

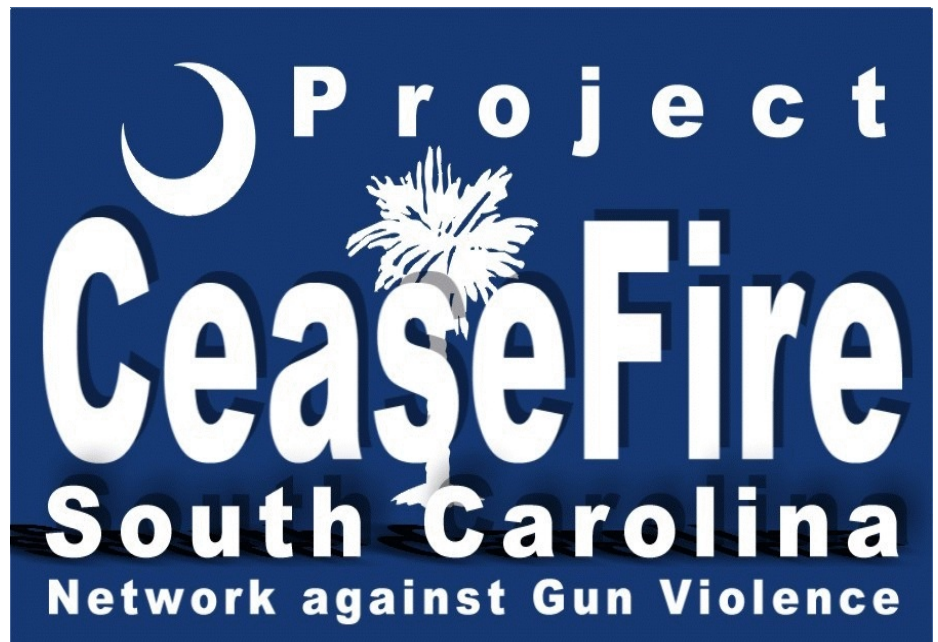


Rural Law Enforcement
Technology Center



Project CeaseFire South Carolina

Guns and Gangs



Embassy Suites Hotel
Columbia, SC

September 20 - 21, 2005

Program Overview

Gun related violence has a detrimental impact on our society. As such, the primary objective of Project CeaseFire South Carolina is to partner with state, local, and federal law enforcement to attempt to reduce the incidence of gun related violence by aggressively detecting and recovering illegal firearms from individuals before they can be used in violent crimes. Project CeaseFire is South Carolina's implementation of *Project Safe Neighborhoods*, the national gun violence reduction program. More information on the national initiative can be found at www.ProjectSafeNeighborhoods.gov.

This seminar will include a discussion of the federal firearm laws as contrasted with state firearm laws, a discussion of persons federally prohibited from possessing firearms, the Armed Career Criminal Act, and enhanced penalties for using, carrying, or possessing firearms during a crime of violence or drug trafficking crime. There will also be an overview of gangs, including a special presentation on MS-13, and a presentation on how gangs can be investigated and prosecuted utilizing federal firearm laws.

How do firearms get diverted out of the stream of commerce and into the streets, where drug dealers, convicted felons, juvenile gang members, and even terrorists have unfettered access to them? ATF will present an overview of firearms trafficking techniques that emphasize how you can detect, investigate, and effectively prosecute the criminals who are arming the violent offenders in your jurisdiction. ATF will also teach you the benefits of tracing firearms, how to accurately identify firearms, spot misidentified firearms before you get to trial, and determine what assistance you might need in the process.

Finally, attendees will be able to test their firearm skills and reaction time utilizing a state of the art firearms simulator provided by the Rural Law Enforcement Technology Center.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Patrol Officers
- Narcotic Officers
- Supervisory Law Enforcement Officers
- Major Crime Investigators
- Highway Interdiction Officers

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September 20-21, 2005*

September 20, 2005

- 8:00 a.m.** Registration
- 9:00 a.m.** Welcome/Program Overview
Jonathan S. Gasser, Acting U.S. Attorney - District of SC
- 9:15 a.m.** CeaseFire
Stacey D. Haynes, Assistant U.S. Attorney & Project CeaseFire Coordinator - District of SC
- 10:30 a.m.** BREAK
- 10:45 a.m.** Firearms Identification/Tracing
Special Agent Mark Kelly, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives - Charleston Office
- 12:15 p.m.** Lunch (Includes time for firearms simulator)
- 1:30 p.m.** Firearms Trafficking
Special Agent Mark Kelly, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives - Charleston Office
- 2:30 p.m.** Gang Investigation/Prosecution
Ronnie A. Carter, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives - Dallas Office
- 3:30 p.m.** Break
- 3:45 p.m.** Gang Investigation/Prosecution, Continued
- 4:45 p.m.** Firearms Simulator Demonstration
Rural Law Enforcement Technology Center
- 5:00 p.m.** Adjourn Day One

