



IDAHO STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CORONERS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

February 1 - 2, 2024 | Riverside Hotel | Boise, Idaho

Thursday, February 1, 2024

All meetings in Ponderosa/Tamarack unless otherwise specified

8:00 am - 8:15 am

Welcome and Introductions

Pamela Garlock, ISACC President, Boise County

8:15 am - 10:15 am

Psychological Autopsies

Brett Harding, Ada County, Chief Deputy Coroner

After attending this presentation, attendees will have gained an understanding of the difficulties in the forensic evaluation of a decedent's state of mind at or near the time of their death. They will become familiar with interviewing and questioning methods for elucidating accurate information that will aid the coroner/forensic pathologist and homicide investigators in the determination of the cause and manner of death.

10:15 am - 10:30 am

Break

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Human v. Animal Bone Identification

Sara Getz, Forensic Anthropologist, Oklahoma Chief Medical Examiner Office

This presentation is designed to equip participants with the skills to assess suspected skeletal remains for medicolegal significance. The session will cover key features that distinguish bones from other materials. Discover how to identify human remains and differentiate them from animal bones commonly encountered in forensic contexts, specifically tailored for Idaho. Sara will also share valuable tips on capturing photos for evaluation by forensic anthropologists.

12:30 pm - 1:15 pm

Lunch

Aspen

1:15 pm - 3:15 pm

Documenting And Defending Our Results And Conclusions

Ryan Gausman, D-ABMDI

This training is designed to provide insight and instruction that will help those investigators who work for the coroner's office to understand the principles and concepts of conducting comprehensive investigations and preparing case reports that are complete and which allow their testimony in criminal and civil trials, as well as other hearings, to be professional and competent. In the end, our case report is often the only source of information which contributes to the best outcome at the end of the trial.

3:15 pm - 3:30 pm

Break

3:30 pm - 3:45 pm

An Introduction to Idaho Violent Death Reporting System Data

Emily M. LaFrance, PhD, Principal Research Analyst & Program Manager at IdVDRS, Bureau of Vital Records & Health Statistics



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3:45 pm - 4:45 pm **Roundtable Discussion: Education and Training**

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm **Hosted Social Hour**
Sponsored by A.D. Valor Technical Cleaning

Friday, February 2, 2024

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8:00 am - 10:00 am **Medicolegal Approach to Drug Toxicity-Related Deaths**
Dr. Jim Caruso; Erin Worrell; Dr. Michelle Rippey; and Nikki Cooley
This session is presented through the lens of seasoned medicolegal investigators and a forensic pathologist. The presentation provides a historical overview of the opioid epidemic, foundational scene investigation knowledge with interactive case presentations, the role of an autopsy in drug toxicity-related deaths, interpretation of toxicology results, and death certificate certification.

10:00 am - 10:15 am **Break**

10:15 am - 12:15 pm **Medicolegal Approach to Drug Toxicity-Related Deaths, Continued**
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12:00 pm - 1:00 pm **Boxed Lunch To Go**