



*The* **BROWARD COUNTY  
CRIME COMMISSION**

*Presents the*

***“Addiction & Mental Illness  
Conference”***

**The Paradigm Between Mental Illness and Addiction**

As Part of the Crime Commission’s *Building Bridges* Mental  
Health Conference Series

**DATE:**

April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**ADDRESS:**

Deerfield Beach Double Tree by Hilton

100 Fairway Drive

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**SIGN-IN SERVED WITH CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

**AGENDA SERVED WITH SIT-DOWN LUNCH**

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Lunch 12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.)

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# **ABOUT THE CRIME COMMISSION:**

## **Purpose:**

The Broward County Crime Commission is a 36 year old state chartered office, acting judiciously on behalf of law – abiding citizens in maintaining an unwavering vigilance against crime and corruption in the community.

## **Role:**

The Crime Commission evaluates crime in Broward County and south Florida and assists the Criminal Justice System with solutions against crime. Founded in 1976 as an independent, fact – finding agency, the Crime Commission has distinguished itself as a laureate governing body, which works diligently to improve the Criminal Justice System, as well as strengthen and preserve the key components of Public Safety in Broward County.

## **Mission:**

The mission of the Broward County Crime Commission is to sustain and enhance the coordination, cohesiveness, resources, effectiveness, efficiency and productivity of the Criminal Justice System, so that citizens can live, work and raise families without the fear of crime.

## **Operations:**

The Crime Commission executes its operations through a cadre of meritorious program's involving perspective, research, education, technology, analytics, investigation, advocacy, and facilitation of findings to both the Criminal Justice System and the Broward County community.

## **Functions:**

The Crime Commission functions as a strategic planning body involved in formulating criminal justice protocols. In so doing, the Crime Commission fosters community involvement with criminal justice representatives, corporations, businesses, colleges and universities, citizen organizations, government officials, law makers, public safety entities, and schools through the following initiatives:

1. White Paper Research Studies
2. Impact Estimates of Crime-Related Legislation
3. Editorial Writings
4. Expert Panel Discussions
5. Prominent Speaker Workshops and Seminars
6. Forums, Events, Summits, and Conferences
7. Agency Exchange of Information & Training Meetings
8. Think Tank Symposiums
9. Threat Assessment Training
10. Spiritual Encouragement Community Outreach

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# **Welcome Message**

## **The Addiction and Mental Health Conference**

### **Friday, April 11th, 2014**

The Broward County Crime Commission welcomes you to the Addiction and Mental Health Conference, as a part of the Crime Commission's Building Bridges Series.

The Crime Commission's role, on behalf of the citizens of Broward County, is to assess and evaluate crime, and work in concert with Law Enforcement Officials and the Criminal Justice System, to collectively derive solutions towards crime and key social issues that ... 'effect peoples lives'.

The Broward County Crime Commission is committed, and extremely encouraged by the participation of everyone in attendance today. I applaud 'all of you' for the effort and work you do in: 1) changing lives; 2) saving lives; and 3) making a difference in your "own little corner of the world".

However, let us not stop there! The goal of the Building Bridges Series is to take all the "little corners of the world", bridge them together, and attempt to get everyone operating on the same page, on all cylinders; so that Law Enforcement, the Criminal Justice System, Psychologists, Counselors, Treatment Centers, Therapists, and Correctional Facilities, can all operate at optimal levels, in unison, without any fragmentation.

In turn, this will ensure that mentally afflicted persons, and drug addicted people, will garner more efficient treatment for the future.

Furthermore, screening and diagnoses can be augmented and improved to better predict and prevent potential crimes from occurring, that may be associated with these social issues.

Today, you will hear exciting, informative and intellectual speakers. Many are considered the best at what they do in their field. However, as important and critical as their role is to this event, the role of everyone in attendance, is just as important.

Therefore, I encourage you to let this venue today serve as a Think Tank of Game Changing and Difference Making ideas, where new protocols, relationships, and policies will emerge for the betterment of all of you, and most importantly the betterment of society. Once again, thank you for attending!

