

Nightmare on Elm Street

When Violent Crime Hits Small Town Nebraska



In the early morning hours of August 4, 2022, Michele Ebeling, Gene Twiford, Janet Twiford and Dana Twiford were all shot and killed in the small town of Laurel, Nebraska. Additionally, Ms. Ebeling's and the Twiford residence were set ablaze by the perpetrator. In this 7-hour training session, attendees will hear firsthand accounts from the Investigators who identified and arrested the husband and wife who committed these atrocities and the prosecutors who brought these two perpetrators to justice. In sharing their story, the presenters hope to share the lessons they learned along the way, the challenges they were presented with as a result of such a horrific crime occurring in small town Nebraska and examine the coordinated efforts and techniques that led to favorable outcomes. While this training will be most beneficial to law enforcement officers (both investigators and patrol officers) and prosecutors, the presenters believe that fire and rescue personnel and other first responders will also find this session beneficial to their professions as substantial insight will be shared regarding the extraordinary efforts of the volunteer firefighters from the Laurel area to fight the fires, preserve the crime scenes and investigate the arsons committed. As a result, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, firefighters, first responders, as well as college students aspiring to pursue one of these professions, are welcome and encouraged to attend this FREE event. The presenters hope, that at the end of the day, each attendee will walk away with at least one nugget of information that could assist them in their future ventures should such an unthinkable tragedy unexpectedly occur in their jurisdiction.

*Please be aware that elements of this presentation are graphic in nature and it is not open to the general public, related professions & students are welcome to attend.

The Phelps County Attorney's Office is proud to present this 7-hour case study on February 18th, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, 2026, at the Tassel Performing Arts Center located at 1324 Tilden St, Holdrege Ne 68949.

Please RSVP with Sgt Ericson # 423 at kericson@holdregepd.org with the names of those attending & the organization, agency, or field of study they are attached to.