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2024 International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in Boston

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The 2024 International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Conference was held in the historic and vibrant city of Boston, Massachusetts. The conference was a remarkable experience for the attendees, both professionally and personally. The annual IACP conference is one of the most prominent gatherings



BPD Van: Parked out front of the conference venue.

for law enforcement leadership each year offering an unparalleled opportunity for chiefs, command staff, and public safety leaders to engage in critical discussions, to learn from each other, and to learn more about innovation and new technology in policing.

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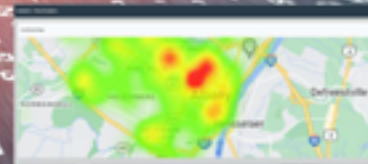


USS Constitution: part of the freedom trail.

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IACP Review From The President

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The IACP 2024 conference, held October 19-22 in Boston, was a landmark event for law enforcement professionals, bringing together leaders and innovators from around the globe. Attendees enjoyed extensive networking opportunities, allowing them to forge meaningful connections with peers, share best practices, and collaborate on solutions to contemporary policing challenges. Structured training events, including panel discussions, provided a dynamic environment for exchanging ideas and fostering partnerships that extend beyond the conference. Not to mention the exhibit arena where state of the art technology was on display that helps our agencies combat crime, care for our members and make connections within our communities.



New York State was very well represented with over 100 police chiefs, command staff and officers attending the event. It was great seeing everyone and, once again, discussing the challenges and solutions for our communities and learning more about new practices from far beyond New York State. IACP continues to be one of the premiere training events, attracting leaders from around the world that come together to learn and grow through training and networking opportunities.

I am looking forward to next year's event in Denver.

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ference. The city is well known for its deep roots in American history and its rich culture. Boston provided the perfect backdrop for the conference. The event took place at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, one of the largest and most modern venues in the country. The city's blend of historic landmarks, like the Freedom Trail, and cutting-edge developments in technology and academia created a unique atmosphere that reflected the evolving nature of law enforcement, creating the opportunity for tradition to meet innovation. It also gave the Boston Police Department the ability to shine, which they did with a blend of professionalism, and unwavering support for the event and its attendees. Those arriving at the convention center were met by a

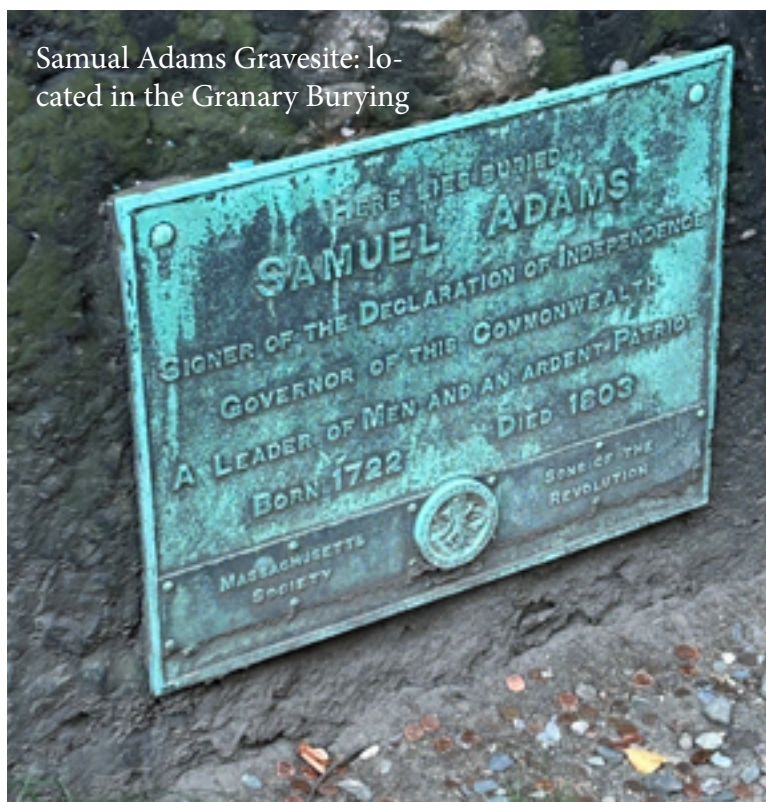


Axon Dog: Axon's give away for 2024.

vintage Boston Police paddy wagon parked out front. There was a phalanx of Boston police officers deployed inside and outside the venue to ensure the success of the conference and to keep the attendees safe.

