

# Summer 2016 Newsletter

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## *From The President*

I hope everyone is out and enjoying the summer days. Seems they go by faster every year.

What a great time we had in June at the CCA conference!. It was so nice to see everybody. I love being able to put names with faces and getting to know each of you. The Speakers and training are always so helpful. I have always said one of my favorite things about conference is the networking we do with each other, because we can learn so much from one other. It amazes me how each county in our state has such different calls and yet, so much of the same. The case presentations seem to always hold our attention. So, if any of you have an interesting case you would like to share with the group, please get a hold of Jen to let her know. It's not that we think we've done everything perfectly. In fact, most times we wish we had thought to do something different or learned a lesson from the experience. Those are the type we hope we can all learn from.

For those of you who didn't attend the General Membership Meeting, I have to say "You Missed out!" The meeting was very interactive. Half of the Board members are elected for a two year term, and the other half are up for re-election next June. There was a lot of discussion on Legislation. We talked about what happened during the last session and what will affect Coroners. This was the time to bring any concerns about legislation or what you might want to see supported for the next legislative session. The Lobbyists for CCA are Steve Balcerovich and Kathy Oatis. They work really hard for our organization to keep us informed of anything concerning Coroners. Thank you Steve and Kathy for all you do.

We only have 18 MOU's turned in for the Coroner Assist Team. If you have listed CCA, Coroner Assist Team in your disaster plan, please make sure to get your signed MOU turned in to Jen.

I am looking forward to the Fall training that will be held in Boulder this October. If you have any ideas on training topics, make sure to let Jen know. She tries very hard to accommodate your requests.

Make sure you check the CCA website often. Remember there is also a secure link on it just for Coroners. If you don't have the password, get a hold of Jen and she will give it to you. Any suggestions on what you would like to see or have added, let Jen know that too.

See you in October ☺

*Brenda L. Bock*



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# Announcements

**The Jackets Are In!**  
If you ordered – or want – one of the black jackets that was displayed at the June Conference, please call Mike and Sandy @ 303.646.5599  
(We now have men's **AND** women's sizes)



The next CCA Board Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m..  
Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at the

## **Millennium Harvest House Hotel**

**1345 28<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Boulder, Colorado 80302**

Meeting minutes are posted on our website.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is responsible for monitoring the population health effects of marijuana use in the state.

As part of these ongoing efforts, we request that Coroner's report possible marijuana-related deaths, especially, unexpected or unexplained deaths with a history of recent marijuana (MJ) exposure.

Examples of unexpected or unexplained cases of interest (if there is also a history of recent MJ exposure) include, but are not limited to:

- Acute cardiovascular deaths in younger adults
- New onset seizure-related deaths
- Non-DUI, trauma deaths
- Possible pesticide/chemical exposure deaths
- Other unexplained deaths

Note: we are NOT interested in marijuana-related DUI deaths.

To report these cases, please call Elyse Contreras at: 303-692-6455



# June 2016 Conference

The June 2016 Conference was held at the Hilton Hotel in Fort Collins. We had 128 participants in attendance, and enjoyed some dynamic speakers.

Mark Ward (Weld County Coroner) retired from the CCA Board, and was replaced by Randy Keller, our Fremont County Coroner.

We are looking forward to the October 2016 Training which will be held at the Millennium Harvest House in beautiful Boulder, Colorado. (Details on the next page)

We hope to see you there!



Steve Ainsworth and Tom “Grif” Griffin teaching a class on Blood Spatter

If you have an article or idea you would like to share or see in our newsletter, please send it to Jenny Howe at: [coloradocoroners@gmail.com](mailto:coloradocoroners@gmail.com), or fax it to 719.309.6625



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# *Education and Training*

## **Colorado Coroners Association Medicolegal Death Investigation Training Course**

Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> through Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Millennium Harvest House Boulder  
1345 28<sup>th</sup> Street; Boulder, Colorado 80302  
303.443.3850

Please visit our website at [www.coloradocoroners.org](http://www.coloradocoroners.org)  
for the agenda, registration form and the scholarship applications.

### *Conference Scholarships*

*The Colorado Coroners Association will be awarding 3  
scholarships to the October 2016 Training.*

*If you or someone in your office is interested in  
applying, please visit our website at  
[Coloradocoroners.org](http://Coloradocoroners.org) and complete the application.*

*Scholarship applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on  
Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.*

*Fax or email them to Jenny Howe at  
719.309.6625 or [coloradocoroners@gmail.com](mailto:coloradocoroners@gmail.com).*

If you are a Coroner and  
you attended the June  
2016 Conference, **PLEASE**  
make sure you send a copy  
of your certificate to CCSTB  
so you remain in  
compliance.



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