



Wisconsin Victim Witness Professionals

April 2, 2026

Greetings from the Wisconsin Victim Witness Professionals!

Attached, please find registration information for the 35th Annual Wisconsin Victim Witness Professional's Conference, happening May 13-15, 2026 at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. As always, the Board is working on some great presenters and we are hoping for another enlightening and educational conference.

We do have a few details to be aware of for the conference this year. Please note the following deadlines:

- Due to our contract with the hotel, **registration for the conference must be made by April 25, 2026.** Therefore, please email, fax or mail your registration forms to **Sue Burr** by April 25, 2026 even if your county has not yet submitted the required fee.
- Once again, the Board will be offering a reduced conference registration fee to those persons who submitted their membership by March 1, 2026. If your *membership was received* by March 1st, the conference fee will be **\$100.00**. Anyone submitting their dues after March 1st, will be required to pay the full conference registration fee of **\$250.00**. Unfortunately, there will be no exceptions. Non-members may still attend the conference for the fee of **\$250.00**. Please keep in mind that the registration fee includes all speaker fees, any conference materials, and the Thursday luncheon to all conference attendees.
- If you wish to order a vegetarian or gluten free meal for the Thursday luncheon, please check the appropriate box on the registration form.
- Breakout Sessions will be represented by Kristen Spiegel-Berg, DOJ Victim Witness Training & Technical Assistance Coordinator. Please email Kristen with any questions or topics you may have for the sessions to address. Kristen.Spiegel-Berg@wisdoj.gov.
- Erin Welsh, OCVS Deputy Director, will be holding 30 minute 1:1's on Thursday, May 14, 2026. A sign-up sheet will be provided at the conference registration table.

A block of rooms is being held at the Oshkosh Marriott Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center until April 13, 2026. You must contact the hotel by April 13, 2026 to make your room reservation. **Rooms will be released after April 13, 2026.**

Lastly, for the 15th year in a row, enjoy the opportunity to support a charity or organization of our choice through a silent auction of great items! Please consider donating an item for the auction and/or come ready to try your luck at bidding. The recipient that has been chosen for the 2026 WVWP Community Service Project is Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A.).

Revisions to the Standing Rules are attached for your review prior to the WVWP Annual Meeting where they will be voted upon.

The WVWP Professional Standards Committee will have training certificates of attendance available on Friday, May 15th at 12:00 p.m. You must be present to receive your certificate.

Please remember to register early and contact myself, Sue Burr or Sherrie Dachel with any questions or concerns. A draft agenda is attached – subject to change.

I hope to see everyone at the conference!

Jessica Bryan, President - Wisconsin Victim Witness Professionals



WVWP 35th ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

May 13 – 15, 2026

Marriott Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center
Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ County/Org: _____

Vegetarian Meal at Thursday Luncheon

Gluten Free Meal at Thursday Luncheon

Registration Fee Schedule:

Registration fee covers: Speaker fees, any conference materials and Thursday luncheon.

\$100.00 for WVWP Members -- if membership received by **March 1, 2026**

\$250.00 for WVWP Members -- If membership received **after** March 1, 2026

\$250.00 for Non-Members

Cancellations made by **April 25th** will receive a refund minus a \$25.00 processing fee.
There will be no refunds after this deadline.

Make checks payable to: WVWP
Email, fax or mail registration with payment to:
Sue Burr, WVWP Treasurer
414 W. Main Street. PO Box 808, Ellsworth WI 54011
Sue.Burr@da.wi.gov - 715-273-6749 (phone) - 715.273.6852 (fax)

Lodging

A block of rooms is being held at the Oshkosh Marriott Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center until **April 13, 2026**. **Rooms will be released after this date.** Registrants will need to make reservations directly with the hotel:

For online reservations, please visit:

[Book your group rate for WI Victim Witness Professionals](#)

Reservations can also be made by calling (920)230-3200. Ask for the WVWP Annual Conference Block

**** All room reservations must be made by April 13, 2026 ****

Please include a copy of registration form with payment



WISCONSIN VICTIM/WITNESS PROFESSIONALS 35th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Marriott Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center
Oshkosh, Wisconsin
May 13 - 15, 2026

