

IACP Impaired Driving & Traffic Safety Conference

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Below are a series of frequently asked questions regarding the call for proposals, the review process, and speaking at the 2025 Impaired Driving and Traffic Safety Conference (IDTS 2025). Please reach out to IDTS@theIACP.org with any additional questions.

Submitting a Proposal

When does the call for proposals open for IDTS 2025?

Tuesday, November 26, 2024.

What is the deadline to complete a submission?

Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. (ET)

What tracks are available at IDTS 2025?

Educational workshops are categorized into tracks to help attendees from various audiences locate workshops that are most applicable to them. Conference registrants may attend workshops in any track throughout the conference. The track listing is subject to change:

- **Driving While Impaired (DWI) Enforcement:** This track focuses on general enforcement challenges common to DWI cases and investigations. Examples for this track include innovative methods for DWI investigations, case studies on DWI incidents, general DWI enforcement, etc.
- **Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Operational:** This track focuses on the implementation and management of Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) programs. Examples for this track include program management, training and certifications, instructional techniques, funding and resource allocation, policy development, etc.
- **Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Technical:** This track focuses on the scientific and procedural elements that underpin drug influence evaluations. Examples for this track include emerging drugs and symptomology, drug effects and pharmacology, evaluation protocols and processes, etc.
- **Executive:** This track is geared toward police executives, as well as those who are part of an executive command staff or in a leadership role. Examples include initiating a DRE program, supervising a traffic/DWI unit, general personal and professional leadership strategies, etc.
- **Prosecution:** This track focuses on prosecutorial challenges, both for prosecutors of impaired driving violations and for DRE/DWI officers who are seeking to improve their courtroom testimony skills. Examples can include courtroom preparation, case studies and implications, updates on statutes and regulations, etc.
- **Roadway and Traffic Safety:** This track focuses on all aspects of traffic safety, including risky driver behavior (i.e., distracted driving, speeding, drug and impaired driving, etc.), crash investigation and reconstruction, global road safety programs and initiatives, traffic enforcement programs, community engagement, officer safety and wellness, stop-stick deployment, pedestrian safety, etc.
- **Toxicology:** This track focuses on the more technical aspects of drug and alcohol impaired driving from the perspective of toxicology testing. Examples include reviewing novel drugs, current drug trends, updated testing methodologies, etc.

What topic should I submit for consideration for IDTS 2025?

The IACP is looking for a wide array of topics that are innovative, engaging, inspiring, and informative for police and public safety practitioners from around the world. The IACP's goal is to offer relevant, timely education and training to help attendees do their jobs more effectively and make their agencies more successful. Proposals should address contemporary or emerging issues confronting the public safety profession and the leaders of police agencies worldwide. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Additional sources for evidence in crash investigations
- Addressing illegal street racing
- Cannabis information, pharmacology, or case studies
- Civil liability and the DRE
- Conducting a green lab for assessing marijuana impairment/benefits of this training
- Contemporary issues in commercial motor vehicle (CMV) enforcement
- Impairment from short-acting drugs and DWI cases
- Information on CNS stimulant drug pharmacology/case studies
- Leadership and the importance of enforcement
- Pharmaceutical or illicit drugs of abuse/trends
- Physiological and pharmacokinetic aspects of DRE evaluations
- Pursuit policies and protocols
- Reducing or eliminating traffic fatalities and injuries
- Self-driving cars/trucks
- Strategies for enhancing courtroom testimony
- Successful prosecutions in DRE cases when toxicology did not detect the impairing drug
- Traffic incident management
- Traffic safety data sources and implications

What information is required?

The following information is required to submit a presentation proposal and to be considered for the IDTS 2025 program:

- **Title (100 Characters):** A proposal must have a short, specific presentation title (containing no abbreviations) that indicates the nature of the presentation.
- **Track:** Select the track that best describes your proposal. You may select more than one track if the topic spans across multiple tracks, however that will not increase the likelihood of selection in the program.
 - DRE Operational
 - DRE Technical
 - DWI Enforcement
 - Executive
 - Prosecutor
 - Roadway and Traffic Safety
 - Toxicology
- **Description (800 Characters):** Provide a description of your proposed session as it should appear in the program if your proposal is selected for the conference. A “bottom-line-up-front” description should encapsulate exactly what the presentation is about and what participants should expect to take away.
- **Format (500 Characters):** Describe how the information will be presented (i.e. single speaker, panel, interactive, etc.)

