

Fall/Winter 2017 Newsletter

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A Letter from Our President:

It seems like 2016 was coming to a close not long ago and now it won't be long until 2017 will be a memory. The first part of October, we completed the Fall MLDI Training in Grand Junction and it was well attended. Thanks to all that helped and a special thanks to Jen, great job!

We had the CCA Board meeting on Tuesday night, October 3rd. CCA has been approached by the International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners to have a joint conference in the future. They would like to combine our June conference with their summer conference here in Colorado. It would be a great opportunity to have several new speakers and topics to provide instruction to our membership. There is a committee that is currently involved in discussions with IACME. Robert Glassmire is the Chair of this committee. All coroners will be getting an email from Rob in the near future.

I would also like to address something that I have been dealing with since becoming President of the Colorado Coroners Association. I have fielded numerous calls and emails from families and funeral homes with complaints about coroners or their deputies, some against pathologists. I have talked with the former President of CCA, Brenda Bock, and she told me that was common when she was President. It is the policy of CCA, that if there is a written complaint against a coroner or their office, it is forwarded to that coroner's office. So, when a person contacts me with a phone call, they are told that they must put it in writing and send it to me. I also tell them that it will be sent to the coroner's office that the complaint is against. After they have been told this, most of the time I don't hear anything more. If they do send a complaint in writing, your office will receive a copy of that complaint from me. I have sent out a number of these complaints and appreciate that you have responded back to either me, the person that issued the complaint or both. It appears that most complaints come from lack of communication.

As I said before, the end of the year is not far away, and I am sure that 2018 will bring new challenges for some of our offices. It is an election year for most of the coroners in the state and some coroners will be termed out of office. There will be some new faces and they will bring new ideas into our Association. I feel it will help the Colorado Coroners Association grow and improve.

I hope that everyone has a great and safe holiday season and look forward to seeing everyone in June.

Randy B. Gorton, President



Colorado Coroners Association

Announcements

Speakers/Presenters Needed for June Conferences and October Trainings

Thank you all for your comments, suggestions and recommendations for speakers at our events. Many of you want more case studies, so the CCA Board is asking you to volunteer to give a case presentation. Some of the topics mentioned are drug related deaths, deaths that appear to have more than one manner, and “lessons learned” cases. We are also looking for speakers to present on the following topics:

- Coroner’s Inquest – the How and Why
- Fire/Arson
- Cold Cases
- Distinguishing human from animal bones
- Working with the media
- Water rescues
- Respiratory protection/airborne hazards
- Testifying
- From scene to autopsy – helping your pathologist
- Coroners role in public education

If you have experience and/or knowledge, or know someone who does, please contact Jen Vien (970.628.5151) so we can get the presentations scheduled for June 2018.

Many, many thanks.

If you have an article or idea you would like to share or see in our newsletter, please send it to Jen Vien at: coloradocoroners@gmail.com, or fax it to 719.309.6625

The next CCA Board Meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at the
Jefferson County Coroner’s Office
800 Jefferson Parkway
Golden, CO 80104
Meeting minutes are posted on our website.

NEW!!!



Online payment and registration for Conferences and Trainings is up and running.
Visit our website and give it a try!



Online payment will also be available for Dues payments beginning January 1, 2018.
**In order to be a Member of CCA,
DUES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE
by April 1, 2018.**

A Useful Link – TAKE A LOOK!!!

<http://www.winknews.com/2017/11/09/want-crime-scene-investigator-theres-app/#.Wg19OEoKXzc.facebook>



Education and Training

Colorado Coroners Association 30th Annual Conference

Wednesday, June 6th through Friday June 8th, 2017

Hilton Hotel, Fort Collins

425 W. Prospect Road, Fort Collins, CO 80526

970.482.2626

**Registration forms and online registration and payment
are available on our website.**

**To receive the negotiated room rate of \$139 (plus tax) per night,
make your reservation by **May 11th, 2018** at:**

http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/F/FNLCOHF-ACC-20180605/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

**Your Tax-Exempt certificate needs to be submitted to the
Hilton Hotel at least 30 days in advance**



Education and Training

Conference Scholarships

The Colorado Coroners Association will be awarding 4 scholarships to the June Conference. If you or someone in your office is interested in applying, please visit our website at coloradocoroners.org and complete the application.

Scholarship applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 6th, 2018

Fax or email them to Jen Vien at

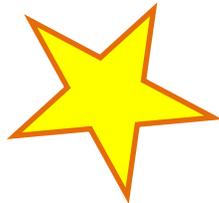
719.309.6625 or coloradocoroners@gmail.com.

Beginning June 2018, The Ike Miller Scholarship will be awarded every three (3) years. We will award it again in 2021. Please visit our website for more details.

Colorado Coroners Association

3-Day Practical Medicolegal Death Investigation Training Course

October 10th, 11th, 12th, 2018



Elevations Spa and Resort
Crested Butte, Colorado



We are happy to announce that our October 2018 Training will be held in beautiful Crested Butte.

There will be more information on our website and in the next newsletter.

The resort has a parking garage, and can accommodate vehicles that are less than 6'6".

We strongly suggest you arrive in a low-profile vehicle.



October 2017 Training Recap

Once again, our October training in Grand Junction was a success. We had some great speakers and presentations, and another year of beautiful weather and scenery.

We have changed the format and length of our evaluation forms, in an effort to gather better information. There were a lot of good ideas, suggestions and comments on the evaluation forms that we would like to address and acknowledge.

- We have eliminated breakfasts at both the June and October events. We found that it was more cost effective for the individuals who wanted a full breakfast to purchase it on their own. The CCA was paying \$28 per person for breakfast, and as individuals, you can purchase your own for \$6 - \$12. When we were purchasing breakfast, there was a lot of food left over, and we thought it was in the best interest of our members to eliminate such a cost. We are still providing yogurt, granola and sweet rolls – along with coffee and tea - at a much lesser cost.
- We do not offer a banquet at our October Trainings, simply because that event used to be a smaller crowd. As we are seeing more participation at the October events, we have decided to provide a social opportunity for our attendees that allows networking and visiting. We are going to try some new things this October, and will welcome your comments and ideas.
- The October evaluations had a few speakers listed as possible contacts. We have contacted the individuals listed, and have found that some are not in accordance with our Coroner Training topics, as well as others that are not available or interested in our group. We encourage you to continue to offer names and contacts, and we will follow up on them. If they are available, and can meet our group needs, we will certainly pursue and, hopefully, reach an agreement with them.

Overall, our Conferences and Trainings are useful and educational to our Members. We welcome your ideas and suggestions.

Some of the topics we are needing assistance with are:

Report writing

Templates and examples

We have many members asking for more case studies, while some are asking for less. We are going to be more diligent in selecting case studies, hoping that the presentation, information and outcome are beneficial to all. We can all learn from others' experience, but we must make certain that those experiences are noteworthy.

Thank you for participating in the evaluations. They are integral in designing and planning future Conferences and Trainings.



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