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County officials explore federal, state & local intergovernmental priorities at NACo justice and public safety symposium

WASHINGTON, D.C. – County officials from across the country will explore federal, state and local intergovernmental justice and public safety priorities at the 2011 National Association of Counties’ (NACo) Annual Justice and Public Safety Symposium, Jan. 19-22 in Orleans Parish, La. The meetings will take place at the Chateau Bourbon Hotel beginning at 9 a.m., Thursday and concluding at 11:45 a.m., Saturday. (See full agenda below)

Hosted by Orleans Parish, the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, and NACo, members of NACo’s Justice and Public Safety (JPS) Steering Committee will thoroughly explore these critical priorities with some of the nation’s foremost justice and public safety experts and consider how county officials can best shape federal policies and funding to ensure that services for residents in their communities are enhanced.

The theme of the symposium is “Strengthening County, State and Federal Partnerships for Disaster Recovery and Safely Lowering Jail and Prison Populations.” Issues to be discussed include: improving indigent defense and expanding access to justice, the cost effectiveness of bail reform, enhancing long term disaster recovery and emergency communications, the benefits of effective floodplain management, and the importance of intergovernmental partnerships for lowering jail and prison populations, and juvenile detention.

Each year members of NACo’s JPS Steering Committee meet with local, state and national experts to discuss important justice and public safety priorities on behalf of the nation’s 3,068 counties. The committee is responsible for developing NACo’s Justice and Public Safety policies, and advocates for local government priorities before the U.S. Congress, The White House and assorted federal agencies.

Chair by Sebastian County, Arkansas County Judge David Hudson, the JPS Steering Committee has long been on the forefront of introducing federal and state policy and regulatory initiatives that enhance the quality of life, save taxpayer dollars, and increase public safety for resident’s in the nation’s 3068 counties.
“The NACo justice and public safety symposium is a great opportunity to hear directly from experts on many of the critical justice and public safety issues affecting counties across the country,” Hudson said. The critical matters explored at the meeting will improve and enhance public safety in states and local communities.”

Featured federal, state and local government speakers will include: Lynn Overmann, Deputy Counselor, Access to Justice Initiative, U.S. Department of Justice; John Wool, Director, New Orleans office, Vera Institute of Justice; Kim Allen, former Director, Louisville/Jefferson County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; Paul Rainwater, Commissioner of Administration, State of Louisiana; Walter Maestri, former Director of Emergency Management in Jefferson County, LA; Michael Hunnicutt, Mitigation Compliance Director, Louisiana Recovery Office, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Story County, Iowa Sheriff Paul Fitzgerald, incoming President, National Sheriffs’ Association; Sheila Bedi, Deputy Legal Director, Juvenile Justice Policy Group, Southern Poverty Law Center, and Katherine Guidry, JDAI Site Coordinator, Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement. (See full agenda below)

For more information on the symposium or NACo justice and public safety policies, visit the Legislative and Policy section of the NACo website at www.naco.org or contact Jim Philipps at 202.942.4220 or jphilipps@naco.org.

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The National Association of Counties (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo provides essential services to the nation’s 3,068 counties. NACo advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public’s understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research, and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money. For more information about NACo, visit www.naco.org.
“Strengthening County, State & Federal Partnerships for Disaster Recovery and for Safely Lowering Jail and Prison Populations”

AGENDA

January 19-22, 2011
Chateau Bourbon Hotel
Orleans Parish, LA

Wednesday, January 19

10:00am – 1:45pm
Optional - Tour of Areas Impacted By Hurricane Katrina
(Bus will depart from the lobby of the Chateau Bourbon Hotel no later than 10:30am)

Hurricane Katrina of the 2005 Atlantic hurricane season was the costliest natural disaster, as well as one of the five deadliest hurricanes, in the history of the United States. The Hurricane caused severe damage across several states, but most severely in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Hosted by JPS Symposium sponsors DRC Emergency Services, LLC., the optional tour of areas impacted by Hurricane Katrina will showcase many of the areas hit hardest by Hurricane Katrina, and display some of the ongoing disaster recovery work that is occurring in Orleans Parish. From touring the Lower 9th Ward to the 17th Street Canal Levee and Pump Station, participants will see firsthand some of the notable areas that are synonymous with this large catastrophe. Additionally, the tour will stop at the Musicians’ Village, a post-Katrina housing project for artists that was conceived by world renowned artists and New Orleans natives Harry Connick, Jr. and Branford
Marsalis. Lunch will be provided free of charge, and all participants should contact Dalen Harris (202-942-4236 or email dharris@naco.org) to reserve space on the tour.

