

March 4 – Field Services
2:30 pm – 4:15 pm

597.1 & Animal Cruelty Prosecution

Penal Code section 597.7 is one of the longest, driest sections in the Penal Code. It is also an absolute “must know” for every officer in the field. Together we’ll unravel the mysteries of this critical statute: Learn what you can and should be doing under the law and what tools you have at your disposal to best help animals. This presentation will give you the tools you need to operate as a true professional in your field.

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As the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office Animal Cruelty Case Coordinator, Ms. Knaan oversees all of the County's animal cruelty prosecutions. She also trains deputy district attorneys and animal control and law enforcement agencies on how to investigate, file, and prosecute cases in which animals have been mistreated. A former commissioner and manager for the City's Department of Animal Services, Ms. Knaan assists prosecutors with animal abuse cases and organizes training programs for them.