

*PENNSYLVANIA STATE
CORONERS' ASSOCIATION*

*2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
AND EXPOSITION*

ATTENDEE GUIDE AND REGISTRATION



*WIND CREEK RESORT & CASINO
BETHLEHEM, PA
SEPTEMBER 16-20, 2024*

HOSTED BY NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

JOIN US!

2024 Pennsylvania State Coroners' Association Annual Conference and Expo

***September 16-20, 2024 - Wind Creek Bethlehem
77 Wind Creek Boulevard, Bethlehem, PA 18015***



We are excited to announce the PSCA Annual Conference & Expo taking place on September 16-20, 2024. This year's conference will be hosted by Northampton County at the Wind Creek Resort and Casino.

This event is your best opportunity to network with your fellow Pennsylvania coroners, chief deputies, and deputies as well as other first responders and law enforcement at one event.

At this year's convention, you will be able to attend compelling and informative educational sessions led by experienced professionals in varied, relevant fields.

In addition, the adjoining exhibit hall will be lined with a multitude of knowledgeable vendors with whom you can discuss and address the needs of your offices. Also, please be sure to check out the hotel and hospitality accommodations.

The PSCA Annual Conference attendees return year after year for the quality educational offerings and exhibit hall.

ATTENDEE INFORMATION



Reservations

All room reservations must be made directly with the Wind Creek Reservation Department. Attendees may contact them at 877-726-3777 or use the following link to make reservations online:

<https://book.passkey.com/e/50723244>

When making your reservation, please mention Pennsylvania State Coroner's Association Annual Convention or enter the group code: GCOR-0923. The hotel has guaranteed a special room rate of \$159.00 for a single or double occupancy per night plus tax. Reservations must be received no later than 12AM on August 15, 2024 to receive the special room rate. Rooms will be assigned based on availability. All hotel costs are to be paid directly to the hotel.

Conference Specifics

This year's cost for the convention for coroners and/or deputies is \$850 per person which includes continental breakfast buffet throughout the conference. Lunch and dinner will also be included on the seminar days of Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Business casual dress is the norm at the Conference & Expo.

Class Registration

The classes which will be offered Monday, September 16th, and Tuesday, September 17th have a separate registration procedure. For the Rail Car Incident Response class, each attendee will need to use his or her FEMA-SID number to register for those classes. If you do not have a FEMA-SID number, please use the following link to register: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid/register> Then, follow the class registration procedure on the attached flyer. For the Homemade Explosives class, you will need to register by emailing the following information to cas@norcopa.gov: name, email, telephone number, department, position, and a statement that you are a U.S. Citizen over the age of 18. The phone number is not published: it is only used as a contact in the event of last-minute issues. Please see the attached flyer for additional information on the class.

There is no additional cost to attend the educational seminars on Monday and/or Tuesday. In order to receive the 8 hours of continuing education credits as approved by the Coroner's Education Board, under provisions of Act 22 of 1998, all registrants must attend the entire session each day. All attending the education seminars will receive a certificate at the conclusion of the Conference. Please see the attached Registration Form for the Conference classes held on Wednesday, September 18th and Thursday, September 19th.

Exhibit Hall

The Exhibit Hall will be open to attendees on Tuesday, September 17th from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm and Wednesday, September 18th and Thursday, September 19th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Vendors can move-in and set-up on Tuesday morning from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

