

Annual Meeting 2009 Program & Schedule

Theme: *Wake, sleeping justice!*

Registration: 7:00AM to 1:00PM
Continental Breakfast 7:00AM

Welcome 7:30AM Aspen 1 & 2— President Sherry Burt

Keynote *To Change a Culture* - 7:30 Aspen 1 & 2 - Dorothy Edwards, PhD, Director of University of Kentucky's Violence Intervention and Prevention Center. Dr. Edwards has emerged as a passionate voice committed to the right of every person to live free from violence and fear of violence. Toward that end, she provides education, training and consultation to universities, non-profits, community and state organizations around the country about mobilization, strategic planning and program development in relation to violence prevention.



Workshops 8:45 9:45AM; 10:00 11:00AM; 11:15 12:15NOON

Denver Cold Case Investigations - 8:45 Aspen 3 B&C - If you are a family member or friend of the victim of an unsolved Denver murder, this workshop is for you. You are invited to discuss your loved one's case with personnel from Denver Police Department's Investigations Division. Chief Gerald Whitman, members of the Denver Cold Case Squad, as well as a number of other helpful people will be there for private discussions with you. [Media is excluded from this workshop.] Please let us know in advance that you plan to attend so police may prepare for you.

My Sister /My Brother *Impact on Siblings of Unsolved Murders* - 8:45 Keystone 2 & 10:00 Keystone 3&4 The panel for this workshop includes cold case victims' sisters and brothers who will share with us the impact on their lives of their siblings' unsolved murders. A discussion with attendees will follow. Panel members: Jacqueline Romito, Crowley, TX; Samuel Wells, Boulder, CO; Jan Clark, Nashville, TN; Ramon Burt, Colorado Springs, CO.

How Coroners Determine Cause of Death - 8:45 & 10:00 Aspen 3A - Hear Dr. Michael Doberson, M.D., PhD., explain how medical examiners determine cause of death. He is the elected Coroner of Arapahoe County and one of only 450 Forensic Pathologists in the United States.

Forgotten Victims: *What Cold Case Families Want from Law Enforcement* – 8:45 & 11:15 Keystone 3 & 4 Dr. Paul Stretesky & Dr. Prabha Unnithan will share research about this project involving interviews with forty family members of victims murdered in twelve Colorado jurisdictions. This study examines family members' experiences with the criminal justice system (victim assistance, police, and prosecutors) as well as recommendations growing out of that study. This same information set was presented in June at the National Conference of the National Center for Victims of Crime. This project was conducted under the auspices of The Center for the Study of Crime and Justice, Sociology Department, Colorado State University. It grew out of ten 2007 interviews of FOHVAMP members designed by volunteer Jennifer Havercroft who holds a Masters degree in Forensic Psychology from Marymount. Jennifer also interned at the Fairfax County VA Police Department. Law enforcement agencies may schedule trainings through FOHVAMP's Outreach Coordinator, Rebecca Guerriero.

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Media Attention for Your Case 8:45 Keystone 1; 11:15 Keystone 2 - Last year's Forum Panel guest from KWGN TV 2, Ginger Delgado, drew quite a few questions from our members about attracting media attention to their cases. This year we are devoting a workshop to this subject. It will be led by Denver Post's Kirk Mitchell who writes that paper's ongoing cold case blog. Joining Kirk will be Rachel Welte, a reporter for Fox 21 in Colorado Springs, and Stefanie Clarke, FOHVAMP's Media Pro who connects family members with reporters doing cold case stories. If you want to learn how cold cases get media attention, you'll want to attend this workshop.

Victim Rights for Cold Case Families – 10:00 Keystone 2; 11:15 Aspen 3A - Panel for this workshop will include Scott Snow, Victim Assistance Unit Director, Denver Police Department; and Kelly Fernandez-Kroyer, FOHVAMP's Victim/Family Coordinator. Know your rights and use them!

Crime Lab & Cold Cases - 10:00 & 11:15 Keystone 1 - Gregory S. LaBerge, Director of Denver Police Department's Crime Laboratory Bureau, brings back this popular workshop to show us some of the scientific tools and techniques available today to law enforcement as they examine crime scenes and evidence. Our members have always found this workshop to be very educational.