- Methodology (500 Characters): Describe the evidence-based, statistical, or foundational support used in your presentation (i.e. interviews, research, surveys, etc.).
- Materials (500 Characters): Indicate any materials you plan to utilize during your presentation (i.e. PowerPoint, polls, handouts, etc.).
- Three Learning Objectives (300 Characters Each): Describe what attendees should expect to learn from your session. Complete the sentence, "Upon completion, attendees will be able to..." Use action words to begin this learning objective, such as list, describe, define, demonstrate, conduct, understand, etc.
- Audience: The audience should indicate the attendees for whom the material is best suited. Select the applicable audience(s) for whom the material is best suited. Multiple audience selections do not increase chances for selection in the program.
- Skill Level: Workshops will be listed in the program with an affiliated skill level to better assist audience members in finding the content that fits their needs
 - Beginner: an audience new to the field; early stages/fundamentals of concepts.
 - Intermediate: an audience looking to build upon existing knowledge; incorporating new ideas into established programs or initiatives.
 - Advanced: an audience looking to enhance expertise on a specific topic; expanding upon complex and detailed strategies.
- Speakers (maximum of four): Please include *at least one* police/public safety practitioner as a speaker to provide context and applicability to the audience. Proposals without a practitioner from the field are less likely to be selected. Information required for each proposed speaker includes:
 - Name
 - Title
 - Organization
 - Email Address
 - Phone Number
- Will the presentation be limited to sworn law enforcement or certified DRE attendees only? If selected, workshops marked "yes" will have additional conference security at the doors checking credentials prior to entry into the presentation room. Please only indicate "yes" if your session MUST be restricted.
- What is the preferred length of presentation time for this proposal? Presentations may be 75 or 90 minutes. Preferred presentation time is not guaranteed.
- Agreement to Submitter Terms and Conditions

What happens if I do not have all the required information to complete my proposal?

You will have the ability to change, edit, or withdraw your presentation proposal until the submission deadline. If you are missing a required piece of information, you can save your work and log back in at a later time to finish prior to the deadline. Please note: all proposals must be completed and submitted in order to be considered. Any proposals left "Incomplete" will not be considered for IDTS 2025. A proposal that has all of the required information completed but did not press the "submit" button is not considered complete for review. *You will know your workshop is complete by both the status within the submission site as well as receiving a confirmation email.*

How can I be sure the information I type will not be lost?

The submission site is designed to save tasks as they are completed. The submission is broken into multiple tasks. If you complete one task during a work session, you may save that completed task and return at a later date to complete the rest. Please note that the site cannot save a partially completed task. You may also continue to edit a completed task prior to the deadline. Click the 'Continue' button at the bottom of each step to ensure the information is not lost. The speaker step saves automatically as you add speakers. You may also use the "Save Submission" button located on the "Tasks" page to save your progress. You may wish to develop your proposal information first in a word processing document (such as Microsoft Word) prior to completing the online form, then paste the details into the appropriate fields on the submission site.

How will I know if my proposal was submitted successfully?

Once you have finalized your submission, an email confirmation will be sent to you confirming receipt of the proposal. Before you submit your proposal, please make sure all steps have been completed.

Do I have to be an IACP member to submit a proposal?

No, any individual eligible to attend IDTS 2025 may submit a proposal for an IDTS 2025 workshop.

Can I submit a proposal via email or include attachments?

No. The submission portal is the only way to submit a workshop proposal, which allows IACP to keep all proposal submissions consistent during review. Supplemental documents will not be accepted.

Review Process

What are the review criteria for presentations?

