

**We are so Sorry to Inform Everyone that the
Missouri Public Safety Communications Conference Fall 2020 is Cancelled.**

We have continued to monitor the evolving COVID-19 situation and in light of the current increase in positive COVID-19 cases, specifically in the Southwest Missouri area, and the continued fluidity of the situation. We have reluctantly decided to cancel the MPSCC Fall 2020 conference (September 13th – 16th, 2020) at the University Plaza Hotel and Convention Center in Springfield.

We know how disappointing this news will be for many of you. We also realize that numerous agencies have had to cancel due to travel bans within their agencies, but we still had a large attendance and it is obvious that we all just really needed a break away from the office and console and we were looking forward to some great training and networking. I'm so sorry and it breaks all of our hearts to make this decision, but we are trying to be responsible and respectful.

We are thankful that University Plaza Hotel and Convention Center has been so accommodating and we are blessed to have the ability to pre-book the University Plaza Hotel for fall of 2021. University Plaza Hotel has issued a blanket cancellation of all scheduled rooms, so all hotel reservations under the MPSCC Block have already been cancelled automatically by the Hotel to save everyone time. You will not receive notification by email of the room cancellation. If you did not reserve your room under the conference block, you will need to contact them on your own to cancel.

We are committed and will be offering many of the great classes previously scheduled with over 60+ hours of CEU's in the Spring of 2021. Our previously scheduled Keynote speaker, Tim Eggebraaten has also committed to MPSCC Spring 2021 at Margaritaville Lake Resort at Tan-Tar-A for March 21st – 24th, so mark your calendars!

Margaritaville Lake Resort Hotel room booking for the spring 2021 conference is open now. We will share the following hotel registration link <https://irm.margaritavilleresortlakeoftheozarks.com/irmng?g=SSCC> to our MPSCC website www.mpscc911.org and Facebook.com/mpscc911/. If you prefer to call, please advise the room block code **SSCC** when you call (573) 348-3131. Rooms under the block will be open for an extended period, (March 18th through March 25th).

We will be working on moving all Speakers out to the new dates, if possible and working with all Attendees, Commercial Partners and Sponsors to either refund their full registrations or at their request, move them out to the spring conference, March 21-24, 2021.

Commercial Partners / Sponsors: If you have already committed for an exhibit booth, sponsorship, or non-exhibitor registration, we will be working with you to either cancel and issue a full refund to your company on the card paid with, by check or if your company wants to commit for the spring 2021, we will work with you to move your registrations over for the new March conference dates. Please contact Matt Knight at #913-440-9199 or mknight@sdrmaps.com or April Ford at #417-483-0132 or aford@jasco.org to confirm on the full refund or move to spring 2021.

Speakers / Presenters: Cheryl Konarski at CKonarsk@Joplinmo.org or Angie Stiefermann at astiefermann@jeffcitymo.org will be reaching out to check on availability and possible reschedule to the spring 2021 conference. If you have any conflicts, they will be able to assist you.

Attendees: Your registration can either be cancelled for a full refund or with your request, may be moved over to the spring 2021 conference dates above. If you choose to move your registration to the spring and need to make a change in attendees or you need to make other modifications to your registration, please contact April Ford by email aford@jasco.org. You can register with your name as a place holder and fill in the names of the attendees by contacting us when it gets closer to the conference to confirm the names.

MPSCC registration for the spring 2021 will be open in the next week or two. The same Early Bird rate previously given will still apply with a deadline in February.

If you or someone at your agency was receiving an award for 2020 and can attend the spring 2021 banquet, it will be recognized there. You will also want to watch for announcements for the new year award nominations.

If you or someone at your agency was receiving an Association Scholarship, please note that those associations will reach out to you soon with the details of the scholarship.

There will be some announcements coming soon about the possibility of a 1-2 day winter training summit or some meetings on NG911 related to the DPS grant funding and possible online/virtual training opportunities down the road. That will all be announced on the website and Facebook in the coming months.

We look forward to seeing everyone in March, 2021 and we will continue to pray for all of you as we move through this year and continue through uncharted territory. We will also continue to put out more details as we get things set up for the spring conference. Keep watch on the website and Facebook and stay safe and healthy. Take advantage of every online training opportunity you find and we will all be together soon.

See you all soon!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'April Ford', written in a cursive style.

April Ford and the MPSCC Team!

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