



# **NATIONAL NETWORK FOR SAFE COMMUNITIES**

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**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2009**

**Registration and Continental Breakfast  
8:00 AM-8:45 AM**

**Welcome and Opening Remarks: Jeremy Travis**  
*President, John Jay College of Criminal Justice*  
**8:45 AM-9:15 AM**  
**COLUMBUS HALL**

**Keynote Address: Bernard K. Melekian**  
*Director, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Department of Justice*  
**9:15 AM-10:00 AM**  
**COLUMBUS HALL**

**Introduction of Moderator: Mal O'Connor**  
*Vice President, Center for Applied Research*

**Break  
10:00 AM-10:15 AM**

**OPENING PLENARY**  
**Where are we? How did we get here? What are we beginning together?**  
**10:15 AM-12:15 PM**  
**COLUMBUS HALL**

This opening panel will discuss the purpose of the National Network for Safe Communities, will illustrate the diversity of stakeholders involved in the National Network, and will highlight the common ground they all share. Panelists include law enforcement executives, academics, faith leaders and community representatives who can speak to the real impact of the strategies on individuals and communities. This panel will also connect local impact to the mission of the larger network: to change national practice such that the National Network strategies are an expected response to violence and the community harms caused by overt drug markets.

**PANELISTS:****James H. Fealy**

*Chief of Police*, High Point Police Department  
High Point, NC

**Teny Gross**

*Executive Director*, Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence  
Providence, RI

**William Sherman Mason**

*Pastor*, Greater Hope Baptist Church  
High Point, NC

**Tracey Meares**

*Deputy Dean*, Walton Hale Hamilton Professor of Law, Yale Law School  
New Haven, CT

**Risco Mention-Lewis**

*Assistant District Attorney*  
*Chief*, Youth Development and Redirection Unit, Nassau County District Attorney's Office  
Mineola, NY

**Paul Seave**

*Director*, Governor's Office of Gang and Youth Violence Policy  
Sacramento, CA

**Thomas H. Streicher**

*Chief of Police*, Cincinnati Police Department,  
Cincinnati, OH

**Jeremy Travis**

*President*, John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
New York, NY

**MODERATOR:****Mal O'Connor**

*Vice President*, Center for Applied Research  
Philadelphia, PA

**LUNCH: "On your own"**

**12:15 PM – 1:45 PM**

See enclosed list of restaurant suggestions

**BREAK-OUT SESSION 1**  
**1:45 PM–3:15 PM**

**A) THE VIOLENCE AND DRUG MARKET STRATEGIES**

**ROOM: TOWER EAST**

This session will introduce interested participants to the National Network gang violence reduction and drug market elimination strategies. The session will provide a brief review of the theoretical background and research findings on these strategies; an overview of the design and implementation process and will highlight past and current projects. Conference attendees who are not currently involved in the National Network and/or are seeking to educate themselves about basic components of the strategies are strongly encouraged to attend this session.

**PRESENTER:**

**Vaughn Crandall**

*Deputy Director, Center for Crime Prevention and Control, John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
New York, NY*

**B) PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

**ROOM: HUDSON**

This session will review critical aspects of project management in the implementation of the National Network crime reduction strategies. Project managers from Boston, Cincinnati, High Point and Hempstead and National Network Co-Chair David Kennedy will discuss challenges and opportunities in managing these multi-faceted crime reduction initiatives, including coordinating law enforcement, social services and community “influentials,” governance and accountability structures, measuring success, media relations, sustainability and potential pitfalls.

**PANELISTS:**

**S. Gregory Baker**

*Executive Manager Police Relations, Cincinnati Police Department  
Cincinnati, OH*

**Larry Casterline**

*Captain, High Point Police Department  
High Point, NC*

**Ted Heinrich (Chair)**

*Assistant United States Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice  
Boston, MA*

**David Kennedy**

*Director, Center for Crime Prevention and Control, John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
New York, NY*

**Meg Reiss**

*Executive Assistant District Attorney, Nassau County District Attorney's Office  
Hempstead, NY*

**C) SOCIAL SERVICES****ROOM: COLUMBUS HALL**

This session will review critical aspects of social service provision in the context of the National Network crime reduction strategies. Social service coordinators and providers from Cincinnati, Hempstead, and Providence will discuss the role of social services in the crime reduction strategies, the challenges of providing social services to "call-in" participants and their associates, the identification of the right service providers, service structure and coordination, what kinds of services are essential, best practices and success measurement.

