

Fraud Schmaud: I Need the Cash and No One's Lookin' Anyway ~ 8 CPE Hours

From the files of the Oklahoma State Auditor's Special Investigative Unit, Chief Investigator Wes Edens examines headline-grabbing cases of the last few years. From small towns to state agencies, Wes exposes the schemes that had neighbors stealing from neighbors and smiling all the way to the bank or, in increasingly alarming rates, the nearest casino. From elaborate to surprisingly sloppy, these fraudsters got away with it – at least until account balances were drained or someone chose to take a look. This seminar will explore ways to transform your organization from fraud-receptive to fraud-resistant.



Wes Edens, SAI Chief Investigator, joined the Oklahoma State Auditor's office in 2004 following a distinguished, 27-year career in law enforcement. Much of his service was as a criminal investigator for a state prosecutor's office.

Wes has been an instructor for CLEET in basic police academies, secondary training and the criminal investigators academy. He's taught criminal justice programs at East Central University, Ada, including Police Corps and COPS (Collegiate Officer Program). Wes also served on the board which established the prestigious Criminal Investigators Academy in Oklahoma.

No stranger as a witness for the prosecution, Wes has spent considerable time in both state and federal courts offering testimony in areas related to criminal investigation procedures, investigation methodology, crime scene management, forensics, fingerprint identification and blood stain pattern analyst.

Not your typical numbers cruncher, Wes' skills make him very adept at identifying and uncovering various fraud schemes because he isn't quickly swayed by sleight of hand or doctored documents.

Wes is a seasoned presenter with decades of experience in both conducting investigations and training both investigators and audit professionals.