



***Gulf States
LECC / VW Conference
Tampa, Florida***

November 18 - 20, 2008

Florida

Texas

Louisiana

Mississippi

Alabama

Georgia

We Are One Team
The Power of Partnership

9th Annual Gulf States LECC / VW Conference
For Law Enforcement and Victims Service Providers
November 18—20, 2008
Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay

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TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT
9th Annual Gulf States LECC/VW Conference
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Hosted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida
Sponsored by the United States Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime

The Law Enforcement Coordinators (LECs) and Victim Witness Coordinators (VWCs) from the U.S. Attorney's Offices in Florida, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia, as well as the Florida Regional Community Policing Institute (RCPI) are sponsoring a **FREE** training conference for the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committees (LECC) – federal, state, local, and military law enforcement officers; prosecutors; victim/witness specialists; and, other criminal justice practitioners from each respective State. The conference is being held November 18-20, 2008, at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay, Tampa, Florida. The agenda, developed to meet the law enforcement and victim/witness needs of today in this ever-changing world, is included in this registration package.

Scholarships: We invite you to take advantage of this outstanding training opportunity and our hospitality. There is **NO REGISTRATION FEE** for this conference due to the availability of training funds from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) to cover conference expenses. **Scholarships of up to \$450.00** are available to assist with travel for those with a strong need for financial assistance. See attached scholarship information and application form.

Lodging: The Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay is providing a special room rate of **\$104 (plus tax) for single/double occupancy**. They are also offering the same rate for two days pre- and post-conference on a space availability basis. **Deadline to secure conference room rate is October 27, 2008.**

Schedule: The conference will begin with on-site registration Monday, November 17th, 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM. **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, November 18-20, plenary sessions will begin at 8:00 AM and end at 5:00 PM.** Each day will begin with a networking continental breakfast from 7:00 - 8:00 AM. A working lunch and an afternoon break with snack will be provided each day, as well.

Dress for the conference: Business casual. No shorts, tank tops, or flip-flops, please.

Please don't miss this opportunity to participate in this outstanding training conference and visit the beautiful City of Tampa, aka Cigar City, in the Middle District of Florida.

Agenda

Monday, November 17, 2008

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Early Registration

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

The Trauma of Criminal Victimization

Opening Ceremony

Robert E. O'Neill, United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida

John Gillis, Director, Office for Victims of Crime

Elisebeth C. Cook, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, USDOJ

The Psychobiology of Trauma: Understanding Human Behavior, Teresa Descilo

Self Care for the Care Givers, Dr. Sally Karioth, FSU

Understanding the Child Molester: Assisting Victims of Paedophilia, Paraphilias and the Online Offender

Dr. Peter Collins

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Working with Special Populations

The Challenges of Assisting Victims Who Are Mentally Ill, Tony Rolon

Faces Without a Name: Special Needs for Homeless Victims

Ed Brant, Executive Director Clearwater Homeless Intervention Project (CHIP)

Working with Victims of Elder Abuse, Randy Thomas

The Shadow of Hate: Assisting Victims of Bias-related Crimes, William C. Daniels and FBI SSA Stephen Gross

Child Predators and the "Adult" Child Abuse Victim, FBI Special Agent Kutcha

It Takes a Team to Help a Victim: The Multi-Agency Approach to Healing

FBI Special Agent Denise V. Holtz and U.S. Postal Inspector Thomas Clinton (ret.)

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Missing, Endangered & Trafficked Persons

The Unnoticed Victims: Drug Endangered Children: Thomas Dunn and Patricia Franklin

Missing Endangered Persons - The Jennifer Kesse Case

FDLE Analyst Dinah Johnson and Drew Kesse, Father of Jennifer

Advocacy & Enforcement: Understanding Victimization & Criminal Behavior, Sonny Slaughter

Putting a Face on Human Trafficking: A Victim 's Story, AUSA Douglas Molloy, Chief, USAO, Fort Myers

Dealing with Victims of Human Trafficking & Child Exploitation, Marie L. Martinez, Victim Specialist, ICE

Supporting Victims of Trafficking in Human Body Parts, Dr. Rande W. Matteson

**Tuesday – Thursday
7:00-8:00 AM: Continental Breakfast
Conference: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
*Working Lunches served***

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Registration Form

Please type or print clearly

Agency	
Name	
Rank/Title	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone	()
Fax	()
Email <i>(confirmation will be sent via email)</i>	
No-Show Policy Agreement: By submitting this registration form, you are agreeing to comply with the terms and conditions of the No-Show policy. A copy of the No-Show policy has been included in the registration packet. If you fail to show up, send a substitute or notify the U.S. Attorney's Office in advance, your agency will be billed \$50 as detailed in the No-Show Policy.	