1:00 – 6:00pm
_Lafitte Pre-Function_

**Registration**

4:00 – 5:00pm
_Lafitte AB_

**Planning Meeting of all Vice Chairs, Subcommittee Chairs and Vice Chairs with Chair**

6:30 - 8:00pm
_Basin Street Station_
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**Thursday, January 20**

8:30am - 5pm
_Lafitte Pre-Function_

**Registration**

8:30am
_Lafitte AB_

**Continental Breakfast**

9:00 – 9:30am
_Lafitte AB_

**Welcome and Introductions**

The Honorable David Hudson
Chair, NACo’s Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee
County Judge, Sebastian County (AR)

The Honorable Stephanie Lynch
Vice Chair, NACo’s Juvenile Justice Subcommittee
Commissioner, Caddo Parish (LA)

The Honorable Carl Pierson
President, Police Jury Association of Louisiana
Commissioner, Caddo Parish (LA)

The Honorable Cynthia Hedge-Morrell
Councilman
Orleans Parish, LA
Mr. Roland Dartez  
Executive Director  
Police Jury Association of Louisiana  
East Baton Rouge Parish, LA

9:30 - 10:30am  
*Session I – The Leadership Role of Counties in Expanding Access to Justice*

Ms. Lynn Overmann, Esq.  
Deputy Counselor  
Access to Justice Initiative  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, DC

Mr. David Carroll, Esq.  
Director of Research & Evaluations  
The National Legal Aid & Defender Association  
Washington, DC

10:30 - 10:40am  
Break

10:40 - 12:00 pm  
*Session II – The Cost Effectiveness of Bail Reform: Assessing Risk and Danger*

**Moderator:**  
The Honorable Sallie Clark  
Chair, Courts Subcommittee  
Commissioner, El Paso County (CO)

**Panelists:**  
**Ms. Cherise Fanno Burdeen**  
Chief Operating Officer  
Pretrial Justice Institute  
Washington, DC

Mr. Jon Wool  
Director, New Orleans Office  
Vera Institute of Justice  
Orleans Parish, LA

Mr. Scott Taylor  
Director, Department of Community Justice  
Multnomah County, OR

Mr. Christian Henrichson  
Senior Policy Analyst, Cost-Benefit Analysis Unit
12:00 - 1:30pm  
**Luncheon - Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils: From the Bottom Up**  
*DH Holmes BC*

Ms. Kim M. Allen  
Former Director, Louisville/Jefferson County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council  
Former Executive Director, Kentucky Criminal Justice Council, Frankfort, Kentucky

1:30 - 2:30pm  
**Session III – A Roadmap for Effective Long Term Recovery**  
*Lafitte AB*

**Moderator:**  
Mr. Nick Crossley  
Chair, NACo’s Homeland Security & Emergency Management Subcommittee  
Director, Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security  
Johnson County, KS

**Panelists:**  
Mr. Paul Rainwater  
Commissioner of Administration, State of Louisiana  
Baton Rouge, LA

Ms. Camille Manning-Broome  
Director of Planning  
Center for Planning Excellence  
Baton Rouge, LA

Mr. Walter Maestri  
Director of Training  
DRC Emergency Services LLC  
Pierre Part, Louisiana

2:30 - 2:40pm  
**Break**

2:40 – 3:40pm  
**Session IV – Disaster Training for Local Elected Officials**  
*Lafitte AB*

**Panelists:**  
The Honorable Nancy Schouweiler  
Vice Chair, Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee
Commissioner, Dakota County (MN)
Mr. David Gisch
Director of Emergency Management, Office of Sheriff
Dakota County, MN