James DePelisi, President  
Broward County Crime Commission  
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# Addiction & Mental Illness Conference

## CONFERENCE AGENDA

- 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.** Sign-in, Breakfast, Networking
- 8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Welcome by the Crime Commission;  
Acknowledge Distinguished Speakers and Guests
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.** PRACTICAL POLICE PSYCHOLOGY  
**Dr. Laurence Miller, PhD;**  
**Dr. Michael J. Alicea, Ed.D., M.S.W., M.S.**  
(Topics: 1. Critical Incidents - Arriving, Surviving, and Thriving for Law Enforcement First Responders;  
2. Suicide; Acuity of Influence)
- 10:10 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.** Break
- 10:25 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** IMPACTS OF MENTAL ILLNESS ON SOCIETY  
**Dr. Michael Brannon**  
(Topic: Faking Insanity - Identifying Malingered Psychosis; the Impact on Treatment Providers, the Legal System, and Law Enforcement)
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** LIFE CHANGING EVENTS  
**Ben Brafman and Patrick Knight**  
(Topics: 1. Integrative Treatments: The Mental, Physical, Emotional and Spiritual Health of a Person  
2. Overcoming Challenges: The Role of Faith and the Withholding of Judgment with Mental Illness and Addiction)
- Noon – 12:10 p.m.** Break
- 12:10 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.** LUNCHEON KEYNOTE  
**Dr. Ash Bhatt, MD, KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
(Topic: "You Can't Just Talk It Out of Them; the Neurophysiology of the Addicted Mind")
- 1:20 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Break
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.** DESIGNER DRUGS: NUCLEAR AGE UNLEASHED  
**Al Ortenzo - Former Assistant Police Chief of Fort Lauderdale, Florida**  
(Topic: Dangerous Chemical Make - Up of Today's Narcotics; How Drug Dealers Are Trying to Stay One Step Ahead of Recovery & Treatment)
- 2:15 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.** Break
- 2:25 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** PANEL DISCUSSION WITH SYMPOSIUM SPEAKERS  
**Q&A for Symposium Presentations (with All Speakers)**
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** STATE OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE ADDRESS  
**Undersheriff Steve Kinsey**
- 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** Post Event Networking Social Hour

*NOTE: All sessions will be considered Continuing Education Credits.*

## **SPEAKER & PANELIST SNAPSHOTS IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER:**

### **Dr. Michael J. Alicea, Ed.D., M.S.W., M.S.**

#### **Presenting: Suicide; Acuity of Influence**

Dr. Michael J Alicea is a 34 veteran of Law Enforcement, and has 22 years of experience as a clinician. He's facilitated behavioral support groups for a number of mental health agencies in the South Florida area. He is a medical social worker for Baptist South Miami Hospital, and is on the faculty at the University of Miami and Miami-Dade College. He holds a Masters Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from St. Thomas University, a Masters in Clinical Social Work from Barry University and a Doctorate in Counseling Psychology from Argosy University.

### **Dr. Ash Bhatt, MD - KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

#### **Presenting: "You can't just talk it out of them; the neurophysiology of the addicted mind."**

Dr. Ash Bhatt, MD is a Board Certified Diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in Adult Psychiatry and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. He is also a Board Certified Diplomate of the American Board of Addiction Medicine. He is the Chief Medical Officer of Elements Behavioral Health Florida Facilities, which includes The Recovery Place and Lucida Treatment Center.

### **Dr. Michael P. Brannon**

#### **Presenting: Identifying malingering (faking mental illness) the impact on treatment providers, the legal system, and law enforcement**

Dr. Michael P. Brannon is a clinical & forensic psychologist. He has testified as an expert over 1000 times in Federal and State Court Criminal and Civil Divisions. He has been featured on CNN and HLN. Dr. Brannon holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, a Master of Science degree in Clinical Psychology, and a Doctorate degree in Psychology from Nova Southeastern University.

### **Ben Brafman, LMHC, CAP**

#### **Presenting: Addictions & Mental Illness**

Ben Brafman, LMHC, CAP, is the Clinical Director, President and CEO of Destination Hope, a nationally recognized substance abuse and dual diagnosis treatment facility and The Sylvia Brafman Mental Health Center. With more than two decades of hands-on experience in the field of substance abuse and addiction, Ben is a leading authority on substance abuse, addiction and treatment protocols. A licensed behavioral health counselor and certified addiction professional, Ben has grown into an industry expert, educating both healthcare and public audiences on issues in the field of addiction. Ben holds a BA from Syracuse University and a MA from Barry University in Mental Health Counseling and Family Therapy.

