

**THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL  
ORGANIZED CRIME DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE  
FEDERAL/STATE DRUG INVESTIGATION TRAINING CONFERENCE**

# **OCDETF CONFERENCE**



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**January 28–30, 2025**

**AGENDA**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025**

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.      **REGISTRATION**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025**

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.      **LATE REGISTRATION**

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.      **BUFFET BREAKFAST**

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.      **PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS / WELCOME &  
OPENING CEREMONY**  
*(Ballroom)*

**Colors Presented by the Myrtle Beach Police & Fire Departments  
Honor Guard**

**OPENING REMARKS**  
*(Ballroom)*

**Michael F. Easley, Jr.**  
United States Attorney  
U.S. Attorney's Office  
Eastern District of North Carolina

9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.      **STATE OF THE OCDETF PROGRAM in the Carolinas**  
*(Ballroom)*

**Jonell Lucca**  
Associate Director for Prosecutorial Operations  
Executive Office of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task  
Forces (OCDETF)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025 (continued)**

9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.      **PROMOTING THE RULE OF LAW**  
*(Ballroom)*

**V. Stuart Couch**  
Administrative Law Judge  
National Transportation Safety Board

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.      **BREAK**

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **PROMOTING THE ROLE OF LAW**  
**(Continued)**  
**(Ballroom)**

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. **BUFFET LUNCH**

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **LEGAL UPDATE**  
**(Ballroom)**

**Scott A. Lemmon**  
Deputy Criminal Chief, OCDETF Section  
U.S. Attorney's Office  
Eastern District of North Carolina

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **OCDETF PROPOSALS AND REPORTS**  
**(Ballroom)**

**Michael F. Smith**  
Director, Southeast OCDETF Region  
U.S. Attorney's Office  
Northern District of Georgia

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **AWARDS CEREMONY (Grand Ballroom)**  
**(Ballroom)**

**Scott Lemmon**  
Deputy Criminal Chief, OCDETF Section  
U.S. Attorney's Office  
Eastern District of North Carolina

**Terry Meinecke**  
Assistant United States Attorney  
U.S. Attorney's Office  
Middle District of North Carolina

**Erik Lindahl**  
Lead Task Force Attorney  
U.S. Attorney's Office  
Western District of North Carolina

**Nick Bianchi**  
Lead Task Force Attorney  
U.S. Attorney's Office  
District of South Carolina

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **BREAK**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025 (continued)**

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**COMPLICIT MONEY SERVICE BUSINESSES**  
***(Meeting Room 104-105)***

**Kevin Doyle**  
Supervisory Special Agent  
IRS  
Cincinnati, Ohio

**HOW TO INVESTIGATE AN OVERDOSE DEATH CASE AND  
PROVIDE TRAUMA-INFORMED, VICTIM-CENTERED  
TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**  
***(Meeting Room 107)***

**Jen Nucci**  
Assistant United States Attorney  
U.S. Attorney's Office  
Eastern District of North Carolina

**Michelle Scott**  
Victim Witness Coordinator  
U.S. Attorney's Office  
Eastern District of North Carolina

**Barbara Walsh**  
Fentanyl Victims Network of North Carolina  
HEAT Family Member  
Cary, North Carolina

**FEDERAL INVESTIGATIVE TOOLS: WARRANTS, PEN  
REGISTERS, AND MORE**  
***(Meeting Room 108)***

**Kate Englander**  
Assistant United States Attorney  
U.S. Attorney's Office  
Eastern District of North Carolina

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025 (continued)**

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**“GHOST GUNS” AND “SWITCHES”: INVESTIGATING PRIVATELY  
MADE FIREARMS AND MACHINEGUN CONVERSION DEVICES**

***(Meeting Room 102-103)***

**Bryce Eikenberg**

Special Agent

ATF

Charleston, SC

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025**

7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

**BUFFET BREAKFAST**

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS (1.5-hour blocks)**

**FINANCIAL INVESTIGATIONS AND CRYPTOCURRENCY**

***(Meeting Room 102-103)***

**Darrin L. McCullough**

Senior Policy Advisor

Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section

U.S. Department of Justice – Criminal Division

**Toby Lathan**

Assistant United States Attorney

U.S. Attorney’s Office

Eastern District of North Carolina

**Jeff Hand**

Special Agent

IRS:CI

Raleigh, NC

**COMBATING ORGANIZED CRIME AND CORRUPTION IN BOSNIA  
AND HERZEGOVINA: THE GLOBAL REACH AND  
SOPHISTICATION OF THE BALKAN CARTEL**

***(Meeting Room 104-105)***

**Frank Bradsher**

Resident Legal Advisor

OPDAT Sarajevo, Bosnia

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025 (continued)**

**Nedim Ćosić**  
Prosecutor  
Sarajevo, Bosnia

**Darko Soldat**  
Prosecutor, Sarajevo Canton  
Sarajevo, Bosnia

**Kevin Fejeran**  
DEA Country Attaché  
Zagreb Country Office

**LEGAL WRITING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT: DRAFTING  
AFFIDAVITS AND OTHER LEGAL PROCESS**  
*(Meeting Room 108)*

