

# COLORADO FENTANYL SUMMIT

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

June 2-3, 2022

Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO

June 2, 2022

**8:00–9:00 Press Avail**

- Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock
- U.S. Attorney Cole Finegan
- DEA Special Agent in Charge Brian S. Besser
- Attorney General Phil Weiser
- Fentanyl Summit Co-Chair District Attorney John Kellner
- Fentanyl Summit Co-Chair District Attorney Brian Mason
- Colorado District Attorneys Council
- Chiefs of Police

**8:30–9:00 Registration & Breakfast**

**9:00–9:30 Welcome & Introductions** (30 minutes)

**9:30–10:15 Update from DEA New Special Agent in Charge**

History of the rise of fentanyl in America, how fentanyl is produced, background on, changes in the law, review latest trends in fentanyl trafficking and criminal drug networks, recent warnings on mass fentanyl poisonings, and DEA interdiction efforts (45 minutes)

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

**10:15–12:15 Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Training**

Statewide fentanyl seizures and overdoses, introduction and demo of OD Mapping System and latest in field testing (2 hours)

*Presenters: Provided by RMHIDTA*

**12:15–1:15 Coroner/Toxicologist | LUNCH DURING THIS TIME**

Background on the deadliness of fentanyl, increases in deaths, the Cause of Overdose Deaths (1 hour)

*Presenters: James Caruso, Denver Coroner*

**1:15–3:00 Fentanyl Poisoning Death Investigations:**

Techniques, Initial Scene Response, SOP for Overdose Death Investigations, Challenges, Witnesses, Reports, Case Studies (1 hour 45 minutes)

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**3:00–4:00 Current Charging for Overdose Deaths**

Federal Charging Statutes and Federal Case Law (30 minutes)

State Charging Statutes and State caselaw (30 minutes)

*Presenters: Peter McNeilly, Deputy Chief, Narcotics Division, U.S. Attorney's Office*

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**4:30 – 7:00 Evening Networking Reception, Location TBD**

June 3, 2022

**8:00–8:30 Breakfast & Networking**

**8:30–10:30 Investigating Fentanyl Dealers**

T3 investigations, Warrant Writing, Grand Jury (2 hours)

*Presenters: Front Range Task Force Speaker*

*Commander Paul Jiminez, Denver Police Department*

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**10:30–11:15 Interdiction Stops: (45 minutes)**

Targeting Public Transportation, Mail and Parcel Service, Street/Highway Interdiction (30 minutes)

*Presenters: Matt Bowman, Colorado State Patrol*

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**11:15–11:30 Break**

**11:30–12:30 Cell Phone Exploitation:**

Cellbrite/Nighthawk, Warrant Writing on Overdose Cases (1 hour)

*Presenters: Annemarie Braun, Adams County DA's Office*

*Investigator Garrett Lord, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District*

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**12:30–1:30 Fentanyl's Chemical Properties | LUNCH DURING THIS TIME**

Discussion of Fentanyl's chemical makeup and potency, testing challenges, law enforcement considerations in handling evidence, potency, common weights, pure vs. pills (1 hour)

*Presenters: Greg LaBerge, Executive Director, Denver Crime Lab*

*Del Hopkins*

*Ella Kubicz, Unit Leader at Wyoming State Crime Lab*

**1:30–1:45 Break**

**1:45–3:45 Prosecuting State Fentanyl Cases**

Bond Arguments, Expert Opinions, Case Studies (2 hours)

*Presenters: Darcy Kofol, Chief Deputy DA, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office*

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**3:45–4:00 Closing Remarks: (15 minutes)**