

# PSN TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

*Monthly Newsletter*



Thank you for following our monthly Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) bulletin. The monthly bulletin highlights TTA and resources provided to PSN task forces and local law enforcement agencies. TTA requests can be made online [here](#). If you have questions regarding TTA, please contact your regional TTA liaison or the PSN TTA team at [psntta@cna.org](mailto:psntta@cna.org).

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## **BODY-WORN CAMERA RESOURCES FOR PROSECUTORS**

In May, the Body-Worn Camera (BWC) TTA team released two new resources geared towards prosecutors. The first is a webinar recording – *Prosecutor Review of BWC's for Evidentiary Consideration and Ways That Prosecutors Manage Digital Evidence*. The webinar includes information on how BWC footage can be used as evidence in charging decisions, support for grand jury and preliminary hearings, and eventually, trial evidence.

You can view a recording of the webinar [here](#).

The next resource is a paper – *The Impact of Body-Worn Cameras on the Burden of Proof and Evidentiary Expectations: A Prosecutor's Perspective*.

You can access the resource [here](#).



# SPOTLIGHT ON UPCOMING CONFERENCES

**National District Attorneys Association Summer Summit – Addressing Violent Crime: Courtroom & Community Strategies | July 10–11, 2023, Nashville, TN**

The Summer Summit offers educational, information-sharing and networking tools to ensure prosecutors, and those working in the field, are plugged into the most innovative ideas and practical strategies surrounding violent crimes. In the context of an increase in violent crimes and case backlogs, the conference will help attendees learn more about how prosecutors can navigate these challenging times. With two full days of learning, inspiration, and connection, attendees will come away with the tools and support they need to better serve their communities. Register for the conference [here](#).

**National Criminal Justice Association 2023 Symposium on Justice Information Technology, Policy, Research, and Practice and Forum on Criminal Justice | July 24–26, 2023, Long Beach, CA**

The association is partnering with SEARCH and the Justice Research and Statistics Association for this annual forum. This year's conference will feature four workshop tracks on policy, practice, research and technology. The agenda will include keynote presentations and over 32 workshops with recognized subject matter experts. Register for the conference [here](#).

**International Association of Crime Analysts Conference | August 28–September 1, 2023, Grapevine, TX**

The centerpiece of the IACA is its Annual Training Conference, held every fall in different cities around the United States. The conference features four or five days of training in crime analysis and policing topics, exhibitions, networking opportunities, and discussions. Register for the conference [here](#).

**Interested in how PSN can help you with crime analysis? Read about the [PSN Crime Analysis Assessment here!](#)**

## WEBINARS

**Building an Effective Team**

Date:  
July 18, 2023,  
2:00–3:30 p.m.  
EST  
[Registration link](#)

**Advanced Criminal Intelligence: Tradecraft and Analysis**

Date:  
August 22–24,  
2023, 9:00 a.m.–  
6:00 p.m. EST  
[Registration link](#)

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## GRANTS SPOTLIGHT BY JOAN BRODY: TIPS FOR HOLDING YOUR FIRST GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING

During your first internal grants working group meeting, your group lead or group coordinator can provide an overview of the committee's tasks. (You can call it a working group or a committee – whatever suits your agency). You will go over the goals and objectives of the committee. Please see ideas for your first meeting agenda at the bottom of the page.

**Grants Committee Goal:** To enhance grant seeking and grant implementation abilities. *Translation: Just let the group know that together you hope to get more grant money for your agency's needs.*

### Three Objectives:

- 1. Proactively identify needs and strategically match gaps in funding to public and private grant funding.**
- 2. Use your subject matter experts' (SMEs') knowledge.** *Translation: Tell the group that you first need their help to identify and prioritize unfunded needs. Let them know that you are not asking them to be grant writers (unless, of course, someone wants to!) Tell them that you need their brain because no one can be an expert on everything.*
- 3. Add capacity for grant implementation tasks.** *Translation: Explain that after your grant strategy is created, members of the group will be contacted when a relevant grant opportunity hits the street. They will be asked to help brainstorm your proposal approach. And if you win a grant award, the SME who developed the winning idea will get credit and kudos, and will be asked to help ensure all is implemented well.*

During the first grants committee meeting, hand out the Grant Idea Sheet. Explain how to fill it out and assign a date for its return. The template on page 4 will guide you.

Next month, I will discuss how to use the returned Grant Idea Sheets to draft your first grant strategy document. I will offer next steps for revising and getting it approved up your chain of command.



## GRANTS SPOTLIGHT, CONTINUED

Here is a suggested agenda for your first internal grants committee or working group meeting. Again, please revise accordingly.

### AGENDA

- A. Welcome and Introductions
- B. Grants Committee Process
- C. Grant Idea Sheets
- D. Q&A and Next Meeting Date

Sample Grant Idea Sheet.

Grant Idea Sheet – Please return by \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

List grant project ideas from your area of expertise that you would like to see approved and funded in 2024. Please think BIG! This is a way to start "brainstorming" for future grant project ideas and/or goals for \_\_\_\_\_  
Department/Agency Name

**Name:**

**Area of Expertise:**

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**Example Project Idea: First Responder Domestic Violence Assessment Tool & Training Program**

**Summary of Project:**  
Best practices new screening tool to assess victim risk and prioritize DV cases for police and prosecutors. Funding needed to purchase electronic questionnaire and for training police and prosecutors on its use.

**Anticipated Goals / Outcomes:**  
Reduce DV injuries and deaths; Better coordination among criminal justice entities involved in DV cases.

**Estimated Funding:**  
\$10,000 to purchase assessment tool and provide training for all DV Unit first responders.

**Potential Partnerships:**  
House of Ruth, Turnaround, Baltimore Department of Health, State's Attorney Office, etc.

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**1. Project Idea Name:**

**Summary of Project:**

**Anticipated Project Goals/Outcomes:**

**Estimated Funding:**

**Potential Partnerships:**

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**2. Project Idea Name:**

**Summary of Project:**

**Anticipated Project Goals/Outcomes:**

**Estimated Funding:**

**Potential Partnerships:**

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**Summary of Project:**

**Anticipated Project Goals/Outcomes:**

**Estimated Funding:**

**Potential Partnerships:**