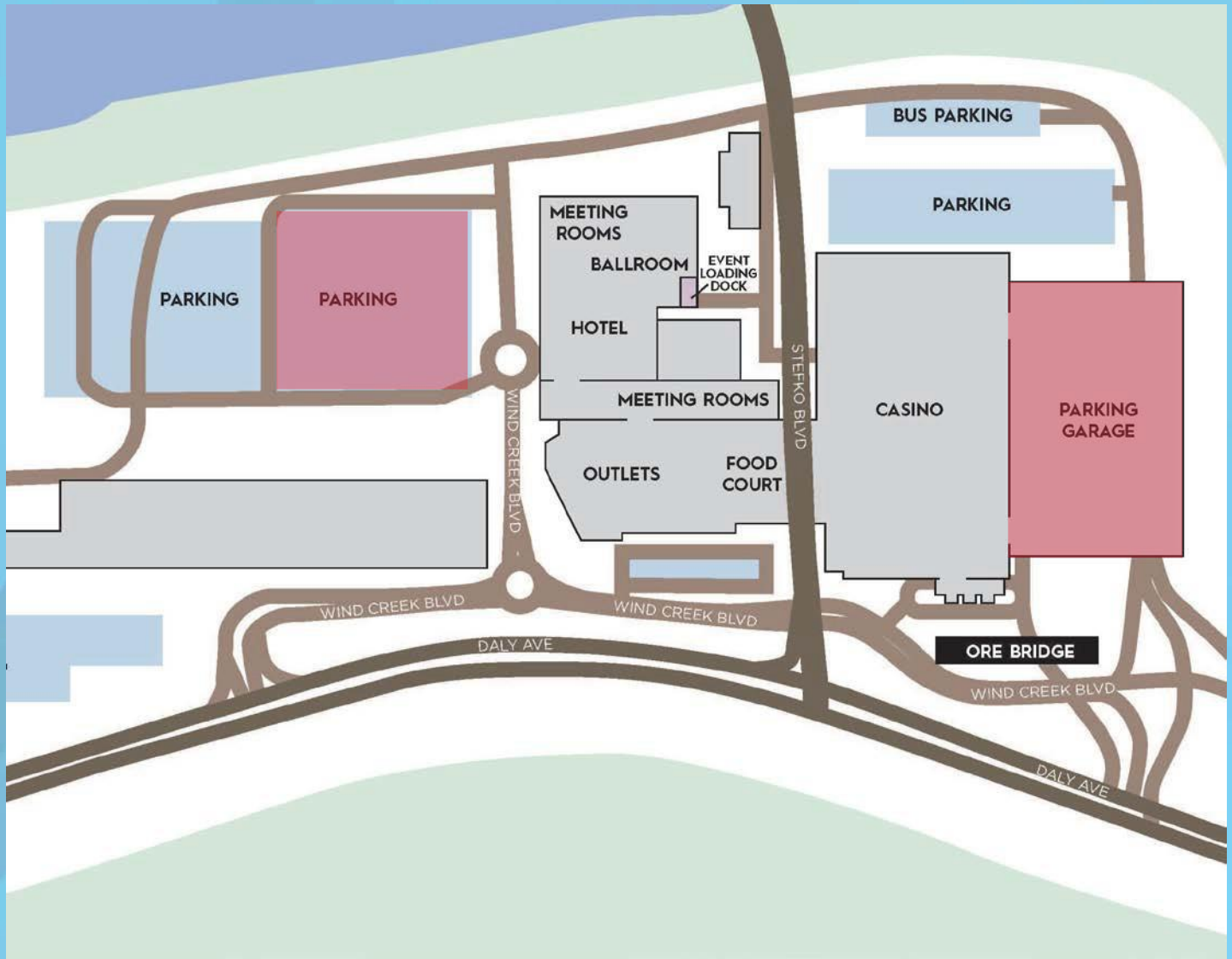
General Board Meeting

The General Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 17th.
5:30 PM

Gift Exchange

As done each year, all coroners are encouraged to bring a gift priced at \$50.00 or less for the gift exchange to be held on Wednesday evening. Make sure your name and county are listed on the outside of the gift.

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Please note, all attendees and guests shall park in the **RED** parking areas as indicated on the map. If parking in the garage, individuals will be required to walk through the casino in order to get to the hotel and meeting rooms.

2024 Pennsylvania State Coroner's Association Convention and Seminar

Registration Form

Please copy if needed

Please use a separate form for each person attending. Separate forms need to be provided for spouses and guests. Forms must be returned no later than: AUGUST 31, 2024.

Please send to: Northampton County Coroner's Office
300 Gracedale Avenue
Nazareth, PA 18064

Or: Scan and email to zlysek@ptd.net

Please Print the Following Information

Attendee Name: _____ County _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Title: _____ Coroner _____ Spouse _____ Chief Deputy _____ Deputy

Name (as to be printed on conference badge): _____

Continuing Education Information

Name for Continuing Education Certificate _____

To receive the approved credit hours, you must attend the entire day and sign in on all sign-in sheets. You must attend all seminars on Wednesday and Thursday to receive your Continuing Education Credits. This course has been approved for eight (8) hours continuing education by the PA Coroner's Education Board under the provisions of Act 22, 1988.

