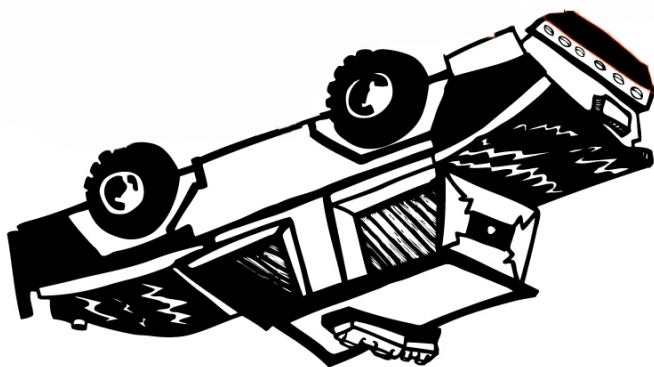

IACP 2017



**October
21–24**

**Philadelphia
PENNSYLVANIA**

International Association of Chiefs of Police



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DISRUPT IACP

This October, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) will hold their annual conference in Philadelphia. This is a call for an ambitious mobilization to directly disrupt the conference, to publicly spread an explicitly anti-police position, and to attempt to open up space that is hostile to state control. We hope to do so using both coordinated and decentralized, autonomous actions in the area immediately surrounding the conference in Center City and throughout Philly.

The IACP brings together law enforcement agencies from throughout the world to “advance the science and art of police services” through international coordination, training, and policy work. Their 2017 conference will take place at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, with four days of workshops, an exhibition hall with corporate vendors, and a number of secondary events at other locations.

This call for opposition comes from the perspective that policing is inherently a colonial, white supremacist project. From their inception, the police have had as their primary function the maintenance of a social order based on violent domination along lines of race, gender, class & ability; from slave patrols to strike-breakers and from vice squads to gang units. Opposition to the IACP presents a unique opportunity to advance a position that is absolutely against all policing, as a large part of the organization’s agenda mirrors that of those who would reform the institution. Body cameras, diversity in hiring, “trust and accountability,” and above all, “community policing” are all central themes of the conference and to recommendations for “21st Century Policing.”

As the Trump administration (universally endorsed by law enforcement unions during the election) bombastically seeks to reinvigorate the militarization of police, it is a crucial time to

aggressively put forward an analysis that recognizes militarization and community policing not as divergent, but as complementary parts of a coherent strategy of domination.

Meanwhile, the hundreds of participating agencies and workshops starkly demonstrate the severe intersectionality of the violence the police have always carried out. Interlocking movements for black liberation, indigenous struggle against colonization, sex workers' self-determination, resistance to ableist police violence, radical political movements resisting repression, queer rebellion, global anti-imperialism, migrant and refugee justice and no borders movements, housing justice, environmental struggles, and more, all have a stake in opposing the strategies and tactics that will be promoted at this conference.

The IACP conference puts on display what we know from our daily participation in diverse forms of resistance: that every struggle is a struggle against the police.

While all the departments involved have histories of (and foundations in) violence, many have also seen fierce resistance to that violence in the recent past. Participating departments from Albuquerque, Chicago, Milwaukee, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, St. Louis and more have seen rebellions against them in the last several years. We hope to use this opportunity to build connections with those who carry these memories of antagonism towards the police and contribute to lived experiences of uncontrollable revolt.

Expect more information and specific calls soon. In the meantime, save the date, make plans, study some maps, learn the terrain and spread the word throughout the region and beyond.

Against White Supremacy // Against the Police
For a world without cops, prisons, or borders.
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WHAT ON EARTH IS THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE?!

Exactly what it sounds like.

Founded in Chicago in 1893, the IACP aims to “advance the science and art of police services” through international coordination, training, and policy recommendations. IACP is a 501(c)3 organization with an annual budget of, get this, over \$24 million.

In addition to its annual conference, IACP also hosts numerous smaller conferences and trainings throughout the year, drafts model policies and recommendation statements, and actually publishes something called Police Chief Magazine.

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Also, a “general assembly.”

This pamphlet barely scratches the surface in terms of mapping the agencies involved, looking more deeply at the workshops, and exploring points of intervention from the innumerable angles possible. More comprehensive analysis of the organization’s historical and current role in the development and implementation of policing strategies should come as the conference approaches. but central to its current approach is advocacy for community policing models.

