



Adapting Training for Law Enforcement During COVID-19: Perspective from Kentucky's TSRPS

First Things First: Introductions

Aaron Ann Cole - Kentucky State Police - TSRP

- Attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and then moved to Chicago to attend Loyola University Chicago School of Law.
- Began working as a criminal prosecutor at the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, where she clerked throughout law school. After prosecuting countless cases ranging from DUIs to murders, Aaron Ann moved home to Kentucky in 2012.
- Upon returning to Kentucky, Aaron Ann practiced administrative and civil law before returning to her roots in the Special Prosecutions Unit at the Attorney General's Office.
- In 2016, she became an Assistant Commonwealth Attorney with the Fayette County Commonwealth Attorney's Office and was eventually appointed to the Special Victim's Unit.
- After, she joined the Kentucky State Police (KSP) as an Attorney in the Office of Legal Services to teach at the Academy and advocate for KSP.
- In August 2019, Aaron Ann was appointed as a law enforcement-focused Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP) based at KSP.



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- Tom Lockridge - Unified Prosecutorial System TSRP
- Tom served as the Commonwealth Attorney for the 13th Judicial Circuit in Kentucky from 1990 until he retired in August 2016. Prior to that he served 3.5 years as Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney.
- He served as President of the Commonwealth's Attorneys Association in 1997-1998 and received the Carroll M. Redford Award as "Outstanding Kentucky Prosecutor" in 1995. The Kentucky Attorney General honored Tom as the "Outstanding Commonwealth's Attorney" in 1997 and in 1996 he was named "Outstanding Young Lawyer" by the Kentucky Bar Association.
- He has served as a member of the Prosecutors Advisory Council and as chair of the Kentucky Multidisciplinary Commission on Child Sexual Abuse from 2002 to 2009.
- Tom has served as a member of the faculty at the National Advocacy Center and the Kentucky Prosecutors Institute.



Importance of Tom's Film-Making Background

- Produced series of Kentucky Traffic Safety Training Videos for Prosecutors.
- This 10 hours of video training covers everything from Jury Selection, to Marijuana DUI, to the Carrollton Bus Crash, to *The Best Story Wins*, to the DRE program, toxicology and much more.

Cops in Court

- "Cops in Court" is a free, full-day, KLEC-certified training for law enforcement across the Commonwealth on report-writing and testifying.
- During the training, the Kentucky TSRPs give presentations on report-writing and direct- and cross-examination techniques, and participants view a **taped scenario of an impaired driver**.
- Law enforcement then write a report on the scenario they have viewed, and then participate in a mock trial that afternoon, where they testify in direct- and cross-examination based on their report.
- Participants are also given a manual of helpful resources and a DUI Reference card.

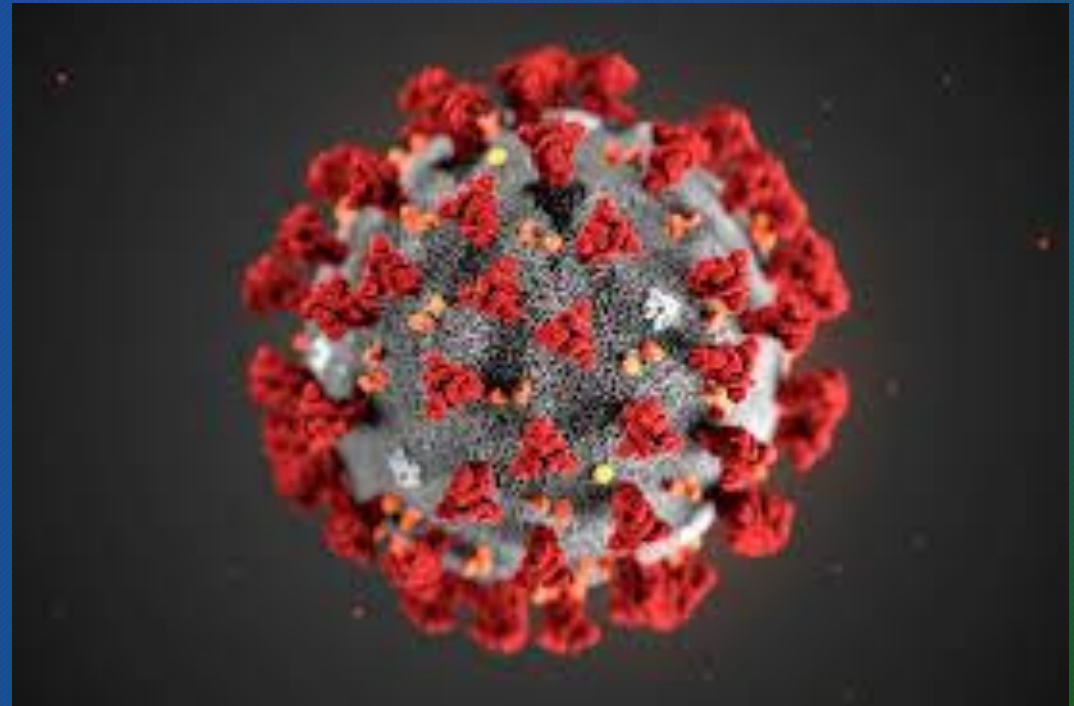


Cops in Court

Driving Video

And then COVID-19 Came.

- Suddenly, our in-person trainings were off the table.
- But there was still training to be done.
- With Tom's knowledge, we realized we could easily move to training in a remote format.



Specific Need Within Law Enforcement

- We saw an increase in the production of webinars across the country.
- However, law enforcement typically cannot stop and sit at a desk for an hour of training during their shift, especially now when their presence at the station is being minimized.



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- Additionally, law enforcement in Kentucky during COVID-19 is engaging in High Visibility Enforcement, which means that if they aren't at an active call they are typically in parking lots in their cars ensuring that the public is following social distancing protocols.
- Thus the idea of TSRP Tips was born!

TSRP Tips of the Day

- The TSRP Tips are short, 1- to 5-minute tips for prosecutors and law enforcement across the Commonwealth to watch at their homes, at the station, on their phones, or in their cars.
- These tips are case law updates, investigation refreshers, and strategies and techniques to build successful cases and prosecutions in every jurisdiction throughout Kentucky.
- They are presented by Aaron Ann Cole (KSP-TSRP), Tom Lockridge (UPS-TSRP), and DRE Coordinators Rob Richardson & Rob Warfel.



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Future Tips We Plan To Release Include:

- Refresher for Law Enforcement on SFST Instructions and Clues to Look For
- Refresher for Law Enforcement on the Three Phases of Investigation
- Case Law Update - Issues arising from the Implied Consent
- Refresher for Law Enforcement - NHTSA Driving Cues
- Case Law Update - Search Incident to Arrest Pursuant to *Gant*/Automobile Exception
- Case Law Update - What Does Actual Physical Control Mean?
- The Many Uses of Your Report



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