Colorado Cold Case Investigations - 11:15 Aspen 3 B&C - This workshop is for family members and friends of victims of unsolved murders from the rest of Colorado (not Denver) who want to discuss their loved one's case with investigators from a number of Colorado law enforcement agencies. The panel includes Steve Johnson, Colorado Bureau of Investigations (CBI), Investigator Bruce Isaacson, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Sgt. Jeff Jensen, Colorado Springs Police Department, Agent R.J. Wilson, Aurora Police Department and Sgt. Keith Olson, Greeley Police Department.

Luncheon 12:30 NOON

Business Meeting 1:00PM Election of Directors.

Featured Speaker 1:30 PM Aspen 1 & 2 - **Vito Spano**

How & Why We Formed Our Cold Case and Apprehension Squad

Vito Spano capped a 30-year career in the New York City Police Department as commander of the Cold Case Squad. Mr. Spano had risen from Uniform Patrol to Commander of Detectives with many commendations for his work and that of the units he led. He will detail how the Cold Case unit was formed, why it was formed, who were the people selected to be the investigators and the outstanding results they achieved. Considering the need for funding our state level unit, we deem this an appropriate time and place to present a success story from the commander many people credit with that success.



Refreshments — 2:45PM

Memorial Service 3:00PM **Courtyard**— Vice President Mark Reichert is planning a simple but moving memorial service involving a balloon release for our finale.

Annual Meeting concludes

Transportation for Colorado residents of Front Range south and Western Slope

With help from Office for Victims of Crime, we have arranged for a bus to bring members from Pueblo and Colorado Springs to Denver the morning of October 10th and return that evening. We have also arranged for a ride from Grand Junction & Delta to Denver Oct. 9th and return next day. To reserve a seat on the bus from Pueblo or Colorado Springs, call Tina Terry at 719-388-9399; For Grand Junction ride call Paul/Ramona Blee, 970-241-3950.

Reserve your room for the Annual Meeting at the Red Lion Hotel

If you're from out of town (or out of state) and if you plan to stay in the hotel, please make your own reservation now: 303-321-6666, 800-733-5466. There is a special room rate of \$79 per night plus tax but you must ask for the FOHVAMP rate. The Annual Meeting begins early on the morning of October 10th.

Families Of Homicide Victims And Missing Persons acknowledges:

Support of this Annual Meeting and our outreach efforts to family members of the victims comes from the following funds:

