



# Conference Attendees FAQs



## Who should attend this conference?

Individuals with a demonstrated interest in crime and intelligence analysis including but not limited to law enforcement personnel serving in the analytical capacity, supervisors, investigators, homeland security analysts, narcotics analysts, administrators, academia and students. This conference provides information and training on a broad range of topics, skills and technology.

## When does the conference actually start and end?

- **Pre-Conference Training and The Vendor Expo**
  - *Monday September 19* from 12:00 – 5:00 pm.
    - Fundamentals of Crime Analysis
      - Susan Smith, Shawnee (KS) Police Department
    - Crime Analysis for Command Staff
      - Chief Kenneth Burton, Columbia (MO) Police Department
    - Introduction to Crime Mapping
      - Stacy Belledin, Lakewood (CA) Police Department
- **2011 IACA ~ MACA Conference**
  - *Tuesday September 20*– Conference kick off 10AM
    - Welcome reception in evening
  - *Wednesday September 21*
    - Welcome luncheon
    - Sunset Harbor Cruise
  - *Thursday September 22*
    - IACA business meeting
    - Brazilian Grill All You Can Eat Buffet
  - *Friday September 23*– Conference ends 12 PM
    - MACA business meeting.

## What are the fees for registering for the conference?

The conference early registration rate for IACA or MACA members is \$400.00. The conference early registration rate for non-members is \$450.00. Early registration ends on August 5, 2011; the registration fee is an additional \$50.00 after that date for everyone!

**Is there a student rate?**

The student rate is \$200. You must be a full-time student in a criminal justice/sociology/psychology/public policy program, not employed with a law enforcement agency or research firm.

**When is registration?**

Online registration will be available through the IACA website.

**May I register now and pay later or upon arrival at the conference site?**

Yes, but please remember that late registration requires an additional fee of \$50 for members and non-members. If you register and for some reason you are unable to attend, you must cancel your registration or your agency will be assessed fees as we will recoup the money spent in anticipation of your arrival.

**What is the recommended or nearest airport to the conference site?**

[Boston's Logan International Airport](#) (BOS) and [Providence Rhode Island's TF Green Airport](#) (PVD) are both a similar distance to the Resort & Conference Center. Bus and shuttle service may be arranged from either airport to and from the Resort & Conference Center. Additionally, Logan Airport offers connecting flights to [Barnstable Municipal Airport](#) (HYA), Hyannis is a village of Barnstable.

**What methods of transportation are available from the airport to the hotel?**

We are exploring shuttle service options. There is bus service from the airports to Hyannis.

**When should I schedule my flight to arrive and depart?**

In order to ensure you will not miss any of the sessions, please schedule to arrive at the Resort & Conference Center prior to 11 am the first morning of the conference and depart after 2 pm on the final day of the conference. Please allow travel time from airport to Resort & Conference Center. We expect many attendees to arrive on Sunday and depart the following Sunday to take advantage of all the attractions and activities the Cape Cod area has to offer. Many of the seasonal businesses are still open at this time of the year.

**Are the conference sessions held at the hotel?**

All sessions are on site at the Resort & Conference Center

### **How can I make my hotel reservations?**

Every attendee is responsible for making their own hotel reservations. *You must call the reservation desk directly*, at 866-828-8259, as they do not offer online reservations. You must specifically mention the IACA/MACA conference when making your registration or you will be told there is nothing available. We have reserved all 232 rooms at the [Resort & Conference Center](#) for this conference.

### **What are the room rates?**

The room rate at the Resort & Conference Center is \$119 per person/night with an additional 11.7% tax. This works out to \$132.92 per person/night. This rate applies to both single and double occupancy. There is an additional \$20/person charge for more than 2 persons/room.

### **Do attendees share rooms?**

Yes, this is common practice and you may also choose to share a room with a co-worker. Please contact the Resort & Conference Center to determine the exact costs as there may be additional (per person fees) associated with sharing rooms.

