

Dear POPAI Members:

POPAI has sought input from our members regarding the location of the Annual Fall Conference via Poll Questions on the POPAI website, as well as through feedback forms at all of the POPAI trainings held in 2013 and 2014. Several POPAI members asked that POPAI investigate the possibility of holding the Annual Fall Conference in Indy or in northern Indiana.

In the past, POPAI has moved locations for the Fall Conference to Indy and northern Indiana in an attempt to get more participation from across all parts of the state. Our registration numbers were lower in Indy and in northern Indiana. To date, the registration numbers have shown that no matter where we hold the training, the same counties participate year after year.

Nevertheless, in order to serve ALL of our members, POPAI sought feedback from Chief POs regarding the location of our Fall Conference. Many factors ultimately determine how many POs attend including budgets, topics, staff interest in the training/topics, etc. We asked all Chief POs to take a brief survey and to provide an ESTIMATE of how many potential POs would attend the 2015 conference based on LOCATION.

Results of the survey of all Indiana Chief POs:

- 1) 74 Chief POs completed the survey.
- 2) **Q1 How many POs did your department send to the 2014 POPAI Fall Conference in French Lick?**
73 answered. **221**
- 3) **Q2 If your answer to question #1 was zero (-0-) and/or was fewer than in previous years, please indicate ALL reason(s) why your department did not send any POs (or sent fewer POs) to the 2014 POPAI Fall Conference.** Answered: 32 Skipped: 42.
18 = budget constraints. 13 = too far, too expensive to pay for hotel rooms. 11= workload/too busy.
- 4) **Q3 For 2015, how many POs do you ESTIMATE you would send to the POPAI Fall Conference IF: the conference is held in French Lick.**
Answered: 72 Skipped: 2 **299 (35% more than they sent in 2014).**
- 5) **Q4 For 2015, how many POs do you ESTIMATE you would send to the POPAI Fall Conference IF: the conference is held in Indianapolis.**
Answered: 73 Skipped: 1 **266 (21% more than 2014); 33 fewer than if in French Lick.**
- 6) **Q5 For 2015, how many POs do you ESTIMATE you would send to the POPAI Fall Conference IF: the conference is held in northern Indiana (i.e., Blue Chip Resort in Michigan City or Merrillville)?**
Answered: 73 Skipped: 1 **210 (11 fewer than in 2014); 89 fewer than if held in French Lick.**
- 7) **Q6 Comments / Suggestions:** Answered: 40 Skipped: 34

Comments categorized as follows:

Alternate north and south	5%
Anyplace ok	15%
French Lick preferred.	45%
Indy	7.50%
No budget for overnight	2.50%
Uncategorized	25%