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## WESTERN STATES HOSTAGE NEGOTIATORS' ASSOCIATION

# PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

The Western States Hostage Negotiators' Association (WSHNA) is excited to announce their 29th Annual Training Conference.

April 28, 2015 to May 1, 2015 at the Hotel Captain Cook, Anchorage Alaska.

Full information at [www.wshna.com](http://www.wshna.com).  
WSHNA is also on Facebook under our full name.

Our web site includes presenter information, hotel link with a special negotiated rate, airfare discounts with Alaska Airlines and on-line registration and payment.

The goal of the association is to develop in members a higher degree of proficiency in the performance of their professional duties. The association shall provide training for members, and the association shall act as a resource and conduit for information sharing.

WSHNA depends upon your involvement as a member to accomplish these goals. WSHNA represents police & corrections crisis negotiators from Alaska, British Columbia, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, & Washington.

WSHNA is recognized as a tax exempt, non-profit organization, 501(c)(3), by the Internal Revenue Service and Washington State. Tax numbers are available upon request.

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*Next Conference - April 28 to May 1, 2015*  
*the Hotel Captain Cook - Anchorage, Alaska*



Special hotel rates have been negotiated with the Hotel Captain Cook and can be booked directly through the link on the WSHNA web site.

Located in Downtown Anchorage, Alaska, each of the Hotel Captain Cook's 547 luxury accommodations of rooms and suites offer a stunning view of the neighboring Cook Inlet or the Chugach Mountains. Hotel Captain Cook is Alaska's member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts.

*The hotel*  
**Captain Cook**

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*The 29th Annual  
Training Conference  
of the Western States  
Hostage Negotiators'  
Association*

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### Featured Presentations

**Captain Phillips, Maersk Alabama, & Somali Pirates, by FBI Crisis Negotiation Unit Staff**

**"Our Most Common Negotiation Mistakes"  
by Gary McDougall**

**Illinois DOC - Dixon Incident Hostage Taking  
by Dan Field**

**Open Source Exploitation to Collect  
Intelligence, by Lauren Seawright, FBI  
Intelligence Analyst**

**Black Friday Robbery by Sergeant Harry  
Drucker, Los Angeles County Sheriff's  
Department**

**Negotiations From the Last Frontier by  
Detective Kimberly Horn, Juneau Police  
Department**

**Suicide, Negotiations, & Tactical Intervention  
by Sergeant Michael Odle, Los Angeles Police  
Department**



### **Don't Miss**

May 1, 2015 the Training Conference will be over, but the networking is not quite done yet. At 6:00 PM we will leave the Alaska Railroad Train Station (within walking distance from the Captain Cook Hotel) and travel south along the beautiful, magnificent Turnagain Arm. There will be a hosted bar-car and yes, a WSHNA tradition, karaoke. The train will return at 10:00 PM and we will have time to enjoy some more of Anchorage.

**Tickets available on registration  
page. BOOK EARLY, THIS TRAIN  
WILL BE FULL.**



In keeping with the WSHNA tradition, our 2015 charity is Concerns of Police Survivors, the Alaska Chapter. COPS provides resources to assist in the rebuilding of the lives of surviving families and affected co-workers of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty as determined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Public Safety Officers' Benefit, National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Fund or Fraternal Order of Police criteria. Furthermore, COPS provides training to law enforcement agencies on survivor victimization issues and educates the public of the need to support the law enforcement profession and its survivors.



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