**3rd Annual Enhancing Domestic Violence Investigations Training Series**

**Speakers**

**Jessica Honish** is the Associate Director at Rainbow House Domestic Abuse Services Inc, serving Oconto and Marinette Counties in Wisconsin and Menominee County in Michigan.  Jessica is a certified Social Worker and has been assisting victims of domestic violence for 20 years.  She continues to work closely with Law Enforcement in the implementation of the LAP (lethality assessment protocol), domestic violence high risk teams, County CCR Teams,  and the HOPE Homicide Team.  Other strong collaborations have been formed in her 20 years with the District Attorneys, County Judges, Human Service providers and other agencies to ensure the safety and empowerment of victims and their families.   Additionally, Jessica has provided expert witness testimony in several court cases regarding the dynamics of domestic abuse.  Jessica worked closely with Trish Waschbisch for 13 years and was contacted by police the night that her life was taken.  It is now her mission to ensure that other families are not left with unknown answers or resources.  Jessica was presented with the Patricia Waschbisch Legacy Award for LifetimeAchievement in 2015.

**Detective Nick Johnson** has been with the Milwaukee Police Department for almost two decades and is currently assigned to the Sensitive Crimes Division and the Wisconsin Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce. Most of his career has been spent at the Sensitive Crimes Division where his main duties have been to investigate Sexual Assaults, Crimes Against Children, Endangered Missing Persons, and Elder Abuse. Det. Johnson has also been assigned to the Milwaukee Police Department Homicide Division, and Robbery Division. Det. Johnson has assisted the Wisconsin Department of Justice on an Elder Abuse investigation and prosecution training initiative for the past 4 years. Det. Johnson graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh with a Degree in Sociology. After graduation, he was hired by the Milwaukee Police Department and began his Professional Law Enforcement Career.

**Bryan Kastelic** is a Senior Special Agent (S/A) with the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation (WI DOJ DCI) and serves as the Task Force Commander of the Native American Drug & Gang Initiative (NADGI) Task Force since 2012. S/A Kastelic has served with WI DOJ DCI for the past 15 years during which time he was also assigned to the Milwaukee High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area / DEA Task Force 63. S/A Kastelic also served as the Commander of the Wisconsin Joint Tactical Team (2017-2021) and instructor on firearms, defense and arrest tactics, less lethal and Taser systems. Prior to his service with DCI, S/A Kastelic served 10 years with the Brown County Sheriff’s Department as a Narcotics Investigator, Emergency Response Unit member, patrol officer and Unified Tactical Instructor. S/A Kastelic served 10 years in the United States Army Infantry (Active duty & active-duty WI National Guard).

**David W. Keck**, JD has been the Project Director of the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence and Firearms through the Battered Women’s Justice Project since its inception in 2017. Dave provides training on all topics related to the intersection of domestic / intimate partner violence and firearms. He also provides technical assistance consulting to communities seeking to implement or create policies in furtherance of gun violence prevention.

The primary focus of most of these is policy implementation and formation for firearm dispossession procedures.

Prior to holding this position Dave was a Court Commissioner in Winnebago County, Wisconsin, for ten years. During this time, Dave piloted a surrender protocol funded by the Office on Violence Against Women through the United States Department of Justice. This protocol became the framework for Wisconsin’s SAFE Act, signed into law in 2014, which mandates a protocol for Wisconsin judges and court commissioners to follow when ordering surrender of firearms.

Dave also created a program that provides pro bono counsel for victim / survivors of domestic violence seeking a protection order from their abusers. This program has been adopted by legal services organizations and continues to provide volunteer attorneys in such cases. Dave continues to provide pro bono volunteer representation in many cases in Winnebago County.

Dave was also co-founder and supervising attorney for the Winnebago County Free Legal Assistance Clinic, which served over one thousand clients for each of the eight years he was involved. The clinic provides legal advice and counsel for all case types except criminal cases, free of charge and without appointment or residence requirement.

Prior to his appointment as court commissioner, Dave was a trial staff attorney for the Wisconsin State Public Defender for thirteen years. During this time he represented defendants in felony, misdemeanor, juvenile and mental health commitment cases.

Dave graduated with a Juris Doctor from the University of Puget Sound School of Law in Tacoma, Washington in 1992. Dave resides in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

**Deputy Jess Keplinger** has served in Law Enforcement since 2004, starting as a Patrol Officer for Village of Lena PD and later Menominee County Sheriff’s Office as a Patrol Deputy. In 2007, she accepted the Chief’s position with the Village of Lena PD before transitioning to the Chief’s position for the City of Gillett in 2013. In 2019, Jess transferred to the Oconto Co. Sheriff’s Office serving as Patrol Deputy and later Northern Oconto County Community Deputy. Currently, she is assigned to the Court Services Division with the Sheriff’s Office. During this time, Jess has sat on several committees related to Domestic Violence response and provided support to the Rainbow House Domestic Violence agency in implementing the LAP in Oconto County.

