



# Ontario Forensic Investigators Association Educational Conference

2023



**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR ATTENDEES AND VENDORS!!!**

**When:** Tuesday May 2<sup>ND</sup> to Friday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
**Where:** Double Tree Resort and Spa  
6039 Fallsview Blvd, Niagara Falls, Ontario

## **Main Hall Speakers**

OFIA has assembled an excellent list of Main Hall Speakers for 2023. With having the Main Hall format, it allows all attendees to take part in these presentations. Main Halls will run all day May 2, the morning of May 3 and the morning of May 5.

**Julie Weil** – Victim Advocate and Founder of Not Just Me Foundation  
**Paige Kneeland** – (Sacramento Sherriff's Department) – Golden State Killer Presentation  
**Steve Smith** (Toronto Police) and **Jeremy Tatum** (Crown) – Genealogy Presentation  
**Durham Regional Police Service** – 10 Years Between Murders (Adam Strong Case)  
**Guelph Police Service** – Genealogy Solved Linked Cases

## **Workshops / Poster Presentations**

On top of our list of main hall speakers, OFIA will again be offering a number of workshops, covering off case studies, new techniques and research in the field of forensics. New this year, will be the addition of a Poster Session, where professionals and University Students, can present their research on a more intimate setting of 1 on 1 or smaller groups and where attendees can move from poster to poster at their own pace.

## **Vendors**

Once again, OFIA will incorporate a Vendor / Exhibitor Hall for attendees to visit and meet with companies and organizations related to forensic equipment and applications. Vendors will be set up all day on May 3 and the morning of May 4.

## **Whova App**

OFIA will again use the conference app called "Whova". This app encompasses all aspects of the conference, including registration information, presentation information, speaker bios, sign up for workshops, virtual vendor booths, ride sharing, the ability to ask questions of the conference organizers and speakers, plus numerous other functions. Whova definitely takes the conference experience to another level.

## **Guest Travelling with You?**

If you will have a guest traveling with you during the conference, please make sure to book for double occupancy as this will ensure your guest will also have access to breakfast. You will also have the option at registration to opt into the Hospitality Suite for the week and this year, there will be an option for your guest (19 yrs +) to join you in the Hospitality Suite.

## **Hotel**

The Double Tree Resort and Spa at 6039 Fallsview Blvd in Niagara Falls, has hosted two previous OFIA Conferences and will see OFIA return in 2023. An excellent venue which allows attendees and vendors to stay on site and have all of the conference action on the same floor. Double Tree is in the middle of the action and within walking distance of Niagara Falls, Clifton Hill, both casinos and numerous restaurants. The hotel has set aside a block of rooms with a conference rate of,

Single @ \$145.24 plus 18.65% taxes/fees and \$2.26 City Tax

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Room rates booked through the OFIA Rate Plan include breakfast at the hotel restaurant. If you book under double occupancy the room will receive two breakfast vouchers per night's stay.

Please refer to the conference when booking your room to ensure you get the room rate which includes breakfast. You can find a link on ofia.ca or the following link below.

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/iagdt-dt-ofi-d4a09108-a398-42d9-9595-6ca14284988a/>

## **Registration**

Registration is now open for attendees and vendors. Attendance is open to; members of police services, government agencies such as CFS, OFPS, OFM and faculty members of recognized Educational Institutions. Registration for attendees is \$500 which includes all main hall presentations, access to workshops and poster presentations, Exhibitors Hall, coffee breaks and lunches.

Vendors can access a booth for \$1000 which include your physical booth at the conference, digital ads and a virtual booth on the Whova App. Vendor registration is on a first come, first serve basis.

For further information regarding registration or vendors, please visit our website at ofia.ca, or contact,

### Attendee Registration

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### Vendor Registration

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See you in Niagara Falls!!!