Those attending the conference had the chance to explore Boston's cultural offerings during uncommitted time. Whether it was taking a walk through the cobblestone streets of Beacon Hill or enjoying the vibrant waterfront, the city offered plenty of opportunities for networking and relaxation after the intense sessions of the day. There was no shortage of great venues to socialize and enjoy a great meal, including the Cheers bar and a tavern that was a favorite of Paul Revere.

One of the highlights of the IACP conference was the series of keynote presentations.



Samuel Adams Gravesite: located in the Granary Burying

This year's lineup included top officials from the Department of Justice, the FBI, and international policing organizations, each bringing insights on the most pressing issues facing law enforcement globally. The conference offered a wide range of workshops and educational sessions, allowing attendees to delve deep into specific areas of interest. Topics ranged from crisis intervention and mental health response strategies to innovations in police technology, such as the use of artificial intelligence and predictive analytics.

For many of the attendees, the sessions on leadership development and officer wellness stood out. For police leaders it's crucial to not only focus on the operational needs of the department but also on the well-being of the officers within the department. The mental health of law enforcement personnel has become a central issue in the profession, and hearing from experts on how to create supportive environments for of-

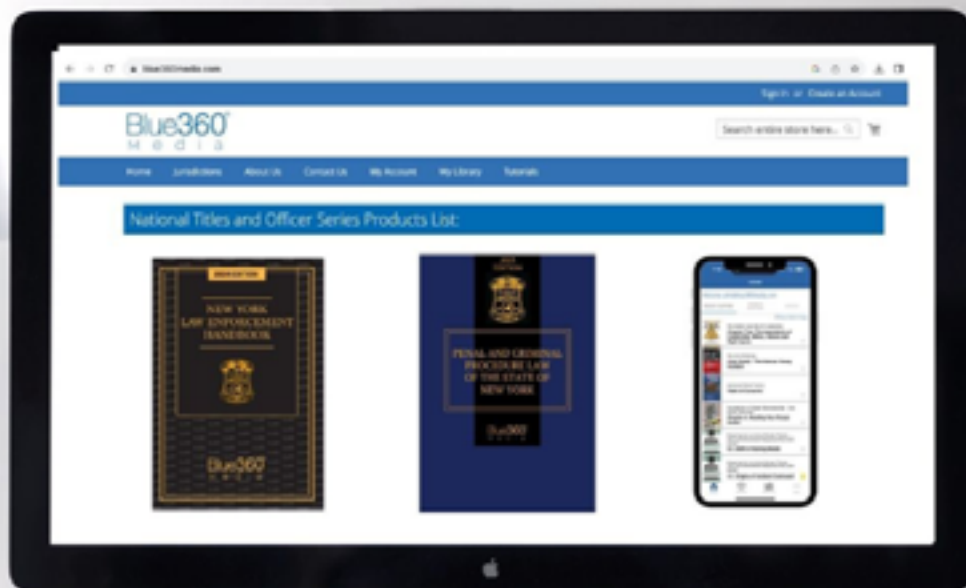
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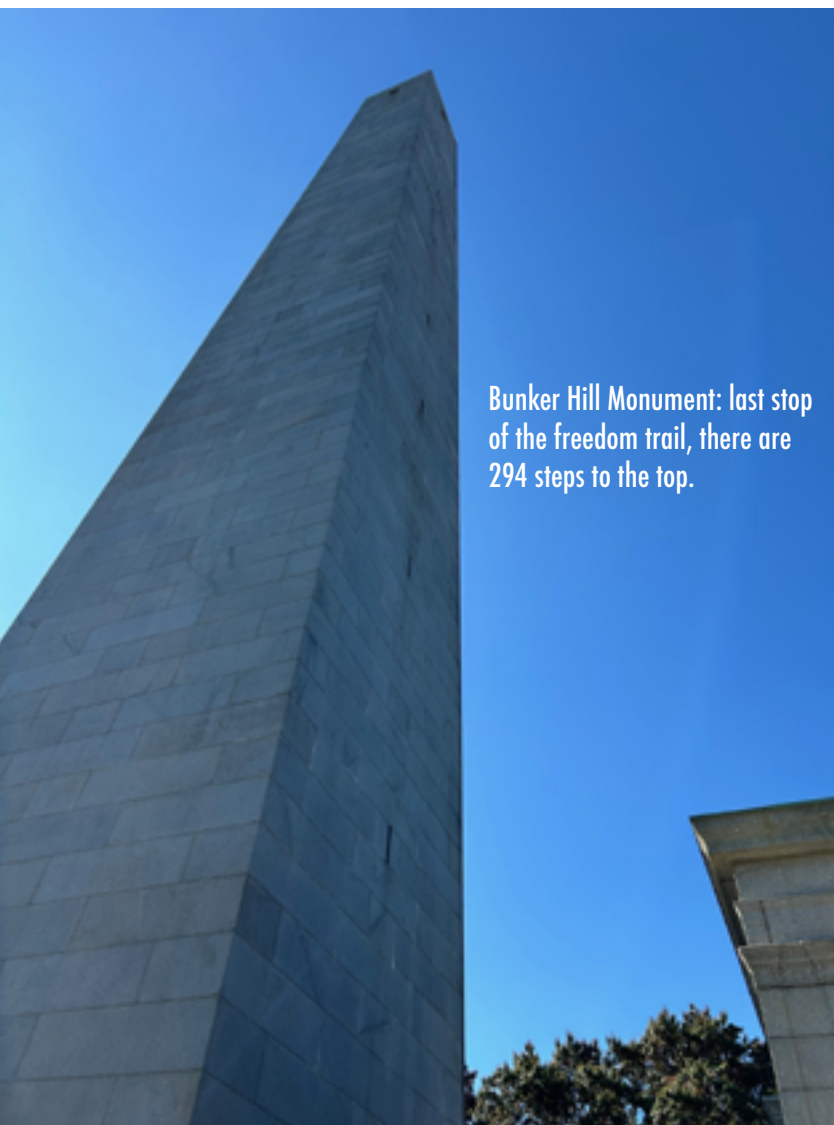
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ficers was both eye-opening and motivating.