**Detective Sergeant Ronald King Jr.** is a 22-year veteran of the Oneida Police Department which is located on the Oneida Nation Indian Reservation. Detective Sergeant King was raised on the Oneida Reservation and continues to raise his family in the same community he serves with the Oneida Police Department. He spent the last 14 years of his law enforcement career serving as a Detective Sergeant responsible for investigations involving Crimes against Children, Internet Crimes Against Children (Wisconsin ICAC), Domestic Violence, Burglary, and Major Crimes such as homicides and suspicious death investigations. Throughout Detective Sergeant King’s law enforcement career, he gained valuable insight on maintaining effective working relationship with other agencies to include: police, fire, rescue (EMS), federal, tribal, county, state and county prosecutors, and state agencies. As an active member of his community, Detective Sergeant King strives to achieve his goals to maintain the safeguard of lives in his community while maintaining the integrity of his police agency.

Detective Sergeant King is also a certified instructor for Handgun, Rifle, Domestic Violence, Force on Force, Vehicle Contacts, and Train the Trainer for Abuse in later life for Elder Abuse. Detective Sergeant King is a graduate from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) with an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice Law Enforcement, and a graduate with his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Management of Criminal Justice from Concordia University Wisconsin. Outside of work Ron likes to spend time with his family and vacation anywhere it is warm.

**Sara Krall** is the Homicide Prevention Program Director at End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin. In this role, Sara oversees production of the annual Wisconsin Domestic Violence Homicide Report and provides guidance to Wisconsin communities on research-based homicide prevention strategies including the Lethality Assessment Program – Maryland Model. Before coming to End Abuse in 2012, Sara provided direct services to victims of domestic violence for 9 years at the Salvation Army in Seattle, WA, and Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS) in Madison, WI. Sara also currently works with a small non-profit called the Wisconsin Batterer’s Treatment Providers Association, which certifies those providing abuse intervention services and treatment in Wisconsin. Sara holds a B.A. degree in sociology and a master’s in social work, both from the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

**Assistant District Attorney Sara Sadowski** is currently the team captain of the Domestic Violence unit for the Milwaukee County District Attorney’s Office. As team captain she oversees the work of the ten prosecutors that are currently assigned to that unit. She also works closely with the personnel at the Sojourner Family Peace Center, an organization that provides services and support to victims of domestic violence. She handles a combined caseload of complex domestic violence, elder abuse and sensitive crimes cases. Prior to this position, ADA Sadowski was a prosecutor in the Sensitive Crimes Unit handling both Sexual Assault and Child Abuse crimes. Prior to that ADA Sadowski served in the General Crimes Unit prosecuting both misdemeanor and felony offenses. Since 2018 ADA Sadowski has also worked with the Wisconsin Department of Justice on an Elder Abuse investigation and prosecution training initiative, which has provided training to hundreds of law enforcement officers across the State of Wisconsin. ADA Sadowski graduated from the University of Wisconsin – Madison in 2000 with degrees in both Psychology and Consumer Affairs. In 2011 ADA Sadowski graduated from Marquette Law School, after which she briefly joined the Wood County DA’s office, before starting her career in the Milwaukee DA’s office.

**Molly Schmidt** is an Assistant District Attorney with Waukesha County District Attorney’s Office and the Violence Against Women Regional Prosecutor for Southeast Wisconsin.  Molly has worked as a prosecutor since graduating law school in 2010, spending one year in Duluth, Minnesota on a domestic violence police grant.  Molly then went on to serve as a Milwaukee County ADA for 7 years, working exclusively on cases of interfamilial violence, domestic violence and child abuse/neglect.  In her current position, Molly carries a 50% caseload of domestic violence and sexual assault cases, but spends the other 50% of her time supporting and training the regional law enforcement partners and prosecutors.

**April M. Zeoli, PhD, MPH** is a leading expert on the intersection of intimate partner violence and gun violence. Her interdisciplinary research—which aims to bring together the fields of public health, criminology, and criminal justice—is focused on the impact of state-level firearm laws on homicide, particularly intimate partner homicide, and the implementation of those policies at the local level. She is primarily interested in firearm policies that restrict high-risk individuals from purchase and possession of guns and those that facilitate the implementation of firearm restriction policies. An associate professor in the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan, she has received funding for her research from the National Collaborative for Gun Violence Research, the Joyce Foundation, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. April is on the editorial boards of the scholarly journals Injury Prevention and Criminology & Public Policy and serves as the research expert for the National Domestic Violence and Firearms Resource Center. She has earned national recognition for her research, on which she gave a TEDMED Talk entitled “The frightening frequency of family mass shootings.”

**Ashlee Zubek** “Karate” is the Survivor Support and Victim Advocacy Coordinator for the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Ashlee has supported survivors since 2014 and has extensive experience in victim advocacy and support; training others in the areas of trauma-informed care, domestic violence, sexual assault, LGBTQ+ domestic violence and sexual assault, as well as providing medical and law enforcement staff trainings around these subjects. Most recently, Ashlee’s trainings have focused on the intersectionality of violence and oppression. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her cats, doing water sports, gardening, and learning new skills.