



MONTANA CORONER'S ASSOCIATION

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2026 ANNUAL CONVENTION AND TRAINING SESSIONS

MAY 11-13, 2026

Billings Hotel and Convention Center
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Monday 05/11/2026 1300-1700 Hrs

Amtrak Investigator **Kerinne Monaco-Hilliker** will provide a case review on the 3x fatal train derailment in Joplin MT on 09/2011. This will include Basic Railroad Safety, Amtrak Incident Investigations, and how Amtrak responds to these.

Dick Sine with the Flathead Co. Coroner Office will discuss response to light aircraft crashes with basic safety issues, insight into NTSB response/reports, and case review from several crash sites.

Tuesday 05/12/2026 0800-1700 Hrs

Montana DCI will offer instruction into their response to Office Involved Deaths with thoughts on best practices, scene preservations, evidence handling, lessons learned, and case reviews. They will be assisted by **Dr. Deland Weyrauch** from the Medical Examiners Officer. Coroner **Jessie Sather** will assist with a review of Coroner Inquests in Montana considering newly passed legislation, lessons learned and best practices.

Wednesday 05/13/2026 0800-1200 Hrs

Erika Scheuring of the Montana Burial Preservation Board will speak introducing Coroners to the work of the Burial Preservation Board and what to do when finding human remains, including what landowner should know. **Dick Sine** will present a brief overview of Elder Abuse/Neglect/Exploitation and the importance of the coroner in recognizing how the scene/interviews/medical records work together to prosecute offenders, (and/or seek professional help for those caused through mental issues).

Quentin Thompson of the Montana Department of Health & Human Services will speak about the reporting of such cases and the response from their offices.

Detective **Emily Hachenberger** from the Ravalli County Sheriff's Office will review an elder abuse death investigation her office investigated and prosecuted.

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