# 2027 IFTA Educational Forum
# Registration Information

## June 21-25, 2027

*IFTA, Inc. Team and the Board of Trustees invite you to attend IFTA, Inc.'s premier event of 2027!*

## Hilton New Orleans Riverside
## New Orleans, LA



## PRELIMINARY DRAFT AGENDA

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| **Sunday, June 20, 2027** | |
| ***1:00pm – 5:00pm*** | ***On-Site Check-In and Assistance Center*** |
| 5:00pm – 6:00pm | Presenter's Meeting |
| **Monday, June 21, 2027** | |
| ***7:00am – 4:00pm*** | ***On-Site Check-In and Assistance Center*** |
| ***7:00am – 5:00pm*** | ***Law Enforcement Fallen Heroes Reflection Room*** |
| ***7:00am – 8:30am*** | ***Breakfast (90 minutes)*** |
| 8:30am – 12:00pm | **GENERAL SESSION** – PART 1<br>• Housekeeping<br>• Field Trip /Simulator<br>• Hazmat Cargo Tank Inspection (Andrew James)<br>Examples of Pre-IFTA Filings, Deep History of IFTA, How Stakeholders Relate and Work Together, Discussion Panel, Lifecycle of Fuel– *Carmen Martorana, Rick LaRose, Marisa Elliott, Kelly Heaton* |
| ***10:45am – 11:00am*** | ***Beverage Break*** |
| ***12:00pm – 1:30pm*** | ***Lunch (on your own 90 minutes)*** |
| 1:30pm – 4:30pm | **GENERAL SESSION** – PART 2<br>• Housekeeping<br>• Field trip /Simulator<br>• Hazmat Cargo Tank Inspection (Andrew James)<br>Examples of Pre-IFTA Filings, Deep History of IFTA, How Stakeholders Relate and Work Together, Discussion Panel, Lifecycle of Fuel – *Carmen Martorana, Rick LaRose, Marisa Elliott, Kelly Heaton* |
| ***3:45pm – 4:00pm*** | ***Networking Beverage and Snack Break*** |
| ***7:00am – 4:00pm*** | ***On-Site Check-In and Assistance Center*** |
| ***7:00am – 4:30pm*** | ***Law Enforcement Fallen Heroes Reflection Room*** |
| ***6:30am – 8:00am*** | ***Breakfast (Provided) (90 minutes)*** |
| 8:00am – 10:00am | **GENERAL SESSION** (120 minutes)<br>Color Guard – Louisiana State Police Honor Guard<br>National Anthem - TBD<br>Welcome to NOLA – TBD<br>Keynote Speaker - Christine Cashen<br>IFTA Updates/TRUEdu – IFTA Team/Rick LaRose |