September 21, 2005

- 9:00 a.m.** Gang Overview
*Don Lyddane, Intelligence Analyst
Federal Bureau of Investigation*
- 10:15 a.m.** Break
- 10:30 a.m.** Gang Overview, Continued
- 11:30 a.m.** MS 13 Overview
*Melanie Pierson, Intelligence Analyst
Federal Bureau of Investigation*
- 12:15 p.m.** Lunch (Includes time for Firearms Simulator)
- 1:30 p.m.** MS 13 Overview, Continued
- 3:00 p.m.** Break
- 3:15 p.m.** Violent Gang & Terrorist Organization File/SC Gangs
*Jim Smith, State Coordinator VGTOF, SLED
Eddie O'Cain, Security Threat Group Coordinator/Criminal Investigator, SC Department of Corrections*
- 4:45 p.m.** Adjourn Day Two

Our presenters include . . .

Ronnie A. Carter is the Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives, Dallas Office, where he is responsible for investigating crimes including explosives and arson violations, narcotics, conspiracies, illegal firearms trafficking, violent gang activity, and other crimes under the Bureau's jurisdiction. He served on the ATF's Gang Task Force in Cleveland, OH, and was group supervisor in Charlotte, NC, where he supervised Charlotte Group II and the Violent Crime Task Force, which consisted of ATF, the Charlotte/Mecklenburg Police Department, FBI, INS, the State Bureau of Investigation, and the U.S. Secret Service. Subsequently, Mr. Carter was transferred to Bureau Headquarters where he became Chief of the Violent Crime Branch. In May 2000, he was named to his current position. He has taught at the International Law Enforcement Academy in Budapest, Hungary, and helped write the academy's gang course. He has also spoken to groups throughout the country on the Violent Crime Task Force concept and historical case strategy.

Jonathan S. Gasser, has been serving as Acting United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina since January 2005. He became an Assistant Solicitor in the Fifth Judicial Circuit in 1987 and in November 1993 was appointed Deputy Solicitor and served in that position for nine years. In December 2002, he joined the staff at the United States Attorney's Office in Columbia, South Carolina, as Deputy Chief in charge of the Violent Crime Section where he was responsible for the supervision of twelve staff attorneys in the Columbia, Charleston, Florence, and Greenville offices. Mr. Gasser serves on the United States Attorney General's Review Committee on Capital Cases (AGRCCC) in Washington, D.C. The committee reviews all potential federal death penalty cases in the country and makes recommendations to the Attorney General.

Stacey D. Haynes has been an Assistant United States Attorney assigned to the Violent Crime Task Force (VCTF) and the Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) since August 1999. In January 2002, she was appointed as the statewide coordinator of Project CeaseFire South Carolina, which is part of the national Project Safe Neighborhoods' gun initiative, aggressively prosecuting federal firearm cases. Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Ms. Haynes was an Assistant Solicitor in Richland County for seven and one-half years, responsible for prosecuting violent crime cases. While an Assistant Solicitor, she was also cross-designated as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney assigned to the U.S. Attorney's Office Violent Crime Task Force

Mark C. Kelly, Special Agent, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives, in the Charleston, South Carolina Field Office, began his law enforcement career as a Special Agent with the United States Secret Service in the Charlotte and Philadelphia Field Offices. Since 1990, Special Agent Kelly has been with ATF in the Charleston, SC Field Office. He has attended the United States Secret Service and ATF firearms instructor schools, ATF's Basic Firearms Interstate Nexus School and Advanced Nexus School tours of firearms and ammunition factories. Special Agent Kelly testifies in the Judicial District of South Carolina as an expert in the interstate commerce of firearms and ammunition and focuses his investigative time on interstate firearms trafficking.

Don Lyddane has worked as an Intelligence Analyst, at FBI Headquarters, Safe Streets & Gang Unit in Washington, DC, since 1993. A 25-year law enforcement veteran, he retired from the Washington, DC, Metropolitan Police Department after working gang investigations for many years.

Eddie O'Cain is the Security Threat Group Coordinator and Investigator for the Division of Investigations at the SC Department of Corrections. He and his team are responsible for identifying all Security Threat Groups (Gangs) and members in the Department of Corrections. He is co-founder of the SC Gang Investigators Association and current President and is also the State Representative for the National Major Gang Task Force. He has been called as an expert witness in gang cases across the state and is the agency's representative on the FBI Joint Terrorist Task Force. He is Special Deputy US Marshal assigned to Operation Intercept. Currently, he is serving on the Board of Directors for Midlands Crimestoppers. He's been certified as a police officer in both Georgia and South Carolina. He started his law enforcement career in 1992 as a road deputy and has also worked drug investigations and criminal investigations. Before being selected to manage the Security Threat Group Program at the Department of Corrections, he was an Investigator with Internal Affairs at the Department.

