

# S.T.O.R.M.

Fall Conference 2014  
Tuesday, November 4 – Thursday, November 6  
RCTA, Meridian, Mississippi

## Included for the \$40 Registration Fee

- Conference Fee/Program/Class
- Lodging for Tuesday and Wednesday nights (limited to the first 100 registrants)
- Conference T-Shirt (must register by October 1 to guarantee correct size)
- Door prize ticket (includes drawing for the gun)
- Wednesday night meal

NOT INCLUDED: Meals (other than Wednesday night meal), extra activities (shooting competition, card tournaments, etc.), and extra T-Shirts

## Training Curriculum Overview

**Updates on the changes in the DUI law, Below 100 (officer survival/traffic safety survival program), and LEAPS**

## Below 100: an Initiative to Reduce Officer Deaths to Below 100 per Year

[www.below100.com](http://www.below100.com)

*NOTE: A Train the Trainer/Instructor certification session for this curriculum will also be offered during the conference as a breakout session. The class is limited to 30 participants. If you wish to become a Below 100 Instructor, you must indicate on the registration form that you wish to attend. There is no additional cost to become an Instructor.*

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Like many good ideas, the Below 100 initiative came out of a conversation around a dinner table. In April 2010, several contributors to Law Officer Magazine and friends were enjoying a dinner together at the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association (ILEETA) Conference. There had been a spate of officer deaths, and clearly, everyone at the table was concerned. Captain Travis Yates of the Tulsa Police Department made a statement that caused everyone to pause.....

As a result of the generous support of the National Tactical Officers Association, we have been able to offer Below 100 classes in Syracuse (NY), Albany (NY), Meriden, (CT) and Worcester (MA) with more to come.

“If we would just slow down, wear our seatbelts and clear intersections, we could get our line of duty deaths to Below 100 a year.”

The idea of Below 100 began at that table and continues today and it’s evolved into Below 100 Program, an initiative that aims to reduce the line of duty deaths to below 100, a number not the seen since 1944. If you’re reading this, consider yourself part of this conversation.

We can do this. We’ve done it before. In 1974, the all-time high year for officer deaths, 278 were killed in the line of duty. Innovations in training, emergency medicine and vehicles, as well as the development of ballistic armor, all contributed to bring this number down. We’ve averaged about 150 officers killed per year in the last ten years. Together, we can bring that number to below 100.

We have identified five key tenets by which we can improve officer safety—areas where **we can make a difference**. Below 100 isn’t about statistics. It’s about each and every officer, trainer and supervisor taking individual and collective responsibility for the decisions and actions that contribute to safety.

For those in a leadership position, Below 100 means supporting a culture of safety throughout your department. Make doing the right thing so ingrained in your personnel that it becomes the norm and not the exception. Just as importantly, hold accountable those who stray outside what should be common sense. Often, a private word with a misguided officer is all it takes to correct his or her misperception. Below 100 is committed to providing you the tools and resources you need to make a culture of safety thrive throughout your department.

Finally, Below 100 is a challenge that recognizes each officer death as a tragedy. It’s our duty to face down death and protect the innocent when called to do so. It’s a fact: Good cops will die each year. But working together—and only by working together—we can keep our streets and ourselves safer.

## **DUI Law and Case Law Updates**

Molly Miller, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor for the Mississippi Attorney General’s Office, will update attendees on the recent changes in the DUI laws in Mississippi and what to expect in the future.

The Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP), Molly Miller, operates under a grant from the Office of Highway Safety/Department of Public Safety Division of Public Safety Planning. The TSRP serves in a resource capacity and as a liaison between and among the state’s prosecutors, law enforcement, judges, and the traffic safety community to more effectively prosecute DUI and other traffic safety cases.

The TSRP coordinates the training of all state prosecutors on traffic safety issues, primarily DUI prosecutions, and provides legal assistance on matters related to such cases. Such assistance includes, but is not limited to: assisting with pre-trial investigations, sitting second chair, researching motions, writing briefs, writing and/or updating the DUI Manual for Prosecutors, and preparing a bi-annual newsletter regarding “hot topic” issues of highway safety. The TSRP also coordinates joint training of prosecutors with their local law enforcement officers by corroborating with the Mississippi Law Enforcement Liaison’s Office. The TSRP is available daily to prosecutors, law enforcement and judges should the need for assistance in traffic related cases arrive.

## Law Enforcement Alliance for Peer Support

Tim Rutledge, Director of Training for RCTA, will spend two hours speaking to participants about issues facing law enforcement officers today.

