

All Classes Held at The Inn on Lake Superior, Duluth

2026 MNIAI Fall Educational Conference

Wednesday: 10:00am-5:00pm with
President's Reception beginning at 7:00pm

Thursday: 8:30am-4:30pm with
Membership Meeting and Banquet from 6:00pm-8:30pm

Friday: 8:30am-12:00pm



Registration and Check-in

Wednesday: 10:00am - 12:00pm | Secretary/Treasurer Jen Jaspersen

- Check in to receive your name badge and lanyard
- Scan the QR code for the full agenda
- Receive a membership application, if desired
- Pay your 2026 membership dues, if necessary

Rotunda

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Wednesday: 12:00pm - 12:30pm | 2026 MNIAI President Brad Litke

- President Litke welcomes the assembly and gives opening remarks
- MN POST Board script read aloud including the POST course number and credits earned for full conference attendees
 - Remind POST licensed officers to initial the sign-up sheet each day

Northern Lights Ballroom 2

Wednesday

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Oldest Missing Person Case in MN

Wednesday: 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Speakers: MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
Assistant Special Agent in Charge Dustin Van der Hagen
and Forensic Scientist Kathryn Roche

Northern Lights Ballroom 2

Forensic Art

Wednesday: 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Speaker: Minneapolis Police Department
Supervisor Forensic Scientist Renee Tremaine

Northern Lights Ballroom 2

Afternoon Break Service from 2:30pm-3:00pm

Michael Riccio Homicide Investigation Josie Powers Murder

Wednesday: 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Speakers: Burnsville Police Department Detectives
Colin Warnemunde and Natalie Sandifer
and Sergeant Ashley Nacey

Northern Lights Ballroom 2

Break: Hotel room check-in

and *Dinner* on your own

5:00pm-7:00pm



Wednesday's President's
Reception
at [Grandma's Saloon and Grill](#)
Canal Park
522 Lake Avenue South
from 7:00pm on

Alternative Light Sources Product Demonstration

25 student limit-sign up at the registration table

*Thursday: 8:30am – 11:30am – *CONCURRENT

Speaker: Foster + Freeman
Technical Sales Specialist Nathan Carey

Eagle Harbor Room, 3rd Floor

Student Research at Hamline University

*Thursday: 8:30am – 10:00am – *CONCURRENT

Speaker: Hamline University Assistant Professor Megan Foley with
Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Criminalist Lauren Bjerke along with
Hamline University Students of Forensic Study:

Aliya Appelsies Anthony Delarco
Jess Echeverria (recorded) Lily Jacobson

Northern Lights Ballroom 2

Morning Break Service from 10:00am–10:15am

Building a Case for Wellness: Adjusting the Aperture

*Thursday: 10:00am – 11:30am – *CONCURRENT

Speaker: League of MN Cities Insurance Trust
Public Safety Wellness Coordinator Erin Holznagel

Northern Lights Ballroom 2

Lunch on your own from 11:30am – 12:30pm



Gun Violence and Forensic Science

Thursday: 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Speaker: MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Criminal
Intelligence Analyst Carey Hall

Northern Lights Ballroom 2

Afternoon Break Service from 2:00pm–2:15pm

From Scenes to Suspects

Thursday: 1:30pm – 4:30pm

Speakers: Anoka County Sheriff's Office Detectives Shane
Werneke, Matthew Aker, Bradley Baker and Michael Schantzen
with Midwest Regional Forensic Laboratory
Forensic Scientists II Kristine Carmen and Anthony Johnson

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Thursday Evening

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Social Time 8:30pm - ?

Friday

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Leucocrystal Violet (LCV) Staining of Bloody Latent Prints and Footwear Impressions - Workshop

Friday: 8:30am – 10:00am
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Speaker: Minneapolis Police Department Forensic
Scientist II Jeremy Alley

Northern Lights Ballroom 2

Break from 10:00am-10:15am
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From Crime Scene to the Courtroom: Making Your Work Matter

Friday: 10:15am – 12:00pm
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Speaker: Dakota County Attorney's Office
Assistant County Attorney Caitlyn Prokopowicz

Northern Lights Ballroom 2

12:00pm

Conference Conclusion

Return name badges to the Registration Table

Please be sure to complete each day of the conference evaluation survey:

Day 1: <https://forms.gle/wukFvx2WF4nISsBA9>

Day 2: <https://forms.gle/7eXmPhFJJom5ppQA>

Day 3: <https://forms.gle/y2sSRe8R2hNDzxdH9>

Conference Certificates will be sent individually via email

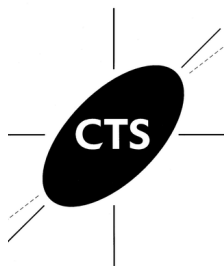
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