**Casey Peaden**  
Assistant United States Attorney  
U.S. Attorney's office  
Eastern District North Carolina

**WDNC CASE STUDY – OPERATION HORNET'S NEST**  
*(Meeting Room 107)*

**Freddie De La Rosa**  
Assistant United States Attorney  
U.S. Attorney's Office  
Western District of North Carolina

**Mingda Hang**  
Trial Attorney  
Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section (NDDS)

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.    **BREAK**

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.    **BREAKOUT SESSIONS (1.5-hour blocks)**  
**TITLE III INVESTIGATIONS**  
*(Meeting Room 102-103)*

**Christopher Flagg**  
Chief, Electronic Surveillance Unit  
Department of Justice, Criminal Division

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025 (continued)**

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.    **BREAKOUT SESSIONS (1.5-hour blocks)**

**WEAPONIZING THE GUIDELINES**  
***(Meeting Room 104-105)***

**Caroline Webb**  
Assistant United States Attorney  
United States Attorney's Office  
Eastern District of North Carolina

**DSC CASE STUDY – OPERATION TRENDSETTER**  
***(Meeting Room 107)***

**Kate Englander**  
Assistant United States Attorney  
U.S. Attorneys' Office  
Eastern District of North Carolina

**Whit Sowards**  
AUSA  
U.S. Attorneys' Office  
District of South Carolina

**Amy Bower**  
Assistant United States Attorney  
U.S. Attorneys' Office  
District of South Carolina

**Iris Jolliff**  
Special Agent  
U.S. Secret Service

**“THE CONSORTIUM”: TOOLS FOR FINANCIAL INVESTIGATIONS**  
***(Meeting Room 108)***

**Chris Healy**  
AML Investigations Manager  
Charlotte, North Carolina

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.    **BUFFET LUNCH**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025 (continued)**

12:30 p.m. – 12:35 p.m. **REMARKS BY U.S. ATTORNEY KING**  
***(Ballroom)***

**Dena King**  
United States Attorney  
United States Attorney's Office  
Western District of North Carolina

12:35 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **INVESTIGATION CASE STUDY**  
***(Ballroom)***

**Caroline Webb**  
Assistant United States Attorney  
United States Attorney's Office  
Eastern District of North Carolina

2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. **BREAK**

2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **INVESTIGATION CASE STUDY**  
***(Ballroom)***

**Casey Peaden**  
Assistant United States Attorney  
U.S. Attorney's Office  
Eastern District of North Carolina

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. **BREAK**

3:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. **FEDERAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT BREAKOUT**  
**SESSIONS**

***EDNC (4 rooms total)***  
***(Meeting Room 102-103 and Ballroom)***

***Regional Breakouts***  
**Scott Lemmon** and OCDETF Attorneys  
Deputy Criminal Chief, OCDETF Section  
Eastern District of North Carolina



**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025 (continued)**

3:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**FEDERAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT BREAKOUT  
SESSIONS**

**MDNC**

***(Meeting Room 104-105)***

**Terry Meinecke**

Assistant U.S. Attorney

U.S. Attorney's Office

Middle District of North Carolina

**WDNC**

***(Meeting Room 108)***

**Erik Lindahl**

Lead Task Force Attorney

U.S. Attorney's Office

Western District of North Carolina

**DSC**

***(Meeting Room 107)***

**Nick Bianchi**

Lead Task Force Attorney

U.S. Attorney's Office

District of South Carolina

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025**

7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

**BUFFET BREAKFAST**

8:15 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.

**REMARKS BY U.S. ATTORNEY HAIRSTON**  
***(Ballroom)***

**Sandra Hairston**

United States Attorney

U.S. Attorney's Office

Middle District of North Carolina

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025 (continued)**

8:20 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.     **STAY IN THE FIGHT: WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS  
ARE VICTIMIZED IN THE LINE OF DUTY**  
***(Ballroom)***

**Charlie Ainsworth**  
Assistant Solicitor General  
DeKalb County

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.     **BREAK**

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 am.     **ROCIC: MONEY COUNTING ANALYSIS TOOLS**

Mark Rascoe, ROCIC

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.     **FENTANYL AND THE CARTELS**  
***(Ballroom)***

**Matt O’Brien**  
Assistant Special Agent in Charge  
DEA  
Raleigh, NC

**Scott Lemmon**  
Deputy Criminal Chief, OCDETF Section  
U.S. Attorney’s Office  
Eastern District of North Carolina

12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.     **CERTIFICATE PRESENTATIONS**  
***(Ballroom)***

12:30 p.m.                   **CONFERENCE CONCLUDES**