



**WICHITA
POLICE & FIRE
FOUNDATION**

EVIDENCE-BASED POLICING SYMPOSIUM

Two days of practical insights, innovative strategies, and real-world applications. This symposium brings together leading researchers, practitioners, & law enforcement professionals from across the nation to explore evidence-based policing—what actually works and how to improve public safety outcomes.

- ✓ Stay informed on the latest evidence-based strategies and projects
- ✓ Build partnerships across agencies, businesses, and academic institutions
- ✓ Take home practical tools and ideas ready to implement
- ✓ Help shape the future of collaborative, data-informed policing

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WSU School of Criminal Justice
Rhatigan Student Center
1845 Fairmount St.
Beggs Ballroom
Wichita, Kansas



WPFF Evidence-Based Policing Symposium, where national experts & frontline practitioners share proven strategies that work in our region and beyond. This event is for officers, detectives, commanders, chiefs, and community decision-makers ready to lead with what works. Learn how to reduce harm, lower violence, strengthen trust, and build safer communities using field-tested methods backed by research. This isn't theory; it's action.

Register



TOPICS & SPEAKERS



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- **Researching Interviewing & Interrogation in Kansas**
 - Dr. Christian Meissner - Iowa State University
- **Use of Force Decision Making**
 - Dr. Paul Taylor - University of Denver/Association of Force Investigators (AFI)
- **Feeling Blue: Developing a Suicide Prevention Training for Police Officers**
 - Dr. Thomas Skinner - Wichita State University
- **Frugal Policing With a Purpose: Harm-Focused Hotspot Intervention**
 - Detective David Cefalu - Wauwatosa PD (WI)
- **Strategic Advancements in Violent Crime Prevention and Reduction**
 - Ryan Perlono - New York Division of Criminal Justice Services
- **Risk Terrain Modeling (RTM)**
 - Crime Analysis Director Geoff Vail - Wichita PD
- **Collaborative Policing & Community Impact**
 - Officer Nate Schwiethale - Wichita PD
- **Utilizing Community Feedback through My90**
 - Ian Kapets - Project Manager, Axon
- **Addressing Organized Retail Theft with Data**
 - Captain Casey Slaughter - Wichita PD
- **The Return of Tele-Cops a Randomized Control Trial**
 - Dr. Michael Birzer / Captain Christian Cory
- **From Ballistics to Briefings—Fast**
 - Crime Analyst Leah Wescott - Wichita PD
- **Science-Based Interviewing in Wichita**
 - Captain Christian Cory - Wichita PD
- **WPD Chief O.W. Wilson's Evidence-Based Legacy**
 - Dr. Michael Birzer - Wichita State University



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