

Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association 2018 Annual Convention Training

June 19-22, 2018

All training open to law enforcement and detention officers -- 19 POST Credit Hours (Pending)

Tuesday, June 19

Legal and Liability Issues in Montana's Detention Facilities

*Presented by Kevin Gillen, Chief Civil
Litigator, Yellowstone County
Attorney's Office*

8 POST Credit Hours (Pending)

This eight hour training will focus on current and emerging legal and liability issues facing Montana's Detention Facilities. Mr. Gillen will address a variety of legal topics including: gender identity of inmates in local facilities, ADA Disabilities Act, inmate religious requests and best practices in restrictive housing. The topics covered affect the lawful operation and administration of the detention facilities in Montana.

Wednesday, June 20

Performance Under Extreme Stress: Implications for Training & Investigations

Presented by Alexis Artwohl, Ph.D.

7.5 POST Credit Hours (Pending)

During this one day class, Dr. Artwohl will present a detailed analysis of the psychological dynamics of police combat and other extreme stress incidents. This includes perception, memory, decision making and the complex relationship between the human beings involved: offenders, officers, the agency, the community. Understanding these dynamics will help agencies improve their training, reduce the many risk factors involved in use of force incidents and maximize the accuracy of their investigations. She will review many research studies from the areas of psychology, sociology, biology, law enforcement and investigations.

Thursday, June 21

DNA Evidence

*Presented by Joseph Pasternak,
DNA Supervisor, Montana Crime Lab*

1.75 POST Credit Hours (Pending)

Mr. Pasternak will cover proper protocol for evidence submission, technical capabilities of DNA evidence in general and specifically at the Montana Crime Lab, current trends in turn-around times, court testimony and other general questions from Law Enforcement regarding the submission, use and limitations of DNA evidence.

Thursday, June 21

Stress Management ~ The Great Falls PD Model

*Presented by Sgt. Rob Beall & Sgt.
Rich Labard, Great Falls PD*

1.75 POST Credit Hours (Pending)

The Great Falls Police Department has developed a comprehensive approach to stress management for staff throughout the agency. Born by crisis, the program developed rapidly and continues to expand. While it is centered on maintaining sound mental health of officers, it also involves physical health and physical fitness components. This presentation will demonstrate to administrative and leadership staff, as well as rank and file deputies, the need for a comprehensive mental & physical health program, the necessary components and the opportunities to create/expand such a program in your own agency.