



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** 02/14/17

**Title of Item:** Out-of-Town Travel for Education

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
<b>Submitted by:</b> Sheriff Scott Turner		<b>Department:</b> Sheriff's Office
<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> Sheriff Scott Turner		<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b>
<b>Summary of Issue:</b>  Please see the attached memoranda and information concerning an upcoming educational opportunity.		
<b>Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:</b>		
<b>Recommended Action/Motion:</b> Approve request for out-of-state travel.		
<b>Financial Impact:</b> Is there a cost associated with this request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Is this budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		

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**MEMO**

TO: Aitkin County Board

DATE: January 19, 2017

FROM: Sheriff Scott Turner

RE: Out-of-State Travel Request

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Attached is a flyer for the 2017 National Interdiction Conference in Valley Forge, PA during the time frame of April 30 – May 5, 2017. This is a seminar that is “cutting edge” information on drug interdiction to combat the transportation of drugs into and through our community. It is education that is not offered in the state of Minnesota. And, as you are aware, the transportation of drugs into and through our county has been and will continue to be a problem into the future.

I am proposing that Aitkin County send Deputy John Novotny to this training. John has been with the Aitkin County Sheriff’s Office since 2000 and for many years has been our leader in the area of drug enforcement. During the years that methamphetamine labs were hugely problematic, he was at the forefront of our effort to eradicate these dangerous situations. The success that we had dealing with this problem and reduce the impact that meth labs had on our community was largely due to his efforts. This training will allow him (and the Aitkin County Sheriff’s Office) to be better prepared to effectively deal with the ever-changing illicit drug culture.

The funds that would be used for this would not be levy funds, rather, they would be funds from our forfeiture funds that are obtained from drug offenders.

If you have any questions relative to this request, please do not hesitate to call.  
Thank you.

**To:** Aitkin County Board  
**From:** Deputy John Novotny  
**Date:** January 17, 2017  
**Re:** Out of State Travel Request

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Thank you for your consideration of my request to attend the 2017 National Interdiction Conference. Over my years with Aitkin County, I have strived to improve my knowledge base in all aspects of my job with the Aitkin County Sheriff's Office. This conference would be a means of accessing information currently not offered in local and regional classes.

Criminal traffic interdiction is defined as the act of intercepting and preventing the movement of a prohibited commodity. The classes at this conference are specifically designed to help us deal with a major issue we currently face here in Aitkin County which is the transport of illicit drugs into our county for sale and distribution.

My expectations coming out of this conference would be to have more tools I can rely on during suspected drug activity stops. Tools to make an effective stop and seizure of any illicit property and also tools to provide sufficient support to the County Attorney's office to enable them to proceed with a successful prosecution. Another benefit that I anticipate from this conference is being able to share the new information with my fellow deputies to improve our department's handling of interdiction stops.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Deputy Novotny 210



# 2017 National Interdiction Conference

Valley Forge Casino & Resort - Philadelphia, PA

April 30 - May 5, 2017

[WWW.2017NIC.COM](http://WWW.2017NIC.COM)



## Topics Include:

Accessing Traps & Hidden Compartments, Advanced Passenger Motor Vehicle Interdiction, Advanced Commercial Motor Vehicle Interdiction, Advanced Bulk Currency Investigations, Parcel Interdiction, Canine Use & Applications In Interdiction, Courtroom Testimony & Report Writing, Information On Federal Programs & Resources, Ethics in Criminal Patrol, Advanced Roadside Interviews Techniques, Hidden Compartment Demonstrations, Canine Symposium, Bus Interdiction, and Stories From Officers Who Survived Deadly Encounters.

**Be a part of the Nation's Largest Gathering of Interdiction Officers in 2017. This one of a kind event is being hosted by the Pennsylvania State Police.**

### CONFERENCE RATE:

\$325 Prior to January 30, 2017

\$350 Prior to March 13, 2017

\$25 Late registration fee applied after March 13, 2017.

Groups of 5 or more receive a \$25 discount.

### LOCATION:

Valley Forge Casino & Resort

1160 First Avenue

King of Prussia, PA 19406

610-354-8118

[www.vfcasino.com](http://www.vfcasino.com)

### LODGING:

Rates starting at \$110.00 per night plus tax

ATTENDEE CODE: "NIC17"



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**The conference event will include a rock solid training schedule which is currently set to include:**

- Highway and Street Level Criminal Interdiction
- Commercial Motor Vehicle Interdiction
- Terrorism Apprehension
- Drug Enforcement
- Officer Safety
- Critical Incident Analysis
- Roadside Interviews
- Use of Narcotics Detection K-9's
- Federal Law Enforcement Programs and Initiatives
- Financial Investigations
- Aftermarket Hidden Compartment Detection
- Current Trafficking Trends
- Legal Hurdles and Current Legal Opinions
- Bolstering your Cases for Prosecution
- Undercover Drug Operations and Investigations
- Networking Opportunities to include small groups of officers who work similar roadways

**THE 2017 CONFERENCE AGENDA WILL BE COMING SOON!** Please check back for a detailed agenda!