

# The Governor's Methamphetamine Summit

*Cracking Down on Meth*

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## Biographies

**David K. Arterburn, Assistant Attorney General-Nebraska Department of Justice; Special Assistant United States Attorney**, graduated from the University of Nebraska, B.A., 1978; M.A., 1982; J.D., 1985. He received the Nebraska Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee Award in 1997.

**Mike Batista, Montana Department of Justice**, is a Montana native and graduate of Eastern Washington University. He began his law enforcement career as an investigator with the Montana Attorney General's Office, leaving Montana to work as an intelligence supervisor for the DEA in Texas and Nevada. He returned to Montana in 1993 after being appointed to head Montana's Division of Criminal Investigation. In 2001 he took on the additional responsibility for Montana's Law Enforcement Academy.

Batista is past chairman of the Rocky Mountain Information Network, an organization based in Phoenix, Arizona, whose mission is to support the exchange of criminal intelligence among the western states. He served as chairman of the Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies, representing state law enforcement agencies.

**Chris Christensen, Grants Planning Chief for the Board of Crime Control**, supervises a staff that actively manages grants in excess of \$10 million. As a trainer and facilitator he has been asked to consult with private companies, state agencies and non-profit groups on leadership, team building, conflict resolution and strategic planning. Chris is a graduate of the Master Trainer Program from the Emergency Management Institute.

**Ron Clem, retired from the Los Angeles Police Department**, moved his wife, Karyl, and three children to Montana to escape the dark influences that threatened his children in California. The irony is that Ron Clem's 18-year-old daughter, Carren, became addicted to methamphetamine that she discovered in the Flathead Valley. Clem is compelled to tell others of Carren's story, as a kind of parental parable that could spare them the pain that overtakes families when faced with the reality of methamphetamine addiction. Through the Teen Help World Wide Association of Specialty Programs, Carren is in recovery.

**Doug Coleman, Supervisory Special Agent, Dangerous Drugs and Chemicals Section at U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Headquarters**, is responsible for assisting in the formation of DEA policies, procedures, and positions relating to designer drugs, clandestine laboratories, and precursor chemicals. He holds Bachelors and Masters degrees in Criminal Justice and has received numerous awards from the DEA for outstanding and exceptional performance.

**Theron Cook, Training Coordinator for the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) in Washington, D.C.** Prior to joining NCPC, Cook was the President and CEO of Chasseur Group, an Alexandria, Virginia-based management consultant firm that focused on providing strategic planning, program development and technical assistance to nonprofits and government. Presently, he is the Co-chair of an international group of scholars and policy makers representing 7 European countries and Israel whose purpose is to create viable policy and programmatic alternatives to address the socio-economic needs of second and third generation migrant youth populations abroad. Cook is the former Acting Director of the New York City Mayor's Office of Drug Abuse Policy and former Executive Director of the Paul Robeson Family Medical Center, a multi-clinic, primary care medical facility in New York City. He is a graduate of the Phillips Exeter Academy and Harvard University with an A.B. in Economics.

**Colleen K. Cople** serves as a Hudson Institute Research Fellow currently on loan to the Justice Department working on a project for the Office of Weed and Seed. Prior to moving to Hudson in 2004, she was Senior Advisor for New Initiatives at the National Crime Prevention Council. She oversaw a major project with the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services to develop communities of practice on methamphetamine-related issues for the Midwestern Governors' Conference as a follow up to the Meth Summit. During her five years at NCPC she was responsible for Youth Programs, Training, and the Crime Prevention Coalition of America.

Cople joined the National Crime Prevention after shepherding a series of successful community initiatives in Salt Lake City, Utah. Her last project in Salt Lake City was a \$1 million Meth Initiative funded by the COPS Office and BJA. This comprehensive strategy is a model of more than 30 agencies addressing the many facets of the Meth problem. The SLC COPS Meth Initiative Evaluation rated it the most comprehensive systems change model using community-policing practices.