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| ***10:00am – 10:30am*** | ***Networking Beverage Break (30 minutes)*** |
| 10:30am – 12:00pm | **CLASS TIME - CORE CLASSES** (90 minutes)<br>Audit: Juniors – Planning the Audit, Seniors – Large Fleet Audits<br>Admin: IFTA Onboarding<br>Law Enforcement: Fraudulent Credential Detection & Chameleon Carriers – LEO Only<br>Industry: Records that Matter: From Paper Files to Digital Data |
| ***12:00pm –12:30pm*** | ***Charles M. Mills Award of Excellence*** |
| ***12:30pm – 1:30pm*** | ***Lunch Provided (60 minutes)*** |
| 1:30pm – 2:30pm | **CLASS TIME - ELECTIVES** (60 minutes)<br>Audit: Fraud and Snacks<br>Audit: Internal Controls, Sampling & Projection<br>Admin: Beyond Fuel Taxes for Admin and Motor Carriers<br>Law Enforcement: Bridging the Gap – ELP/ELD Rules, Exemptions, and Cross Jurisdictional Collaboration<br>Industry: Alternative Fuels: Trends Technology, and Compliance Considerations |
| ***2:30pm – 2:45pm*** | ***Transition to Breakout Rooms (15 minutes)*** |
| 2:45pm – 3:45pm | **CLASS TIME - ELECTIVES** (60 minutes)<br>Audit: GPS/VTS & ELD<br>Audit: Audit Selection and Joint Audits<br>Admin: IFTA/IRP – What's the Difference?<br>Law Enforcement: Fuel Theft and Blended Fuel<br>Law Enforcement: NC Highway Patrol<br>Industry: International Travel: Crossing Borders with Confidence |
| ***3:45pm – 4:00pm*** | ***Networking Beverage & Snack Break / Transition to General Session (15 minutes)*** |
| 4:00pm – 5:00pm | **GENERAL SESSION** (60 minutes)<br>Human Trafficking – A Lived Experience – *Presenter: Ele DeRomano (S.T.A.R.S.)* |
| ***7:30pm – 10:00pm*** | ***Charity Event – Murder Mystery*** |
| **Wednesday, June 23, 2027** | |
| ***7:00am – 4:00pm*** | ***On-Site Check-In and Assistance Center*** |
| ***7:00am – 5:00pm*** | ***Law Enforcement Fallen Heroes Reflection Room*** |
| ***6:30am – 8:00am*** | ***Breakfast (Provided) (90 minutes)*** |
| 8:00am – 9:30am | **GENERAL SESSION** (90 minutes)<br>FMCSA<br>Chameleon Carriers |
| ***9:30am – 10:00am*** | ***Networking Beverage Break (30 minutes)*** |
| 10:00am – 11:30am | **CLASS TIME - CORE CLASSES** (90 minutes)<br>Audit: Juniors – Fieldwork, Seniors – Complex Audit Issues<br>Admin: Returns to Netting: Connecting the Pieces |

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| | Law Enforcement: Fuel Theft and Blended Fuel<br>Industry: From Decals to Deadlines: Understanding Registration and Fuel Tax Reporting |
| ***11:30am – 1:00pm*** | ***Lunch on Your Own (90 minutes)*** |
| 1:00pm – 2:00pm | **CLASS TIME - ELECTIVES** (60 minutes)<br>Audit: Bulk Fuel<br>Audit: Audit Appeals<br>Admin: The Good, The Gaps, and The Growth<br>Law Enforcement: Aurora Innovations: Autonomous Vehicle Operations, Safety, and First Responder Engagement – Gary McCarthy<br>Industry: Best Practices for Documentation and Record Keeping |
| ***2:00pm – 2:15pm*** | ***Networking Beverage & Snack Break / Transition to Class (15 minutes)*** |
| 2:15pm – 3:15pm | **CLASS TIME - ELECTIVES** (60 minutes)<br>Audit: Excel Tips and Tricks<br>Audit: Audit Management<br>Admin: Understanding Jurisdictional Differences<br>Law Enforcement: Creating Legislation, Rules and Regulations for Autonomous Commercial Vehicles and Platooning Operations – Bob Andress, Gary McCarthy, and Mandy Nard<br>Industry: Day in the Life of Industry: Behind the Wheel and Beyond |
| ***3:15pm – 3:45pm*** | ***Networking Beverage & Snack Break / Transition to General Session (30 minutes)*** |
| 3:45pm – 5:00pm | **GENERAL SESSION** (75 minutes)<br>Future of IFTA/Decals – Bob Andress<br>IFTA Clearinghouse – Marisa Elliott and Jason DeGraf |
| 5:00pm – 5:45pm | IAC Meeting |
| **Thursday, June 24, 2027** | |
| ***7:00am – 4:00pm*** | ***On-Site Check-In and Assistance Center*** |
| ***7:00am – 4:30pm*** | ***Law Enforcement Fallen Heroes Reflection Room*** |
| ***6:30am – 8:00am*** | ***Breakfast (Provided) (90 minutes)*** |
| 8:00am – 9:30am | **GENERAL SESSION** (90 minutes)<br>AI – Hunter Sundbeck (Weaver)<br>Ballot Process – Carmen Martorana and Sarah Kamhi |
| ***9:30am – 10:00am*** | ***Networking Beverage Break (30 minutes)*** |
| 10:00am – 11:30am | **CLASS TIME – CORE CLASSES** (90 minutes)<br>Audit: Audit Communications<br>Admin: PCRC/Jurisdictional Compliance<br>Law Enforcement: MCSAP Grants<br>Industry: Don't Panic! Surviving an IFTA Audit |
| ***11:30am – 1:00pm*** | ***Lunch Provided (90 minutes)*** |
| 1:00pm – 2:00pm | **CLASS TIME – ELECTIVES** (60 minutes) |

