

Plans for the 92nd Annual ISPA Conference at the Courtyard-Downtown-Sioux (901 4th St, Sioux City, IA) on October 7th – 9th, are wrapping up. Local # 7 Sioux City members are working hard to create an exceptional conference you will not want to miss.

On Monday the conference will get started with the golf tournament at Green Valley Golf Course, shotgun start at 10:00 am. Please make sure to register by **September 6, 2024**, to guarantee your ¼ zip jacket size. You can download the registration form [HERE](#). Later that evening you can stuff yourself with some delicious food and then test your knowledge during “Pickle Rick Trivia”.

Once again, this year the conference will feature multiple educational programs.

On Tuesday, Former Sioux City Police Officer Jill Ohm will walk you through the events leading up to her being shot on October 3, 2014, after responding to a suicidal call on Sioux City’s west side. Ohm will talk about how this affected her physically, mentally and emotionally. After lunch Des Moines Police will present about a shooting on March 7, 2022, near East High School in Des Moines, where 3 victims were shot, unfortunately one fatally. Wednesday’s education session will feature “**Cattle on the Highway**” a Joint SWAT Tactical Operations by Woodbury County SO-Sheriff Sheehan. Sheriff Sheehan will break down how 911 calls- the first one saying I am being shot at and then a second call saying there’s cattle on the highway, lead to an almost 9-hour standoff with the suspect.

We will close Wednesday out with our annual business meeting and the election of a new Jr. Director. If you are interested in running for the board, please do not hesitate to reach out to any board member or past president for their perspective. After the meeting is over be sure to stick around Wednesday night for the evening entertainment at the Hard Rock Anthem, featuring the band, **Trust**. They will play all your favorite hits from the 70s, 80s, & 90s.

Your local should have already received the conference registration information. If you did not, contact me at ispaonline@gmail.com or 515-299-5320. Registering in advance ensures a spot for you at all the events and your meals. You can pick up your meal tickets and ID badges on Monday between 2:00-4:00 pm and Tuesday between 7:30-8:30 am.

If you have not already done so make sure to book your hotel room(s) by August 20, 2024. You can book hotel room(s) by contacting Jackie Dodds by email- jdodds@kinseth.com or by phone- 712-569-1972. The special conference room rate is \$109 + taxes.

Please visit the Annual Conference page on the ISPA website for the full schedule of events, the golf tournament registration form and the conference agenda-[HERE](#) Remember we do not hand out binders at the conference. As it gets closer to the conference you will be able to download the conference materials from the website or pick up copies from a table in the back of the conference meeting room.