

# 2008 PCCD Statewide Crime Prevention Conference

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### Presenters

#### **Detective Charles J. Balogh, Jr.**

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Detective Balogh graduated from E.L. Meyers High School. In 1989, he began his law enforcement career with the Luzerne County Sheriff's Office. He graduated from the Deputy Sheriff's Academy in August 1989 at Dickinson School of Law. At the Sheriff's Office, he implemented a Crime Prevention Unit and the Jr. Deputy Sheriff's Program under the direction of former Sheriff Carl Zawatski. The Junior Deputy Sheriff's Program is a prevention program which targets fourth grade students. In May 1991, he graduated from the Pennsylvania Municipal Police Academy at Lackawanna Jr. College. He became involved with law enforcement because he wanted to help the people of the community. He was fortunate enough to fulfill his childhood dream. He graduated from the American Crime Prevention Institute, Louisville, KY. He has been certified as a Basic & Advanced School Resource Officer. For the last eight years, he was the Community Service Officer with the D.A.'s Office. Currently, he is assigned to Computer Crimes/Special Victims Unit. In 18 years of law enforcement, he has attended numerous seminars and has received specialized training in the field of crime prevention, Internet Crime, Computer Crime, Cyber-bullying and internet prevention, school violence, gangs, drug identification, drug and alcohol prevention, and much more. He is the Senior Master Trainer for the "Protecting Kids Online." He is a member of and affiliated with the PA Crime Prevention Officers Association (PCPOA), County and State Detectives Association of PA, National Association School Resource Officers (NASRO) & PIAA District II Wrestling Officials' Association. In July 1998, he was awarded the Key to the City of Wilkes-Barre for his Crime Prevention efforts to improve Neighborhood Safety in Rolling Mill Hill, and in October 1999, he was awarded the Governor's Highway Safety Award for Safety Education. He resides in Mountain Top with his wife Sandra & daughter Lauren.

#### **Beth Birch**

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With 20 years of social service experience, Beth Birch began work in the field of victim advocacy over ten years ago. In this capacity, she spearheaded an effort to begin a task force of allied professionals to address the countless and diverse needs of violence survivors. This endeavor culminated in a successful network of community service providers with the common goal of enhanced service provision to survivors of sexual and domestic violence. Currently, as Victim Services Coordinator, she provides services to survivors of violence which include crisis intervention counseling, program/curriculum development and acting as a liaison with other area agencies.

#### **David H. Caster**

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David H. Caster has been Pennsylvania's Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Coordinator since May of 2001. During his career, he has served as the D.A.R.E. Training Director for PCCD, a D.A.R.E. Mentor instructing police officers for PCCD, the Police Coordinator for Project D.A.R.E. in the State College Area School District, and a D.A.R.E. Instructor for elementary and junior high schools in the State College Area School District.

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Richard Garland is a former gang member from Philadelphia. Because of lifestyle choices, he spent 23 1/2 years of his life in the criminal justice system. All of his friends are dead, except one, who has been incarcerated for 38 years. He began his education by earning his GED while incarcerated in 1987. In 1996, he attained his Master's Degree in Social Work. In January 2004, he became the Director of the Violence Prevention Program for Allegheny County. In that position, he developed the "One Vision One Life" Project. One Vision One Life is based on the concept that the decisions we as a community make really can affect who will or will not get shot tomorrow night or next week.

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Mary Ann Havalchak is presently the Education Director of the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg Rape Crisis and Domestic Violence Services. Her duties include implementing educational programs to schools from pre-school to college level, presenting training to professionals, and speaking to community organizations. She provides on-site domestic violence education, counseling and advocacy services to patients and staff at Hershey Medical Center.

She graduated in 1969 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health and Physical Education from Ithaca College (New York). In addition, she has completed graduate courses in Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Health Education.

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Robert Hoever is currently employed by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) as an Associate Director of Training and Outreach. He is responsible for NCMEC's role in the AMBER Alert Program, and serves as a liaison to law enforcement and other AMBER partners; liaison to the 53 Missing-Child Clearinghouses; and liaison to Tribal Law Enforcement.

He recently retired from the New Jersey State Police after 26 years. He retired as a Lieutenant and the Assistant Bureau Chief of the Child Protection and Cyber-Crimes Bureau. As such, he supervised the operations of the Missing Persons Unit, AMBER Alert Program; High Technology Crime Unit including the ICAC Regional Task Force, Violent Crime Analysis Unit, Cyber-Crimes Unit, and the RCFL Unit (Regional Computer Forensic Lab). He was also a past Clearinghouse Manager, as well as the Unit Supervisor of the Missing Persons Unit and the High Technology Crime Unit. He was responsible for the development of New Jersey's AMBER program, and was the first AMBER Coordinator for New Jersey. He first started investigating child exploitation in 1985, while assigned to the Missing Persons Unit. He was responsible for the creation of the Child Exploitation Squad, within the Missing Person Unit in 1986.