Fax completed form to:

813/274-6300

If you have any questions, contact LECM Donna Schulz @ 813/274-6092

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No-Show Policy **Terms & Conditions**

The Gulf States Planning Committee has implemented this policy in an effort to reduce the no-show rate and curtail conference expenses. This strategy will facilitate an accurate count of individuals who will be attending the conference. Please understand the rationale and basis for this and assist us in providing attendees with a good conference experience.

Any agency that has an individual who registers and does not attend, and a replacement is not provided, will be billed \$50.00 to partially cover the expenses incurred. This fine cannot be paid from any federal grant source as fines and fees are prohibited from use for this purpose by the federal government and its agencies. If the fine is not paid, the agency will be barred from participating in any future conference until the matter is resolved.

Because of the food costs for these events, as well as the conference materials, we request the indication of your attendance so that we can order the appropriate quantity of food and materials. **Even though there is no cost to you**, please realize that we are obligated to the hotel for the requested number servings three weeks prior to the event.

Cancellation & Substitution Policy

As previously stated, we are requiring advance notification of all cancellations and/or substitutions. Substitutions are acceptable. No fine will be levied against an agency that sends a substitute attendee if the registered attendee is unable to participate. Your cooperation is appreciated as we strive to keep our conferences at a no-cost rate for attendees.

By submitting your registration form, you are agreeing to comply with the terms and conditions of this No-Show Policy.

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SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

In order to be eligible for consideration, individuals must meet all of the following requirements:

- Employed Full Time in a Law Enforcement/Victim-Witness position, (***Federal employees are NOT eligible***);
- Demonstrate a need for financial assistance;
- Must be commuting from at least 50 miles from conference site; and, must be committed to attend entire conference.

If you meet the following criteria and would like to apply for a scholarship, please complete the attached scholarship application form and submit via fax along with a short essay as detailed on the application form.



If you are selected to receive a scholarship you will be contacted by the Office for Victims of Crimes-Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC-TTAC). OVC TTAC will send you an acknowledgement form whereupon you will designate the expenses to which you would like your \$450 scholarship applied. The only expense that can be pre-paid is your lodging provided you are staying at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay. All other expenses will have to be submitted for reimbursement after the conference. OVC TTAC will provide you an expense reimbursement voucher along with your acknowledgement letter. Staff from OVC TTAC will also be available on site to assist and answer any questions about the process.

Support for these scholarships is provided by the Office for Victims of Crime and expense reimbursement is being administered by TTAC. Unlike prior years, **checks will not be issued at time of arrival**. Under new guidelines, TTAC is required to report all actual costs with a breakdown for all expenses.

Please send in your scholarship application as soon as possible.

Scholarships are limited in number and are offered on a first come-first served basis.

Scholarship Form

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Scholarship Form

To apply for a scholarship, please fax this form along with a short essay on agency/organizational letter-

Name		
Organization		
Rank/Title		
Address		
City, State, Zip		
Phone	()	Fax ()
Email <i>(notification will be sent via email)</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have received approval from my office to attend this conference. <i>(please check box)</i> Approval from your office to attend is required for scholarship consideration.	

head addressing the following topics:

- Why you need the scholarship;
- Your experience with, or interest in working with victims of crime; and,
- How you will utilize the information from this conference in your own community and/or job.

Scholarships will not be considered without an essay and completed scholarship and registration forms.

You will be notified by OVC-TTAC once you have been approved for a scholarship.

Please complete this form and fax with your registration form and essay to fax#

813/274-6300

Hotel Information

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay. Space is limited and the rate is guaranteed until **October 27, 2008**. We are pleased to offer the guest rooms to all conference attendees at a special federal government rate of \$104 (*single & double occupancy*), plus applicable taxes. In addition to complimentary airport shuttle service, the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay also offers free shuttle service to and from Tampa International Plaza (shopping mall and restaurants). Conference Rate will be available for the evening of November 15 thru the evening of November 22.

**Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay
2900 Bayport Drive
Tampa, FL 33607**

Conference Rate: \$104 + Tax

Phone: 813-874-1234 or 800-233-1234

Deadline for Hotel Rate: October 27, 2008

Ask for: Gulf States LECC/VW Conference Rate

Transportation from Tampa International Airport to Hotel

- **Complimentary Airport Shuttle to and from Tampa International Airport (TIA)**
Courtesy phone marked **Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay** is located in baggage claim area of TIA.
Available 5AM-1AM, departs hotel every half hour.
- **Taxi fare is \$15.00 each way between airport and hotel.**

****FREE ONSITE PARKING FOR ALL CONFERENCE ATTENDEES****

Early Conference Registration begins at 2 pm on Monday, November 17.
Conference Registration will begin at 7 am on Tuesday, November 18.
Conference will begin promptly at 8 am on Tuesday, November 18.
Conference will conclude at 5 pm on Thursday, November 20.

All attendees should plan to attend the entire conference.

Directions

**Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay
2900 Bayport Drive
Tampa, FL 33607**

Free Onsite Parking for all Attendees

COMING FROM TAMPA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

EXIT THE AIRPORT ONTO HWY 60 WEST. ONCE ON 60 STAY IN ONE OF FAR LEFT 3 LANES.
CONTINUE THROUGH ONE TRAFFIC LIGHT AND QUICKLY MERGE TO RIGHT LANE.
EXIT AT FIRST RIGHT-LOOPING UNDER OVERPASS TO LIGHT.
CONTINUE AT LIGHT STRAIGHT ONTO BAYPORT DRIVE FOLLOWING SIGNS FOR GRAND HYATT.

COMING FROM THE NORTH

TAKE I-275 SOUTH TO EXIT 39 (HWY 60 WEST). STAY IN ONE OF FAR LEFT 3 LANES.
CONTINUE THROUGH ONE TRAFFIC LIGHT AND QUICKLY MERGE TO RIGHT LANE.
EXIT AT FIRST RIGHT-LOOPING UNDER OVERPASS TO LIGHT.
CONTINUE AT LIGHT STRAIGHT ONTO BAYPORT DRIVE FOLLOWING SIGNS FOR GRAND HYATT.

COMING FROM THE NORTH VIA VETERANS EXPRESSWAY

TAKE SR-589 TOLL S. PAST MEMORIAL HWY.
STAY IN YOUR RIGHT LANE AND TAKE EXIT FOLLOWING SIGNS FOR 60 WEST TOWARDS CLEARWATER.
STAY IN RIGHT LANE WHICH WILL CURVE AROUND AND BRING YOU UNDER OVERPASS TO LIGHT.
CONTINUE AT LIGHT STRAIGHT ONTO BAYPORT DRIVE FOLLOWING SIGNS FOR GRAND HYATT.

COMING FROM THE EAST

TAKE I-4 WEST TO I-275 SOUTH TO EXIT 39 (HWY 60 WEST). STAY IN ONE OF FAR LEFT 3 LANES.
CONTINUE THROUGH ONE TRAFFIC LIGHT AND QUICKLY MERGE TO RIGHT LANE.
EXIT AT FIRST RIGHT-LOOPING UNDER OVERPASS TO LIGHT.
CONTINUE AT LIGHT STRAIGHT ONTO BAYPORT DRIVE FOLLOWING SIGNS FOR GRAND HYATT.

COMING FROM THE SOUTH

TAKE I-75 NORTH TO I-275 NORTH TO EXIT 39B (HWY 60 WEST AND TAMPA INTERNATIONAL).
ONCE ON HWY 60 WEST, STAY LEFT FOLLOWING ALL SIGNS FOR CLEARWATER.
CONTINUE THROUGH ONE TRAFFIC LIGHT AND QUICKLY MERGE TO RIGHT LANE.
EXIT AT FIRST RIGHT-LOOPING UNDER OVERPASS TO LIGHT.
CONTINUE AT LIGHT STRAIGHT ONTO BAYPORT DRIVE FOLLOWING SIGNS FOR GRAND HYATT.