What are some of the challenges of working in the “Field”?

Personal Safety

- **Mind Set**
  - Decide to Survive

- **Intuition**
  - Knowing without knowing why

- **Survival Signals**
  - Social Contract
Before you leave the office

• Tell someone where you are going and when you will return
• Obtain specific directions to the location(s)
• Review any previous concerns
• Bring your FULLY charged cell phone
• Inspect the vehicle you will by utilizing

Other considerations?

Traveling to and from the location

• Lock your doors
• Pay attention to people paying attention
• Keep your distance
• Pause at least 2 seconds at lights
Conducting the Interview

- Introduce yourself
- How are you going to get out?
- Identify who is in the home and who may be arriving soon
- Pick a location near an exit
- Know when to end an interview
- When you are done, get in your car and leave

Dealing with Concerning Behavior

Mental Health
Drugs /Alcohol
Cultural Differences
Incivility
Other Issues?

Closing Thoughts

Trust your Intuition
Set Boundaries and Expect people to respect them
Listen to understand