
2023 Current Topics in Local Government

Presented by the Municipal and County Administration Alumni Association



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Agenda:

8:30 – 8:45 **Welcome**

8:45 – 10:00 **Reimagining Law Enforcement – Case Study
Presentation**

Street Outreach, Harm Reduction and Deflection (SOHRAD)-How one community connects people experiencing homelessness with housing and services using peer support and clinical staff instead of (or in addition to) law enforcement.

10:00 – 10:15 **Break**

10:15 – 11:45 **Reimagining Law Enforcement – Panel Discussion**

Policing in the 21st Century-Hear from proven law enforcement leaders as they describe how they are navigating an ever-changing policing environment.

11:45 – 12:45 **Lunch (included with Program)**

12:45 – 1:00 **Business Meeting**

**1:00 – 2:00 Resiliency: Surviving & Thriving During Times of
Change in Local Government – Bo Dean**

New Hanover County adopted an award-winning initiative with a goal of creating trauma-informed and resiliency-focused practices for the public service staff. Bo Dean will present, in this session, how sharing a common understanding of the impact of trauma and chronic stress on the nervous system, along with adopting and utilizing a set of skills for self-care, will ensure the ability to prepare for and respond to the demands of public service. The end results are a higher level of wellness, deeper personal understanding of each person’s need for self-care and a greater connection for peer to peer and supervisor and management assistance.

2:00 - 2:10 Break

2:10 – 3:00 Resiliency Continued – Bo Dean

3:00 – 3:15 Break

3:15 – 4:45 Recruitment/Retention Challenges – Panel Discussion

Nearly half of employees are looking to leave. What does it take to get them to stay? How do we find/attract the right candidates, bridge the skills gap, addressing flexible work schedule, succession planning?

4:45 – 5:00 Introduction of New Dean Aimee Wall

5:00 – 7:00 Reception

