



ARIZONA HOMICIDE INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

presents:

2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Welcome to the **2024 AHIA Annual Conference** at Wild Horse Pass!

The Association is very pleased to welcome all our established members, as well as newcomers and guests, to this year's conference! As always, the Association is proud to host the annual conference in support of our members, and through them, the community. The Association would like to thank all of you for continuing to support AHIA in our mission to provide relevant training and professional resources to Arizona law enforcement agencies which establish the foundation for efficient death and critical incident investigations.

Many thanks to our vendors and partners who have graciously helped sponsor this event to make it possible; many of them can be found at the conference. We encourage you to please take the time to meet with them during breaks and inquire about their services! Immediately following training on Monday, vendors will be available for about an hour to allow everyone more time to interact with them.

As always, the Association has **merchandise** for sale throughout the conference, up until Thursday morning. Please make sure you stop by and check out our inventory as we have added some new items! Additionally, there will be a drawing for general **door prizes** during each break and a drawing for a **firearm** at the end of each day. Tickets are \$5 each for general door prizes, or 5 tickets for \$20, and \$20 each for the firearms drawing, or 6 tickets for \$100. Additional proceeds from merchandise and door prizes are used to fund future AHIA events as well as a fund for donations given to officers killed in the line of duty. **GOOD LUCK TO ALL!**

Finally, the Association will be hosting the following events after training each evening:

- **Live Comedy Night** on Monday
- **Social Gathering** in the hospitality suite on Tuesday
- **4th annual Cornhole Tourney** on Wednesday

There will be a bar and food at both the Comedy Night (free to attend) and Cornhole Tournament. Entry to the cornhole tournament is \$20 a person (\$40 for team), but free to spectate, so sign in online at the AHIA website or through a staff member at the conference.

Pre-registration begins on Sunday at 3PM-6PM, with main registration on Monday starting at 7AM. Have a great week and meet new people! Please feel free to speak with any of our board members about future training you would like to see us present.

If you aren't getting our emails, please register at [https://www.azhia.com/!](https://www.azhia.com/)

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US AT THE

2024 ANNUAL AHIA CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 9th TO 12th

AHIA 2024 Conference

Topics for Discussion

- Phoenix Zombie Hunter Canal Killer
- Criminal Analysts
- The Kelsey Smith Case
- Compassion Alliance
- DNA Labs International

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Case Notes:
Day 1

Monday, September 9th, 2024

8AM: **Opening Ceremonies**

Greeting by: AHIA President - Nate "TopDog" Moffat,

Honor Guard: Gila River Indian Community PD Honor Guard!

National Anthem: Ofc. April Zicopoulos of Prescott Valley PD!



8:30AM: **Keynote Speaker:**

Maricopa County Attorney - Rachel Mitchell



9AM: **CASE- The Hunt for the Zombie Killer**

Presented by: Det. Sgt. Troy Hillman (ret.), Det. Clark Schwartzkopf (ret.)
& Det. William Schira (ret.)



12pm: **LUNCH!**

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Monday, September 9th, 2024

Case Notes:

Day 1
(cont.)

12pm: **LUNCH!**

1pm: **Forensic Genetic Genealogy (FGG)**
- A Game Changer in Cold Case Work

Presented by: Colleen Fitzpatrick

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3pm: **Regulators + Power Hour**

Presented by: TacMobility CEO/Founder - Erica Gaines



5pm: **Evening with the Vendors**



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Monday, September 9th, 2024

6:30pm: **Comedy Night**

Presented by: Arizona Homicide Investigators Association

Held in the Palo Verde ball room

Case Notes:

Day 1
(cont.)



**Food will be provided &
a bar available!**

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Tuesday, September 10th, 2024

Case Notes:

Day 2

8AM: **The Roles of Forensic Anthropology in
Homicide Investigations: Practice and Research**

Presented by: Professor Dawnie Wolfe Steadman



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12pm: **LUNCH!**

1pm: **The Roles of Forensic Anthropology in
Homicide Investigations: Practice and Research (cont.)**

3pm: **PSPRS/DROP: What You Need to Know
Before & After Retirement**

Presented by: Galloway VP Todd Thomas & Regional VP David Vidaure



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Case Notes:

Day 2
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Tuesday, September 10th, 2024

5:00pm **Social @ hospitality suite!**

11pm: Presented by: The Arizona Homicide Investigators Association!



Sunrise Tower, Room #143

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Wednesday, September 11th, 2024

Case Notes:
Day 3

8AM: Impactful DNA Technology

Presented by: Ashley Korsakas & Steve DuBois



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10AM: From Hurting to Healing – A Story of Hope

Presented by: Dr. Melody Rodarte & Det. Tony Rodarte (ret.)



12pm: **LUNCH!**

1pm: **CASE-** The Kelsey Smith Case

- The Investigation and its Long-Term Impact on Law Enforcement

Presented by: Kelsey Smith Foundation Cofounders Greg & Missy Smith



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Wednesday, September 11th, 2024

Case Notes:

Day 3
(cont.)

6pm: **4th Annual Cornhole Tournament!**

Presented by: Arizona Homicide Investigators Association

Held in the Palo Verde ball room



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a bar available!**



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Case Notes:

Day 4

Thursday, September 12th, 2024

8AM: **Yay, Forensics! Digital Evidence from
Crime Scene to Courtroom**

Presented by: Det. Sgt. Dennis Ogorchock & Crime Analyst Joann Kennedy



12pm: **LUNCHEON!**

Provided by: The Arizona Homicide Investigators Association!

Investigator of the Year presentation

1pm: **CASE- The Charles "Angel of Death" Cullen Investigation**

Presented by: Commander Tim Braun (ret.)