**James E. Cople, Director of the International Institute for Alcohol Awareness**, a project of the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE) and for PIRE, serves as Director of Policy, Planning, and Communications for the Office Alcohol Policy. Prior to coming to PIRE, Cople served as the Vice President for Public Policy and Program Development for the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC). In that position he oversaw the departments responsible for Project Safe Neighborhood, Substance Abuse Prevention, Production and Training, Youth and Teens Crime and Community, National Youth Safety Corps, National Service, and the Office of New Americans. While at the National Crime Prevention Council, Cople coordinated the passage of the Crime-Free Rural State Grant Initiative in the reauthorization of the Department of Justice. Prior to his appointment at NCPC, Cople was the founding President and CEO of Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, a privately funded, non-partisan membership organization of 4300 anti-drug and violence prevention coalitions responsible for passage of the Drug-Free Communities Act.

Cople holds a B.A. in history from Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Massachusetts, a Masters of Divinity (M.Div) degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary, and has done further graduate work at Boston College, John Hopkins University and doctoral work in the History and Philosophy of Education at the University of Kansas.

**Kristin Crawford, policy advisor to Nebraska Governor Mike Johanns**, monitors and recommends action to the Governor on legislation in the Nebraska Unicameral and in the U.S. Congress; drafts legislation, conducts legal research, and prepares legal memoranda on policy related issues; acts as a liaison between state agencies and the Governor; manages projects, reviews rules and regulations and correspondence for approval; and assists with policy related constituent mail. Ms. Crawford received her J.D. from the University of Nebraska College of Law and is a member of the Nebraska Bar Association.

**Glenn Elwell, Nebraska State Patrol**, currently serves as the Headquarters Troop Narcotics Division Sergeant/Supervisor covering the response area of the southeast 15 counties in the state of Nebraska. He recently completed three years as the Clandestine Laboratory Coordinator for the Patrol, setting up the current Clandestine Laboratory response criteria for the Nebraska State Patrol. He has personally been involved in the investigation and response of over 100 clandestine lab incident sites to date and has 13 years experience in the investigation of narcotic related crimes.

**Shane Flynn, Nebraska State Patrol**, currently serves as the Statewide Clandestine Laboratory Coordinator for the Nebraska State Patrol. His primary responsibilities include coordination of NSP resources in relation to clandestine drug lab response, instruction and recertification of patrol/outside agency lab response personnel, public awareness, clandestine drug lab investigation, and equipment procurement. Flynn has served with the Nebraska State Patrol since 1994 and has been working in the Narcotics Division from 1997 to present, participating in undercover operations, mid to upper level conspiracy investigations, clandestine lab investigations, and surveillance activities. Flynn has received approximately 400 hours of instruction in the arena of clandestine drug labs. In addition to employment with the Nebraska State Patrol, Flynn is one of two State Representatives to the Clandestine Laboratory Investigators Association and will be chairing the 2005 National Conference in Omaha, Nebraska

**Gail Gray, EdD, Director, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services**, is a member of numerous health related committees. Prior to serving in the Martz administration, she was employed by the Office of Public Instruction for 20 years, first as Director of Special Education and then as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum Services. She was the director of the former Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

Gray received her Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education from Whitworth College, a Master's Degree in Physical Education from the University of Northern Colorado, her Master's Degree in Special Education from Creighton University and her Doctorate Degree in Education from Montana State University-Bozeman.

**Randy Gray, Great Falls Mayor**, has served on the Great Falls City Commission from 1996-1999, serving as mayor since 2000. He is a member of the Great Falls Development Authority and BLM Central Montana Resource Advisory Council. He is a Trustee/Treasurer of Nature Conservancy of Montana; Director, Montana League of Cities; and is past trustee and President of the CM Russell Museum in Great Falls.

**Duane Grimes, Montana State Senator**, has served in the Montana Senate since 1999. He currently chairs the Senate Judiciary Committee and serves as chair for the Governor appointed Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Control Policy Task Force.

**Mary Haydal, a Miles City mother whose daughter, Cassie, died in November 2000 after lapsing into a coma due to methamphetamine use**, has traveled extensively to speak to schools, parents, teachers and businesses about illicit drug use among the youth of Montana. Mary has been a keynote speaker at conferences, serves on the Governor appointed Alcohol, Tobacco Control Policy Task Force and has been instrumental in the development of the Miles City Youth Coalition.

**M. Michelle Hood, President and CEO, SCLHS Montana Region, St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings**, has worked over twenty years in hospital administration and has served on numerous boards and organizations. Ms. Hood currently serves on the Governor appointed State Planning Grant Steering Committee for the uninsured. She holds a Masters in Healthcare Administration from Georgia State University in Atlanta.

