

Important Information for Attendees to the OACP Chiefs' In-Service & Annual Conference May 8-10, 2022 Columbus Downtown Hilton

The 2022 OACP Chiefs' In-Service & Annual Conference (CIS/AC) promises to be an outstanding event with a great lineup of presenters addressing relevant topics impacting law enforcement and our communities today, a huge Exhibitor Showcase, and many networking opportunities. All of this is happening once again at the award-winning four-star Downtown Columbus Hilton, located in the vibrant Arena and Short North Districts. Here is key information to assist you:

1) CONFERENCE REGISTRATION - PICK UP NAMETAGS & PACKETS

Please note that conference registration begins at 2:00 pm on Sunday on the lower level of the hotel. To avoid congestion and a long queue line, nametags will be placed on separate tables in alphabetical order by your last name. Look for the sign that corresponds with your last name and stop by the applicable table and pick up your name tag and information packet. Raffle tickets may be purchased at a separate table if desired.

2) CONFERENCE AGENDA



Scan the QR code with a cell phone camera to visit the conference information link on the OACP website that contains the agenda, and conference maps for each day. You can also view the information by clicking on this link: <https://oacp.org/chiefs-in-service-annual-conference/>

The first event of the Conference will be the *Opening Session, Presentation of the Colors, and the Annual Business Meeting at 3:00 pm* in the Bellows Ballroom located on the lower level of the Hotel.

The Conference format includes Sunday and Tuesday general sessions in the Bellows Ballroom. Sunday evening dinner will be the awards banquet and installation of the new OACP executive board members.

Monday will be breakout sessions only in the morning and early afternoon, and the Exhibitor Showcase in the afternoon. You are welcome to attend the breakout sessions of your choice, including the *What You Do Matters: Lessons from the Holocaust*. (note: there is a \$35 surcharge for this session). Note: this year, the Monday breakout sessions will be on the lower level in either the Bellows or Burkhardt ballrooms. The only exception is Chief Thomas Wells' session at 1 pm on Weathering the Unthinkable: Leadership Challenges Following a Line of Duty Death that will be held in the Hopkins Room on the Lobby Level. We've arranged for more expansive seating in each breakout session to provide for greater social distancing.

3) HOTEL CHECK-IN

If you requested a sleeping room, the room is already reserved for you in your name. Note: To save time and avoid a long line waiting to check-in at the front desk in the lobby, you are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the free on-line check-in option using the Hilton Digital Key app. To utilize the on-line check-in, follow these steps:

- a) Download the free Hilton Honors Membership app- you can download this app on your cell phone by going to the Apple or Android store. Just click on this link: <https://hiltonhonors3.hilton.com/rs/hilton-honors-mobile-app/>
- b) Follow the instructions and enter your sleeping room confirmation number as directed. (This is the confirmation number that Renea sent to you previously). Enter your check-in date where indicated.
- c) Important: Pre-check-in by the Digital Key App can only be done within 24 hours of scheduled check-in. Thus, wait until after 3 pm on Saturday, May 7 to use the online-check-in.

d) If you choose to check-in at the hotel front desk, it is located on the lobby level. Note: sleeping rooms will generally not be ready until after 3 pm. If your room is not yet ready, you will receive a text message when your room is ready for you to move in. The hotel can hold your luggage for you until your room is ready.

4) THE EXHIBITOR SHOWCASE

The showcase features 100+ vendors this year, and it promises to be another great show. The showcase will be from 2:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Monday. Soft beverages will be served. As with the 2021 conference, the Exhibitor Showcase will be held across the street from the hotel in the Exhibit Hall of the Columbus Convention Center.

Remember your business cards for the Exhibitor Showcase raffles.

Directions to the Exhibitor Showcase take the hotel elevator to the second floor, turn left, and walk across the sky bridge over High Street that connects the hotel to the convention center. Follow the signs and take the escalator down to the Exhibit Hall.

5) RAFFLES

As a reminder, prizes won that are of value (valued over \$25) are to be used by your agency. This change is in response to an Ohio Ethics Commission opinion. More information will be available at the Conference if you have any questions.

Tickets can be purchased for \$5 per ticket. We will be raffling an OACP football donated by Wilsons Sporting Goods, Ada, Ohio. Football is exempt from the ethics rule. Also raffled are a cookie bouquet, and a Civil War history book. We encourage you to participate in the raffle as all proceeds go to the Line of Duty Death Fund and are used to support the families of fallen officers and the Ohio Concerns of Police Survivors. Be sure to bring cash.

In addition, the annual Ron and Rita Jornd Scholarship Quilt raffle will take place again this year. All proceeds go to the OACP Scholarship fund to provide \$500 scholarships for the children of Active Member Chiefs. Tickets are \$1 or \$5 for six. The quilt will be on display at the registration area. The winner will take the quilt back to their department for one year and add a patch representing their community or agency. The quilt will be re-raffled at next year's Chiefs' In-Service & Annual Conference.

The raffle drawings will take place at the conclusion of the last general session on Tuesday.

6) BREAKFAST – MONDAY AND TUESDAY

Both days' breakfast will be served buffet-style in the pre-function area. You can dine in the Bellows Ballroom.

7) MONDAY LUNCH

Monday lunch will be served buffet-style in the hotel restaurant and bar area on the 2nd floor.

8) MONDAY EVENING

Dinner is on your own, and an excellent opportunity to check out the *Arena and Short North Districts*. There are many great restaurants and shops within easy walking distance from the hotel. *Historic German Village* is a short seven-minute drive from the hotel. An area map is included in your packet. The hotel concierge can assist you if you have any questions.

9) PARKING

When you arrive, you are to self-park in the Vine St. parking garage. Note: parking is complimentary with come-and-go privileges. Your hotel room key or Digital Key app will serve as your means to exit the garage, including on Tuesday at the conclusion of the conference. The Vine St. parking garage is directly behind the hotel. The entrance to the garage is just to the north of the hotel lobby at 401 North High Street. Once you have parked, take the garage elevator or stairs to the Ground floor of the parking garage. You will then walk across a short pedestrian walkway and enter the hotel on the Lower Level of the Hotel. Here you will find the Conference registration tables. Note: If you are driving a marked vehicle, you are welcome to park on the valet parking levels 3 or 4.

For local attendees who will not be staying at the Hilton, you will be issued parking vouchers for each day at the conference during registration.

10) ATTIRE

Business casual for the entire conference.

11) WIRELESS

Access is complimentary throughout your stay.

12) COVID HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

We will advise if there are any public health protocols in place at the time by the local Health Department.

We look forward to meeting everyone again as we welcome the many first-time attendees. We hope you find the 2022 Chiefs' In-Service & Annual Conference to be a memorable and rewarding experience!