

Wisconsin Association of Community Oriented Police 2025 Conference Agenda

Wednesday January 29

6:30am-8:00am Registration & Breakfast

8:00am-8:30am Honor Guard posting of colors

Welcome by President Joseph Kazik

Introduction of WACOP Board, special guests & personnel

Conference overview

8:30am-12:00pm James Mathy; Homeless Programs

James Mathy is the Housing Administrator of the Milwaukee County Housing Division.

James is responsible for the management of Milwaukee County's Community Development Block Grant funds, HOME funds, Milwaukee County's Housing Authority, Continuum of Care Homeless Programs, and Special Needs Housing programs. He is the author of Milwaukee County's Plan to End Chronic Homelessness leading to a 45 percent reduction in overall homelessness since 2015 and Milwaukee County remains on pace to the largest county in the nation to end chronic homelessness by the end of 2018. James has 20 years experience working in the housing and community health field with a focus on the development of homeless programs and permanent supportive housing.

12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch (provided) - Tri-Bolt / Yell & Tell Foundation

1:00pm-5:00pm Nick Place; 420 for Patrol & Sean Patyk; Kratom presentation.

Nick Place has spent 17 years in law enforcement in Northeast Wisconsin. He has been a DRE since 2004 and he is a SFST, DRE, and DITEP instructor and a regional coordinator for the Wisconsin DRE program.. He started Route 961 Training and Consultants to deliver drug training to law enforcement and the public.

Sergeant Sean Patyk is a 22-year veteran of law enforcement. Sergeant Patyk currently works for the Franklin Police Department. Sergeant Patyk is currently assigned as an Early Shift Patrol Supervisor and supervises the Traffic Enforcement Unit (TEU). In 2021, Sergeant Patyk became a DRE Instructor and has instructed in every Wisconsin DRE School since. Sergeant Patyk is a member of the Wisconsin Traffic Safety Officers Association (WTSOA) and he was elected to the Board of Directors in 2022.

7:00pm-END Networking Opportunity – Cornhole Tournament

Thursday January 30

6:30am-8:30am Plated Breakfast (provided)

8:30am-10:00am

Robert Kraemer & Leonard Meyer; Cops and Kids Foundation

Bob Kraemer is president and founder of the Cops and Kids Foundation. He is responsible for the strategic vision and overall direction of the foundation. In 1994, Robert followed his passions and become a full time police officer. Bob retired as a police officer in January of 2010. He worked the last nine years of his law enforcement career in the community policing division. In that role, he helped shape the lives of youths in his community through award winning community service programs. Programs which he continues today via the Cops and Kids Foundation.

Leonard is currently the Director of Facilities at the Milwaukee Hilton. Lenny was a full time police officer from 1978 -1986 In the City of Greenfield. When he moved into the private sector he remained a part time police officer twenty five years, currently employed the Town of Waterford. He has been very active in community programs for the last 10 years.

10:00am-12:00am

Randall Bansley; WI Dept. of Administration; Office of Charitable Gaming Financial and compliance audits for charitable gambling. Fraud investigation of misuse of funds and assets. Provide training to charities to ensure compliance and understanding of Wisconsin gambling laws. Conduct state wide seminars covering current laws, trends and fraud issues that arise concerning charitable gambling.

12:00pm-1:30pm

Lunch (provided) & Board Elections / Code 4 Program

1:30pm-3:00pm

Doug Monda; Survive First

Doug Monda, a retired narcotics agent, is a leader in the field of mental health advocacy for first responders and their families. After his own personal struggles with depression and a failed suicide attempt in 2013, Monda has dedicated his life to helping first responders acknowledge and address career related mental health issues afflicting the responder community.

3:00pm-5:00pm

Rechelle Chaffee; Executive Director of Autism of SE WI

Rechelle has been with the Autism Society of Southeastern Wisconsin for eight years and serves as Executive Director. With a degree in business and family members on the spectrum, she has championed for Autism awareness, education and support by providing programs and services that benefit the Autism community.

7:00pm-END

Networking opportunity - Undecided

Friday January 31

6:30am-8:00am

Plated Breakfast (provided)

8:30am-11:00am

Gene Meyer; Canadian National RR Police

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11:00am-12:00pm

Legal update – Assistant D.A. Dane County Annie Jay

Annie is an assistant D.A. in Dane County and former assistant A.G. in the criminal litigation unit of the WI DOJ. While there she handled a diverse caseload, including sexual assaults, domestic violence, and homicide. She continued to provide training to LE and prosecutors statewide.

12:00pm

Closing remarks by president followed by raffle drawing

Agenda subject to change without notice