21ST CENTURY POLICING & DOJ's COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (AHM, COPS)

Since the 1970's, police in the U.S. have pursued a strategy of counterinsurgency which couples both "militarized" and "community" policing to control targeted populations, incapacitate social movements and autonomous rebellions, and better maintain the dominant social order.

Following the 2014 rebellion in Ferguson, MO, and the anti-police insurgencies which followed nationally, police officials at all levels have sought to maintain law enforcement legitimacy by further emphasizing community policing as a central strategy.

Politicians and civil society figures have joined in calls for an expansion of community policing, asserting the model as a discrete alternative to militarization. Knowingly or not, these calls serve to obscure the core counterinsurgency strategy as well as the primary functions of law enforcement.

After Ferguson, President Obama convened the federal Task Force on 21st Century Policing to attempt to address the spreading anti-police sentiment and rebellion. Included in this task force were many police chiefs and officials involved in the IACP, including former Philadelphia Commissioner Charles Ramsey as co-chair. The task force also had members from collaborator non-profits Teach for America, Advancement Project, Equal Justice Initiative, and Make the Road New York.

The task force released its final report in 2015, and its first "pillar" is "Building Trust and Legitimacy." The other pillars, including "Community Policing and Crime Reduction" all involve the theme of building legitimacy through various means.

“The advantages the state receives from each aspect are fairly clear: Militarization increases available force, but as important, it also provides increased discipline and command and control. It re-orders the police agency to allow for better coordination and teamwork, while also opening space for local initiative and officer discretion.

Community policing, meanwhile, helps to legitimize police efforts by presenting cops as problem-solvers. It forms police-driven partnerships that put additional resources at their disposal and win the cooperation of community leaders. And, by increasing daily, friendly contacts with people in neighborhood, community policing provides a direct supply of low-level information. These are not incidental features of community policing; these aspects speak to the real purpose.”

*- The Other Side of the COIN: Counterinsurgency
& Community Policing*

“...a key pillar of the Final Report of the President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing. President Obama has advocated for community policing in a series of highly publicized speeches in Camden, NJ, and more recently at the meeting of the International Association of Chiefs of Police in Chicago, IL.

...’community policing’ is the superficial involvement of select community members in providing police with legitimacy. ‘Community policing’ acts as a shield for police. A self-selecting group of empowered community members, who are frequently gentrifiers, work with police to deflect criticism and build local support for policing.”

*- Counter-CAPS: The Community Engagement Arm
of the Police State, We Charge Genocide, Chicago*

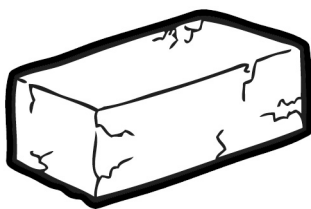
As part of this broader legitimacy strategy, the current IACP president, Terrence M. Cunningham, Wellesley, MA, chief, recently issued an apology “for the actions of the past and the role that our profession has played in society’s historical mistreatment of communities of color.”

Additionally, the IACP has released statements in opposition to local law enforcement collaboration with immigration enforcement authorities, or at least in favor of protecting sanctuary cities.

Positions like these, and community policing as a whole, have proven to be formidable obstacles to maintaining and spreading anti-police antagonism. However, there are also possibilities in acting against a reform-oriented or -friendly police association with liberal buy-in.

First, co-optation on the part of reformists would be obviously incoherent, as reformist positions on things like body cams, diversity in hiring, or stamping the word “accountability” on everything in sight are all already part of the IACP’s agenda, albeit for different and concealed reasons.

Second, militant opposition to any IACP event will inevitably evoke the sort of police responses that community policing ostensibly posits an alternative to. This can demonstrate that community and militarized policing are not actually distinct approaches in a fairly stark way. This is absolutely not to suggest a strategy of willingly subjecting oneself to police violence in the hopes that this will demonstrate a point, but just that police responses will open up space to assert a particular analysis against policing.



SOME NOTABLE WORKSHOPS & LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTICIPANTS

The number of overtly objectionable workshops and presentations over the four days of the conference are too innumerable to map out here, but a select few notables are included to give an idea.

PETER NEWSHAM, CHIEF OF D.C. METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPT.