The exhibit hall was another highlight of the IACP conference, showcasing the latest in law enforcement technology, equipment, and services, featuring literally an A-to-Z list of law enforcement vendors. Each year it seems as though the footprint of the Axon exhibit grows larger as does their annual attendee giveaway. Many attendees no doubt debated how to transport their large stuffed Axon dog home. Last year Axon focused on their new Taser, the Taser-Ten model, while this year virtual reality and artificial intelligence was a large focus for the company. Several vendors had products to facilitate drone-as-a-first responder, to enable even small departments to have aerial platforms to assist their officers. Artificial intelligence was also imbedded in many of the products on display, being used to write draft police reports, for video analytics and many other tasks.

Many chiefs likely felt as though they had a glimpse



Bunker Hill Monument: last stop of the freedom trail, there are 294 steps to the top.



Chief Stu Cameron and Gordon Graham, founder of Lexipol.

into the future of policing, but these products are available today. Keeping up with the ever-expanding capabilities of law enforcement technology can certainly be daunting, but it is essential. Hands-on demonstrations gave attendees the chance to explore how these tools could enhance their operations, improve community safety and keep their officers safe. For those in the market for a specific piece of equipment or new technology, the IACP conference offers an unparalleled opportunity to comparison shop, and to determine which product offers the right fit for their needs.

Networking is always a key component of the conference. With thousands of law enforcement professionals from around the globe in attendance, the opportunity to share experiences, challenges, and solutions is an invaluable aspect. Conversations ranged from discussions on recruitment and retention to approaches about addressing crime in urban and rural environments. There was also plenty of opportunity to reconnect with old friends and to make new ones.

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Paul Revere's house: part of the freedom trail.

Many vendors had events in the evening after the exhibition hall had closed for the day to further discussions about their products, bring together those who are customers with those exploring their products, and to entertain with everything from mermaids to stilt walkers on display. For those who attended the Lexipol event there was an opportunity to get a photo with the company's founder, Gordon Graham, now who could have predicted that would happen?

One of the unique aspects of the IACP conference is the international presence. Chiefs of police from countries as diverse as Australia, the UAE, Japan, and the United Kingdom attended, providing a global perspective on common issues. Yes, the British were coming to Boston this year. It is fascinating to learn how different countries approach challenges such as cyber-

crime, terrorism, and drug trafficking, and how departments in America can adapt and implement some of their strategies here at home. Attending the 2024 IACP conference in Boston was not just an opportunity to learn about the latest in law enforcement but a chance to connect with a global community of professionals dedicated to public safety. The experience was both inspiring and enlightening, reinforcing the importance of collaboration and innovation in policing today.

The roles of police chiefs are evolving faster than ever before, and the IACP conference remains an essential platform for leadership development and the exchange of new ideas.

After this year's event, attendees can return to their departments with renewed energy and a clearer vision of how to lead effectively in a rapidly changing world. Next year's IACP Conference will be held in Denver, Colorado. If you plan to attend book your room now.



Orange County Chiefs at IACP. From Left to Right: Chief Daniel Doellinger (Town of Chester PD), Chief William Worden (City of Port Jervis PD), Chief John Hank (Town of Montgomery PD) Chief Michael Maresca (Town of Mount Hope PD)



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Views of the 2024 IACP Exposition Hall.



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