All presentations are peer-reviewed by IACP members, subject matter experts, and staff. Reviewers will consider the following:

- Does the topic address a contemporary impaired driving and traffic safety issue or concept?
- Is the proposal rooted in evidence-informed policing strategies and research?
- Can the information presented apply to different sized agencies and a diverse audience?
- Is the topic unique and information not available through other sources?
- Is the course title and the description clear and concise? Can attendees easily tell what to expect by reading it?
- Are the learning objectives clear and can they be met in the allotted presentation time?
- Does the content include practical, actionable takeaways for audience members?
- Does the presentation support IACP's high standards and reputation for the best conference workshops?
- Are the proposed speakers qualified to instruct the workshop topic? Is there a clear public safety connection?
- If the presentation is focused on a specific audience, is there a proposed speaker from that audience?
- Is the language used in the proposal consistent with IACP standards and policies?

How is the review process conducted?

Reviewers represent a broad range of public safety practitioners and subject matter experts. Reviewers evaluate the submissions based upon quality and criteria noted above. Top recommendations will then be evaluated by IACP leadership to ensure the entire educational program is comprehensive and well-balanced.

How will I be notified if my proposal was accepted or declined?

All submitters will be notified via email whether their proposal has been accepted or declined by March 2025. If accepted, submitters will receive notification via email and must acknowledge acceptance. It is the submitter's responsibility to notify speakers of their potential participation in the presentation prior to submission and after acceptance. Speakers will all receive communication following the acknowledgement of acceptance by the submitter. Submitters should also inform IACP of any speaker changes should they occur during or after the review and selection process.

Speaking at IDTS 2025

When do presentations take place?

Educational programming is conducted each day, Monday-Wednesday (August 4-6) of IDTS 2025. While the conference schedule has not been confirmed at this time, workshops may begin as early as 8:00 a.m. and run throughout the day, ending as late as 5:00 p.m. Submission of a proposal is a commitment that the speakers will be available to speak on any conference day and time as assigned by IACP staff. The IACP has limited opportunities to accommodate speaker conflicts.

What presentation format(s) are required for accepted proposals?

Accepted workshops will be required to present in person at the event in Chicago, Illinois. Virtual presentations or speakers will not be accommodated.

How much time will I be given to present?

Workshops may be 75 or 90 minutes, which includes presentation time and Q&A. IACP will determine the length of selected sessions as the conference schedule is confirmed.

Can I promote any products or services during my presentation?

No, IACP does not allow the promotion of products and services during educational sessions. Speakers may talk about products and services that have been used to solve a problem or address the presentation topic. Whenever possible presenters should suggest alternative products and services. Solutions Presentation Theater sessions are available for the promotion of products and services for exhibiting companies.

Will I receive any compensation for presenting at IDTS 2025?

The IACP does not pay speakers or reimburse for travel or lodging expenses.

Will I receive complimentary registration for IDTS 2025?

Speakers will receive registration options in the form of a complimentary 1-day pass for their assigned presentation day or a reduced rate full conference registration. Speakers will receive a unique code to register and must complete registration on their own.

How are workshop rooms set up? What audio-visual equipment will be available for my presentation?

All workshop rooms will be set theater style. A podium and head table are standard in each room for presenters. Audio/visual equipment will be provided in each room to include projector, screen, laptop, clicker, and handheld/tabletop microphone(s). Any additional requests may be considered at the discretion of the Conference Program Manager and the availability of such resources.

I have never presented at an IACP Conference before. What is expected of me?

IACP members and non-member attendees invest a considerable amount of time and expense to attend the conference. For these reasons, the IACP works hard to ensure each and every event at the conference realizes its full potential. Our members expect:

- Speakers will thoroughly prepare for their presentation prior to arrival.
- Speakers have significant knowledge and expertise of the subject area and have sufficient presentation skills to effectively communicate such knowledge.
- Speakers will engage the audience – the greatest success you can have is to inspire your audience so they come out of the presentation buzzing with thoughts and ideas.
- Speakers will not engage in commercial presentations of their organization, company, or product.
- Speakers will be conscious of the time limitation of their presentation, to respect attendee schedules and other presenters utilizing the same room.
- Speakers will not simply read directly from written statements or presentation slides.
- Speakers will use respectful language and demeanor to create a safe and welcoming environment.

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