Newsham was appointed Chief of the MPD in February of 2017, shortly following the J20 mobilization in D.C. Newsham was directly implicated in ordering the kettling and mass arrest that day, which resulted in over 200 of our people currently facing multiple felony charges.

As assistant chief in 2002, Newsham oversaw the mass arrest of nearly 400 people during a mobilization against the IMF & World Bank meeting.

In both cases, police used chemical weapons and blunt force indiscriminately before and during the roundups, followed by torture and sexual assault in jail facilities. After J20, Newsham stated that “all the police officers were outstanding in the judgment that they used.”

Yeah, we don't get along.

HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
“THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT:
PROVIDING ASSISTANCE AT THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE

Richard Stanek, the Sheriff for Hennepin County, MN, will be speaking on his department's experience sending 40 deputies to participate in the repression at Standing Rock under the Emergency

Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). EMAC is an agreement between all 50 states which allows for interstate “mutual aid” between police. EMAC was also used to import more police to repress the rebellion in Baltimore in 2015.

Hennepin County residents responded to the use of HCSO deputies at Standing Rock with multiple public protests calling for their withdrawal, including a brief takeover of Minneapolis City Hall followed by a sit-in.

ROBERT METZGER, CHIEF OF PASCO POLICE DEPT.
“PUBLIC TRUST AFTER A POLICE USE OF DEADLY FORCE INCIDENT”

On February 10, 2015, Antonio Zambrano-Montes was murdered by three police in Pasco, WA. Zambrano was the third person killed by police in Pasco in less than a year, and the unrest which followed was described as a latinx “Ferguson moment.” Marches, rallies and bridge blockades continued for weeks but without the level of conflict seen in other cities responding to police violence in the same period.

In September of 2015, county prosecutors announced their decision not to file charges against the three officers who killed Zambrano.

Metzger’s presentation at IACP invites other agencies to “learn what was done during and after this incident that kept the city calm with no damage done during any of the protests that occurred [and] what the department has done since then to maintain and improve the relationship with the community.”



Below is a list of *some* other notable workshops, descriptions of which can be found on the conference website.

“Today’s Police Chiefs’ Greatest Leadership Challenge: Accountability, Accountability, Accountability”

“Building Public Trust through Community Engagement, Meaningful Relationships, and Police Branding”

“Forum on Protecting Arab, Muslim, Sikh, and South Asian Communities and Responding to Hate Crimes”

“Human Trafficking Task Force Models: Collaborative Partnerships and Proactive Outreach”

“Building Police Legitimacy through Deeper Levels of Community Engagement”

“Creating and Sustaining Diversity for 21st Century Policing”

“Managing the Narrative of Your Critical Incident as Captured by Body-Worn Cameras”

“Partnering with Multi-Lateral Organizations in Fighting Cross-Border Crime”

“Philadelphia Police School Diversion Program: Stemming the School-to-Prison Pipeline”

“Crowd Control: Ensuring Protection of First Amendment Rights”

“Community Policing in Immigrant Communities: Strategies for Gaining Victims’ Trust”

“Hidden Disabilities: Officer and Community Safety”

“Trauma-Informed Policing: Tools for Community-Police Relations”

“Homeless Concerns: Community Policing between Homeless and Business Communities in Center City”

“The Power of Action and Dialogue: Police and Youth Engagement”

“Advancing 21st Century Policing in Smaller, Rural, and Tribal Communities”

“Effectively Responding to Officer-Involved Shootings and Other Critical Incidents”

“Lessons from the COPS Office Collaborative Reform”

“Transforming Police-Community Relations Through Reconciliation”

“A Video Analysis of Immediate Medical Care by Law Enforcement after Officer-Involved Shootings”

“Innovative Approaches in Youth Engagement: The Philadelphia Youth Film Project”

“Recruiting Native American Police Officers Through Traditional Lakota Standards”

“Recruiting, Selecting and Retaining a 21st Century Workforce that Builds Community Trust and Legitimacy”

“Roles of the Police Psychologist in Contested Deadly Force Cases”

“The Crisis Intervention Team is on the Scene:
Is Anyone Better Off?”

