

NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

2017 Winter Legislative & Technology Conference

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NCOVAA Meeting
Sunday, February 5, 2017

8:00AM-4:00PM

Conference Registration

8:00AM-9:00AM

Buffet Breakfast (All attendees and exhibitors)

9:00AM-10:00AM

National Coalition on Violence Against Animals (NCOVAA)—Executive Committee

10:00AM-12:00PM

NCOVAA NIBRS Workgroup

12:00PM-1:00PM

LUNCH BREAK

1:00PM-3:00PM

NCOVAA Roundtable/Seminar – The Link: Resources, Tools, and Tips

3:00-5:00PM

NCOVAA General Membership Meeting

6:00PM

President's Welcome Reception/Super Bowl Party

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9:00AM-10:00AM

National Coalition on Violence Against Animals (NCOVAA)—Executive Committee

I. Introductions

- A. Is there anyone new that we need to meet, get involved, etc.?
- B. How can we better communicate?

II. Objectives

- A. Bylaw Review
- B. Executive Committee Review
- C. Workgroup Follow-Up
- D. Pressing Issues in 2017
- E. What should we focus on for 2017?
 - 1. S.M.A.R.T GOALS

III. Updates

- A. What is happening in your state/area?
- B. Can others help?
- C. How can we help each other and ensure we are all on the same page?
- D. Is there an area that needs assistance?

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NCOVAA NIBRS Workgroup

- I. Introductions
 - A. NIBRS Workgroup Updates

- II. Mary Lou Randour
 - A. Where are we now?
 - B. Implementation?
 - C. How do we get the ACOs and HLEs involved
 - D. What is one thing we can all do to help?

- III. Dan DeSousa
 - A. NIBRS Animal Cruelty Incident Report
 - B. NIBRS User Manual
 - C. Training for ACOs and HLEs

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1:00PM-3:00PM

NCOVAA Roundtable/Seminar – The Link: Resources, Tools, and Tips

I. Introductions

- A. THE LINK: How do we ensure it is being used?
- B. Recent history of the Baltimore County State’s Attorneys’ Office Animal Abuse Unit
- C. How can we educate police to ask questions about pets in the home and use animals as a tool for investigation?
- D. Do police know about resources? Do you have resources locally?

II. Animal Welfare Institute

- A. Safe Haven Mapping Project
 - 1. Goals
 - 2. Outreach to and collaboration with the Battered Women’s Justice Project
 - 3. Collaborations/presentations
 - a) *July meeting in DC of the Natl Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (with the Urban Resource Institute)*
 - 4. Progress

III. Maya Gupta, Ph.D., Link Consultant, Atlanta, GA

- A. How do we incorporate the Link into basic officer training, given the challenge of time constraints?
- B. Cross-training LEOs/ACOs with DV: Beyond Basic "Link 101."
 - 1. More advanced training specific to how the dynamics of DV may influence victim behavior in a first response situation, and
 - 2. How first responders may need to alter their approach to avoid potentially compromising the safety of both animals and people in these situations
- C. What evidence do we have that our efforts to develop protocols, programs, and services based on our knowledge of the Link are successful?
 - 1. Evaluations? What best practices are emerging?
 - 2. How do we fill the knowledge gaps?
 - a) *Evaluation Date from Ahimsa House*

3. In what areas of the Link do we still need to know more?

IV. National Sheriff's Association Domestic Violence Committee

- A. How can we use this to get the word out?
- B. Meeting 2/6/17 3:30-6PM

V. Martha Smith Blackmore, DVM

A. Crimes Against Canines: UNEXAMINED SUSPICIOUS CANINE INJURY & DEATH IN MASSACHUSETTS.

1. Structural problems while investigating animal cruelty: Where do 911 calls go? What kind of training is there for 911 operators? How can we impact this part of the system
2. Structural problems while investigating animal cruelty: Where is the Animal Control department situated within the municipal structure?
 - a) *ACOs seem to be more effective in responding to animal cruelty when they are part of the public safety system (police/sheriffs).*
 - b) *All too often they are in the Department of Health or elsewhere, lacking contacts and context for criminal investigations.*
3. Structural problems while investigating animal cruelty: Departments lack budgets to investigate cases of unknown harms. If cruelty is not front of mind (because of complaint or blatant injury), accidental harms are assumed and bodies are discarded.
4. The barriers to responding to allegations of animal cruelty seem to be at the entry level and not at the prosecutorial level, for the most part, based on my experience.

VI. Amber Guthrie, MA

- A. Program Manager of Coalition Training & Technical Assistance
- B. Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence

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NCOVAA General Membership Meeting

I. Introductions

- A. Co-Chair, Sheriff Bunny Welsh
- B. Co-Chair, Mark Kumpf
- C. Co-Chair, April Doherty

II. Updates from Work Groups

- A. Police Involved Dog Encounters
- B. Roll Call Trainings
- C. NIBRS

III. Police Involved Dog Encounters

- A. Chair: Randy Lockwood (Randall.lockwood@aspca.org)
- B. Co-Chair: Jim Crosby, Mark Kumpf, Diane Balkin/Lora Dunn
- C. Brown v. Battle Creek Police Department, et al. F. 3d, 19 December 2016.

IV. Roll Call Trainings

- A. Goal: 3 total videos (General Animal Neglect, Dogfighting, _____)
 - 1. Suggestions on others?
 - 2. Equine?
 - 3. Police and Dog Encounters?
- B. Introduction video completed by John Thompson
- C. Dogfighting video completed by Janette Reeve
- D. How do we roll them out?
- E. Measuring success: how do we know what is effective? What is not?

V. NIBRS

- A. Where are we now?
- B. Implementation?
- C. How do we get the ACOs and HLEs involved?

- D. NIBRS Animal Cruelty Incident Report
- E. NIBRS User Manual

VI. Humane Education

- A. Caroline Griffin, Co-Founder of Show Your Soft Side
 - 1. Importance of Humane Education
 - 2. Can we get Sheriff's Deputies in schools teaching the program?
- B. Heidi Moore Trasatti, School Psychologist
 - 1. Project Mickey of Jasmine's House
 - 2. Basic Lesson Plans
 - 3. Certified dog/cat for program
- C. Collaboration Project with Jasmine's House and Show your Soft Side