

W2D - Serving Those Who Serve: Challenges and Opportunities for Supporting Behavioral Wellness for First Responders, Custody and Law Enforcement Officials

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Narrative

Panel of expert leaders who represent first responders, corrections, custody, other law enforcement officials, as well as a premier treatment program, will discuss current challenges faced in these professions, as well as initiatives being undertaken by their agencies for increased safety, behavioral health and resiliency, and reducing stigma around requests for help.

Bio

Joyce Dudley, JD

Joyce Dudley was elected District Attorney of Santa Barbara County in June 2010 and assumed office on June 22, 2010. District Attorney Dudley is dedicated to fulfilling the primary function of the District Attorney's Office, which is to seek justice for all. District Attorney Dudley has followed through on her commitment to the voters of Santa Barbara County by bringing transparency, improved communication and innovation to the District Attorney's Office. Since taking office, she has instituted a number of positive changes.

Bill Brown, MPA; Sheriff, Santa Barbara County; Commissioner, Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission; Past-President, California State Sheriff's Association

Bill Brown has served as Santa Barbara County's Sheriff-Coroner for the past 12 years. Sheriff Brown began his law enforcement career in 1977 with the Pacifica Police Department in the San Francisco Bay area. In 1980, he transferred to the Inglewood Police Department. He served the Los Angeles County community until 1992, when he was selected as chief of police for the City of Moscow in Idaho. In that position he was responsible for overseeing police operations for both the City of Moscow and the University of Idaho. In 1995, Brown was selected as chief of

police for the City of Lompoc. He led the Lompoc Police Department for the next 11 years until being elected to his present office.

Sheriff Brown received his master's degree in public administration from the University of Southern California in 1995. He was president of the 91st Class of the Delinquency Control Institute, and is a graduate of the Northwest Command College, the 169th Session of the FBI National Academy, and the 33rd Session of the FBI National Executive Institute.

Sheriff Brown is a past president of the California State Sheriffs' Association and a past president of the California Police Chiefs' Association. Since 2010 he has served as a Commissioner on the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission for the State of California, and he leads Santa Barbara County's version of "Stepping Up," a National Initiative to Reduce the Number of Mentally Ill People in Jails. Sheriff Brown is currently Chairman of the Santa Barbara County Law Enforcement Chiefs (C.L.E.C.), and Executive Director of the Santa Barbara Regional Criminal Apprehension Team (S.B.R.C.A.T.).

Katherine Minnich, Deputy Director, Human Resources, California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation

During her 18-year career in the California state service, Katherine has served in a variety of leadership positions. She was appointed as Deputy Director of Human Resources for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in 2016, with oversight responsibility for all HR-related functions for the largest department in California state service, including classification and compensation, workforce planning, and employee health and wellness. Katherine served as CDCR's Associate Director, HR as well as Associate Chief, Office of Personnel Services with direct responsibility for specific HR programs. Prior to joining CDCR, as the Chief of the Human Resources Branch at the California Health Benefit Exchange, Katherine was instrumental in the development and activation of this new agency, creating an HR program that successfully met the hiring goals set forth by the Federal Affordable Care Act. She also founded the "best place to work" committee for the Exchange, receiving approval and support from executive leadership.

Dean Borders, Warden, California Institution for Men, California Department of Corrections

Dean Borders has been the Warden or acting Warden at the California Institution for Men (CIM) since December 2015. During his career, which began in 1989, he has worked at several institutions throughout the state and has worked with both male and female offenders. Mr. Borders has held several titles which include Correctional Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain and Associate Warden. Prior to assuming his current position, he served as the Chief Deputy Warden at the California Institution for Women (CIW).

Nick Turkovich, Peer Director & Satellite Director, First Responder Support Network

I started my Law Enforcement career in 1987 after eight years in the US Military where I served as a Medic.

I served for 25 years with the Antioch Police Department until retiring in 2012 due to several injuries sustained in the line of duty. One of my roles at the Department was in Peer Support that I helped establish in 1992 after myself and several other officers were involved in Officer Involved shootings. Having had prior experience with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

from my time in the military I saw a need for a Peer based support system at our department and was pleased to have support from leadership to start a program.

