Minnesota Sheriff's Mounted Posse Association

Annual Convention



Hosting the Annual Convention

Hosting the Annual Convention is a lot of fun and even more rewarding when you can get all of the Minnesota Sheriff's Mounted Posse Members together, to celebrate both the previous year and the upcoming year! See friends you haven't seen in a while, as well as Network and meet new friends.

The Annual Convention is not only a fundraiser for the MSMPA, but more so for YOUR County Posse!

You can make it as big or small as you'd like. Your County has the freedom to do whatever you would like, as far as food, entertainment, fundraisers, etc. The sky's the limit!

When it comes to how much money you can raise, well, that's up to you. From your profits, \$500 will go to the Minnesota Sheriff's Mounted Posse Associations general fund. \$1,500 will go to the MSMPA Scholarship Fund and the rest is **YOUR COUNTY'S**!

What an Awesome way to bring Awareness to both your county and the MSMPA!

Step 1: Pick a Date

If your county is hosting the Annual Convention, you will want to pick a date for your event. Historically, this event has been some time in March or beginning of April. During this event, we will also have a quick Annual MSMPA Meeting.

Step 2: Find a Venue

You will want to find a venue that will suit your event and your extra fundraisers during the event.

Some things to consider are that in the past, we have had roughly 150-200+ people attend.

You will want a place for people to sit and eat, a place for your caterer, room for a live & silent auction, etc.

Step 3: Gather information on Places for Guests to stay

We have guests coming from all over Minnesota, so this could mean they will be traveling sometimes up to 4+ hours one way.

Are there hotels, bed & breakfasts, etc in your area that your guests can stay for the night or two?

You will want to provide this information with your registration forms.

If needed, do you have an option for people to get to and from your event? Uber, a bus, taxi, or other form of transportation?

Step 4: Start Planning!

Again, your event is completely up to you! We will share some ideas of what has been done in the past.

- 1. Plan your Schedule.

 Here are a couple ideas...
- 2. Determine the price Of your registration.
- 3. Get this information to msmpapublications@gmail.com
 As soon as possible so we can Help spread the word!





Determine How Guest will register...

How can your guests register?

In person, Mail, online, etc.

Will there be other forms of payment, such as Cash, Check, Debit/Credit card, Venmo, PayPal...

What is your RSVP Date?

Again, be sure to submit all this information to <u>MSMPApublications@gmail.com</u> so that they can help spread the word to members via facebook and email.

The Annual Gun Auction

Every year the hosting County purchases a Rifle for the gun auction. This is where the \$500 donation to the MSMPA usually comes from. You can also have it engraved. This is always a huge crowd Pleaser!

If you would prefer that the MSMPA purchases the rifle, the MSMPA will get the purchase price of the rifle plus the \$500 from the auction.







Live & Silent Auctions

Historically, there have been both Live and Silent Auctions.

Each County has been asked to bring a minimum of 3 Live Auction Items and 3 Silent Auction Items to your event.

If your county choses to do this, please advertise this on your registration.

It is always good if your county obtains items to add to these auctions as well.







Don't forget the FOOD!

Your county will want to chose your caterer, meal, drinks, etc.



Entertainment

Will your county have additional entertainment? (not required, but something to think about)

Live Band, a small one person band, dinner music, Casino night, a hypnotist, comedian, games...



Scrapbook Contest

In the past, we have invited County's to bring their scrapbook, for both sharing what their county has been doing over the past year and who their members are, so we can all learn a little bit more about them.

We have thrown in a little contest with this.

Your county can choose what their prizes will be.









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MN State Mounted Posse Association Annual Convention Scrapbook Judging Guidelines



For each criterion listed, score the scrapbook on a scale of 1 to 10, With 10 being the BEST score. Use a separate form for each scrapbook.

1-2= Poor 3-4= Fair	5-6= Average	7-8= Above Average	9-10= Excellent
Cou	nty:		
Type of Scrapbook:	Photo Scrap	book Digital M	edia Scrapbook
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Introduction of the State Posse Assoc

The MSMPA will have a small business meeting during the event, usually after the meal. You will want a "head table" for the MSMPA Executive Board Members (about 5 places) to sit during this meeting.

This meeting will quickly finish up the prior MSMPA meeting and conduct any voting on discussions that need to be done.

Introduction of the MSMPA Counties in attendance

This is a great time to recognize where all your guests are from. It's always fun to learn who is a part of the Association or may be interested in joining.

Recognizing the Sheriffs' in attendance

Without our supporting Sheriffs', we wouldn't be here. Give them a Shout Out! Thank them for attending.

Posse Person of the Year or other Awards

It's always fun to see who has been selected as a Posse Person of the year for their County. Usually, there is a short award ceremony, where members from each county, that chose to participate, can stand and recognize their Posse Person of the year.

Collect the County's names and/or award presenter at the registration of the event.







Scholarship Recipients

Each year the MSMPA awards individuals who have applied for a MSMPA Scholarship or a Don Eustice Scholarship award.

The MSMPA invites them and their families to the banquet as well.

The MSMPA will pay for the Scholarship winners registration fee.



Other ideas...

Liquor Wheelbarrow Raffle

50/50 Raffle

Meat Raffle



The Most Important Part...

Have FUN!!!

Enjoy the day and all your friends.







Donation Checks to the MSMPA

The payments for the following are due to the MSMPA Treasurer within 30 days of your event.

\$500 MSMPA

\$1500 MSMPA Scholarship Fund

We Thank Your County for being so generous and hosting this amazing event!

MSMPA Executive Board