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| | Audit: Records Reviews<br>Audit: Day in the Life of Legal<br>Admin: I'm an IFTA Commissioner, Now What?<br>Law Enforcement: Case Files: You Be the Investigator<br>Law Enforcement: M&M Blitz / IFTA Clearinghouse<br>Industry: Future of Technology: Preparing for What's Next |
| ***2:00pm – 2:15pm*** | ***Networking Beverage & Snack Break / Transition to Class (15 minutes)*** |
| 2:15pm – 3:15pm | **CLASS TIME - ELECTIVES** (60 minutes)<br>Audit: Coordinating with Service Providers<br>Audit: PCRC Review Process<br>Admin: What Can the IFTA Website Do for Me?<br>Law Enforcement: Law Enforcement Roundtable with Industry and IFTA Audit Stakeholders<br>Industry: MPG Management: Turning Fuel Data into Action |
| ***3:15pm – 3:45pm*** | ***Networking Beverage & Snack Break / Transition to General Session (30 minutes)*** |
| 3:45pm – 5:00pm | **GENERAL SESSION / FORUM WRAP-UP** (75 minutes)<br>Fact, Fiction, or Fabrication: The Counterfeit Credentials Saga – Billy Johnson |
| ***6:30pm – 9:30pm*** | ***Evening GRADUATION – Sponsored by Legatus*** |
| **Friday, June 25, 2027** | |
| ***7:00am – 12:00pm*** | ***IFTA Assistance Center*** |
| ***7:00am - 8:30am*** | ***Beverage and light breakfast (Provided)*** |
| ***8:30am – 12:00pm*** | **GENERAL SESSION**<br>Leases Panel – Inta Watson, Bill Curry, Sarah Kamhi, Nate Bett, Dwayne Wilder, Jason Springfield<br>DRC Mock Hearing – Tom McDaniel and Admin Group |

# 2027 IFTA EDUCATIONAL FORUM

## REGISTRATION FORM

**Hilton New Orleans Riverside • New Orleans, Louisiana • June 21–25, 2027**

## REGISTRATION FEES

All fees are listed in U.S. funds. Registration is subject to availability.

| Registration Type | Early Bird Paid by Jan. 29, 2027 | Regular After Jan. 29, 2027 | Select |
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| Board Member / Approved Sponsor / Presenter / IFTA Team — Funded by IFTA | $0.00 | $0.00 | ☐ |
| Funded Traveler — POP or Grant (Additional Forms Required) | $0.00 | $0.00 | ☐ POP ☐ Grant |
| Member Jurisdiction Representative — Non-Funded | $740.00 ☐ | $815.00 ☐ | |
| IFTA Subscriber | $750.00 ☐ | $825.00 ☐ | |
| Industry and General Public | $800.00 ☐ | $875.00 ☐ | |

**Early Bird Deadline:** January 29, 2027. **Registration Deadline:** April 9, 2027, or earlier if full capacity is reached.