In 2008 I was introduced to the West Coast Post Trauma Retreat, which is a non-profit organization established in 2001 that treats First Responders for PTSD, Critical Incident Stress, and cumulative stress associated with the profession. I have been a volunteer with this organization since then and in 2014, I became the Peer Director of the organization.

I have received training and certificates in Basic and Advanced Critical Incident Stress Management from the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, in Officer Involved Shooting Critical Incident Intervention, Basic Peer Support, Suicidal Subjects Intervention, Crisis Intervention, and Advanced Peer Counseling from California Police Officer Standards and Training (POST). I have been a certified instructor for California POST for over twenty years in the following areas; First Aid Instructor, Bloodborne Pathogens Instructor, Small arms Instructor, Field Training Officer Instructor, Train the Trainer, Mental Health Survival, Basic and Advanced Peer Support. I have spoken at Law Enforcement Conferences in The United States and in Mexico on the topic of Mental Health Resiliency for First Responders.

Patrick Clouse, Chief Investigator – Santa Barbara County District Attorney’s Office

Patrick Clouse was appointed to the position of Chief investigator of the Santa Barbara County District Attorney’s Office in March 2018.

He began his law enforcement career in 1991 as a police officer for the City of Watsonville. In 1994 he lateraled to the Santa Barbara Police Department where he worked as a patrol officer, narcotics detective and a member of the S.W.A.T. Team. In 2001 Patrick transferred to the Santa Clara Police Department. While at the Santa Clara Police Department he worked as a field training officer, narcotics detective, internal affairs sergeant, patrol sergeant and undercover narcotics unit supervisor. In 2014 he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant where he served as a watch commander. During the last 2 years of his career with the Santa Clara Police Department he served in the Special Operations Division. Responsibilities for that division included acting as liaison for all Federal, State and Local law enforcement partners as well as managing Human Trafficking investigations. Additionally, he managed the planning and deployment of law enforcement operations for all events at Levis’ Stadium where the San Francisco 49ers play.

Patrick deeply values finding proactive solutions to the challenges of our ever evolving criminal justice system through technology and partnerships. As Chief Investigator, his primary responsibilities include providing the investigation needed to prepare difficult cases for court; guiding and directing cases of a sensitive or complex nature; acting as a liaison to members of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies; making recommendations to the District Attorney regarding office policies, procedures, and security matters. He manages both sworn and non-sworn investigative personnel in the Santa Barbara, Santa Maria and Lompoc District Attorney’s Offices.

Patrick was born and raised in Northern California. He attended Santa Barbara City College and Cabrillo College in Northern California. He possesses a Bachelor of Science in Administration of Justice.

Matt Garcia, MPA, Officer, Sacramento Police Department; Commissioner, Council on Criminal Justice & Behavioral Health

Matthew Garcia is a 23-year veteran of the Sacramento Police Department. During his career he has held a variety of assignments to include: Patrol, Problem-Oriented Policing, Bike Officer, Background Investigator, Robbery/Gang Detective and Field Training Officer. He was recently awarded Field Training Officer of the Year for the Sacramento Police Department. Officer Garcia is a 13-year Air Force Veteran and most recently served as an Advanced Academy Instructor at the Security Forces Academy in San Antonio, Texas. Officer Garcia has a Bachelor's Degree from California State University, Sacramento and Master's Degree in Public Administration from National University. Officer Garcia was appointed in 2016 to serve as a board member on the Council of Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health by the Senate Rules Committee.

Learning Objectives

1. Participants will be able to identify concerns of respective agencies/organizations, such as: live encounters; video encounters; social media, and institutional lack of support.
2. Participants will be able to describe current initiatives underway by existing agencies/organizations addressing increased: safety; behavioral health and resiliency; and reducing stigma around requests for help.
3. Participants will be able to assess programming recommendations and contribute to session discussion.