

Ah, the last month of summer -

I am aware of several educational opportunities that are available to those who are interested. As always, if you know of events that are coming up, please let me or any of the board members know about them and we will try and send them to our listing.

The Center for Victims of Torture is holding a town hall meeting on Monday, Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in south Minneapolis. For more information about this event or the phenomenal work this organization does for those who have suffered torture, including rape, please go to: <http://www.cvt.org/news-events/events/town-hall-forum-ten-year-anniversary-torture-memos>

On Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be a rooftop social hour for SANES, advocates, and those interested in caring for victims of violence and sexual abuse. Jude Foster from the Sexual Violence Center (SVC) will moderate the discussions. To RSVP or obtain more information about this: [www.mnforensicnurses.org](http://www.mnforensicnurses.org)

MNCASA (MN Coalition Against Sexual Assault) will be holding their Annual Training Symposium on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in Walker, MN. For more info, contact Megan at 651-209-9993. To

register: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e62rd7mb88f954fc&llr=44la84cab>

Recently MNCASA had a survey that our chapter forwarded onto you. If you haven't yet, please fill it out for them. Also, if you aren't on the listing for the Office for Victims of Crimes emails, you may want to sign up for them, as they often have good information that you might find helpful in your work. See the following

website: <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/notices/NewsFromOVC/HelpBrochureSeries.html>

Regretfully, our September conference in Mankato had to be postponed this year. Our hope is that we can reschedule it for 2013. Thanks to all who put time and effort into the planning and preparation. My apologies.

Our organization would like to have a southern representative for our chapter. There has been communication with one individual but if any of you, especially in the southern part of MN are interested in this volunteer position, please contact either myself or any board member. We would like to have someone in this role soon.

Thank you for all of your work in the forensic field.

Sincerely,

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President, MN-IAFN (2012)