**SPONSORSHIP** For sponsorship opportunities and packages, contact Rick LaRose at rlarose@iftach.org.

## ATTENDEE INFORMATION

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| FIRST NAME: | LAST NAME: |
| TITLE: | COMPANY / ORGANIZATION: |
| MAILING ADDRESS: | |
| CITY: | STATE / PROVINCE: |
| ZIP / POSTAL CODE: | TELEPHONE: |
| E-MAIL: | ATTENDEE NAME as it should appear on your BADGE: |

## ATTENDEE QUESTIONS

1. Do you have food allergies or dietary restrictions? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Please identify any food allergies or dietary restrictions: _____
3. ORIENTATION DAY — Monday, June 21, 2027. Are you attending? ☐ Yes ☐ No
4. Murder Mystery Charity Event - Tuesday, June 22, 2027. Are you attending? ☐ Yes ☐ No
5. Are you new to IFTA? (0–1 year experience) ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. Is this your first Educational Forum? ☐ Yes ☐ No
7. Will you be attending the Thursday Night Graduation Reception? ☐ Yes ☐ No
   a) If yes, will you be bringing a plus one? (Plus one cost **$100**) ☐ Yes ☐ No
   b) Plus-One Fee: A separate invoice for the $100 plus-one fee will be issued. Please provide the email address where the invoice should be sent. Email:_____
8. Will you be attending Friday session, June 25, 2027? ☐ Yes ☐ No
9. I have read and acknowledge the IFTA Code of Conduct ☐ Yes
10. Funded Travelers: I have read and acknowledge the IFTA, Inc. Travel Policy and IFTA, Inc. Airline Policy. ☐ Yes ☐ N/A
11. I confirm I have read and agree to the payment and cancellation/refund information. ☐ Yes
12. Select the option that best describes you: ☐ Administrator ☐ Industry/Carrier ☐ Law Enforcement ☐ Jr. Auditor (0-3) ☐ Sr. Auditor/Audit Manager (+4 yrs.)

## EDUCATIONAL FORUM CHECK-IN BEGINS:

**Sunday, June 20, 2027 | 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

## HOTEL INFORMATION

**Hilton New Orleans Riverside**
Two Poydras Street • New Orleans, LA 70130 • (504) 561-0500
***Hotel Reservation Deadline*:** May 28, 2027 at 5:00 PM CT — No exceptions.
IFTA-funded travelers MUST contact travel@iftach.org for hotel reservations.
*Tax and fees are subject to change without notice.*

| Hotel Charge | Rate |
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| Room Rate | $133.00 |
| Sales Tax | 16.75% |
| Occupancy Tax | $3.00 |
| Nightly Rate Total | $158.28 |

**Check-In / Check-Out:** 4:00 PM / 11:00 AM
**Parking:** Valet $58.00 + tax/night • Self-Parking $50.00 + tax/night
**Non-Funded Travelers:** Use the designated IFTA hotel reservation link. IFTA 2027 Educational Forum Room Reservation. One night's guestroom and tax must be secured by credit card at booking.
**Cancellation Policy:** 3-day cancellation policy. Any reservation cancelled within the 3-day cancellation prior to arrival is refundable.

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

Accepted methods: Credit Card, ACH/Electronic Payment, Check or Money Order.
**Credit Card:** A payment link will be provided during online registration at www.iftach.org.
**ACH/Electronic:** Available to jurisdiction representatives. Contact accounting@iftach.org for instructions.
Individual or group invoices are available upon request.

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**MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO IFTA, Inc.**
In U.S. funds, mail to:
IFTA, Inc.
PO Box 24195
Tempe, AZ 85285

## CANCELLATION, REFUND & PAYMENT POLICY

**On or before April 9, 2027:** Full refund.

**April 10 through May 13, 2027:** Refund less a $100.00 cancellation fee.

**On or after May 14, 2027:** No refund will be issued. Emergency exceptions may be reviewed by IFTA, Inc.

**Payment deadline:** A $50.00 USD late-payment penalty will be added to registration fees not paid in full or not received by IFTA, Inc. by May 14, 2027.

**No-Show / Liability:** Preregistered individuals who do not attend and fail to submit written cancellation by the applicable deadline are responsible for the full registration fee. If IFTA, Inc. paid their travel expenses, they are also responsible for all prepaid travel costs.

**Refunds:** Refunds are available only to individuals who paid registration fees in advance and submitted written cancellation notice before May 14, 2027. Refunds will be issued using the original payment method. Emergency exceptions will be reviewed by IFTA, Inc.

## QUESTIONS

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