

# IOWA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE



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The Iowa Attorney General's Office strives to provide up-to-date trainings that highlight best practices and will assist our partners by providing on-demand trainings which include investigation and prosecution of violent crimes, working with traumatized individuals, legal updates, and traffic safety/OWI.

This catalog will provide you with a non-exhaustive list of FREE trainings that can be customized for individual agencies. It is recommended that law enforcement, medical, advocates and prosecutors in your area be invited depending on the topic of choice.

Please review the topics on the following pages. We can discuss what you feel are important for responders in your area and will fit into the timeframe of the training that you would like to host.

To inquire about hosting a training in your area contact Michael McDonald, Training Coordinator - [Michael.McDonald@ag.iowa.gov](mailto:Michael.McDonald@ag.iowa.gov)

## Courses

### Victim Assistance 101:

This training will provide attendees with important information about the different programs that are available to survivors of crimes and their families through the Victim Assistance Section. 1 hour

### Legal Updates:

Laws change fast and frequently, stay up to date on the newest laws as they relate to sexual abuse, human trafficking and elder abuse. 1 hour

### Vicarious Trauma for First Responders:

During this training, attendees will learn how working with traumatized individuals will affect providers/responders over time. The training will suggest ways to release that trauma, so it doesn't cause issues for the responder in the future. 1 hour (Wellness CLE 1 hour approved)

### Ethics of Chapter 915:

Prosecutor's ethical duties as required under Chapter 915 of the Iowa Code - Victims' Rights. 0.5 hour (Ethics CLE 0.5 hour approved)

### Compensation Program:

A more in-depth look at the Iowa Crime Victim Compensation Program. Training will discuss the eligibility requirements and the benefits available for victims and potentially their family. An ideal for advocates, law enforcement, prosecutors, medical and mental health professionals. 1 hour

### Sexual Assault Examination (SAE) Program:

During this training medical facilities and providers will learn the appropriate documentation needed for our Crime Victim Section to provide payment to nurses or facilities that provide sexual assault services to survivors. 1 hour

### Statewide Victim Service Call Center:

Attendees will learn how the Iowa Victim Service Call Center operates and provides services to survivors within Iowa. 1 hour

### **Trauma:**

Attendees will learn how the trauma will affect the survivor and their memory.  
1 hour

### **Testifying and Trial Prep:**

This training will provide information to all that may become witnesses for the case and those that will be testifying during trial. Attendees will learn appropriate demeanor, how to answer questions, and ways to prepare for trial. (still being prepared) 2 hours

### **Rape Culture:**

During this training you will learn where we developed our bias when it comes to sexual abuse and how the media has influenced most people's judgement when it comes to sexual abuse. We will also discuss one of the newest forms of sexual abuse, revenge porn. 1 hour

### **Consent Issues:**

This training provides attendees with information on how consent may direct the investigation and how to help investigate cases where the offender claims consent and the survivor says it wasn't consensual. 1 hour

### **Sexual Abuse Report Writing:**

This training will provide attendees with best practices for writing reports for sexual abuse investigations to include using quotes from both the survivor and the suspect, importance of using appropriate wording and more. 1 hour

### **Starting and Maintaining a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART):**

This training will discuss how to start and maintain a SART. SARTs have been proven to result in the best outcomes in sexual abuse cases. 1 hour

### **Track Kit:**

During this training, attendees will learn how to enter kits into the Track Kit system and why it is important to be transparent to the survivors of sexual abuse. 45 minutes

### **Overview of a Sexual Assault Examination:**

This training will discuss what a survivor will experience during a sexual assault exam and how the evidence collected can be utilized by law enforcement and prosecution. 2 hours

### **Sexual Assault Prosecutions:**

Learn the best practices for sexual assault investigations and prosecutions including interviewing and corroboration. 2 hours

### **Child Sex Abuse Prosecutions:**

Learn the dynamics involved in child sexual abuse, how to recognize grooming that has played a role in the offense, the evidence to look for and collect to corroborate the disclosure and create the best case for prosecution. 2 hours

### **Alcohol/Drug Facilitated Sexual Abuse:**

This training will provide attendees with knowledge on how alcohol and drugs can be used to facilitate sexual abuse, common trends, and ideas to use during the investigation to determine if alcohol or drugs were used as a weapon against the survivor. 1 hour

### **Domestic Violence Prosecutions:**

Learn the best practices for domestic violence investigations and prosecutions, including trials without a victim. 3 hours

### **Starting and Maintaining a Domestic Assault Response Team (DART):**

This training will discuss how to start and maintain a DART. DARTs have been proven result in the best outcomes in domestic abuse cases. 1 hour

### **Homicide and Other Violent Crime Prosecutions:**

Learn the best practices for working with victims and survivors of homicide and other violent crimes throughout the entirety of the legal process. 1 hour

### **Human Trafficking in Iowa:**

During this training attendees will learn about trends in trafficking in Iowa and what we can do to provide the survivors with the best care. 2 hours

### **Victims in the Parole Process**

This training will give an overview of the Parole Process and Victim's Rights within that process including registration, notification, and attendance at parole hearings. 1 hour

### **Victim Advocacy v. Victim Witness Coordination**

This training will focus on each position's roles to include how they are alike and how they differ. It will also speak to how important it is for the positions to work together as a team and the benefits of both. 1 hour

# PATC Training Catalog

Each Topic is 1 Hour

## Traffic Safety:

Reasonable Suspicion  
Probable Cause  
Pretextual Stops  
Community Caretaking  
Expanding the Traffic Stop  
Canine Sniffs  
Automobile Searches

## OWIs:

Operation  
SFSTs, PBT, & Implied Consent  
804.20 & Independent Tests  
The Two 2-Hour Rules  
Impaired Driving  
Blood Draws  
Report Writing