As a result of these assignments, he has been involved in numerous investigations pertaining to missing, abducted (family and non-family), and exploited children, as well as unidentified body investigations. He worked in an undercover capacity for 11 years infiltrating child sex rings throughout New Jersey, leading to hundreds of arrests. He has received numerous awards and commendations for his work from the U.S. Attorney's Office, FBI, U.S. Customs, and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. He has been widely recognized as an expert with child molester investigations, and has testified in both federal and state courts and has lectured extensively throughout the country on that topic.

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In addition to his duties as Transportation Director for the Carlisle Area School District, Mike Hurley also serves as the district's Director of Safety & Security. He has been actively involved in Emergency Management planning and services for the past 28 years, serving as President and Chief of Operations for Silver Spring Ambulance and Rescue Association from 1975 to 1982. During the Three Mile Island Incident in 1979, he served as the Medical Evacuation Officer for Cumberland County, with logistical responsibility for evacuating hospitals and nursing homes. He is recognized locally for his efforts to expand school safety and security, and statewide for his involvement in staging mock school bus accident drills and developing emergency response plans for school bus accidents. He currently serves as School Services Officer for the Cumberland County Office of Emergency Preparedness and is a member of the Mass Casualty Incident Response Team and the Special Hazards Operations Team. He is the Co-Founder and current President of the Cumberland County Safe Schools Association, an organization which has brought together representatives from all nine school districts, law enforcement, fire and emergency medical personnel for the purpose of discussing and planning responses to school incidents. He has also served as president of the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials and chairs the School Safety Committee for that organization. He previously chaired the PASBO Transportation Committee for five years and was instrumental in establishing PASBO's "Comprehensive Guide for School Transportation." He has been certified as an EMT/Paramedic and holds certification as a Hazardous Materials Technician.

#### **Maureen P. Kelly**

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Maureen Kelly has served as Director of Public Safety since February 2003. From 2000 through 2002, she worked as Associate Director of Special Services, Public Safety at the University of Pennsylvania and from 1998 to 2000 as Captain, International Police Task Force for Dyncorp Aerospace Operations (UK) serving in Bosnia. She worked 22 years for the Philadelphia Police Department in progressively responsible positions, including Lieutenant, Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force; Lieutenant, Homicide Division; Sergeant, Detective Division; and Police Officer. In 1996, she joined the security forces protecting the participants of the Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta. She received her B.A. in Business Administration at Temple University and an M.S. in Public Safety at St. Joseph's University. She is a member of the American Society for Industrial Security, the International Association of College Law Enforcement Administrators, and the Northeast Colleges and Universities Security Association.

#### **Special Agent James A. Kyle**

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Special Agent James Kyle has personally conducted over 100 interviews of all types of preferential child molesters and distributors and producers of child pornography. He has initiated investigations in 23 countries and personally conducted investigations in Spain, Amsterdam, and England. He has initiated over 100 search warrants in the United

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States, 26 in the United Kingdom, and several in Spain, The Netherlands, France, The Republic of Germany, New Zealand and Australia. He has numerous certifications including CAC Coordinator since 1994, Certified Instructor of SEOC and Serial Offenders since 1996, NCAVC Coordinator since 1999; Certified as UCA, IINI, 2004. In the past year, he was certified to provide expert testimony, SEOC and Child Pornography in Federal Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania.

#### **Captain Rodney A. Manning**

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Captain Rodney A. Manning has been the Director of the Training Division and previously the Commander of the Community and Special Services Section with the Bureau of Training and Education at the Pennsylvania State Police Academy, Hershey, PA, for the past 11 years. He has been a member of the Pennsylvania State Police since 1984. During that time, he has been assigned various positions and locations within the state. His duty locations included Montoursville, Mansfield, Philadelphia, Towanda and Harrisburg.

His assignments have included Patrol, Homicide Investigation, Drug, as well as normal enforcement duties. He has worked with the FBI in helping to develop the "Lessons Learned" from evaluating the school shootings which occurred during the late 80's and 90's which included Columbine.

He was one of four children in a military family and consequently traveled the United States, Asia, and Europe. He graduated from Mansfield State College in Mansfield, Pennsylvania in 1983 with a B.A. in Criminal Justice and a minor in communications. He has received additional training from both the FBI and the Secret Service.