**Ron Kemp, Criminal Investigator for Roosevelt County Attorney's Office**, is the project director for the Big Muddy River Drug Task Force/Fort Peck Law and Justice. He has 25 years law enforcement experience after retiring as Chief of Police of Wolf Point, Montana. Kemp specializes in drug enforcement and investigation in Indian Country.

**Richard L. King, Health Specialist for the MT/WY Tribal Leaders Council located in Billings, MT**, has been involved in the health field since 1977, starting as the Health Program Director for the Billings American Indian Council in Billings. He has been involved with various committees pertaining to chemical dependency since 1979; was involved with the methamphetamine task force in Billings in 2000 and 2001; and with the Inter-Tribal Sobriety Campout Committee since 1983. King has a background working with patient and outpatient substance abuse and treatment programs, both at the tribal and regional level, as well as experience in health programs administration. He is the former Tribal Health Director at the Ft. Belknap Indian Reservation, and is an enrolled member of the Assiniboine Tribe at Ft. Belknap. King has a Bachelor's degree from the Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington and a Master's degree from the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

**Jeff Linkenbach, Ed.D., Department of Health & Human Development at Montana State University** and Director of the Montana Social Norms Project, is well known for being a pioneer in the area of the social norms approach to prevention. Dr. Linkenbach holds a doctorate of adult and community education and is a certified chemical dependency counselor who has over 17 years of experience in the field of health promotion.

**Dwight MacKay, United States Marshal, for the District of Montana**, began his career in the Yellowstone County Sheriff's Department accumulating 11 years of law enforcement experience with the department and in Youth Court Services work. He has also served as a County Commissioner for Yellowstone County and as State Director for United States Senator Conrad Burns. On January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002, MacKay became the first United States Marshal nominated by President George W. Bush to be confirmed by the United States Senate.

**Walter McNutt, Montana State Senator**, serves as Chairman of the Consumer Counsel Legislative Committee and also as a member of the Environmental Quality Council. He has served in the Montana Senate since 1997 on various committees including Agriculture, Energy and Telecommunications, and Rules and Taxation. Senator McNutt was elected President Pro Tempore in 2001 and 2003. He and his wife, Karen, live in Sidney, Montana.

**Bill Mercer, United States Attorney**, serves as Montana's Chief Federal law enforcement official. In December 2002, Governor Martz appointed him to serve as the Chair of the Montana Board of Crime Control. He has been appointed by, U.S. Attorney General Ashcroft as Chair of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee, a group of 16 U.S. Attorneys who advise the Attorney General on policy matters. A native of Billings, Mercer received a B.A. from the University of Montana, a M.P.A. from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and a J.D. from George Mason University.

**Karl Ohs, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Montana**, serves as Chairman of the Governor's Drought Advisory Committee, Chairman of the Governor's Corrections Advisory Council and is the Chairman of the National Lieutenant Governors Association. Because of his role in peacefully ending the Freeman standoff near Jordan, Montana in 1996, serving as principal negotiator, he was presented with the 1998 Lou Peters Award given by the FBI for public service. Lieutenant Governor Ohs served in the Montana House of Representatives in 1995, 1997 and 1999. During the 1997 and 1999 sessions, he served as the Majority Whip.

**Rod Robinson, Executive Director of the Wyoming Substance Abuse and Recovery Center (WYSTAR) of Wyoming**, has been actively involved in the field of addictions treatment for 24 years, as a clinician, administrator, educator and policy maker. He holds a Master's Degree in Addictions Counseling from Antioch University, a Master's Level certification endorsement from the National Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors and is a licensed addiction therapist in both Wyoming and Montana. He has served as a consultant to the Wyoming Department of Health, Substance Abuse Division in planning, standards development and special projects as well as to the Sheridan County Justice Office as quality assurance advisor and clinical supervisor.