Stay up to date to better understand new trends, case law, and statutory changes affecting traffic stops and OWIs. The training can be customized to fit your needs. Let us know the topics you would like included and how long you would like the training to last (trainings can go from 1 to 4 hours depending on your request and topics you want covered). Topics can include, but are not limited to: traffic stops (whether a seizure occurred, pretextual stops; reasonable suspicion; probable cause; extending a traffic stop, mistake of law or fact, and canines); automobile searches; searching motor vehicle passengers; search incident to arrest; inventory searches, constructive possession, operation, SFSTs, PBTs, implied consent, chemical test choice; 804.20; independent tests; Iowa's two 2-hour rules; impaired driving; search warrants for blood draws; warrantless blood draws; chemical test refusals; vehicular homicide; operating without owner's consent; witness testimony; report writing; speedy indictment; and Cedar Rapids v. Atsinger.

# **Biographies:**

Trainings will be conducted by the training team, prosecutors, law enforcement, advocates, and other subject experts to bring you the most up to date and useful information available. Biographies for the Training Team for the Attorney General's Training Team

## **Michael McDonald:**

Michael works as a Training Coordinator for the Victim Section of the Attorney General's Office. Michael has been a police officer for over 26 years here in Iowa, spent 7 years as a supervisor with the Civil Commitment Unit for Sex Offenders, and has an adopted son that is a sexual abuse victim. Michael was also the Program Coordinator for the Iowa SAKI Program, completed the Clergy Abuse Investigation, and assisted with the development and implementation of the Track Kit System. [Michael.McDonald@ag.iowa.gov](mailto:Michael.McDonald@ag.iowa.gov)

## **Sara Hulen:**

Sara works as the Sexual Assault Forensic Response Coordinator for the Victim Section of the Attorney General's Office. Sara comes from over 10 years as a sexual assault and violent crime advocate, as well as the SART Coordinator for Polk County. Sara also spent a year in the Polk County Attorney's Office as a Victim Liaison. [Sara.Hulen@ag.iowa.gov](mailto:Sara.Hulen@ag.iowa.gov)

## **Gretchen Brown-Waech:**

Gretchen is the Program Coordinator with the Iowa Attorney General's Victim Assistance Section. She was the founding director of Deaf Iowans Against Abuse, serving Deaf survivors of domestic and sexual violence statewide for 8 years. In her present role in the Victim Assistance Section, she oversees Iowa VINE (Victim Information and Notification Every Day), the Identity Theft Passport program, and other victim-supporting programs overseen by the section. She also has targeted training expertise in disability access, human trafficking, and trauma-informed practice for medical, legal, law enforcement, and advocacy professionals. [Gretchen.Brown-Waech@ag.iowa.gov](mailto:Gretchen.Brown-Waech@ag.iowa.gov)

## **Natalie Lampley:**

Natalie Lampley works as the Resource Coordinator for the Victim Assistance Section of the Attorney General's Office, previously as the Victim Specialist. Natalie holds a Dual Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services and Psychology and a Master of Science in Psychology with 3 years of Post-Graduate (Doctoral) education. Natalie has over 22 years of combined experience working with youth, adults, and families in areas such as child and family services, and juvenile/criminal justice. Natalie has provided advocacy/supportive services, outreach, consultation, facilitation, and training/education in the area of domestic violence, mental health, substance abuse, behavior modification, and serious emotional disturbances. Natalie holds several certifications, including Certified Victim Advocate. [Natalie.Lampley@ag.iowa.gov](mailto:Natalie.Lampley@ag.iowa.gov)

## **Jackie White**

Drawing from nearly a decade of service as a former Military Police Officer, Correctional Officer, Police Officer, and Instructor at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy, Jackie has had the privilege of deeply engaging in this remarkable line of work. Her pursuit of a social work degree and subsequent clinical work at Blank Children's Hospital STAR (Support Teams for Achieving Resiliency) Center significantly broadened her perspective and enriched her understanding of a victim-centered approach.

Jackie's commitment to victim advocacy surpasses the confines of direct education. She actively contributed to the implementation of Human Trafficking (HT) protocols within Iowa and fostered collaboration with the Tri-State HT Coalition to extend these crucial protocols to neighboring states.

Jackie's involvement spans various victim-centered programs, including her tenure in SARTs (Sexual Assault Response Teams) & DARTs (Domestic Assault Response Teams) since 2017, as well as Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) collaborations. Engaging in numerous advocacy groups, community projects, and diverse efforts has further fortified her dedication to both victims and the education of professionals across multiple fields. [Jackie.White@ag.iowa.gov](mailto:Jackie.White@ag.iowa.gov)

## **Jeremy Peterson**

The goal of these trainings is to equip prosecutors and law enforcement officers with the tools to promote traffic safety and reduce the carnage caused by impaired driving. Jeremy has been an Assistant Iowa Attorney General and the Iowa Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor since 2018. Prior to coming to the Attorney General's Office, Jeremy worked as the Page County Attorney and in the Woodbury County Attorney's Office. [Jeremy.Peterson@ag.iowa.gov](mailto:Jeremy.Peterson@ag.iowa.gov)

## **Sarah Harms**

Sarah Harms graduated from Grandview University in 2005. Sarah is a Victim Witness Coordinator for the Statewide Prosecutions Section of the Iowa Attorney General's Office. She has been with Statewide Prosecutions for nearly six years. She travels throughout the state with Assistant Attorneys General to work with victims of violent crime and families of homicide victims. Sarah provides victims and survivors with information and emotional support during their journey through the criminal justice process. Before coming to the Section in 2017, Sarah worked as the Victim Liaison for the Iowa Board of Parole from 2007 to 2017 and started her career in Story County as a Victim Witness Coordinator from 2003 to 2007.

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