#### **Chief Robert A. Martin**

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Chief Martin is a 25 year law enforcement veteran and has been the Chief of Police in Susquehanna Township for 11 years. He is a graduate of Valley Forge Military College, as well as Elizabethtown College. He graduated from the State Police Academy as the class valedictorian. In 1999, he graduated from the FBI National Academy, 198<sup>th</sup> session. In 2006, he graduated from the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government Executive program. He served ten years in the U.S. Navy Reserve and was attached to the Naval Criminal Investigative Service following the attacks on September 11, 2001. In 2007, he received the PCCD Chief of Police Crime Prevention Award for Community Crime Prevention.

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Amy Mattia has been with the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police for the past 14 years. The last seven years have been spent as a detective in the Intelligence Unit. While the duties of the Intelligence Unit include dignitary protection, monitoring extremist groups, outlaw motorcycle gangs and terrorist threats, the majority of their time is devoted to Criminal Street Gangs. She has primarily focused on street gangs for the past four years. The Pittsburgh Police Intelligence Unit frequently conducts training and information sharing sessions on the progression of the street gang/violence issue in the Pittsburgh area and also provides investigative support for federal agencies who target the criminal street gangs and associated violence.

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Sylvia Middaugh's passion in victim services began in 1997 with The Abuse Network, Inc. which serves Mifflin and Juniata Counties in Central Pennsylvania. In 1998, she developed the Medical Advocacy Program at Lewistown Hospital which led to an improved response to domestic and sexual violence survivors. She was a critical link in the development of the Sexual Assault Response Team that was implemented in 1991. She assumed additional roles as the Education and Volunteer Coordinator in 2003 and 2005 respectively. She is responsible for coordinating school and community violence-prevention programs, as well as volunteer recruitment and training.

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Joyce O'Brien is the Senior Community Liaison, Public Protection Division, Office of Attorney General Elder Abuse Unit. Her advocacy on behalf of senior citizens expands over 30 years in three states in both the private and public sectors. During the past four years, she has been conducting seminars across the state to empower Pennsylvania seniors with the tools they need to protect themselves from scams and fraudulent practices. In 1995, Joyce was appointed by Governor Ridge as the State Ombudsman in the Department of Aging. She has served as a Legislative Aide in the Pennsylvania State Senate, and has worked for many years in long-term care environments. She holds a B.A. in Communications from Thomas A. Edison State College, Trenton N.J.

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Sergeant Readler enlisted in the Pennsylvania State Police in January 1991. After basic training, he was assigned to Troop S, and was stationed at Swiftwater and then Harrisburg. In 1994, he was assigned to Troop L, and was stationed at Schuylkill Haven and then Jonestown. In 1998, he was accepted as an instructor at the Pennsylvania State Police Academy, where he remained until 2007. While at the Academy, he was an instructor in the firearms unit, traffic law unit and in-service unit. He served as the supervisor of the in-service unit from 2006 – 2007. In 2007, he was selected as the supervisor of the Pennsylvania State Police, Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Team. In this capacity, he supervises the daily activities of the team, which conducts risk assessments of schools, colleges/ universities, airports, nuclear power plants, hospitals, and other critical infrastructure. Prior to enlistment in the State Police, he worked as a Site Protection Officer at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant and is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

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Chris Simcoviak is a Corporal with the Ohio Township Police Department. He works as the D.A.R.E. Officer and investigates juveniles and families, and domestic violence and child abuse cases. Ohio Township Police Department serves seven municipalities in the areas surrounding Ohio Township, approximately ten miles northwest of the city of Pittsburgh.

He has been a Police Officer for 16 years. He has spent the last ten years as a School Resource Officer and Crime Prevention Officer. He has worked in the Avonworth School District and with the Holy Family Learning facilities located in his jurisdiction. Avonworth is a public school district and he has worked with all grade levels of students. Holy Family Learning is a school that serves primarily special needs students with emotional issues in all grade levels.

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Chief Dave Spotts has been in law enforcement since 1975. He started as a Cadet with the Dillsburg Police Department. In 1976, he was hired as a Patrolman for the Carroll Township Police Department, where he served as a K-9 Officer. In 1978, he started as a Police Officer for the Upper Allen Township Police Department. At Upper Allen, he rose to the rank of Sergeant. While there, he had assignments in Community Relations, Drug Task Force, Polygraph Examiner, DARE Officer, Police Instructor and Administration.