**PANELISTS:****Thomas A. Berghausen**

*Vice President, Talbert House  
Cincinnati, OH*

**Timothy W. Godsey**

*Research Associate, Policing Institute, University of Cincinnati  
Cincinnati, OH*

**Teny Gross (Chair)**

*Executive Director, Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence  
Providence, RI*

**Billy Henson**

*Research Associate, Policing Institute, University of Cincinnati  
Cincinnati, OH*

**Risco Mention-Lewis**

*Assistant District Attorney  
Chief, Youth Development and Redirection Unit, Nassau County District Attorney's Office  
Mineola, NY*

**D) INCREASING CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM LEGITIMACY ROOM: TOWER WEST**

This session will review research on the subject of criminal justice system legitimacy, including how aspects of current criminal justice practice may serve to de-legitimize the system, particularly amongst young men of color, the implications of this research for deterrence, public safety, and community vitality and how these issues are addressed by the National Network crime reduction strategies. Tracey Meares and Andrew Papachristos will present research that seeks to understand the connection between enhancing the legitimacy of law enforcement actors and strategies and compliance as well as identifying strategies that enhance legitimacy. In addition to being a nationally recognized scholar in this area, Meares was the architect of the Chicago Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative, which successfully applied the principles of the gang violence reduction

strategy in a reentry context in two neighborhoods in the west side of Chicago. Meares and Papachristos are currently engaged in a long-term outcome evaluation of that initiative.

**PANELISTS:**

**Tracey Meares (Chair)**

*Deputy Dean, Walton Hale Hamilton Professor of Law, Yale Law School  
New Haven, CT*

**Andrew V. Papachristos**

*Assistant Professor, University of Massachusetts at Amherst  
Amherst, MA*

**BREAK  
3:15 PM–3:30 PM**

**BREAK-OUT SESSION 2  
3:30 PM-5:00 PM**

**A) RESEARCH**

**ROOM: TOWER WEST**

This session will explore the current state of research on the National Network crime reduction strategies. It features scholars who have conducted extensive research on the effectiveness of the strategies, and have worked as practitioners to implement crime reduction initiatives. The panel will explore the current state of research, discuss evaluation challenges posed by the strategies and pressing research questions, and sketch a potential research agenda for the National Network.

**PANELISTS:**

**James Lynch**

*Distinguished Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
New York, NY*

**Edmund McGarrell (Chair)**

*Director of the School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University  
East Lansing, MI*

**Tracey Meares**

*Deputy Dean, Walton Hale Hamilton Professor of Law, Yale Law School  
New Haven, CT*

**Andrew V. Papachristos**

*Assistant Professor, University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
Amherst, MA*

**Terri Shelton**

*Director, Center for Youth, Family and Community Partnerships, University of Greensboro  
Greensboro, NC*

**B) ENFORCEMENT: WHAT WORKS ROOM: COLUMBUS HALL**

This session will review critical differences between the type of enforcement strategies and actions employed in the context of the National Network crime reduction strategies in comparison to traditional criminal justice system functioning. It will examine the unique analytical activities that guide enforcement actions in both the gang violence reduction and drug market elimination strategies. It will illustrate how the National Network strategies utilize discretionary “levers,” employ group-based sanctions and use the threat of certain sanction in place of actual punishment to effectively deter crime. It will highlight innovative enforcement strategies employed as part of National Network crime reduction initiatives in Cincinnati, Ohio and High Point, North Carolina.

**PANELISTS:**

**Robin Engel (Chair)**

*Director, Policing Institute, University of Cincinnati  
Cincinnati, Ohio*

**James H. Fealy**

*Chief of Police, High Point Police Department  
High Point, NC*

**Robert A.J. Lang**

*Assistant United States Attorney, United States Attorney’s Office  
Winston-Salem, NC*

**Thomas H. Streicher**

*Chief of Police, Cincinnati Police Department  
Cincinnati, OH*

**Jim Whalen**

*Assistant Police Chief, Cincinnati Police Department  
Cincinnati, OH*

**C) MULTI-SITE PROJECTS ROOM: TOWER EAST**

This session will highlight state-level multi-site initiatives in four states: California, New York, North Carolina and Ohio. Three of the four state initiatives seek to implement gang violence reduction in multiple jurisdictions around the state, while the fourth is seeking to implement the drug market elimination strategy in this way. Multi-site projects present an exciting and challenging opportunity for the National Network—to effectively “tip” national practice; this model may be the next evolution in the dissemination of the network strategies to jurisdictions across the country. State-level projects also present unique political and operational challenges. These topics and more will be discussed by a panel of distinguished officials from each state.