“Stewardship of a Black Chief: Balancing Expectations”

“Ethical Policing is Courageous (EPIC): New Orleans Police Department’s Peer Intervention Program”

CORPORATE SPONSORS & VENDORS

This is a very, very small sample of the hundreds of vendors who will be participating at the exhibition hall during the conference. A full list is available on the conference website. Inexplicably, you can also find personal cell phone numbers for representatives of many of these vendors on the website.

- MICROSOFT
- AT&T
- MOTOROLA
- UBER
- SAMSUNG
- AMAZON WEB SERVICES
- HEWLETT PACKARD
- ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE
- BUREAU OF ATF
- DEA
- MULTIPLE DHS OFFICES
- FBI
- GENERAL DYNAMICS
- GENERAL MOTORS
- HARLEY-DAVIDSON
- IBM
- LRAD CORP
- ^a NAT'L ASSOC. OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS
- NAT'L SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION
- NETGEAR
- NEXTDOOR
- PA STATE UNIVERSITY
- U.S. CBP
- ICE

PAST INTERVENTIONS

Generally speaking, the IACP seems to have received fairly minimal public attention. That said, the past couple of years have seen at least two attempts to interfere or call attention to the annual conference.

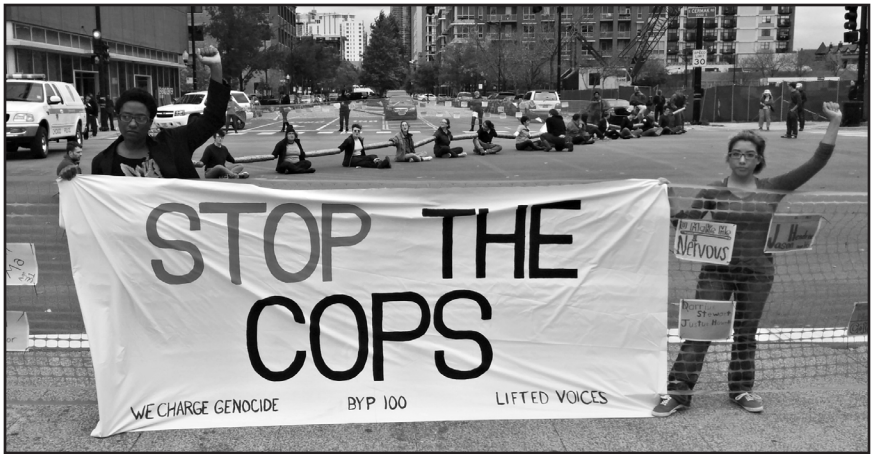
In 2015, the IACP conference in Chicago was met with blockades outside the event organized by Black Youth Project 100 and supported by a number of other groups, including Malcolm X Grassroots Movement, Workers Center for Racial Justice, Ella Baker Center For Human Rights, Organization For Black Struggle (OBS), Southsiders Organized For Unity and Liberation (SOUL), International Socialist Organization (ISO), Chicago Alliance Against the Racist Political Repression (CAARPR), Black Alliance for Just Immigration, Project South, Students For Justice In Palestine (SJP), and more.

Organizers of the action released a statement which read in part:

“Today, community members from around Chicago, and organizers from around the country are standing with Black Youth Project 100 as they protest the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in Chicago. The excessive brutality and overall ineffectiveness of the Chicago police has been widely reported upon throughout the country. During the last year, the city bowed to the pressure of direct action, and agreed to pay reparations to a number of survivors of police torture, but the Chicago Police Department continues many of its violent practices in Black and Brown communities, and police impunity remains a cultural norm. Given this city’s well organized, strongly abolitionist resistance to oppressive police practices, local activists are especially insulted by the presence of the International Chief of Police Conference in our city. We already live in a state of violent occupation. Now, those conditions are being compounded as thousands of police from around the world gather to talk shop about

the tactics and tools they will use to harm people in their communities in the coming year ...

One of the ways we build safety is by organizing together against the forces that threaten us. The police are definitely one of those forces, and their violence must be challenged.”



The next year’s IACP conference in San Diego also saw public opposition, though considerably smaller and less disruptive than in Chicago. After San Diego and looking forward to the Philadelphia conference, the War Resisters League wrote:

“Behind their rhetoric about ‘community needs’, the IACP partners with major arms dealers such as Northrop Grumman and Safariland, as well as police forces around the world notorious for suppressing dissent, from Haiti to Tunisia. In many areas of the world, the line between policing and the military is blurred or not there at all, and come October 2017 in Philadelphia, we will continue to challenge the IACP’s part in that ‘war’ which must end!”