In January of 2000, he became the Chief of Police for Mechanicsburg Borough. He is in charge of a force of 15 sworn Officers, four Community Service Officers, two civilian staff and part-time seasonal park security with a budget well over one million dollars. He has an Associates Degree from Harrisburg Area Community College (Honors Graduate), a Bachelors degree from Messiah College (cum laude graduate) and a Juris Doctor (Law) Degree from Widener University School of Law, where he was a Dean's Scholar. He is a graduate of the 196<sup>TH</sup> Session of the F.B.I. National Academy. He has also successfully completed well over 200 professional development schools, including the Advanced Police Executive Development Institute from Penn State. He is a member of the adjunct faculty at H.A.C.C., teaching various college classes in criminal justice. He is the Legal Instructor for the Polygraph Institute at the Northeast Counter-Drug Training Center. He also works as an Attorney, representing the Pennsylvania Crime Prevention Officers Association, the Central Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association and the Cumberland County Chiefs of Police Association.

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Agent Elaine Surma began her law enforcement career 30 years ago as a Special Agent for the Bureau of Criminal Investigation in the Pennsylvania Department of Justice. She worked in Western Pennsylvania and transferred to the Erie Office in

1987. In 1998, she served as the Regional Director for the Bureau of Narcotic Investigation and Drug Control in Erie, and then in March 2001 transferred to the Drug Demand Reduction Unit in the capacity of a Senior Supervisory Narcotic Agent. She is currently the Senior Supervisory Special Agent in the Education and Outreach Unit.

She graduated from Thiel College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics and Sociology. She earned a Master of Arts degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in Administration of Justice and an additional Master of Arts Degree from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in Communications.

She has conducted over 2,000 workshops for law enforcement professionals and community organizations during her career. In 1991, the Business and Professional Women's Association of Pennsylvania selected her as their statewide Young Careerist. She has also received numerous commendations including the Erie County District Attorney's Recognition Award for Outstanding Service to law enforcement, and the Fraternal Order of Police's Award of Excellence in Law Enforcement.

She is deeply involved with community and civic service associations. She is a member of the Pennsylvania Federation of Business and Professional Women, Meadville Chapter and is the BPW/PA legislative chair; the Brig Niagara League; the Erie Humane Society; the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 92; Erie County Policy and Planning Board, Erie's Healthy Youth Development Board and active in of Our Lady of the Lake Parish. She remains active as a polygraphist, maintaining memberships in the American Association of Police Polygraphist and the Academy of Certified Polygraphists. She has been recognized for her polygraph work, and earning the title of "Expert Polygraphist."

She is currently active with several organizations within Erie County that are involved with the prevention of sexual abuse and building self-esteem of children. She is a contributing author to the textbook "The Sexual Trafficking of Children" and has published a study with Edinboro University of Pennsylvania on Pedophilia. She is on the staff of the Criminology Department of Gannon University of Erie and has also served on staff of the Mercyhurst College as an Act 120 instructor at the Mercyhurst College Police Academy.

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Deputy Sheriff Paris Washington serves as the Chief Training Officer for the Sheriff's Office in the City and County of Philadelphia.

He started his career in 1982 as a Correctional Officer for the Philadelphia Prisons System. In 1992, he received a promotion to the Sheriff's Office where he now serves.

He holds instructor certifications in various disciplines, maintaining training credentials in issues of Counter Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction to name a few.

He performs all training within the Office, and handles Protections from Abuse confiscations for the county and conducts community forums regarding Crime Prevention and provides training/lectures for the first Judicial District of Pennsylvania on issues pertaining to their safety at work and at home.

He conducts training workshops for the Deputy Sheriffs' Association of Pennsylvania serving as the Director of Training.

He is a committee member of the PCCD Philadelphia DMC committee presently working on programs to be used nationwide to increase positive and strong relationships between law enforcement and the youth in the community.

He has received numerous awards and commendations for outstanding service to the citizens of Philadelphia.

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Pamela L. Weeks was born in Quakake, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Tamaqua High School and Penn State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. She served in the United States Navy and was honorably discharged from active duty with the rank of Lieutenant in 1990. She served as the Schuylkill County Operations and Training Officer and as a member of the county Local Emergency Planning Committee. She joined the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) in February 1995 where she is currently the State Citizen Corps Program Manager. Since assuming that position in 2005, the program has grown from eight counties/locals to its current number of 50 with her assistance. She was instrumental in the development of a state-wide Public Education and Outreach Strategic Plan for the Commonwealth. This plan includes outreach and education to local governments, populations with special needs, and businesses on the importance of being prepared for whatever type of disaster may affect your family, community and business. She is also the Program Manager for the Safe Schools planning and training programs at PEMA. She co-chairs the Safe Schools Planning Sub Committee which is working on a Planning and Training toolkit for the public, non-public and private schools in the Commonwealth. She also sits on the Commonwealth's Special Populations Steering Committee which is responsible for addressing emergency preparedness issues impacting Commonwealth residents with special needs.

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