# 2021 Virtual National Symposium Agenda

## Wednesday, February 17th

**10:00 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.**

**Session #1 - IJIS and the Year 2020**

**Opening Keynote – Arne W. Owens**

- **Maria Cardiellos**, Executive Director, IJIS Institute
- **Dan Twohig**, Chair of the Board of Directors, Vice President NG9-1-1 Call Routing / NGCS, Motorola Solutions
- **Keynote: Arne W. Owens**, Former Deputy Assistant in the Office of Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**IJIS Update**: Like so many organizations worldwide, maintaining momentum in the face of the pandemic has been challenging. Despite those challenges, the IJIS community has tirelessly supported its public sector constituency. Progress will be shared during this session and will reflect input from public sector, industry and partner organizations.

**Opening Keynote**: The Pandemic has changed the reality of our lives worldwide. No countries have been left unscathed, and the United States ranks the highest number of fatalities from COVID 19 to date. Regardless of the source of this virus, our response nationally, and our plans for the future are of critical value to understand, mitigate and plan appropriately for the future. Aspects that will be addressed as part of this keynote address will include the following:

- Assessment of the current global pandemic and the U.S. response tactics;
- Understanding of the current planning and operational resources to address the pandemic response and any future pandemics;
- Intended impact of the vaccine and anticipated timeline regarding same; and,
- How has our world permanently changed?

**11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Session #2 – Responding to the Ongoing Threat of the COVID-19 Surge**

- **Dr. Bill Hazel**, Former VA Secretary of Health and Human Resources, and, Current Senior Deputy Executive Director, Claude Moore Foundation – Contributor and MC
- **Anthony Ambrose**, Police Public Safety Director, City of Newark, New Jersey
- **Jeneé Littrell**, Deputy Superintendent, Educational Services Division, San Mateo County (CA) Office of Education
- **Dr. Rodney Ogawa**, Professor Emeritus, Division of Social Sciences, University of California, Santa Cruz
Agencies around the country are facing unheard of challenges as they seek to keep their communities safe and healthy, while attempting to maintain the continuity of effective business operations. IJIS has had a front-row seat to these operations and has learned from many of the experts who have successfully dealt with some of these challenges. This Town Hall will present a discussion addressing key experiences, resulting efforts, and available best practices effecting both policy and operations.

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
**Session #3 – Industry Response / Practitioner Input**

**Closing Remarks**
- Ashwini Jarrass, Former IJIS Institute Executive Director, and Current Co-Founder and COO, IDYA4
- Major Ed O’Carroll, Bureau Commander, Major Crimes, Fairfax County PD, Virginia
- David Jackson, Senior Vice President, Business Development, CaseLines a Thomson Reuters Company

**Panel:** The COVID-19 pandemic has identified key gaps in conducting business for both the public and private-sector entities. Despite the inevitable impact this crisis will leave on business operations, the criticality of cross-agency collaboration has been exposed as more vital than ever before. This session will proactively pinpoint operational processes that are changing and will emphasize practices that will help operations thrive in the future.

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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18th**

10:00 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.  
**Session #4 – Opening Remarks**

**Keynote Speaker – Ronald L. Davis**
- Maria Cardiellos, Executive Director, IJIS Institute
- **Keynote: Ronald L. Davis,** Former COPS Office Director and Executive Director for White House Task Force on 21st Century Police Report

**Opening Keynote:** Governments and law enforcement agencies across the nation are reviewing policies and evaluating best practices while considering new progressive visions for public safety. Regardless of which perspective you may support, all agree that the issues are complex, and the response must be comprehensive.

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
**Session #5 – Town Hall to Address the Age of Reform and the Reality of the Impacts**
- Peter Harvey, Partner at Patterson Belknap, NYC; Past NJ Attorney General (2003-2006); and Federal Consent Decree Monitor for Newark NJ PD
- Art Acevedo, Police Chief, Houston, TX; President, Major Cities Chiefs Association
- Carmen Best, Retired Seattle Police Chief; Current AI Ethics Board at Axon Technologies
- Jim Burch, President, National Police Foundation

National protests this year have led to calls for social justice, police reform and even cuts in law enforcement budgets. The demands for police reform are creating unprecedented challenges for police executives and the successful delivery of operational support. In response to some cries from the community, some politicians are reducing police budgets while demanding more from their police due to rising crime.
To understand the scope of the challenges, experts will discuss the overall “definition” of the problem – understanding the meaning of “reform” and implications of same; and, present varied perspectives to include a national perspective and status thereof, pro-reform, anti-defunding, data led decision making, and/or solutions to be considered.

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
**Session #6 – Industry Response / Practitioner Input**
- **Major Michael J. McDonald**, Retired Delaware State Police; Current Industry Specialist, Software Enterprise Industry Team, Motorola Solutions
- **Katie O’Malley**, Strategic Business Development Consultant, IBM
- **William Josko**, Worldwide Public Safety & Justice Segment Leader, IBM Global Government
- **Sean Jowell**, Retired Assistant Chief Deputy Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office, and Current, Public Safety Solutions Specialist, Motorola Solutions

**Panel:** The reform demonstrations have identified key gaps in conducting business for both the public and private-sector entities. Despite the inevitable impact this crisis will leave on business operations, the criticality of cross-sector and cross-agency collaboration has been exposed as more vital than ever before. This session will proactively pinpoint operational processes that are changing and will emphasize practices that will help operations thrive in the future.

**Closing Remarks:** The multiple crises that confront our nation today are unprecedented. The health system has never been so taxed in our lifetime and all the collateral effects have exacerbated an already pressured public safety institution. Calls for reform and more have our nation stressed daily. Since the overarching intent of any / all IJIS gatherings is to define / conceptualize a community response (to include practitioners, industry, academia+) for the future, this session will present a summary of key actions reflective of viable paths for engagements that could be facilitated by the IJIS community.

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