



Monday, April 20, 2020 at 7:00

"In the Evil Day: Individual Rights, Town Government, and the Crime that Stunned the Nation"

Presented by: Richard Adams Carey

On August 19, 1997, in little Colebrook, New Hampshire, a 62-year-old carpenter named Carl Drega, a man with long-standing property rights grievances, murdered state trooper Scott Phillips and Les Lord at a traffic stop on a superhighway parking lot. Then Drega stole Phillips's cruise and drove down town to settle some old scores. By the end of the day, three more were dead, Drega among them, and four towns were destroyed. Occurring on the eve of America's current plague of gun violence, this tragic event made headlines around the world and shocked New Hampshire out of a previous slumber. Drawing on facets of North Country history, social justice, law enforcement, gun violence, and the small town of Colebrook, Richard Adams Carey describes a community that was never a passive victim but rather a brave and resilient survivor.



Richard Adams Carey's work has appeared in magazines ranging from *Alaska* to *Outside*. He is the author of four award-winning books of literary nonfiction, including *Alaska at Twilight* (a New York Public Library Book to Remember) and *The Fate of the New England Fisherman* (the New Hampshire Literary Nonfiction). A Connecticut native, Harvard graduate, and long-time New Hampshire resident, he has taught school in the Alaskan Bush, odd-jobbed on a Western ranch, worked on fishing boats, tracked caviar smugglers, served as president of the New Hampshire Writers' Project, and now teaches in Southern New Hampshire University's Master in Fiction and Nonfiction program.



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The presentation will be at the Old Town Hall in Campton, which is handicap accessible, and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For information about the Society, check our web site at www.camptonhistorical.org

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