

26th Annual Four Corners Indian Country Conference

September 18-20, 2018
Hilton Buffalo Thunder Hotel: Santa Fe, NM



Indian Country Conference

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The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Utah

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We look forward to seeing you at this year's Four Corners Conference. This annual conference gives us an opportunity to learn new and important skills we can apply in our work with victims of violent crime. It also gives us a chance to network with colleagues from around the Four Corners area to share best practices and address issues of concern.

We hope to see you in Santa Fe in September.

Event Schedule

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Registration/Info Tables
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Opening Ceremonies
2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Break
2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	General Session
3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Break
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	District Meetings

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Cultural Performance
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	General Session
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	General Session
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Breakout Sessions
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Break and Networking
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Breakout Sessions

Thursday, September 20, 2018

9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	General Session
11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Break
11:30 a.m.	Closing Remarks

Registration

There is no registration fee; however, **pre-registration is required**. Please log on to <https://usaouttraining.org/26th4CICC> to register for the conference. If you do not have internet access please contact Melodie Rydalch in the Utah US Attorney's Office at melodie.rydalch@usdoj.gov for registration assistance.

Registration deadline on September 7, 2018.

Scholarships

If you want to apply for a lodging scholarship to attend the conference, look for the scholarship application as you register for the conference. Scholarship recipients must be willing to share a room with someone so we can accommodate as many people as possible. You can help us with that process by suggesting a roommate as you apply for the scholarship room. Please do not make hotel reservations. We will make hotel reservations for those who receive scholarships. We will let you know as soon as possible if we have a scholarship for you – probably by mid-August. Scholarship rooms will be at Buffalo Thunder.

Hotel Information

For Non-Scholarship Recipients Only

Please make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. Rooms at all locations are available now, but things may change in coming weeks.

Hilton Santa Fe Buffalo Thunder

20 Buffalo Thunder Trail
Santa Fe, NM 87506
505-455-5555

<https://www.hiltonbuffalothunder.com/>

This is the conference hotel. As a courtesy, the hotel is holding a block of rooms at the rate of \$119.00 plus tax (\$17.02) until August 17, 2018, or they run out of room. After this date, the hotel will take reservations based on room availability at its standard price. They will update the room allotment on Monday afternoons, so if they tell you they are out of rooms it might be worth checking back. However, at some point, they will be out of rooms.

You can use this online link: <http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/S/SFECGHH-CORNER-20180917/index.jhtml> to book rooms between Sept. 17-20.

You can also call 1-800-Hiltons to make reservations. (Pro-tip: online seems a lot easier). Use this information to book by phone: Group ID: 4 Corners Conference-Individual Call in Block and Group Code: CORNER.

Homewood Suites by Hilton Buffalo Thunder

Hotel rooms are also available at Homewood Suites by Hilton Buffalo Thunder (on conference venue property). Please call 505-455-9100 and mention the group code "FCC" and conference dates to reserve a room. The block includes the nights of Sept. 17, 18 and 19, 2018. This hotel provides free breakfasts and free dinners/social hour in the evening for guests of the hotel.

Other Hotel Options

We checked with a variety of other hotels in Santa Fe that have government rate rooms available now. We are not able to hold blocks of rooms for the conference at these hotels. If you want to get a room at one of these hotels call ASAP. A sample of these hotels include Comfort Suites Santa Fe 480-568-4538; Holiday Inn Express Santa Fe 505-474-7570; Best Western Plus Inn of Santa Fe 505-738-3822; Double Tree by Hilton Santa Fe 505-473-4646; Hyatt Place Santa Fe 505-474-7777; and Comfort Inn Santa Fe 505-474-7300. There are several other hotels in Santa Fe to consider.

Featured Topics

General Session Topics:

Walking Through Water: Being part of the criminal justice system offers opportunities for personal satisfaction and growth. Unfortunately, bearing witness to the trauma of others takes its toll, and unless we are mindful of its impact on us - our own health, well-being and relationships suffer. The impact is felt on our organizations, and the work we take such pride in can suffer, affecting the very people we are trying to protect and serve. Using humor, inspiration, knowledge and spirituality from her ancestors to popular culture, our first keynote speaker will draw from both research and practice about what makes us more resilient. She will offer strategies of what we can do to build our own capacity to take care of ourselves, and what our colleagues and organizations can do as well.

Active Shooter Events in the United States and on Tribal Lands: A large criminal event/active shooter situation could happen any place, including where we go to work each day, where we send our children to school, or where we shop. It could involve each of us as victim advocates and first responders if we are called upon to respond to a mass casualty scene. This presentation will examine the historical data derived from 16 years of FBI research on the number of these events, where within our society they are taking place, as well as their duration and resolution.

After reviewing the data, the discussion will turn to how organizations and institutions can prepare for a catastrophic event such as these, and what victim advocates, first responders, law enforcement, and community members can do to respond if faced with such an incident. Individuals who have been involved in active shooter events as a victim or first responder will help us understand the complex issues of working with victims of these significant events.

Facilitating Experiential Trauma Information (FETI): Russell Strand, a favorite from a past Four Corners Conference, and his partner, Myra Strand, will be at our conference to highlight an effective technique for interviewing and talking with victims of crime. Victims of trauma often undergo a process many professionals, and the victims themselves, do not commonly understand. The body and brain react to and record trauma in a different way than we have traditionally understood. Understanding this process will help improve a victim's experience as they come in to contact with victim service advocates, service providers, and law enforcement officers.

Breakout Sessions Will Include: Creating a Vicarious Trauma-Informed Organization (a follow-up to the keynote presentation), Officer Survival Story: When a Law Enforcement Officer is the Victim/Enhancing Your Resiliency—Survive and Thrive, Investigation and Prosecution of Non-Fatal Strangulation: What Victim Advocates and First Responders Need to Know, The Danger Assessment with Indigenous Population: A Case Study in Adapting Assessment Tools and Interventions to Indigenous Victim of Intimate Partner Violence, The National Institute of Justice's Research Initiatives and Programs Addressing Crime and Victimization in Indian Country and Alaska, Fraud Alert: Spotting and Protecting Elders (and Others) From Being Victims of Financial Fraud Schemes, Continuing Discussions Related to Active Shooter/Working with Victims of Active Shooter/Large Criminal Event Cases

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