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)

Presenters:

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)
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

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

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, 18th Judicial District

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, 18th Judicial District Attorney’s Office

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