Mr. Mike Pott
Chief, County’s Special Operations Team
Dakota County, MN

Friday, January 21

8:30am
Continental Breakfast
Lafitte Pre-Function

9:00 - 10:30am
Session V – After Katrina: Rethinking Floodplain Management
Lafitte AB

Moderator:
The Honorable John Miller
Vice Chair, NACo’s Homeland Security & Emergency Management Subcommittee
Supervisor, Black Hawk County (IA)

Panelists:
Mr. Michael Hunnicutt, Mitigation Compliance Director
Louisiana Recovery Office
Federal Emergency Management Agency
New Orleans, LA

Mr. Al W. Goodman, Jr., CFM
State Flood Plain Manager
Mississippi Emergency Management Agency
Pearl, MS

Mr. D. Casey Levy, CFM
State Hazard Mitigation Officer
Disaster Recovery Division
Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
Baton Rouge, LA

10:30 – 10:40am
Break
10:40 – 12:00pm  
**Session VI – Lowering Jail and Prison Populations Through County and State Program Partnerships**  
*Lafitte AB*

**Moderator:**  
The Honorable David Hudson  
Chair, NACo’s Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee  
County Judge, Sebastian County (AR)

**Panelists:**  
Ms. Lori Eville  
Correctional Program Specialist, Community Corrections Division  
National Institute of Corrections  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, DC

Mr. Richard Jerome  
**Project Manager**  
Public Safety Performance Project  
The Pew Center on the States, The Pew Charitable Trusts  
Washington, DC

Ms. Susan Katzenelson  
Executive Director, North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission  
Raleigh, NC

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12:00 – 1:00pm  
**Luncheon**  
*DH Holmes BC*

1:00 – 2:15pm  
**Session VII – Saving The “Yellowstone” Of Public Safety Spectrum**  
*Lafitte AB*

**Moderator:**  
The Honorable Tony Bennett  
Vice Chair, Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee  
Commissioner, Ramsey County (MN)

**Panelists:**  
Mr. Jeff Arnold  
Deputy Director, NACo  
Washington, DC

The Honorable Paul Fitzgerald
1st Vice President, National Sheriffs’ Association
Sheriff, Story County, IA

Mr. Alan Caldwell
Senior Advisor, Government Relations and Policy Department
International Association of Fire Chiefs

Break

Session VIII – Youth Development and Delinquency Prevention
Lafitte AB

Moderator:
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch
Chair, NACo’s Juvenile Justice Subcommittee
Commissioner, Caddo Parish (LA)

Panelists:
Ms. Sheila Bedi
Deputy Legal Director, Juvenile Justice Policy Group
Southern Poverty Law Center
Washington, DC

Ms. Katherine C. Guidry
JDAI State Coordinator
LA Commission on Law Enforcement
Baton Rouge, LA

Mr. Steve Snow
JDAI Site Coordinator
Caddo Parish, LA

Mr. Joe Duke
Executive Director
Volunteers for Youth Justice
Caddo Parish, LA

Reception
DH Holmes BC

Dinner
DH Holmes BC

The Honorable Mitchell "Mitch" Landrieu (invited)
Mayor
New Orleans, LA

Saturday, January 22
8:30am  
*Continental Breakfast*

9:00 – 9:45am  
*Session IX - NACo Community Service Update and Health Care Reform Implementation Discussion*

Ms. Maeghan Gilmore, MPH  
Program Director, Community Services  
NACo  
Washington, DC

9:45 – 10:00am  
*Federal, State and Local Coordination at the Department of Homeland Security*

Ms. Janet Quist  
State and Local Coordinator  
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs  
Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, DC

10:00 – 10:40am  
*Legislative Briefings*

Mr. Jeff Arnold  
Deputy Director, NACo  
Washington, DC  

Mr. Dalen Harris  
Associate Legislative Director, NACo  
Washington, DC  

Mr. Donald Murray  
Senior Policy Advisor to NACo for Justice and Public Safety  
Washington, DC

10:40 – 11:45am  
*From Strategies to Action: Developing an Action Agenda*

**Moderator:**  
The Honorable David Hudson  
Chair, NACo’s Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee  
County Judge, Sebastian County (AR)

11:45am  
*Adjourn*