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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
theIACPconference.org

Philadelphia Hotel Information

Book early for best rates and selection at theIACPconference.org.

- **Questions?** Contact OnPeak, the official IACP 2017 housing partner, at iacphotels@onpeak.com or 1.866.524.7456.
- For public transportation information visit theIACPconference.org.

*Rate is available for a limited time.
Rates as of 7/20/17. Rates are subject to change.



CITY LINE AVENUE

1	Courtyard by Marriott, City Avenue	\$169
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SOUTH PHILADELPHIA

2	Courtyard by Marriott, Philadelphia South at The Navy Yard	\$239
3	Holiday Inn Philadelphia Stadium	\$229

DOWNTOWN



4	Aloft Philadelphia Downtown	\$239	14	Holiday Inn Express Philadelphia, Penn's Landing	\$179	24	Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown	\$254
5	Best Western PLUS, Philadelphia Convention Center Hotel	\$259	15	Home2 Suites by Hilton Philadelphia, Convention Center	\$229	25	Sheraton Philadelphia Society Hill	\$214
6	Courtyard by Marriott, Downtown	\$267	16	Hyatt at The Bellevue	\$279	26	Sofitel Philadelphia Hotel	\$277
7	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Center City	\$233	17	Kimpton Hotel Monaco Philadelphia	\$289	27	Sonesta Philadelphia Rittenhouse Square <i>Reduced rate available until July 31</i>	\$222*/\$237
8	Embassy Suites Philadelphia Center City	\$248	18	Kimpton Hotel Palomar Philadelphia	\$289	28	The Franklin Hotel at Independence Park	\$256
9	Four Points by Sheraton, Center City	\$259	19	Le Méridien Philadelphia	\$275	29	The Logan	\$293
10	Hampton Inn Philadelphia Center City, Convention Center	\$199	20	Loews Philadelphia Hotel	\$244	30	The Warwick Hotel, Rittenhouse Square	\$259
11	Hilton Garden Inn, Center City	\$221	21	Philadelphia Marriott Downtown	\$267	31	The Westin Philadelphia	\$275
12	Hilton Philadelphia at Penn's Landing	\$233	22	Residence Inn by Marriott Center City	\$267	42	The Windsor Suites	\$229
13	Holiday Inn Express Midtown	\$219	23	Ritz-Carlton Philadelphia	\$282	33	Wyndham Philadelphia Historic District	\$224

AIRPORT

34	Aloft Philadelphia Airport	\$174
35	Courtyard by Marriott, Airport	\$239
36	DoubleTree by Hilton Philadelphia Airport	\$185
37	Embassy Suites Philadelphia Airport	\$209
38	Four Points by Sheraton, Airport	\$174
39	Hampton Inn Philadelphia Airport	\$169
40	Philadelphia Airport Marriott	\$249
41	Renaissance Philadelphia Airport	\$199
42	Sheraton Suites Philadelphia Airport	\$174

UNIVERSITY CITY

43	Homewood Suites by Hilton, University City	\$224
44	Sheraton Philadelphia, University City	\$205
45	The Study at University City	\$239

MAIN SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

Exhibitor E-Badge Check-in Open 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Exhibitor Registration Open 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

Exhibitor Registration Open 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Delegate Registration Open 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Committee/Section/Division Meetings 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

Delegate and Exhibitor Registration Open 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Committee/Section/Division Meetings 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Education Sessions (workshops) 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Opening Ceremony 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

11th Annual IACP Foundation Gala 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Delegate and Exhibitor Registration Open 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Committee/Section/Division Meetings 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Education Sessions (workshops) 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Exposition Hall Ribbon Cutting Ceremony 9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Exposition Hall Open 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Exposition Hall Networking Event 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

Delegate and Exhibitor Registration Open 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Committee/Section/Division Meetings 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Education Sessions (workshops) 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

General Assembly 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Exposition Hall Open 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

IACP's Chiefs Night 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Delegate and Exhibitor Registration Open 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Committee/Section/Division Meetings 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Education Sessions (workshops) 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Critical Issues Forum 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Exposition Hall Open 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Annual Banquet 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

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