**PANELISTS:****Karhlton Moore**

*Executive Director of Public Safety, Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services*  
Columbus, OH

**Denise O'Donnell**

*Dep. Secretary for Public Safety/ Commissioner, New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services*  
Albany, NY

**Craig Turner**

*Senior Criminal Justice Planner, Governor's Crime Commission*  
Raleigh, NC

**Stewart Wakeling (Chair)**

*Project Director/Principal Investigator, Public Health Institute*  
Oakland, CA

**D) THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS****ROOM: HUDSON**

This session brings together individuals who have been the focus of “call-ins” to reflect on their experience, including their life before the call-in, the impact of the call-in on their lives and on their community. The “call-ins” are a central feature of the National Network strategies: community-interventions where community members and law enforcement join together to deliver a three-part message to individuals involved in violence or street drug dealing—that the violence or dealing are unacceptable and the community demands that it stop, that the community loves and values these individuals but rejects their conduct and needs them alive and out of prison, that further violence or dealing will be met with swift and certain law enforcement consequences, and that help is available for all those who will take it. Panelists will also reflect on the challenges they continue to face and their feelings about the National Network strategies.

**PANELISTS:****Vance T. Henry (Chair)**

*Deputy Chief of Staff, Community and Faith-Based Initiatives, City of Chicago*  
Chicago, IL

**Ronald Hayes**

Roosevelt, NY

**Dante Ingram**

*Street Advocate, Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence – Street Advocacy Center*  
Cincinnati, OH

**Tamiko Simon**

Rockford, IL

**Hannah Tindall**

Hempstead, NY

**Clarence Williams**

*Street Advocate*, Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence – Street Advocacy Center  
Cincinnati, OH

**DECEMBER 3, 2009**

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8:00 AM-8:45 AM**

**PLENARY 2:  
Making Our Way to Common Ground  
8:45 AM-9:45 AM  
COLUMBUS HALL**

The gang and drug market work has led us to an unexpected, profound, and even transformational realization: in a very real way all of us - law enforcement, communities, and offenders - want the same things. Conflict, anger, and polarization need not divide us. In some of America's most violent and troubled communities, this amounts to a process of racial reconciliation. We can, and in many places are, moving and changing together. Where might we go?

**PRESENTER:**

**David Kennedy**

*Director, Center for Crime Prevention and Control, John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
New York, NY*

**PLENARY 3:  
Race, Reconciliation and Truth Telling  
9:45 AM-11:15 AM  
COLUMBUS HALL**

National Network sites have found new ways to talk about our racial history, the community impact of traditional law enforcement, and how communities and law enforcement have understood and misunderstood each other. They have found profound new ways to forge new relationships and to do new work. Panelists will discuss the racial dynamics and narratives that underlie and reinforce much police-community conflict and how, if not addressed, these dynamics harm our ability to ensure community safety. They will also discuss how and why the National Network strategies offer a compelling, simple and powerful way forward.

**PANELISTS:**

**Edison Bramble**

*Past President, 100 Black Men of Long Island  
Uniondale, NY*

**James H. Fealy**

*Chief of Police*, High Point Police Department  
High Point, NC

**Ernest Green**

*President*, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives  
University City Police Department  
University City, MO

**David Kennedy**

*Director*, Center for Crime Prevention and Control, John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
New York, NY

**Douglas Thompkins**

*Professor of Sociology*, John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
New York, NY

**MODERATOR:****Mal O'Connor**

*Vice President*, Center for Applied Research  
Philadelphia, PA

**BREAK**  
**11:15 AM-11:30 AM**

**BREAK-OUT SESSION 3**  
**11:30 AM-1:00 PM**

**A) COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT****ROOM: COLUMBUS HALL**

This session will discuss the critical role played by community engagement in the National Network strategies, as well as the unique approach to community engagement the strategies require. Community leaders and residents from High Point, NC, Hempstead, NY and Rockford, IL will discuss the role of community leaders and residents in the drug market elimination strategy in particular. Panelists will also discuss techniques for community engagement, the impact of the National Network strategies on communities and the challenge of sustainability.

