



# 2017 Institute for State Criminal Justice and Public Safety Executives

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*The National Governors Association and the National Criminal Justice Association*

In partnership with:  
*The Bureau of Justice Assistance*

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## Thursday, December 14

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.      **Registration**

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.      **Welcome**  
NGA and NCJA staff will welcome Governor’s Criminal Justice Policy Advisors (CJPAs) and State Administering Agency directors (SAAs) and provide an overview of the Institute agenda and activities.

**Jeff McLeod**, Director, Homeland Security and Public Safety Division, National Governors Association

**Chris Asplen**, Executive Director, National Criminal Justice Association

8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.      **Introductions and Opening Discussion**  
Meeting participants will introduce themselves and discuss their states’ top criminal justice challenges and priorities. NGA and NCJA will present results from recent surveys of CJPAs and SAAs.

**Lauren Dedon**, Policy Analyst, Homeland Security and Public Safety Division, National Governors Association

**Elizabeth Pyke**, Director of Government Affairs, National Criminal Justice Association

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

***State Strategies to Target Violent Crime***

This session will highlight recent violent crime statistics and offer panelist perspectives on possible strategies that governors can take to work with local partners. Additionally, the discussion will focus on how CJPAs and SAAs are collaborating with stakeholders to address violent crime.

**Moderator**

**Jeff McLeod**, Director, Homeland Security and Public Safety Division, National Governors Association

**Panel**

**Rainer Drolshagen**, Deputy Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
**Tammy Brown**, Senior Policy Advisor, Bureau of Justice Assistance  
**Linda Penner**, Chair, Board of State and Community Corrections, State of California

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

***Break***

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

***Innovations in Technology for Strengthening Public Safety***

This session will provide an overview of new technologies that are informing policymaking and shaping existing practices. Panelists will highlight policies and practices that states should consider when seeking to implement these technologies and draw on lessons learned from state and local data initiatives.

**Moderator**

**Tom O'Reilly**, Executive Director, The Police Institute, Rutgers University

**Panel**

**Juan Colon**, Major/Commanding Officer, New Jersey State Police  
**Richard Berk**, Chair, Department of Criminology, University of Pennsylvania  
**Danielle Melfi**, Policy and Development Manager, Thorn: Digital Defenders of Children

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

***Break for Lunch (Lunch on Your Own)***

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

***Addressing Domestic and International Public Safety Threats***

This session will highlight existing and emerging domestic and international public safety threats and discuss what governors and senior state officials should be thinking about when confronted with these challenges.

**Moderator**

**Jeff Locke**, Program Director, Homeland Security and Public Safety Division, National Governors Association

**Remarks**

**Brian Moran**, Secretary, Virginia Department of Public Safety and Homeland Security

**Jenn Boone**, Deputy Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Break**

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

**Strategies to Strengthen Criminal Justice Communications**

As states embark on various criminal justice reform initiatives, it is often the task of senior state officials to proactively communicate implementation plans, outcomes, and other core reform messages. States must also be prepared to respond to critical incident events. This session will feature a presentation on strategies for strengthening criminal justice communications, and discuss how states can better prepare for overcoming communication challenges.

**Moderator**

**Chris Asplen**, Executive Director, National Criminal Justice Association

**Presenter**

**Tracy Schmalzer**, Managing Director, Kivvit

**Respondent**

**Jeff Locke**, Program Director, Homeland Security and Public Safety Division, National Governors Association

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

**Coordinating National Drug Control Efforts**

This session will discuss national drug control efforts. Panelists will provide an overview on national drug coordination efforts, emerging threats, current initiatives, and future trends.

**Moderator**

**Kalyn Hill**, Policy Analyst, Homeland Security and Public Safety Division, National Governors Association

**Panel**

**Durell Hope**, Deputy Chief of Intelligence, Drug Enforcement Administration

**Stan Hilkey**, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Public Safety

**Glenn Fueston**, Executive Director, Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

**CJPA Breakout Session: Improving Criminal Justice Systems**

This CJPA-only session will reflect on morning and early afternoon discussions and share threats and challenges on the topics of violent crime, data driven

decision-making, and other public safety priorities. CJPAs will also discuss opportunities for collaboration and implementation in these areas.

***SAA Breakout Session: National Updates***

This SAA-only session will provide an introduction to the new NCJA Strategic Planning TTA program as well as an overview of new SAA Leadership and Mentoring opportunities. SAAs will also share ideas about accessing and using data to drive decision making for resource allocation, discuss effective methods of engaging disparate stakeholder groups as necessary in new JAG requirements, and define their needs related to strategic planning and program administration.

5:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

***Wrap Up and Adjourn***

NGA and NCJA staff will summarize the day and highlight evening networking options.

**Jeff McLeod**, Director, Homeland Security and Public Safety Division, National Governors Association

**Chris Asplen**, Executive Director, National Criminal Justice Association

**Friday, December 15**

8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

***Welcome***

NGA and NCJA staff will welcome participants back and give the charge for the day.

**Jeff McLeod**, Director, Homeland Security and Public Safety Division, National Governors Association

**Chris Asplen**, Executive Director, National Criminal Justice Association

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

***Joint CJPA and SAA Breakout Sessions: Looking Ahead***

This CJPA/SAA-only session will share challenges and lessons learned on various criminal justice and public safety issues and discuss their governors' 2018 priorities.

9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

***Break***

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

***Combatting the Opioid Epidemic: States Continue the Fight***

Reducing opioid overdose and deaths continues to be a primary priority for governors. This session will highlight innovative strategies being implemented in states, discuss state and federal coordination, and provide an open discussion forum for state participants.

**Moderator**

**Jeff Locke**, Program Director, Homeland Security and Public Safety Division,  
National Governors Association

**Panel**

**Tim Roemer**, Deputy Director, Arizona Department of Homeland Security  
**Victoria Cochran**, Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security and Public Safety  
Secretary, Commonwealth of Virginia  
**Tara Kunkel**, Senior Drug Policy Advisor, Bureau of Justice Assistance

10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

***What's Next in Criminal Justice Reform***

This session will explore recent criminal justice reform efforts and trends seen across the nation. State representatives will share overviews of the status of reform progress in the areas of pretrial, reentry, and behavioral health, and some challenges with implementation. State participants will also discuss future reform efforts on the horizon.

**Moderator**

**Jeff McLeod**, Director, Homeland Security and Public Safety Division, National  
Governors Association  
**Chris Asplen**, Executive Director, National Criminal Justice Association

**Panel**

**Michael Schmidt**, Executive Director, Oregon Criminal Justice Commission  
**David Murtaugh**, Executive Director, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute  
**Darryl Childers**, Policy Advisor, Office of Governor Roy Cooper

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

***Inside the Beltway: Federal Legislative Update***

This discussion will feature an update on congressional action followed by facilitated discussion with federal partners around strengthening coordination.

**Moderator**

**Lauren Dedon**, Policy Analyst, Homeland Security and Public Safety Division,  
National Governors Association

**Presenters**

**Mary Catherine Ott**, Legislative Director, Homeland Security and Public Safety  
Committee, National Governors Association  
**Elizabeth Pyke**, Director of Government Affairs, National Criminal Justice  
Association  
**Tammy Brown**, Senior Policy Advisor, Bureau of Justice Assistance



12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.

***Wrap Up and Evaluations***

NGA and NJCA staff will summarize the convening and provide closing thoughts.

**Jeff McLeod**, Director, Homeland Security and Public Safety Division, National Governors Association

**Chris Asplen**, Executive Director, National Criminal Justice Association

12:15 p.m.

***Adjourn***