Convention Registration & Continuing Education Seminar Fee: \$850.00

Spouse Meals Plan: \$400.00

Please make checks payable to: PA State Coroner's Association and return with your registration prior to August 31, 2024.

AWR 147: Rail Car Incident Response

AWR 147 is an 8-hour, DHS/FEMA-certified, tuition-free, awareness-level course developed to educate rural emergency responders on freight rail car incidents involving hazardous materials. Because most freight rail traffic traverses rural areas, it is imperative that rural responders, especially those in resource-limited areas, understand the dangers and other unique hazards these incidents present. Safeguards are commonly implemented to prevent hazardous materials from causing harm under normal transportation, storage, handling, and use. If any of these safeguards are circumvented, there is potential for great harm. Upon completion of this course, participants will be better prepared to respond to a freight rail car incident without endangering the health and safety of responders.

Topics include (but not limited to):

- Design, construction, components and markings of rail tank cars
- Recognition and identification of chemicals being transported
- Scene assessment and identification of potential hazards
- Mitigation strategies for breached freight cars
- Key resources identification from rail/freight industry as well as federal, state, and private resources

Who Should Attend:

- Firefighters
- Other first responders-including law enforcement
- Emergency management personnel
- Other community stakeholders, including railroad representatives



Location:

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Address:

Wind Creek Conference Center
77 Wind Creek Blvd.
Bethlehem, PA 18015

Sponsoring Agency

Northampton County Coroner's Office/NEPRCTTF

Course Date:

September 16, 2024

Course Time:

8:00am-5:00pm ET

Course Registration Deadline (date/time):

September 2, 2024 / 5:00pm ET

Prerequisites:

Non-U.S. citizens are required to complete a DHS Foreign National Visitor Request form 30 days in advance. Contact RDPC at 877-855-RDPC (7372) for more info.

Registration is **required** through the **RDPC website**. Register for this course by visiting the following link:

<https://ruraltraining.org/course/AWR-147/?scheduled=true&id=11353>

Register **no later than 2 weeks** before the course date. A **minimum of 20 registrations** must be received by this date to ensure the class will be held.

FEMA S.I.D. REQUIRED. Register for your FEMA Student Identification Number by visiting <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>

For more information regarding this course, please contact the following:

Course Contact Person
Susan Bloomfield

Course Contact Phone#
419-434-4353

Course Contact Email Address
susan.bloomfield@findlay.edu

Additional Information

To speak with someone from the sponsoring agency, Northampton County Coroner's Office/NEPRCTTF, please contact Rob Castner at 570-877-4082 or cas@norcopa.gov

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Training Center

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HOME - MADE EXPLOSIVES:

AWARENESS. RECOGNITION. RESPONSE.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

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COURSE OBJECTIVE

Emergency first responders are presented with information on the identification of HME explosive precursor chemicals, HME manufacturing indicators, HME exposure indicators, and pre-detonation and post-detonation response actions.

COURSE COMPONENTS

Throughout this course, emergency first responders discuss how to implement safe response strategies when recognizing the presence of HME indicators; understanding these response actions is critical to mitigating the hazards associated with HME.

DETAILS

Location: Wind Creek Conf. Center

Date: 9/16/24

Time: 0800-1600

To Register:
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Sunday, September 15, 2024

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Dinner
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM Hospitality Room & Conference Registration

Monday, September 16, 2024:

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Registration for AWR 147 Class – Session A
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Registration for New Mexico Tech Homemade Explosives: Awareness, Recognition, and Response (HME) Class – Session A
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM AWR 147: Rail Car Incident Response Class – Session A*
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM New Mexico Tech Homemade Explosives: Awareness, Recognition, and Response (HME) Class – Session A*
TBA Hospitality Room & Conference Registration

Tuesday, September 17, 2024:

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Registration for AWR 147 Class – Session B
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Registration for New Mexico Tech Homemade Explosives: Awareness, Recognition, and Response (HME) Class – Session B
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM AWR 147: Rail Car Incident Response Class – Session B*
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1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Exhibit Hall Open
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM General Business Meeting
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Opening Dinner
8:00 PM – 11:00 PM Hospitality Room & Conference Registration

**Sessions A and B of both of these classes are identical and simply offered on different days in order to allow attendees the ability to attend both classes, if desired. Each class equates to 8.0 hours of continuing education (CE) hours.*