**PANELISTS:****Edison Bramble**

*President*, 100 Black Men of Long Island  
Uniondale, NY

**Edward Copeland (Chair)**

*Reverend, New Zion Baptist Church  
Rockford, IL*

**Inez Dingle**

*Community Activist, Nassau County District Attorney's Initiative  
Hempstead, NY*

**Jim Summey**

*Executive Director, High Point Community Against Violence, Inc.  
High Point, NC*

**B) STREET OUTREACH****ROOM: TOWER WEST**

This session will review the important role of street outreach in the context of the National Network crime reduction strategies. Individuals who coordinate and support street outreach as part of crime reduction projects in Cincinnati, Providence and the original Boston "Ceasefire" project will discuss the role of street outreach in the crime reduction strategies, the challenges of engagement, the tensions of working in collaboration with law enforcement, the role of street outreach in violence prevention and reduction, best practices and success measurement.

**PANELISTS:****Billy Henson**

*Research Associate, Policing Institute, University of Cincinnati  
Cincinnati, OH*

**Timothy W. Godsey**

*Research Associate, Policing Institute, University of Cincinnati  
Cincinnati, OH*

**Teny Gross (Chair)**

*Executive Director, Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence  
Providence, RI*

**Stan Ross**

*CIRV Outreach Coordinator, Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence, Street Advocacy Team  
Cincinnati, OH*

**C) CUTTING-EDGE OPERATIONAL INNOVATIONS****ROOM: HUDSON**

This session will review cutting edge operational innovations including: (1) The Cincinnati Taliband investigation, community and prison-based call-ins, impact player home visits and custom legal work-ups; (2) Providence design work around a multiple-market DMI, and how this will be supported by successful DMI operations in Lockwood and Chad Brown; and (3) the High Point Police Department's reorganization and examples of how this supports innovative crime reduction operations. This panel will build on the enforcement panel, but will also seek to highlight the next frontier of operational innovations for the National Network strategies.

**PANELISTS:****Jessica Dunham**

*Research Associate, Policing Institute, University of Cincinnati*  
Cincinnati, OH

**Robin Engel**

*Director, University of Cincinnati Policing Institute*  
Cincinnati, OH

**Dean Esserman (Chair)**

*Chief of Police, Providence Police Department*  
Providence, RI

**James H. Fealy**

*Chief of Police, High Point Police Department*  
High Point, NC

**Daniel Gerard**

*Captain, Cincinnati Police Department*  
Cincinnati, OH

**Davin Hall**

*Research Associate, Policing Institute, University of Cincinnati*  
Cincinnati, OH

**Murat Ozer**

*M.S., Policing Institute, University of Cincinnati*  
Cincinnati, OH

**D) THE VIEW FROM WASHINGTON****ROOM: TOWER EAST**

This session will explore the role of the National Network for Safe Communities within the federal justice agenda. What are the federal government's priorities for criminal justice policy, practice, research and development? What role might exist now or in the future for the National Network? How have the National Network strategies influenced federal policy and practice conversations?

**PANELISTS:****Tate Chambers (Chair)**

*National Project Safe Neighborhood Coordinator, U.S. Department of Justice*  
Washington, DC

**Mary Lou Leary**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice*  
Washington, DC

**Ellen Scrivner**

*Deputy Director, National Institute of Justice, U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, DC*

**E) INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES****ROOM: CITY ROOM**

This session will review international variations of the National Network crime reduction strategies in Scotland, Australia and Brazil. It will examine the common underlying principles of these strategies with those implemented in the U.S., as well as local adaptations and innovations. Panelists will discuss how local culture, social norms, crime patterns, legal and criminal justice system structure impact the implementation of the National Network strategies. Implications for U.S. crime reduction efforts will be considered.

**PANELISTS:****Desmond Arias (Chair)**

*Associate Professor of Political Science, John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
New York, NY*

**David Cappo**

*Commissioner for Social Inclusion, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Social Inclusion Unit  
Adelaide, Australia*

**John Carnochan**

*Detective Chief Superintendent, Violence Reduction Unit of Scotland  
Glasgow, United Kingdom*

**Lunch: "On your own"****1:00 PM-2:30 PM**

See enclosed list of restaurant suggestions

**National Network for Safe Communities: Agenda Setting****2:30 PM-3:35 PM****COLUMBUS HALL****MODERATOR:****Mal O'Connor**

*Vice President, Center for Applied Research  
Philadelphia, PA*

**Closing and Next Steps**  
**3:45 PM-4:00 PM**  
**COLUMBUS HALL**

**David Kennedy**

*Director, Center for Crime Prevention and Control, John Jay College of Criminal Justice*  
New York, NY

**Jeremy Travis**

*President, John Jay College of Criminal Justice*  
New York, NY