Welcome to our 2026 Hostage/Crisis Negotiations Conference and Trade Show

Welcome to Chandler, Arizona, and the NTOA's 26th Annual Hostage/Crisis Negotiations Conference and 3rd Annual National Negotiators' Challenge.

We are excited to welcome more than 650 attendees representing five countries, including our international guests from Canada, the Netherlands, South Korea, and Ukraine.

With more than 30 seminars and real-world incident debriefs, this year's conference offers valuable opportunities to learn from leading professionals in law enforcement and related fields. We encourage you to take full advantage of the training and expertise shared throughout the week.

On Sunday, 12 teams will compete in the National Negotiators' Challenge, a scenario-based competition offering realistic training and expert feedback. Once again, Heckler & Koch (H&K) is generously supporting the event by awarding HK VP9 A1 K Optics Ready pistols to the winning team.

Our trade show runs Monday through Thursday in the Acacia Ballroom, featuring the latest negotiation technology, equipment, and services. Be sure to visit the NTOA Store, open Monday through Wednesday in the same location, for exclusive NTOA merchandise.

Join us for our Welcome Reception on Monday, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., on the resort lawn. Generously sponsored by Axon, this event is open to all attendees, exhibitors, and instructors and offers a great opportunity to unwind, connect with colleagues, and enjoy dinner and drinks.

Another conference highlight takes place Wednesday at 6:00 p.m., featuring a powerful incident debrief and an exclusive screening of **iHostage**, a gripping documentary about the real-life 2022 hostage crisis inside an Apple Store in the Netherlands.

Thank you for joining us and for your dedication to the profession. We wish you a productive, engaging, and rewarding week!