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026

****SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

11:00 AM– 12:00 PM	REGISTRATION
12:00 PM – 12:15 PM	Opening & Welcome <i>Jessica Bryan, WVWP President, Eau Claire County V/W Coordinator</i> <i>Eric D. Sparr, Winnebago County District Attorney</i>
12:15 PM – 12:45 PM	WVWP Annual Meeting
12:45 PM – 02:45 PM	NAME OF PRESENTATION PENDING <i>Shira Phelps, DOJ/OCVS Director</i>
02:45 PM – 03:00 PM	Break
03:15 PM – 04:30 PM	Breakout Sessions by County <i>Kristen Spiegel-Berg, OCVS VW Training & Technical Assistance Coordinator</i>
04:45 PM – ???	Hospitality/Social Gathering – Anchor & Port located waterfront in the Marriott <i>(appetizers will be provided with drinks on your own at the bar)</i>

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026

07:15 AM – 08:15 AM	Breakfast
08:00 AM – 10:00 AM	You Make a Difference – Assisting Elderly Victims as They Navigate their Journey through the Justice System <i>Paul Greenwood, Retired San Diego Deputy District Attorney</i>
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Break
10:15 AM – 11:00 AM	Opportunities for Crime Victims’ Rights Representation throughout the Criminal Justice Process <i>Lauren Hamvas, Manager Victims’ Services Programs at Legal Action of WI</i>
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Biker’s Against Child Abuse – B.A.C.A. <i>Ironman, WI State & Tiletown Chapter President</i>
12:00 PM – 01:30 PM	Awards Luncheon <i>Josh Kaul, WI Attorney General, Keynote Speaker</i>
01:30 PM – 02:45 PM	To Be or Not to Be a Victim Rests in Your Hands, the Incident and the Aftermath <i>William Gray, Special Agent, Wisconsin, Alcohol & Tobacco Enforcement Unit (Ret)</i>
02:45 PM – 03:00 PM	Break
03:00 PM – 04:30 PM	Case Study - State v. Thomas Route <i>Zeke Wiedenfeld, District Attorney</i> <i>Detective Kim Bass, City of Elkhorn PD</i> <i>Amy Los, Retired Victim Witness Coordinator</i> <i>Jeff Weingart, Father of Victim Emerson Weingart</i> <i>Ashley Ketterhagen, Victim Survivor</i>
04:45 PM	Officially close Silent Auction

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026

07:15 AM – 08:15 AM

Breakfast

08:00 AM – 09:45 AM

True Threats/Stalking: What It Is and How We Can Help
Robert Kaiser

09:45 AM – 10:00 AM

Break

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Thrive: Turning Adversity Into Purpose and Growth
Nacho Enriquez, Jr.

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

WVWP Trivia/Closing Remarks

Jessica Bryan, *WVWP President, Eau Claire County VW Coordinator*
Jen Dunn, *WVWP Vice-President, Waukesha County VW Coordinator*



WVWP Community Service Silent Auction Fundraiser

Recipient for the 2026 WVWP Community Service Project is:



Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1995 by John Paul "Chief" Lilly in Provo, Utah.

B.A.C.A. Mission Statement:

Bikers Against Child Abuse, Inc. (B.A.C.A.) exists with the intent to create a safer environment for abused children. We exist as a body of Bikers to empower children to not feel afraid of the world in which they live. We stand ready to lend support to our wounded friends by involving them with an established, united organization. We work in conjunction with local and state officials who are already in place to protect children. We desire to send a clear message to all involved with the abused child that this child is part of our organization, and that we are prepared to lend our physical and emotional support to them by affiliation, and our physical presence. We stand at the ready to shield these children from further abuse. We do not condone the use of violence or physical force in any manner, however, if circumstances arise such that we are the only obstacle preventing a child from further abuse, we stand ready to be that obstacle.

No Child Deserves to Live in Fear

Enjoy the opportunity to support local charities/recipients of the WVWP Association's choice through a silent auction of great items!

Please consider donating an item and/or come ready to try your luck at bidding. All winning bids will be announced on Thursday after the last conference presenter.

Payments accepted: Checks payable to WVWP, cash or via Zelle through the QR code below:



Thank you for your generosity, WVWP Board