



MASSACHUSETTS CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION

2026 Annual Leadership Conference

Command Under Pressure: Decisions. Risk. Leadership.

September 15–17, 2026

Four Points by Sheraton · Norwood, Massachusetts

Six mandated in-service topics. Three days. One conference.

The Municipal Police Training Committee has approved this conference for **Training Year 2027 in-service credit**. Chiefs and command staff who attend can complete six mandated topics in three days, taught by instructors no standard course can put in the same room, and built for the people who set policy and answer for the department rather than for line-level delivery.

APPROVED IN-SERVICE TOPICS

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| ✓ AI in Policing | ✓ Legal Updates | ✓ Controlled Substances |
| ✓ Digital Investigations | ✓ De-escalation & Use of Force | ✓ Ops Planning Using ICS |

ON THE PROGRAM

Chief Dave Funkhouser (Ret.) — keynote

Eric R. Atstupenas, Esq. — General Counsel, MCOPA

Supt. Drew Evans — Minnesota BCA

Chief Sean Case — Anchorage PD (AK)

James Barrett, Ph.D. — Cambridge PD

Michael Terrio — NESPIN

Amit Patankar — artificial intelligence

MCOPA Women's Leadership Committee

Chief Kristen Ziman (Ret.) — keynote, *Reckonings*

Denise S. Flagg, Esq. — Assistant Legal Counsel, MPTC

Chief Mark Bruley — Brooklyn Park PD (MN)

SAC Jarod Forget — DEA New England Division

Chuck DiChiara — MPTC

Dr. Lewis Schlosser — fitness for duty

Cannabis Control Commission

WHY ATTEND

- Satisfy six required in-service topics in one place, without pulling command staff away six separate times.
- A command-level case study of the Minnesota legislator attacks, presented by the agencies that ran the response and the manhunt that followed.
- The full TY2027 legal update, taught for command decisions rather than line-level tasks.
- Three days alongside 425 chiefs and command staff facing the same problems you are.

REGISTER

masschiefs.org/upcoming-events/fall-2026-annual-training-conference

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