2024 Annual Virtual Symposium Agenda
Futurescape of Justice: Improving Public Safety
CNA Center for Justice Research and Innovation (JRI)

Thursday, September 5, 2024

Time	Description
12:00 – 12:15 p.m. ET	**Welcome and Introductions** Timothy L. Beres, Executive Vice President, CNA Institute for Public Research Vivian Elliott, Co-Director, JRI Center
12:15 – 1:15 p.m. ET	**Lightning Round: JRI Center Highlights** *Introduction to breadth of JRI Center work, followed by brief presentations on our project work.* • Project on American Justice • Jails and Justice Support Center • Collaborative Reform Initiative Organizational Assessment • Michigan State Police Assessment • Juvenile Justice Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic • Building a More Victim-Centered and Trauma-Informed Criminal Justice System • Domestic Terrorism Offender-Level Database (DTOLD)
1:15 – 1:30 p.m. ET	**Break**
1:30 – 2:45 p.m. ET **Two Concurrent Panel Sessions**	**Critical Incidents: Important Lessons for After-Action Reviews** • Dawn Thomas, CNA Managing Director • Tammy Felix, CNA Senior Research Scientist • Dr. Carrie Shelton, CNA Senior Research Scientist • Geoffrey Smith, CNA Senior Advisor **Member Well-being: Identifying, Mitigating, and Preventing Destructive Behaviors in Law Enforcement** • Dr. Brittany Cunningham, CNA Assistant Director • Jessica Dockstader, CNA Associate Research Analyst • Dr. Daniel Lawrence, CNA Senior Research Scientist • Dr. Thomas Christoff, CNA Senior Research Scientist
2:45 – 3:00 p.m. ET	**Break**
3:00 – 3:30 p.m. ET	**Keynote Speaker: Mary Lou Leary** *CNA Board of Trustees and former Deputy Director for the Office of National Drug Control Policy* Introduced by Dr. James "Chip" R. Coldren, Jr., Co-Director, JRI Center
3:30 – 3:45 p.m. ET	**Break**
3:45 – 5:00 p.m. ET **Two Concurrent Panel Sessions**	**Emerging Technologies and Artificial Intelligence: Application for Surveillance and Safety** • Dr. Chip Coldren, CNA Managing Director • Dr. Bryce Peterson, CNA Senior Research Scientist • Dr. Vincent Bauer, CNA Research Program Director • Jon Morgan, Detective, Bergen County (NJ) Prosecutor's Office **Violence Reduction: Exploration and Understanding of Various Data and Technology-Driven Approaches** • Tom Woodmansee, CNA Principal Advisor • Dr. Daniel Lawrence, CNA Senior Research Scientist • Dr. Sean Malinowski, Managing Partner, The Partnership for Policing Innovation and Reform • Rick Edwards, Chief of Police, Richmond (VA) Police Department

Lightning Round Project Descriptions

Project on American Justice

The CNA Center for Justice Research and Innovation's Project on American Justice (PAJ) strengthens CNA's national prominence in criminal justice system research, training and technical assistance, and reform work. PAJ is a CNA self-funded project aimed at creating an innovative, collaborative space for researchers, practitioners, and individuals with lived experience to engage in forward thinking discourse using a futures framework.

Jails and Justice Support Center

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and National Institute of Corrections (NIC) Jails and Justice Support Center (JJSC) assists jails in creating and sustaining safe, humane, and effective environments for their populations, including incarcerated individuals, staff, and visitors. The JJSC engages directly with jurisdictions in the delivery of training and technical assistance on the identified core topics. In addition to providing technical assistance and resources for jails, the JJSC also serves as a hub for other federally funded programs and resources.

Collaborative Reform Initiative Organizational Assessment

The U.S. Department of Justice is committed to ensuring that law enforcement agencies across the nation serve all people with fair, equitable, and effective public safety practices. To that end, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) Collaborative Reform Initiative Organizational Assessment program offers an intensive form of technical assistance, involving in-depth assessments and technical assistance on systemic issues that challenge community trust and confidence.

Michigan State Police Assessment

Between June 2022 and December 2023, CNA conducted an agency-wide evaluation of the Michigan State Police Department. In response to findings by Michigan State University indicating racial disparity in traffic stops across the department, our evaluation reviewed MSP policies, training, and operations to identify MSP practices and programs that may contribute to the disparity found by MSU. To conduct our assessment, we used a variety of sources and methods, including document review, targeted interviews, focus groups, ride-alongs, and quantitative data analysis. Our report led to 54 findings with 68 recommendations to the department.