Tim Rutledge became the Director of Training for RCTA in 2009 following a lengthy career in law enforcement. A former police officer and deputy sheriff, he retired from the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics in 2009 after a distinguished and highly awarded career. He is the author of 23 statutes in Mississippi and is the founder of the Law Enforcement Alliance for Peer Support. [www.msleaps.org](http://www.msleaps.org).

## Extra Activities

The following activities are scheduled for the conference. To register for any of these, go to the [www.msstorm.net](http://www.msstorm.net) and sign up on the conference registration form for extracurricular activities. You will also need to go to the "store" on the website to pay for extra activities – just put the activities you want into your shopping cart and checkout as normal (or you can pay at the conference).

- Following lunch on Tuesday, we will hold a shooting competition at the Meridian Public Safety Training Facility. (Thank you to the Meridian Police Department for allowing us use of the range). Mike Street of Specialized Emergency Response Training (S.E.R.T. [www.sertraining.com](http://www.sertraining.com)) in Meridian will also be assisting with the competition. The entry fee for the competition is \$10. You will need to bring your own firearm, ammo, and eye/ear protection.
- Tuesday night, a poker tournament will be held. Prizes will be provided to include a pistol. Entry fee is a \$25 initial buy in, and a one-time re-buy of \$25 is allowed.
- Tuesday night, an Uno and a Phase 10 tournament will be held at the same time as the poker tournament. \$10 entry fee is required and prizes will be awarded.
- Wednesday night, a catered meal will be provided for attendees. No fee for this, but please RSVP on the conference registration form.

## Pre-Conference Golf Tournament

A two man scramble golf tournament will be held Monday, November 3 at Briarwood Golf Course in Meridian, MS. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to reduce and offset the out-of-pocket expenses for members attending STORM classes/conferences for continuing education.

Entry fees are \$50/person and include use of a golf cart. Registration starts at 11:30, and the tournament starts at 12:30. Refreshments will be available. Volunteers are needed for the day of the tournament. To volunteer, sign up for the conference, or if you know anyone interested in hole sponsorship, contact Kim Richardson at [2kimrichardson@gmail.com](mailto:2kimrichardson@gmail.com). You may pay the entry fee at the S.T.O.R.M. Store at [www.msstorm.net](http://www.msstorm.net) (just put the golf tournament entry in the shopping cart and check out).

## New T-Shirts for Conference

One (1) conference-specific T-Shirt will be given to each paid attendee. To guarantee the availability of your size, register and/or order your shirt by October 1. (You may order extra T-Shirts for \$15/each, but you must order by October 1 to guarantee you receive the correct size). These shirts will be unique to this conference and are limited in numbers... they will not be re-ordered and will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. To order extra T-Shirts, go to the S.T.O.R.M. Store at [www.msstorm.net](http://www.msstorm.net) and purchase through the checkout process.

## Room Reservations

The conference registration fee is \$40.00. This will cover the cost of your room (limited to the first 100 registrants) for Tuesday and Wednesday nights ONLY. Even if you pay for your own room, you still have to pay the conference registration fee. Breakfast is NOT included with the room.

Please go to [www.msstorm.net](http://www.msstorm.net) to register for the conference; click on "FORMS" for the conference registration.

To cancel your space in the conference, call Melissa Harvey at 601-270-7481 ([moharvey8@yahoo.com](mailto:moharvey8@yahoo.com)). You can cancel until the Friday before the conference. After Friday, your cancellation will need to be emergent in nature to be accepted.

We need your registration no later than ten days before the conference, which is enough time to cancel any unused rooms at the hotel. **However, please send in your registration no matter how close to the conference date!!** We will re-book rooms as needed.

## Policy Regarding Reimbursement of Expenses

Please note that S.T.O.R.M. cannot reimburse any person or agency for any travel expenses including meals, mileage, and lodging related to the S.T.O.R.M. Conference.

Please do not submit expense reports to S.T.O.R.M. Neither you nor your agency will be reimbursed for any expenses regardless of who or what agency assured you that you would be.

## Miscellaneous Notes

**We need door prizes!!! Please bring one per agency and turn it in at the designated area.**

If you know a S.T.O.R.M. member on active military duty, email Melissa at [moharvey8@yahoo.com](mailto:moharvey8@yahoo.com) at so she can extend their membership while they are gone.

**At the completion of this training all attending Officers will receive 16 hours Continued Education Credits through P.O.S.T.**

**S.T.O.R.M.'s address has changed to P. O. Box 54365, Pearl, MS 39208**