

CONFERENCE 2010

September 22-24, 2010
Crystal Mountain Resort – Thompsonville, Michigan
Tentative Agenda Summary



Wednesday, September 22, 2010

- ▶ Registration - begins 4:30 pm
- ▶ Welcome & Agency Reports - begins 6:00 pm
- ▶ Annual Business Meeting & Election of 2011 Officers
- ▶ Hospitality Suite – Pizza & Snacks

Thursday, September 23, 2010

- ▶ Registration
- ▶ **"New Traffic Legislation"**
 - Presented by Peggy Leece (SOS) and Jill Booth (SCAO)
- ▶ **"Update on Legal Issues and Presentation on ARIDE and DRE"**
 - Presented by Sgt. Perry Curtis (MSP) and Kenneth Stecker (PAAM)
- ▶ Dinner Banquet & Award Presentation
- ▶ Investiture of Officers

Friday, September 24, 2010

- ▶ **"Training on Upcoming Time Study"**
 - Presented by Laura Hutzler (SCAO)
- ▶ **"More Traffic, and Speed Measurement"**
 - Presented by Sgt. Lance Cook (MSP)
- ▶ Evaluations & Adjourn – 12 Noon

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The Michigan Association of District Court Magistrates is pleased to announce that this year's Conference will be held September 22-24, 2010 at Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville, MI <http://www.crystallmountain.com/> Crystal Mountain Resort is located in picturesque Northwest Lower Michigan on M-115 (28 miles SW of Traverse City and 39 miles NW of Cadillac). We have organized a great educational program that is very relevant, considering all the new legislation that is effective at the end of this year.

School is in! **Magistrate Conference Education**

The education program of the conference will be full of new information. Representatives from the Secretary of State will be present to give a presentation on the new statutes which take effect this year and some changes regarding driver's license numbers and personal identification cards numbers. There will be information regarding the new High-BAC-Interlock law and also the "take a class-get rid of your points" statute. Additionally, you will want to hear about the one wherein if a driver is given a ticket for an offense which involves an accident, and is found responsible, the points are elevated to 4 points, notwithstanding what the original charge was.

We will also have a presentation on ARIDE (Advanced Roadside Impairment) and DRE (Drug Recognition Education) from our friends at the Prosecutor's Association and Michigan State Police. Further, they will also cover recent legal developments in the courts and legislature and give us an update on the medical marijuana.

Our good friend Lance Cook from MSP will also present on new legislation not covered by the others, as well as the new standards for speed measurement. His presentation will also include the training and education required to perform RADAR/LIDAR. And as always, he will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Finally, all magistrates are going to be required to participate in a time study this fall. Laura Hutzel from the State Court Administrative Office will be present to give us the training for the mandatory participation in the study.

As you can see the education program is full of new information that is imperative to the performance of our duties as magistrates, so please try and attend. Don't forget, we do have scholarships available for those whose funding units may not be able to cover the costs of the conference.

How to Get a Room

Room rates this year start at \$109 (plus lodging tax) for a standard guest room. You may also select a standard hotel room (\$119), suites (\$129) or condos (price varies), but you must contact Crystal Mountain directly at (800) YOUR-MTN or (800) 968-7686. You can use the attached Lodging Form. If you call make sure to mention you are with our group [#45F115] to receive the special rates. Please reserve your room early – ***the Hotel will not hold our block of rooms after August 23rd.***

How to Sign Up

Please use the ***Conference Registration Form*** in this packet to reserve your spot to attend the Conference. You may forward payment with your Registration or pay at the door. However, we really do need to plan for the right amount of participants, so please send in your Registration Form **by August 23, 2010.** While we will never turn away a member, we do need to know who will be attending.

All guests are welcome, but if you plan to bring a spouse (or other important person), please let us know if they will be attending the Thursday lunch or dinner. Extra meal tickets will be available – only \$17.00 for lunch and \$27.00 for dinner at the time of registration. We need to know the numbers for the meals, so please indicate on the Application Form your dinner choice for yourself and your guest so we can properly advise the Resort. ***It's casual business attire for the Banquet.***

Scholarships Available

We are pleased to offer 10 scholarships of up to \$150 each, to those attending the Conference whose funding unit will not pay for a portion (or all) of the expense. If you are a current member of the Association, and your Court does not cover registration or hotel expenses, you qualify for a scholarship. Simply fill out the ***Scholarship Application Form*** with your Registration Form. Recipients will be notified of their award in time to complete your travel arrangements.

Board Nominations

At the Business Meeting to be held on Wednesday night, the Membership will vote for Officers and Directors for the 2011 year. An Officer serves for one year and cannot serve more than 2 consecutive terms. A Director serves a 2 year term and may serve consecutive terms thereafter. We will elect 4 new Officers and 4 new Directors this year. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please send us a completed ***Nominating Petition for 2011 Officers and Directors.*** Nominees will be contacted concerning their willingness to serve before placed on the ballot.

Distinguished Service Award

You will also find in these materials an ***Award Nomination Form*** for our Annual Distinguished Service Award. Please send us your nomination for this important award to recognize those of our colleagues who have improved our profession. MADCM feels it important to recognize our own members and celebrate their accomplishments on behalf of the Association and our profession.

****In order to save postage costs, please let us know (jmckay@shiwasse.net) if you received this packet via email. Otherwise, we will mail out hardcopy Registration Packets to our members who didn't get the email, and to those Magistrates who are not members of MADCM yet. The Conference Registration materials will also be on our website at www.madcm.org.**