Approaches to Improve the Measurement of Suicide in Law Enforcement in the United States–Agenda
April 25–26, 2023 • Virtual Format (with live webinar)

Please note:
- *All times are Eastern Daylight Time.*
- *Session times subject to change.*
- *This meeting will be recorded to aid the rapporteurs to prepare a proceedings of the workshop discussions. The audio/video recordings and presentation materials will be posted online at [Approaches to Improve the Measurement of Suicide in Law Enforcement in the United States](#).*

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023 — 11:00 am–6:00 pm

11:00 am **Welcome and Goals for the Workshop**
Melissa Chiu, CNSTAT Director
Vickie M. Mays, University of California-Los Angeles
Joel Greenhouse, Carnegie Mellon University
(*Planning Committee Co-Chairs*)

11:15 am **Sponsor and Stakeholders Welcome**
Alexis Piquero, Bureau of Justice Statistics (5 min)
Terrence Cunningham, International Association of Chiefs of Police (5 min)
Rob Jeffreys, Nebraska State Department of Corrections (5 min)

PRIMARY DATA SOURCES

11:30 am **Federal Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collections**
Moderator: **Janice Iwama**, American University (*Planning Committee Member*)
Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collection (LESDC)
- **Lora (Lori) Klingensmith**, Federal Bureau of Investigation (20 min)

Death Notification, Data Quality, and the Suicide Mitigation and Risk Reduction Tracking (SMARRT) System
- **Anthony Arita**, Department of Homeland Security (20 min)

Discussants:
- **Megan Amaturo,** International Association of Chiefs of Police (5 min)
- **Sarah Gillespie,** Bureau of Prisons (5 min)
- **Jack McDevitt,** Northeastern University (10 min)

Q&A (15 min)

12:45 pm **BREAK**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Suicide Data: Parts I–II

1:15 pm **Part I: Measuring Suicide**
Christopher Jones, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

1:30 pm   **Part II: National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) and the Public Safety Officer Suicide Module**
Moderator & Discussant:
John Violanti, University at Buffalo *(Planning Committee Member)*
    What is the NVDRS and What Can We Learn from the Data?
- **Alina Arseniev-Koehler**, University of California-San Diego and Purdue University (10 min)

    Opportunities for Measuring Correlates of Suicide: Merging NVDRS and American Community Survey Data?
- **Bernice A. Pescosolido**, Indiana University-Bloomington (15 min)

    Suicides Police Data and Occupational Coding Challenges
- **Hope Tiesman**, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (10 min)

    Public Safety Officer Suicide Module
- **Bridget Lyons**, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (15 min)

2:20 pm   Q&A

2:45 pm   *BREAK*

3:00 pm   **Measurement of Suicide in the Military (VA and DoD): Can We Learn Across the Sources?**
Moderator & Discussant:
Vickie M. Mays, University of California-Los Angeles *(Planning Committee Co-Chair)*
    Robert Ursano, Uniformed Services University (45 min)
    Q&A (15 min)

4:00 pm   **Panel Discussion of the Primary Data Sets**
Moderator: **Joel Greenhouse**, Carnegie Mellon University *(Planning Committee Co-Chair)*
    Janice Iwama, American University *(Planning Committee Member)*
    John Violanti, University at Buffalo *(Planning Committee Member)*
    Vickie M. Mays, University of California-Los Angeles *(Planning Committee Co-Chair)*
    Jeffrey Sedgwick, Justice Research and Statistics Association

4:45 pm   **Reflections on the Impact of Suicide on Policing**
    Adrian Z. Diaz, Seattle Police Department

5:00 pm   Q&A

6:00 pm   *END OF DAY 1*

10:00 am   **Opening Remarks and Overview for Day Two**
    Vickie M. Mays, University of California-Los Angeles
    Joel Greenhouse, Carnegie Mellon University
    (*Planning Committee Co-Chairs*)

10:10 am   **Data Pipeline: Suicide Event to Data Source**
    Brandon del Pozo, Brown University *(Planning Committee Member)*

10:30 am   **Other Data Sources and Opportunities for Measuring Law Enforcement Suicide**
Moderator & Discussant: **Jenn Rineer**, RTI International (*Planning Committee Member*)
    Other Sources of Existing National and Local Data Sources *(including the NDI)* and Potential Contributions to Measuring Suicide
- **Kathy Batts**, RTI International (15 min)

    Non-Governmental
- **Karen Solomon**, Blue H.E.L.P. (15 min)

    Investigator-Led Studies
- **Natasha Frost**, Northeastern University (*Planning Committee Member*) (10 min)

    Q&A (10 min)

11:30 am   ***BREAK***

METHODS: Parts I–III

11:45 am   **Part I: Classification of Suicide and Methods to Address Sources of Bias**
Moderator & Discussant:
Natasha Frost, Northeastern University (*Planning Committee Member*)
    Thomas Joiner, Florida State University (15 min)
    Discussion with Medical Examiners and Coroners (20 min)
- **Kelly Keyes**, International Association of Coroner and Medical Examiners & Research Forensic Scientist, RTI International
- **Bobbi Jo O'Neal**, Charleston County Coroner's Office & International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners
- **Michelle Aurelius,** North Carolina Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

    Discussion About Sources of Bias (20 min)
- **Melanie-Angela Neuilly**, Washington State University
- **Mark Wachter**, New York Police Department

    Q&A (20 min)

1:00 pm   ***BREAK***

2:00 pm   **Part II: Data Integration**
Moderator & Discussant:
Joel Greenhouse, Carnegie Mellon University (*Planning Committee Co-Chair*)
    Data Linkage
- **Lisa Mirel**, National Science Foundation (20 min)

    Capture Recapture
- **Brandon del Pozo**,
Brown University *(Planning Committee Member)* (20 min)

    Combining Multiple Data Sets
- **Joel Greenhouse**,
Carnegie Mellon University *(Planning Committee Co-Chair)* (20 min)

3:00 pm   **Part III: A 21st Century Data Infrastructure—Implications for the Measurement of Law Enforcement Suicide**
Moderator*:* **Vickie M. Mays**, University of California-Los Angeles (*Committee Co-Chair*)
Speakers:
- *Vision for a New Data Infrastructure,*
Robert Groves, Georgetown University (15 min)
- *New Measurements in New Data Infrastructures – the Long Road from Vision to Practice,*
Frauke Kreuter, Joint Program on Survey Methodology (15 min)

Discussants:
- **Greg Ridgeway**, University of Pennsylvania (10 min)
- **Ojmarrh (OJ) Mitchell**, Arizona State University (10 min)

Q&A (10 min)

4:00 pm   **Observations on Issues Related to Measurement of Law Enforcement Suicide**
    Rajeev Ramchand, RAND (15 min)

4:15 pm   **Panel Discussion on Future Directions: Reflections, Key Takeaways, and Synthesis**
Planning Committee (20 min)
Stakeholders:
- **Chuck Wexler**, Police Executive Research Forum (7 min)
- **Carol Mici**, Massachusetts Department of Corrections (7 min)

Sponsor: **Kevin Scott**, Bureau of Justice Statistics (10 min)

5:00 pm   ***ADJOURN***