**Brenda K. Roche, Ph.D., Arrowhead Psychological & Behavioral Sciences**, has 15 years of experience working with children and families in the foster care system, youth in the juvenile justice system, and six years of experience working with drug courts (juvenile and family). She graduated in 2002 with a Doctoral Degree in Clinical Psychology with specializations in Child & Family Therapy and Neuropsychology from the University of Montana, completed her pre-doctoral internship at Children's Hospital and Clinics in Minneapolis, MN and completed her post-doctoral fellowship in Pediatric Neuropsychology at the University of Minnesota Division of Pediatric Clinical Neuroscience in August 2003. Dr. Roche is the program evaluator for the majority of the juvenile and family drug courts in Montana and has recently been consulting with Wyoming on Family Treatment Courts.

**Lt. David Sankey, Nebraska State Patrol**, is the Legislative Liaison for the Nebraska State Patrol. His primary responsibilities include serving as liaison between the State Patrol and the Governor's Office as well as the Nebraska Legislature; drafting agency legislation; testifying before the Nebraska Legislature at committee hearings; educating agency employees regarding all enacted legislation impacting law enforcement, preparing correspondence to members of the federal delegation, and coordinating special projects. Sankey received a B.S. in Criminal Justice and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA.

**Michael R. Spence, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services.** Prior to his present position, Spence spent 22 years in academic medicine. Since coming to Montana his focus has been on population health issues that impact health policy and service delivery. He received his Doctor of Medicine Degree at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine, his obstetric and gynecology training and Infectious Disease Fellowship at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and his MPH from the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. Spence is a member of the Governor appointed Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Control Policy Task Force and has worked to define indoor clean-up standards for methamphetamine with the Environmental Quality Council

**Commander Dan Strausbaugh, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services,** is a career Public Health Service Officer assigned to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry/Montana Satellite Office located in Helena, Montana. The Montana Satellite Office was initiated in October 2000 to ensure the delivery of consistent agency services to the residents of Libby, Montana and to coordinate ATSDR site activities with state and federal agencies.

Strausbaugh received a Bachelors Degree in Microbiology from Montana State University at Bozeman, Montana and received a Masters in Public Health with emphasis in Occupational/Environmental Health from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

**Michael Vogel, Montana State University Extension Service,** has developed and implemented "environmental quality" educational programs for use through the MSU Extension Service network of 61 county and tribal offices. His current efforts related to Meth outreach and education include the development of an "environmental issues in real estate course" offered through the Board of Realty Regulation since 1989, training of Montana Solid Waste operators on the waste screening of hazardous materials since 1991, and the recent formation of the Montana Health Homes Initiative. Vogel is Director of the National Consumer Education Initiative "Healthy Indoor Air for America's Homes" and Director of the "Montana Pollution Prevention Program". Recently Michael has been involved with the development of a Montana Meth Awareness Outreach Tool Kit and Training Program in partnership with the Montana Department of Justice.

**Judge Susan P. Watters, District Court Judge, 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Yellowstone County, Montana,** presides over a court of general jurisdiction. She was appointed to the bench in 1997, elected to the bench in 1998, and reelected in 2000. She presides over the newly developed Family Drug Court. She was instrumental in the development of that court, which began accepting participants June 2001. She received her BA from Eastern Montana College and her JD from the University of Montana. After graduation, Judge Watters was a deputy county attorney for five years and was then in private practice prior to being appointed to the bench.

**Linda Wittmuss, MS, PA, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services,** Substance Abuse & Addiction Services, is a Project Manager in the Nebraska Office of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Addiction Services. Her primary responsibilities include managing the Nebraska Behavioral Health System Managed Care contract for behavioral health services. In addition to her service to the State of Nebraska, Linda has experience in the provision of primary health care and the development and administration of community-based substance abuse treatment services.

**Edwin Zedlewski, Deputy Director for Research and Evaluation at the National Institute of Justice,** is responsible for shaping research and evaluation programs that result in better policy and practice nationwide. Since his arrival at the Institute in 1975, he has served both as a researcher and an administrator on criminal justice policy, program evaluation, and organizational performance measurement. Besides his personal research on crime control policy, he has headed up NIJ's planning and management functions, managed NIJ's communication and program development efforts, and led NIJ's field test programs. Zedlewski has served on special consultant assignments to the Solicitor General of the United States, the President's Organized Crime Commission, the United States Sentencing Commission, and now, various White House Office of Science and Technology work groups on countering terrorism. Zedlewski is the author of numerous articles on program evaluation and crime control policy.