



## Important Information for Attendees

### OACP Chiefs In-Service & Annual Conference

#### May 3-5, 2026

#### Columbus Downtown Hilton

The 2026 OACP Chiefs In-Service & Annual Conference (CIS/AC) has set a new attendance record! The Conference promises to be another 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) HOTEL CHECK-IN

If you requested a sleeping room, the room is already reserved for you in your name. Your sleeping room may be in either tower of the hotel. 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 online check-in option using the Hilton Digital Key app. To utilize the online 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. If you have not received a confirmation number yet, please let Renea know ASAP.
- 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 2 to use the online check-in.*
- d) If you choose to check-in at the hotel front desk, you may check in at the hotel lobby of either tower. Note: the sleeping rooms will generally not be ready until after 3 pm. If your room is not ready yet, you will receive a text message when your room is ready for you to occupy. The hotel can hold your luggage for you until your room is ready.

#### 2) PARKING IS ON YOUR OWN

You may park wherever you please. However, to receive the negotiated rate of \$28 per night, you will need to self-park in the Vine St. parking garage. For those staying at the Hilton, 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, and includes the reduced rate. If you check-in at the front desk instead of via the digital key app, you need to let the front desk know that you are parked in the Vine Street garage to receive the reduced rate.

The Vine St. parking garage is directly behind Tower 401. The entrance to the garage is just to the north of Tower 401 at 401 North High Street. Once you park your vehicle, take the garage elevator or stairs to the first floor of the parking garage. You will walk across a pedestrian walkway and enter the hotel on the Lower Level. Here you will find the Conference registration tables. **Note: If you are driving a marked vehicle, you are welcome to park on valet parking levels 3 or 4.**

## THE CONFERENCE EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE IN BOTH TOWERS OF THE HOTEL Page 2 | 3

The original tower is Tower 401 (which is the hotel's address). Sunday's and Tuesday's events, as well as the Exhibitor Showcase Monday afternoon will take place in Tower 401.

Across High Street (via the skybridge), the 28-story second tower is located at 402 N. High Street and is called Tower 402. Monday's breakout sessions as well as Monday's breakfast and lunch will be in Tower 402.

### 3) CONFERENCE AGENDA & MAPS



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/>

### 4) CONFERENCE REGISTRATION - PICK UP NAMETAGS & PACKETS - TOWER 401 - LOWER LEVEL

*Conference registration begins at 1:30 pm* on Sunday. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase if desired.

#### RAFFLES

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

Tickets can be purchased at the registration desk for \$5 per ticket. **Be sure to bring cash.** *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.*

**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 tickets. **Be sure to bring cash.** 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. By tradition, the quilt will be re-raffled at next year's Chiefs' In-Service & Annual Conference.

**Note: The raffle drawings will take place at the 9:30 am break during the final general session on Tuesday.**

### 5) CONFERENCE EVENTS

#### **SUNDAY EVENTS - TOWER 401 - LOWER LEVEL BALLROOMS**

The Conference opens at 2:30 p.m. in the Bellows Ballroom with the Opening Ceremony followed immediately by the Business Meeting. The first General Session, Artificial Intelligence and Law Enforcement, begins at 4:30 p.m.

That evening, the Banquet Dinner (buffet) will feature award presentations and the installation of the new OACP Executive Committee. Immediately following the Banquet, the Private Reception will be held in the Burkhart Room and is open to all registered attendees and their guests.

#### **MONDAY MORNING AND EARLY AFTERNOON SESSIONS - TOWER 402 - THIRD FLOOR**

Take the skybridge over to the Tower 402 and take the escalators/elevators to the third floor.

Three different breakout time blocks will be offered. You are welcome to attend the breakout sessions of your choice. Please note: Breakout sessions are not repeated.

#### **MONDAY AFTERNOON EXHIBITOR SHOWCASE - - TOWER 401 – LOWER LEVEL BALLROOMS**

The Exhibitor Showcase runs from 1:30 pm until 5:00 pm. The Show features 110+ vendors and is a sold-out event you will not want to miss. Soft drinks and dessert items will be served. Remember to bring your business cards for the Exhibitor Showcase raffles.

#### **TUESDAY SESSION - TOWER 401 - LOWER LEVEL – BELLOWS BALLROOM**

Conference concludes with a General Session, *Dark Nights of the Soul: When Terror Strikes Home*. The session begins at 8:20 a.m. and wraps up at 11:30 am. Door prize drawings will take place at 9:30 am.

**6) INCLUDED MEALS****SUNDAY DINNER - TOWER 401 – BELLOWS BALLROOM – LOWER LEVEL**

Sunday's Banquet Dinner will begin at 6:15 pm.

**MONDAY BREAKFAST - TOWER 402 - AMINAH ROBINSON BALLROOM - 5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**

Monday's breakfast buffet will begin at 6:30 am.

**MONDAY LUNCH - TOWER 402 - AMINAH ROBINSON BALLROOM – 5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**

Monday's lunch will be served buffet-style starting at 11:15 am. Note: lunch break is only 45 minutes.

**TUESDAY BREAKFAST - TOWER 401 - PRE-FUNCTION AREA BELLOWS BALLROOM - LOWER LEVEL**

Tuesday's breakfast buffet will begin at 6:45 am.

**7) 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 of the hotel. *Historic German Village* is a short seven-minute drive from the hotel. The hotel concierge can assist you if you have any questions.

**8) ATTIRE**

Business casual for the entire conference. Bring a sweater/jacket as room temperatures may vary.

**9) WIFI**

Access is complimentary throughout your stay.

**10) CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL TRAINING CREDIT (CPT)**

All education sessions are approved for Continuing Professional Training Credit. To be eligible to receive the credit, you must document your attendance at each of the sessions. **New this year** - to facilitate the process, a QR code will be displayed on the screen prior to the start of each approved session. You simply scan the QR code to complete the attendance verification screen.

**We look forward to meeting everyone again as we welcome many first-time attendees. We hope you find the 2026 Chiefs In-Service & Annual Conference to be a memorable and rewarding experience!**