Denver Police Foundation

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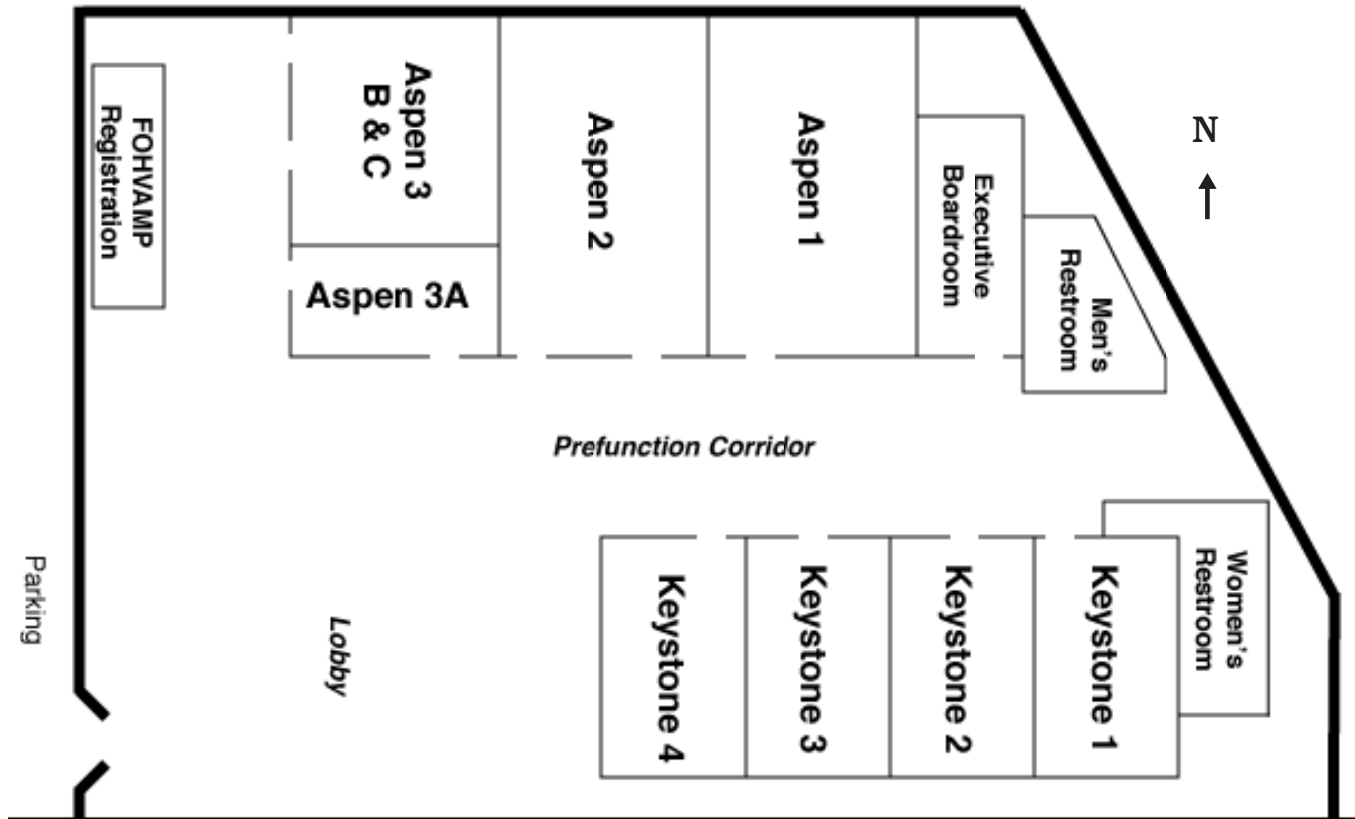
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Red Lion Hotel Meeting Room Layout



Registration Form

If you have **not** previously completed this form to attend the 2009 Annual Meeting please do so now. Send one copy of the form for each person who plans to attend to our registrar, Becky Guerriero, 898 W. Tamarisk St., Louisville, CO 80027; or contact her with the information below: 303-661-0125; Rebecca.Guerriero@Colorado.EDU. This helps us plan and it helps law enforcement prepare to discuss your case with you.

