

**National Association of Bunco Investigators, Inc.**  
**Conference Training Schedule**  
**Elder Exploitation and Nomadic Organized Crime**

**Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

- 0700-0800                   **Registration and Continental breakfast (Lobby and Training Room)**
- 0800-0815                   **Introductions, welcome and opening remarks**
- Gary Nolte, NABI President
  - Pete Robinson, NABI Executive Director
  - Donald F. Eslinger, Sheriff of Seminole County
- 0815-0900                   **Introductions to the Criminal Gypsies and Travelers:** An overview of America’s nomadic criminals and some of their crimes and an introduction to the nationwide problem of Organized Transient Criminal Groups, their crimes and consequent effect on the elderly.  
*(Presenter: Detective Gary Nolte, Skokie, Illinois PD, retired; NABI President)*
- 0910-1015                   **Fortune Telling Fraud/Psychic Crime:** Exposing Fortune telling as a fraud and its financial impact on the elderly and all of society.  
*(Presenter: Inspector Greg Ovanessian, San Francisco PD, Retired; NABI Intelligence Director)*
- 1030-1130                   **The Sweetheart Swindle and its Victims:** A reverse “Sugar Daddy” scheme that can net hundreds of thousands of dollars. An examination of two common cons that yield high financial returns to the perpetrators.  
*(Presenter: Inspector Greg Ovanessian, San Francisco PD, Retired; NABI Intelligence Director)*
- 1130-1300                   **Lunch on your own**
- 1300-1350                   **The Elderly; The Perfect Victim/ Role of the Roma “Fixers”:** Why the elderly are victimized and their reactions to the crimes; why “fixers” are so important in the criminal gypsy community.  
*(Presenter: Deputy Chief John Livingood, Abington Township, Pennsylvania PD)*
- 1400-1630                   **Organized Retail Theft Groups:** A description of Organized Retail Theft Groups, their *Modus Operandi* and their effect on the retail industry.  
*(Presenter: Nelson Harrah, Director of Organized Retail Crime, The Gap, Inc.)*
- 1630-1700                   **Case Studies and Information Exchange:** Attendees may bring their own cases for review at the seminar for assistance
- 1715-1800                   **NABI Annual Board Meeting:** Conference Training Room
- 1900-2200                   **Awards Dinner** (Marriott Lake Mary)

Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

- 0730-0800                   **Continental Breakfast:** Sheriff's Office Training Room
- 0800-0850                   **The Polish Gypsies:** The Lakatosz Family, Till Taps and Burglaries.  
*(Presenter: Detective Gary Nolte, Skokie, Illinois PD, retired; NABI President)*
- 0850-0950                   **Store Diversions; The Yugoslavians and The Romanian Nationals:** The re-emergence of store diversions and the new Gypsies.  
*(Presenter: Detective Gary Nolte, Skokie, Illinois PD, retired; NABI President)*
- 1000-1130                   **The Travelers: English, Irish and Scottish:** Nomadic bands of home repair con artists, how they are confused with criminal gypsies; their methods of intimidation and bait and switch of the elderly and why the elderly are a prime target.  
*(Presenter: Dirk Moore, Lavaca County, Texas Sheriff's Office)*
- 1130-1300                   **Lunch on your own**
- 1300-1400                   **What NABI Can Do For You:** As a member of NABI, the resources we can provide to assist you; and the website's capabilities and resources to include tips, tricks, and traps and use of interactive maps, search engine, bulletins, eLogs and galleries.  
*(Presenter: Colonel Pete Robinson, USA Retired; Seminole County Sheriff's Office, Retired; NABI Executive Director)*
- 1410-1500                   **The Elderly; Proactive Techniques, Community and Police Awareness:** Validating the elderly as victims and your interview to include interviewing, proactive approaches to the crimes, and making the police and the community aware of fraud as a common term.  
*(Presenter: Detective Brad "Bubs" Bryant, Wichita, Kansas PD, Retired)*
- 1515-1645                   **Impediments to Prosecution/How to Keep You, the Police, Out of Jail** Investigative ideas to prosecution, law enforcement ethics/behavior and false allegations against the investigator; why these criminals are "Non-Traditional Organized Crime."  
*(Presenter: Detective Gary Nolte, Skokie, Illinois PD, retired; NABI President)*
- 1645-1700                   **Administrative announcements**