Melanie Pierson, Intelligence Analyst at the FBI in Washington, DC, started her law enforcement career as a police officer in Ann Arbor, Michigan, from 1990-2000. She left the police department to work as a trainer for first responders in chemical and biological terrorist attacks and worked as a contractor for the National Institute of Justice law enforcement equipment standards and testing program before joining the FBI. She has been responsible for gathering intelligence on MS-13 nationally and internationally for the FBI since 2002. She has traveled to Mexico and El Salvador and has law enforcement contacts in Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua.

Jim Smith is assigned to the Criminal Justice Information System Section at SLED where he is the State Coordinator for the Violent Gang and Terrorist Organization File. Mr. Smith also assists with NCIC audits, training, and presentations. Mr. Smith is a retired deputy sheriff from the Richland County Sheriff's Department with a total of thirty years experience in law enforcement. While with the sheriff's department, he served in the capacity of line officer, crime prevention, warrant division, and in forensic evidence. Mr. Smith is a certified instructor through the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.

The Mobile Technology Demonstrator, on display at the conference courtesy of the Rural Law Enforcement Technology Center, contains the Advanced Interactive Systems Firearms training simulator that shoots a 66 mm nylon ball back at the officers while going through training. The system contains approximately 1000 scenarios that cover almost everything officers would encounter. This interactive training simulator will be available to officers during the seminar.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Project CeaseFire South Carolina - Guns and Gangs

Embassy Suites Hotel

200 Stoneridge Drive, Columbia, SC 29201

September 20-21, 2005

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: August 26, 2005

REGISTRATION FEE: \$50.00 (Continental Breakfast, Breaks & Lunch)

REGISTRATION: Pre-registration is required. Confirmation cards, which are required for admittance to seminar, will be mailed to participants prior to the seminar.

Agency: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Telephone :(_____) _____

Fax: (_____) _____

Contact: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Registration form may be duplicated for additional participants.

Mail completed registration form along with check made payable to "LECC" to:

Law Enforcement Coordinator
U.S. Attorney's Office
1441 Main Street, Suite 500
Columbia, SC 29201

Questions regarding registration may be directed to:

Becky Plyler, Law Enforcement Coordinator,
U.S. Attorney's Office, Columbia, SC

Phone: (803)929-3009

Fax: 803/254-2912

The LECC makes every practicable effort to accommodate disabled participants. If you require any special assistance in order to attend this program, please call Becky Plyler.

All Participants Must Pre-Register.

Confirmations, which are required for admittance to the seminar, will be mailed to STUDENTS listed above prior to seminar date.

Use Registration Form as Invoice. No Other Invoice Will Be Issued.

DATE & LOCATION

September 20-21, 2005

Embassy Suites Hotel
200 Stoneridge Drive
Columbia, SC 29210

803/252-8700



GENERAL INFORMATION

Conference Registration Deadline: August 26, 2005

Hotel Registration Deadline: August 26, 2005

Seating: *Agencies are not limited to the number of participants they register*, however, all participants must pre-register by the registration deadline and registration will be on first come first served basis.

Conference Schedule:

Day One - September 20, 2005 –

Registration: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Seminar: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Day Two - September 21, 2005 –

Seminar: 9:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Conference Confirmations: *To be admitted to the seminar, participants are required to present Confirmation Card at registration. Confirmations will be mailed to students prior to the seminar.*

Hotel Accommodations: A block of rooms has been reserved at:

EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL

200 Stoneridge Drive
Columbia, SC 29210

800/362-2779

Hotel reservations must be made by **August 26, 2005**, in order to receive the conference rate of \$79.00 plus tax /per night (single/double occupancy). Please reference the **United States Attorney's Office** when making reservations to ensure receiving the conference rate.

Hotel Registrations On Line: Go to www.embassysuites.com, click on reservations tab, enter state, choose hotel location (**Embassy Suites Hotel, Columbia-Greystone**), click on "Book a Room." This takes you to a fill in dates screen. Fill in dates and scroll down to "Special Accounts" and fill Group Code: **CFC**.

Cancellations: The registration fee is fully refundable up to 5 business days before the seminar. Substitutions may be made at any time prior to the seminar. **No-shows are liable for the entire fee.** If you need to cancel, please call Becky Plyler at 803/929-3009, prior to the seminar in order to allow someone else to attend the training.