

## **International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters**

2022 Convention July 24-29, 2022



April 2021 Committee Report

## Hilton Hartford Hotel

315 Trumbell St., Hartford, CN 06103, Phone: 860-728-5151 Room Rate: \$129 CUT OFF June 20, 2022

Committee:

Chair: Jeff Harris jeffcafa@aol.com Co-Chair: Brenda Brooks

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Convention Location and dates listed above.

There is a 615 (must fill at least 80%) room block for the convention. That averages 123 rooms per day over a 5 day span of Monday thru Friday. This should be obtainable.

Member Registration form has been uploaded to the website and early registrations are welcomed. Retiree registration rates have been reduced.

Vendor Booth Space, Convention Sponsorship Package, Convention Ad Journal form and Convention Donor page are awaiting approval for the Executive Board.

A draft of the daily itinerary has been created giving Regions at least 3.5 hours to meet on Monday after lunch.

Regions are being asked to host or co-host a convention hospitality night Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays

From 2017-2019 (3 Conventions) the organization lost an average of \$48,000 each year on convention cost. The primary reasons for the loss were Unfulfilled contract attrition (not fulfilling room block, food and beverage obligations) and Travel/room expenses paid by the IABPFF. We have over a year to advertise, plan and save for the 2022 Convention. The room black is obtainable. Expenses need to be decreased and sponsorship/donations need to increase.

WE NEED the help of every Region, Chapter and Member to find sponsors and donors to help us raise funds for a spectacular GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION.

WE ALSO NEED each Executive Board Member and Committee Member to carry their share of the load in accrued expenses.

The full Convention page should be completed on the iabpf.org website within the next 30 days.

Thank you,
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