### **May vendors reserve rooms at the hotel using the conference rate?**

Yes, we encourage everyone involved with the conference to utilize the conference hotel and receive the negotiated group rates which are extended on a first come first served basis.

### **Are vendors invited to attend?**

Yes, vendors are encouraged to attend and set up at the training conference however there is an application process with rules and relevant fees. Please contact the person in charge of vendors for additional information. The contact information is listed on the conference page of the IACA website.

### **Are meals provided at the conference?**

A continental breakfast will be available every morning, a full breakfast will be provided on Thursday morning. A luncheon will be provided on Wednesday. There are dining facilities available at the Resort & Conference Center and there are many places to eat within walking distance.

### **When will the agenda be available?**

Keep watching the website for the agenda and any updates.

### **Will certification testing be offered at the conference?**

Yes, IACA certification is always offered at the annual training conference. Information on eligibility and applying to take the certification test is available on the IACA website. A date will be finalized with all applicants.

### **Is hands-on computer training offered?**

Yes, hands-on computer training is always offered at the conference. The training normally consists of basic and advanced levels of GIS (mapping) and a selection of other relevant technical skills. The computer labs have limited seating and are on a first come, first served basis. When labs are full, some instructors permit that you sit beside a co-worker or other attendee or that you may follow along on your own laptop.

### **Will there be a bulletin contest this year?**

Yes, there will be a bulletin and analytical products contest to highlight products that you've created that have wowed members of your agency. We encourage all members to participate in the contests. Vendors are asked not to submit entries. Winners will be announced at the conference and prizes include awards such as certificates, plaques and reduced registration for future IACA conferences.

### **Will there be raffle?**

Yes! There will be a raffle.

### **Will there be an association board meeting at this conference?**

Yes, there will be two; an IACA and a MACA board meeting since this is a joint conference. Members of each association are encouraged to attend.

### **Will there be night out events?**

- The Welcome reception is scheduled for 5 PM Tuesday September 20.
- Trivia night is being planned.
- A [sunset cruise](#) has been reserved on Wednesday night, September 21. This is a two hour cruise which departs at 6 PM. Reservation plans are underway we are hoping to the cost of this outing under \$30/person.
- An all you can eat buffet at the [Brazilian Grill](#) is planned for Thursday night September 22. While we are unable to reserve the entire restaurant we will be making arrangements for staggered seating of groups. The cost for the buffet is \$24/person.
- *Keep watching the website for updates!*

### **What is the hospitality suite?**

The hospitality suite is an area or room reserved at the conference site that is open for attendees to socialize and network after the conference sessions and sometimes after the night out sessions. We encourage you to visit the hospitality suite. This is where you will have time for one on one informal discussion with peers, instructors and vendors. Dress is extremely casual. Snack food, drinks and business card sharing is welcomed. The hospitality suite's room number and tentative schedule will be posted at the registration area or printed in the conference manuals. Look for it on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night!

### **What is the cancellation policy and how can I cancel?**

Registrants who cancel prior to Friday, August 19, 2011 will receive a full refund provided he/she completed registration and paid prior to that date. Registrants who pay for but do not attend the conference, OR fail to notify the IACA of their cancellation, will receive a full refund less \$150 for food and administrative costs. Registrants who do not pay conference fees prior to the start of the conference and do not attend will be billed \$150 for food and administrative costs. Please cancel your registration if you do not plan to attend; do not just fail to show up. In order to cancel your conference registration, you MUST do one of the following (these are the only two ways to cancel your registration)

1. Send an email to [treasurer@iaca.net](mailto:treasurer@iaca.net) on or before Friday, August 19, 2011 OR
2. Call the IACA at 1-800-609-3419 and leave a voice mail regarding your cancellation on or before 09/10/2007. Visit <http://www.iaca.net/Conference2011.asp> for all conference information.

### **What other activities are available on Cape Cod during the conference?**

Many of the seasonal businesses and attractions are still operating at this time of year. The [Cape Cod Connection](#) website maintains a wealth of information as does the [Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce](#).