
MEMORANDUM

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PLACER COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: R. Scott Owens, District Attorney
Date: March 10, 2015
Subject: Out-of-State Travel Approval

ACTION REQUESTED

Authorize out of state travel for two County employees, three law enforcement detectives and one rape crisis center advocate to travel to the International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Campus Responses in New Orleans, Louisiana from April 7, 2015 through April 9, 2015. The total cost for travel, lodging, per diem, and registration is estimated to be \$11,857.

BACKGROUND

The Placer County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) was established in 1994 to provide a multidisciplinary response to sexual assault and sexual abuse. SART is composed of many representatives from many disciplines; including detectives from each law enforcement agency and the county's rape crisis center (Stand up Placer). The law enforcement officers evaluate sexual assault cases in the context of the criminal laws contained in the Penal Code. Their objective in these specialized investigations is to reassure the victims that they are safe, obtain a factual history, collect and preserve evidence, perform investigations, prepare reports, and submit reports to the District Attorney's office. This type of training is not only very specialized, but continually changing as new research, laws and investigative techniques specific to this population arise. The rape crisis center advocate is to provide leadership advocating for the needs and rights of survivors as the systems and individual levels of interventions; and to actively participate in solving systems issues, team education, strategic planning, and community relations related to the SART. This conference addresses a multitude of topics for the sexual assault law enforcement professional, including human trafficking, alternative reporting options for law enforcement, intimate partner rape among domestic violence and sex offender, alcohol facilitated sexual assault, and partnering for the safety and well-being of children in domestic violence. The conference also addresses many areas of advocacy and legal support using best practice recommendations to meet the needs of survivors. Working together, these dedicated professionals are committed to reduce further trauma to victims of sexual assault and sexual abuse.

Training in the area of physical assault, sexual assault and sexual abuse is critically important. SART is committed to educating themselves and the community through multi-disciplinary training and outreach. Obtaining the latest objective, scientifically proven and research-based knowledge is crucial to sustain effectiveness and quality of our program. The International Conference on Sexual Assault and Campus Responses Conference is sponsored by End Violence

COST OF TRAVEL TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA APRIL 6 - 10, 2015

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| Registration Fee (\$445 x 5 people - 6 th registration free) | \$ | 2,225.00 |
| *Airfare (\$564.20 x 6 people) | \$ | 3,385.20 |
| Lodging for 4 nights (\$736.22 x 6 people) | \$ | 4,417.32 |
| Breakfast for 2 days (\$24 x 6 people) | \$ | 144.00 |
| Lunch for 2 days (\$36 x 6 people) | \$ | 216.00 |
| Dinners for 5 days (\$180 x 6 people) | \$ | 1,080.00 |
| Incidentals (\$25 x 6 people) | \$ | 150.00 |
| Shuttle to and from Airport (\$40 both ways x 6 people) | \$ | <u>240.00</u> |
| TOTAL | \$ | 11,857.52 |

*Three (3) of the attendees are making their own airline reservations and will be reimbursed upon their return by submitting a claim which will be no more than \$564.20 round trip.

People traveling:

Jamie Smith, Deputy District Attorney

Neil Costa, Rocklin Police Department

Tucker Huey, Auburn Police Department

Jenny Davidson, Stand Up Placer

Derrick Phelps, Roseville Police Department

Stacy McCoy, SART Coordinator, Public Health Nurse

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