Juvenile Justice Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic

CNA's Center for Justice Research and Innovation, in partnership with the National Center for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ), is conducting a comprehensive review and analysis of innovative juvenile justice policies and practices related to admissions to, transfers between, and releases from juvenile residential placement facilities. We aim to identify best practices and policies that protect public safety and ensure youth health, safety, and long-term success.

Building a More Victim-Centered and Trauma-Informed Criminal Justice System

CNA has funded a research project with the goal of helping the US justice system become more supportive of victims of violent crime during interactions with law enforcement personnel. This project, led by CNA's Center for Justice Research and Innovation and the Center for Vulnerable Population Protection, is exploring trauma-informed best practices, seeking to identify gaps and determine what is working to improve police response to victims and increase successful victim outcomes. Such knowledge can be used by law enforcement and their victim advocates and professional staff for victim-centered response and follow-up and trauma-informed case management.

Domestic Terrorism Offender-Level Database (DTOLD): Leveraging Data on Domestic Terrorist Actor Life Histories to Improve P/CVE Efforts

In order to improve our understanding of domestic terrorist actors, CNA has created – with NIJ funding – the first ever offender-level domestic terrorism database that prioritizes psychosocial, trauma-related, and life history variables while including event-level data. The Domestic Terrorism Offender-Level Database (DTOLD), includes data on over 200 psychosocial, trauma-related, and life history variables for an estimated 375 individuals who have committed acts of terrorism in the US since 2000. As such, it makes possible analysis on a range of topics including trauma, mental health issues, suicidality, leakage (i.e., sharing of plans with others), and the similarities/differences between domestic terrorists and mass shooters, and loneness.

Panel Session Descriptions

Critical Incidents: Important Lessons for After-Action Reviews

After-action reviews (AARs) provide direct evidence to agencies on what was done well during an incident and what needs improvement. This is especially important for critical public safety incidents where the incident can negatively influence and quickly erode the public's trust in public safety agencies. For this panel session, Dawn Thomas, Director for CNA's Center for Critical Incident Analysis will open with an overview of AARs and how they are conducted. Panelists Tammy Felix, Dr. Carrie Shelton, and Geoff Smith will share their experiences and lessons learned from conducting and participating in these reviews as it relates to when to conduct AARs and their benefits, different types of AARs, processes and analytical approaches to consider, how to learn from AARs, and useful resources. Speakers will close with a discussion on what the future of AARs may look like.

Member Well-being: Identifying, Mitigating, and Preventing Destructive Behaviors in Law Enforcement

Supporting the well-being of sworn and non-sworn members in law enforcement is critical to promoting positive police-community relations as well as member retention. To adequately support agency members, leaders must provide comprehensive care to identify signs of distress, mitigate the impact of work-related stress, and work to prevent coping through the use of destructive behaviors. For this panel session, Dr. Brittany Cunningham, Assistant Director for the Center for Justice Research and Innovation will open with an overview of the importance of member well-being. Panelists Jessica Dockstader, Dr. Daniel Lawrence, and Dr. Thomas Christoff will discuss research and work conducted by CNA related to supporting member well-being (specifically command staff); understanding the use of wellness programs by members and reported suicide ideation; and implementing early intervention systems and their capability for supporting member well-being. Speakers will also share a variety of key lessons learned from this body of work, such as risk factors for suicide ideation, the importance of supervisory interventions, key considerations for member well-being moving forward, and more.

Emerging Technologies and Artificial Intelligence: Applications for Surveillance and Safety

Emerging technology and artificial intelligence (AI) have serious implications in their applications to surveillance and public safety. In this panel session, Dr. James Coldren, Co-Director for the Center for Justice Research and Innovation will open with an overview of new technologies that are impacting the justice system. Panelists Dr. Vincent Bauer, Dr. Bryce Peterson, and Detective Jon Morgan (Bergen County, New Jersey, Prosecutor's Office), will discuss the application of AI with body-worn cameras (BWCs) and machine learning. Speakers will touch on a variety of key lessons, such as considerations for justice practitioners and policymakers, operational challenges, the ethics of using AI for public safety, and more.

Violence Reduction: Exploration and Understanding of Various Data and Technology-Driven Approaches

There are many data-driven approaches and technological solutions available to law enforcement agencies to help address violent crime. For this panel session, Tom Woodmansee, Principal Advisor for the Center for Justice Research and Innovation will open this session with an overview of these various approaches. Panelist Dr. Daniel Lawrence, Dr. Sean Malinowski, and Chief Rick Edwards (Richmond, Virginia, Police Department) will then share insights, research, and lessons learned related to considerations and applications of technology-driven crime fighting centers (e.g., crime information centers, real-time crime centers, fusion centers, crime gun intelligence centers), pressures faced by police departments as they work to respond strategically to violent crime, and innovative solutions and important implications for violent crime in the future.