Your name

Victim's name

Your town or city

State

Place victim died or disappeared from

Are you coming to Annual Meeting in your vehicle, airplane, bus, other _____

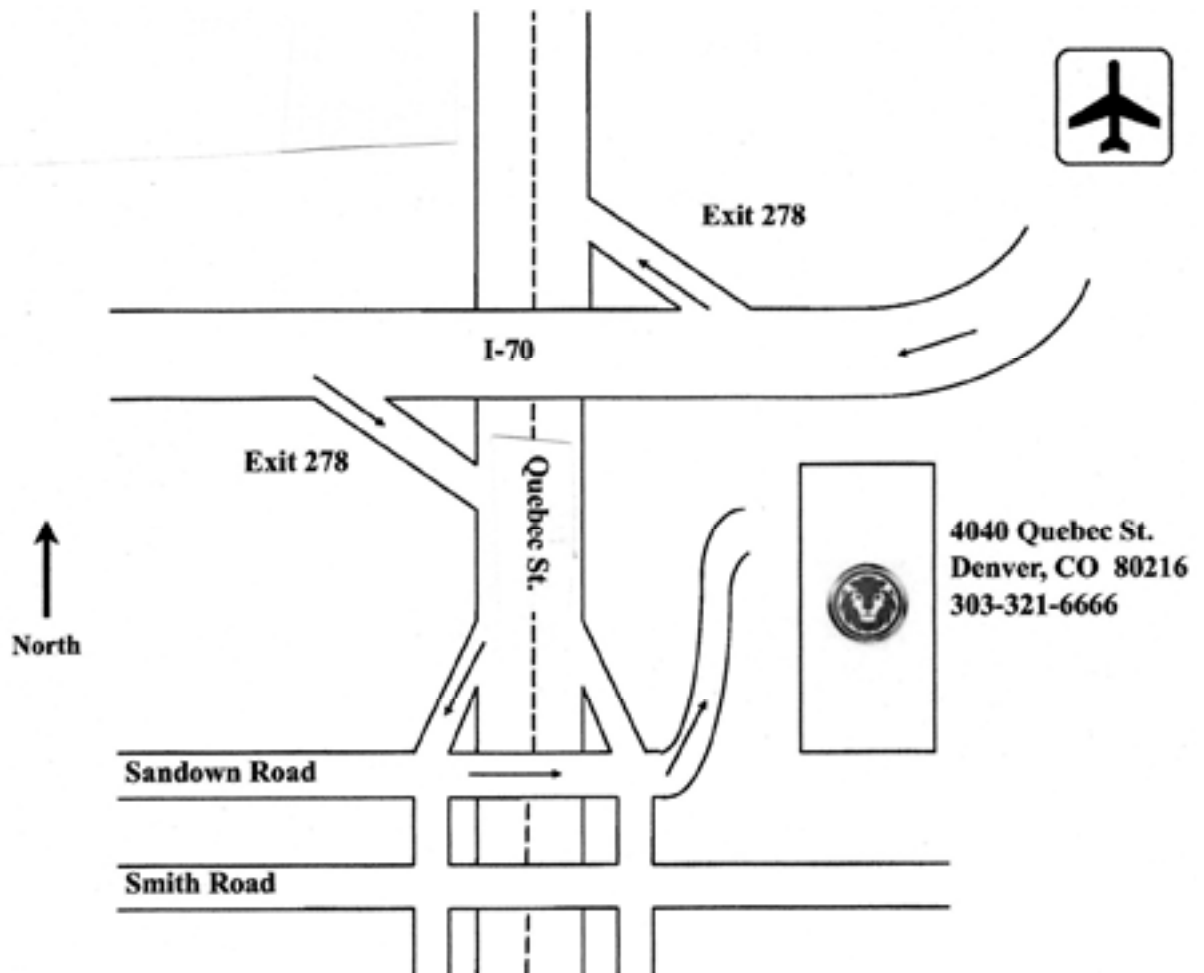
Do you plan to stay in the Red Lion Hotel? Yes, No; One night, Two nights

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The Office for Victims of Crime has provided a limited number of scholarships for distant members who need financial assistance with transportation or hotel. If you need help check here: The **deadline** for requesting scholarship assistance is **September 20th**. First come, first served. Then they're gone!

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FROM DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:

Take Pena Blvd. to Interstate 70W. Take Interstate 70W to Quebec Street (exit 278) and make a left on Quebec Street, get in the far right lane toward Smith Road and make a left on Sandown (just before railroad tracks). At the top stop sign, go through the intersection and we are right next to the Eagle Legacy Credit Union.

FROM INTERSTATE 70 EAST BOUND:

Take Exit 278 Quebec Street, stay right for Smith Road. After exiting, move to the left lane and take the first left onto Sandown Road (just before the railroad tracks). Cross over the Quebec Street upper level (Stop Sign) and go through the intersection onto the frontage road in front of Eagle Legacy Credit Union. The hotel entrance is on the right hand side.

FROM INTERSTATE 270 SOUTHEAST BOUND:

Take the Quebec Street Exit and turn left and get in the far right lane and pass under the Interstate. Stay right for Smith Road, after exiting move to the left lane. Take the first left on to Sandown Road (Just before the railroad tracks) and crossover the Quebec Street upper level (Stop Sign) and go through the intersection onto the frontage road in front of Eagle Legacy Credit Union. The hotel entrance is on the right hand side.