

The Berkshire County 2026 Organized Retail Theft and Financial Crime Workshop (In-Person)

Meet, learn, and
connect with others
involved in
combating
Retail Theft and
Financial Fraud

The Berkshire County District Attorney's office and the New England State Police Information Network are hosting a free workshop on topics relating to Organized Retail Crime and Financial Fraud. The training is targeted towards Law Enforcement, Asset Protection Staff, Financial Fraud Criminal Investigators, and Legal Professionals.

Join us on **April 13, 2026**, at Berkshire Community College in Pittsfield, MA and learn from top officials leading the fight against Organized Retail Crime and Financial Fraud.

Guest Speakers:

Ryan Kearney: General Council

- Retailers Association of Massachusetts

Dave Johnston: VP Asset Protection and Retail

- National Retail Federation

Mark Sanders: Criminal Intelligence Analyst

- New England State Police Information Network

Lori Beth Betterton: AVP / Retail Operations Manager

- GFA Federal Credit Union

Laurie Fender: VP, Compliance and Risk

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Antoine Karem: VP, Financial Crimes Investigations

- Pioneer Bank

Kirk Nichols: Sergeant

- Stockbridge Police Department

Hosted By:

- Berkshire County District Attorney's Office
- New England State Police Information Network (NESPIN)
- New England Organized Retail Crime Alliance (NEORCA)
- Berkshire County Sheriffs' Charitable Foundation, Inc.

Training Sponsored By:

- Berkshire County District Attorney's Office
- Berkshire Community College
- Ahold Delhaize (Stop & Shop/Hannaford)
- Guido's Fresh Market Place
- Pittsfield Cooperative Bank
- Big Y. Foods

Speaker Topics:

- Organized Retail Crime
- Financial Crimes
- Legislation
- Protecting Front Line Bank Staff from Fraud



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*Please register **only** if you are confident you can attend. Failing to show up for training once you are registered may cause others to miss this important opportunity. If you are unable to attend, please notify us as soon as possible so that another attendee can fill your seat.*

LOCATION: Berkshire Community College, The Boland Theatre, 1350 West St. Pittsfield, MA. 01201

DATE: April 13, 2026 **TIME:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Registration and networking time begins at 7:30 a.m. with coffee and light breakfast

COST: There is **no** charge for this event. (*Travel expenses are the attendee's responsibility*)

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REGISTER: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfxwLT6p50Nkzf-FdRLub8_e5O5FW1Oipk6bsgAkWBKkJ3xg/viewform?usp=publish-editor



The Berkshire County 2026 Organized Retail Theft and Financial Crimes Workshop Registration Form

Five items will be needed to register electronically:

Name, Rank/Title, Agency/Company, Duty phone and Duty e-mail

***You will be notified by E-mail if you are in the class.**

Pre-registration is required no later than close of business on

March 31, 2026

Administrative notes:

- For security reasons, only those individuals with a confirmed advance registration will be admitted to the training.
- Free parking at Berkshire Community College, Boland Theatre, located at 1350 West St. Pittsfield, MA. Please proceed to the auditorium to the left upon entering the Koussevitzky Arts Center
- Capacity is 200 people
- Coffee and light breakfast will be provided
- Lunch will be provided by the Pittsfield Cooperative Bank and the Berkshire County Sheriffs' Charitable Foundation, Inc.
- This training event is possible because of community partnerships with many organizations. A special thank you to:





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- Berkshire Community College
1350 West St., Pittsfield, MA
- Registration/networking: 8:00 a.m., light breakfast and coffee will be served.
- Opening remarks will start at 9:00 a.m.
- Driving is recommended; there is limited public transportation and ride share services in Pittsfield.
- Free parking for this event is available.
- Designated signage will direct attendees to parking location.
- The Boland theatre is to the left when attendees enter the Koussevitzky Arts Center on the west side.
- Both doors of the theatre have a large sign that reads "Robert Boland Theatre" above the doors.

