enforcement and prosecutors. CLE credits have been requested.

Space is limited, so please **RVSP** quickly to Lisa.Carpenter@denvergov.org. Include your name, title, organization, and dietary restrictions when RSVPing, as lunch will be provided on both days.

We have a block of rooms reserved at the Curtis Hotel at a special conference rate. Guests must book discounted hotel accommodations by May 12.

June 2, 2022

8 - 8:30 a.m.

Registration & Breakfast | [Press Avail for Media Partners](#)

8:30 a.m.

Welcome & Introductions

- Mayor Michael B. Hancock, City and County of Denver
- Phil Weiser, Colorado Attorney General
- Cole Finegan, U.S. Attorney, District of Colorado

9 a.m.

The Drug Crisis & the Fentanyl Threat: Update from the DEA

The drug crisis and the history of the rise of fentanyl in America, changes in federal laws, trends in fentanyl trafficking and criminal drug networks, recent warnings on mass fentanyl poisonings, and DEA interdiction efforts

Presenter: Brian S. Besser, Special Agent in Charge, Denver Field Division, DEA

10 a.m.

Opioid Settlement Funds and Support for Law Enforcement

Presenter: Heidi Williams, Director of Opioid Response, Colorado Attorney General's Office

10:15 a.m.

Fentanyl Poisoning Death Investigations:

Investigation techniques, including initial scene response, best practices for overdose deaths, and report writing

Presenters:

- Peter McNeilly, Deputy Chief, Narcotics Division, U.S. Attorney's Office
- Andrew Cohen, Special Agent, FBI
- Erin Worrell, Chief Investigator, Denver Medical Examiner's Office
- Adam Golden, Detective, Denver Police Department

12:15 p.m.

Working Lunch (Provided)

Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Training

Overdose mapping, field fentanyl testing, statewide fentanyl seizures and overdoses

Presenters:

- Keith Weis, Executive Director
- Alexandra Freeman, Strategic Analyst
- Ashley Loveless, Public Health Analyst
- Allison Lindroth, Strategic Analyst
- Jeff Beeson, Deputy Director, Washington/Baltimore, HIDTA
- Pat Long, Training Manager
- Ray Padilla, Detective, Front Range Task Force

1:15 p.m.

Current Charging for Overdose Deaths

Federal and state charging statutes and case law and Colorado legislative update

Presenters:

- Peter McNeilly, Deputy Chief, Narcotics Division, U.S. Attorney's Office
- John Kellner, 18th Judicial District Attorney
- Mike Dougherty, 20th Judicial District Attorney
- Tom Raynes, Executive Director, Colorado District Attorney's Council

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2:15 p.m.

The Medical Examiner's Perspective

Background on deadliness of fentanyl, causes of overdose deaths, increases in deaths

Presenter:

- Dr. James Caruso, Chief Medical Examiner, Denver Office of the Medical Examiner

3:15 p.m.

Through the Eyes of Victims

Moderator: Brian Mason, 17th Judicial District Attorney

Presenters:

- Victim Advocate
- Victim family representatives

4:30 - 7 p.m.

Evening Networking Reception

June 3, 2022

8 - 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast & Networking

8:30 a.m.

Addressing the Root of the Problem: Investigating Fentanyl Dealers

Utilizing T3 investigations, techniques for warrant writing, working with Grand Juries, the interplay between fentanyl trafficking and Chinese money laundering

Presenters:

- Dan Rubinstein, 21st Judicial District Attorney
- Sgt. Justin Bynum, Mesa County Sheriff's Office
- Ray Padilla, Detective, Front Range Task Force
- Jillian Dardani, Intel Analyst, US Attorney's Office

10:30 a.m.

Interdiction Stops Panel Discussion: Finding the Drugs Before They Hit the Market

Concealment techniques, proper searching techniques, how to investigate public transportation, and investigating mail/parcel services

Moderator: Attorney General Phil Weiser

Panelists:

- Matthew Bowman, State Trooper, DEA TFO
- Mike Miller, Mesa County Sheriff's Office
- Evan Jaramillo, Eagle County Sheriff's Office

11:30 a.m.

Investigation Tools: Cell Phones, Internet, and Social Media

Using social media, online retail interdiction, and electronics to further investigations

Presenters:

- Annemarie Braun, Senior Deputy District Attorney, 17th Judicial District Attorney's Office
- Garrett Lord, Investigator, 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office
- Michael Angel, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Special Prosecutions

12:30 p.m.

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Fentanyl's Chemical Properties & Potency

Discussion of fentanyl's chemical makeup and potency, testing challenges, law enforcement considerations in handling evidence, potency, common weights, pure vs. pills

Presenters:

- Dr. Greg LaBerge, Director, Denver Police Department, Forensics and Evidence Division
- Jason Schimschal, Chief Chemist, Denver Police Department, Forensics and Evidence Division

1:45 p.m.

Prosecuting State Fentanyl Cases

Prosecuting the case, from bond arguments to expert opinions to sentencing

Presenters:

- Darcy Kofol, Chief Deputy District Attorney, 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office
- Annemarie Braun, Senior Deputy District Attorney, 17th Judicial District Attorney's Office
- Thain Bell, Assistant District Attorney, 2nd Judicial District Attorney's Office
- Carlos Rueda, Deputy District Attorney, 20th Judicial District Attorney's Office
- Ashley Barber, Deputy District Attorney, 8th Judicial District Attorney's Office

3:45 p.m.

Closing Remarks

- John Kellner, 18th Judicial District Attorney
- Brian Mason, 17th Judicial District Attorney