### **Undersheriff Steve Kinsey**

Colonel Steve Kinsey is the Undersheriff for the Broward Sheriff's Office. He retired in 2013 as a 21 year veteran of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department. During his tenure with FLPD, he served in road patrol, the Special Investigations Division, the R.I.C.O. unit, the DEA Task Force, Street Narcotics, Major Narcotics, HIDTA, and as the Tactical Bike Commander. He also served as a senior level manager from 2002 -2012, including the last four years as the Assistant Chief of the Operations Bureau. In January 2013, he joined the Broward Sheriff's Office as a Colonel, and in March 2013, he was named the agency's Undersheriff.



### **Patrick Knight**

#### **Presenting: Motivational speaking**

Patrick Knight is an internationally known Motivational Speaker, Author, Survivor of the "Thanksgiving Day Massacre" and Trial Attorney who has been featured on the Biography Channel and numerous news stories. Patrick has presented in twenty states throughout the US and twenty seven foreign countries. He is the author of the popular book "Blessed to Survive".

### **Dr. Laurence Miller, PhD**

#### **Presenting: Critical Incidents - Arriving, Surviving, and Thriving for Law Enforcement First Responders.**

Dr. Laurence Miller, PhD is a psychologist in private practice and a consulting psychologist for the West Palm Beach Police Department, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, and Troop L of the Florida Highway Patrol. He is a court-appointed forensic examiner for the Palm Beach County Court, and he serves as an independent expert witness in civil and criminal cases. Dr. Miller is an adjunct professor at Florida Atlantic University and at Palm Beach State College, and he conducts clinical, forensic, and law enforcement training seminars and continuing education programs regionally and nationally. He is the author of over 300 publications, and writes the Practical Police Psychology column on the PoliceOne.com website. He is a frequent guest on local and national radio and TV, and is interviewed regularly by news media.

### **Al Ortenzo - Former Assistant Police Chief of Fort Lauderdale, Florida**

#### **Presenting: Dangerous Chemical Make - up of Today's Narcotics.**

Al Ortenzo served with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department for 30 years where he retired as Assistant Chief of Police and Chief of Operations. He served as Chief of Detectives for over a decade, served on the Boards of Directors for the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Regional Task Force, the Metropolitan Intelligence Unit and HIDTA and was a member of the Governor's Violent Crime and Drug Council. His FLPD career included undercover, detective, supervisory and command assignments throughout the Department including narcotics, organized crime and the DEA, where he was a member of the elite "CENTAC" unit that investigated international drug smuggling organizations worldwide under the direction of the Deputy Director of the DEA, and was a recipient of the DEA Directors Award. He was responsible for undercover transactions and seizures in excess of \$100 million. Chief Ortenzo is a nationally recognized and court certified expert in the areas of drug identification and investigation. He has trained over 25,000 officers and agents from over 1,000 federal, state and local agencies in 38 states including the DEA, FBI, Customs, ICE, Secret Service and Defense Intelligence Agencies. His cases and drug work have been featured in various books, magazines, and newspaper articles around the country including the best sellers: The Underground Empire and The Invisible Hand. Chief Ortenzo has made numerous appearances on national television programs including NBC/Nightly News, ABC/20-20, and CBS/60 Minutes. Chief Ortenzo has a master's degree in criminal justice administration from Nova Southeastern University, and a BS in criminology from Florida State University.



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## 2014 Crime Commission Conference Calendar of Events

1. Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> - The Addiction & Mental Health Conference – Building Bridges Series
3. Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> – The Adult Bullying Conference
4. Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> - Marijuana Potency, Oxy to Heroin, Bath Salts and Synthetic Marijuana
5. Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> – Mental Health Pastoral Symposium
6. Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup> – Youth Mental Illness Conference – Building Bridges Series
7. Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> – Child Bullying and Child on Child Abuse
8. Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> - Prosecutor of the Year/Victim Advocates of the Year
9. Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> – Tactical Timed Mud Obstacle Challenge – Snyder Park
10. Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – School Resource Officer (SRO) Awards Breakfast
11. Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Building Bridges Mental Health Conference

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