

IACP Second Annual International Law Enforcement Information Management Conference: Nassau, the Bahamas

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The IACP's Law Enforcement Information Management (LEIM) Section and the Royal Bahamas Police Force (RBPF) will be hosting the IACP Second Annual International Law Enforcement Information Management Conference, November 28–30, 2007, in Nassau, the Bahamas. The LEIM Section leadership and RBPF commissioner Paul H. Farquharson extend an invitation to IACP members and the international law enforcement community to attend and participate in the event. The purpose of the conference is to facilitate a dialogue that allows for the sharing of information and communications technology best practices. LEIM Section conferences have proven to create worldwide networks of information technologists and law enforcement executives that last long after the conclusion of each event. The agenda includes tutorials and executive-level briefings that allow technology novices to understand the implementation, management, and acquisition of current and emerging technologies to meet the contemporary demands of law enforcement organizations.

The LEIM International Conference will take place at the RBPF's state-of-the-art conference center. The center, which is located in the police headquarters compound, was opened in March 2007 and has already hosted a wide variety of local, regional, and international delegations. All LEIM education and training sessions will take place at the conference center, and a series of professional development tours will be offered at the conclusion of the training sessions. Tours are planned of the RBPF communications and technology facilities. An additional tour of the Paradise Island joint-operations public safety facility is also being planned. Delegates will be briefed by representatives of the government of the Bahamas, who will offer insight on the unique challenges a Caribbean environment places on law enforcement operations. The RBPF is recognized for leveraging the latest communications technologies to bridge the tremendous geographic divide that separates the family of Bahamian islands. Many of the operational and technical lessons learned in the Caribbean are relevant for North American, European, and Asian law enforcement agencies as well. Included on the agenda are presenters from around the world who will share international best practices.

Conference registration is now open through the IACP Technology Clearinghouse Web site (www.IACPtechnology.org). Visitors to the site can download a comprehensive attendee information package to orient attendees to the agenda, hotel, and training facility. *Attendance has been limited to the first 250 law enforcement (sworn or civilian) registrants.* The size and subject matter of the venue has dictated that attendance be limited strictly to those civilian and sworn personnel who are employed by law enforcement agencies. Those interested in attending should immediately submit their registration forms, as space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The

conference registration fee has been set at a modest US\$200. The fee includes ground transportation from the hotel to the conference center, a welcome reception, meals (breakfast and lunch), tours, and conference materials.

The LEIM Section has arranged hotel accommodations at the exclusive Atlantis on Paradise Island (www.atlantis.com). This luxurious property is known worldwide for its breathtaking oceanfront and numerous amenities including the world's largest open-air marine habitat, miles of beaches, and over 14 swimming areas complete with a seven-acre snorkeling lagoon. A deeply discounted rate of US\$145 (plus applicable taxes) has been negotiated for this event. The room block is limited in size, and immediate reservations are encouraged. The delegate information package includes full details on the hotel, rate, fees, and policies. The hotel is easily accessible by taxi from Nassau International Airport (NAS). Morning and evening ground transportation will be provided to and from the Atlantis and the RBPF Conference Center. The discounted conference rate is available for three days before and three days after the meeting to accommodate those who are interested in attending the professional tours and those who would like to combine a vacation with the training conference.

Attendees should research passport requirements for travel to and from the Caribbean. The U.S. Department of State (www.state.gov) has revised recent restrictions requiring a passport or active passport application for citizens traveling to or from the Caribbean. Details concerning passport requirements are available in the attendee information package. All delegates should study the unique restrictions their country of citizenship has in place at the time of the event. Travel to and from the Bahamas, a major tourist destination, is easy and affordable. In many cases, airfare from the United States to the Bahamas is less expensive than U.S. domestic travel.

In addition to the international conference, the LEIM Section invites IACP members to attend their 32nd Annual Law Enforcement Information Management Training Conference and Exposition at the Gaylord Opryland Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee, May 7–11, 2008. Attendance at this event is expected to attract over 750 of the world's leading law enforcement technologists. IACP's key technology committees and sections will also meet in conjunction with the conference. Full conference details and registration information can be found at the IACP Technology Clearinghouse Web site, mentioned earlier. A call for presentations has been announced, and proposals are welcome from law enforcement agencies that wish to share information on their projects and programs.

The LEIM Section is proud of its reputation as the facilitator of objective peer-to-peer information sharing on matters related to information and communications technology. Thousands of LEIM conference attendees can attest to the value that these events bring to law enforcement agencies of all sizes. The expansion of LEIM conferences to international venues has extended the reach of the section to areas of the world that have lessons to share and a need for advanced technology training. Technology has a way of making the world smaller for both criminals and law enforcement. The LEIM Section, under the leadership and guidance of the IACP umbrella, will continue its distinguished history of promoting technology programs and solutions that increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the world's law enforcement agencies. Law enforcement executives can continue to rely on the LEIM Section to provide a forum that raises executive-level and technology manager-level awareness of the use of technology to achieve organizational goals.■

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