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Wednesday, September 18, 2024:

6:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Breakfast
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Opening Ceremony & Remarks Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open
9:15 AM – 12:00 PM	General Business Meeting Attorneys General Education Board Meeting Christopher J. Schmidt Esquire, Deputy Attorney General
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Post-Mortem Computed Tomography (CT) Techniques <i>Jamie Elifritz, MD, Forensic Radiologist</i> Followed by Panel Discussion <i>Edward Mazuchowski, MD, PhD, Chief of Medical & Forensic Pathology, Forensic Pathology Associates, Inc. and Christian Chahine</i>
3:00 PM – 3:15 PM	Break
3:15 PM – 3:45 PM	Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission & Ethical Standards Compliance
3:45 PM – 4:15 PM	HAZMAT Awareness and Current Trends <i>Kevin Thomas, City of Bethlehem Fire Department and Kevin Krotzer, Special Operations Coordinator for Lehigh County EMA and Northeast Pennsylvania Regional Counter-Terrorism Task Force</i>
4:15 PM – 5:00 PM	Current Trends of Designer Drugs Found at Your Local Gas Station
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Dinner & Gift Exchange
8:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Hospitality Room

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Thursday, September 19, 2024:

6:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Opening Remarks & Housekeeping
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Use of MADYMO & Photogrammetry in Forensics <i>Wayne K. Ross, M.D., P.C., Forensic Pathologist</i>
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Recovery & Research from Penn Medicine Heart & Vascular Center <i>Kenneth B. Margulies, MD Professor of Medicine and Physiology Director, Cardiology Clinical, Heart Failure & Transplant Research</i>
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Interviewing Serial Killers <i>Katherine M. Ramsland PHD, Author of The Serial Killer's Apprentice, & Professor of Forensic Psychology at DeSales University</i>
2:00 PM – 2:45 PM	CDC Presentation
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	Break
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Identification of Gang Tattoos
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Water Recovery of Remains & Evidence
1730 – 1830: PM	Hospitality Room
1830 – 2030: PM	Dinner
2030 – 0001: PM	Hospitality Room
2030 – 2200: PM	“Present a Case” Presentation

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Friday, September 20, 2024:

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Executive Board Meeting

Have a safe drive home!

It was a pleasure hosting the Pennsylvania State Coroner's Association Annual Conference. I hope everyone had a great and enjoyable time while here in Bethlehem and at the Wind Creek Conference Center. On behalf of my staff and me, we thank you and hope to see you soon!



“1st Annual Present A Case Event”

On Thursday evening, September 19th, 2030 – 2200 hours, you will be able to present an interesting investigation you conducted in your County. This 15 – 20 minute PowerPoint Presentation should explain the importance of the death investigation, lessons learned, problems encountered, the importance of inter-acting with families or other Agencies or the case is still opened and you’re looking for some ideas or suggestions to assist you in determining the Cause of Death or Manner of Death. This is opened to anyone attending the Conference.

This is us a chance to network with each other regarding investigations we conduct on a daily basis. Education at its BEST!

To sign up for this event, please complete the form below and submit it with your registration:



Name & Title: _____

County: _____

Name of Presentation: _____

Brief Synopsis of Investigation: _____



WIND CREEK® BETHLEHEM

Wind Creek Bethlehem is the largest, full-service Hotel in the Lehigh Valley. Our unique location - 60 minutes from Philadelphia and 90 minutes from NYC - paired with our wide-range of amenities come together to ensure your stay will be anything but ordinary. We boast the perfect harmony between lavish accommodations and historical presentation as our campus sits on the former home of Bethlehem Steel.

In addition to our 4 Diamond Hotel accommodations, Wind Creek Bethlehem offers you the opportunity to relish in one of our many dining options. From casual to upscale, our resort has options to make your taste buds happy.

Our property also features The Outlets at Wind Creek Bethlehem with brand names stores and Angry Jacks Axe Throwing. Guests will get the opportunity to relax in our brand-new Luxury Floor on the top floor of our new tower. As the night winds down, catch some complimentary entertainment at Molten Lounge on the Casino floor or take in world-class ticketed acts at our Wind Creek Bethlehem Event Center.

Located in one of the most cordial downtowns in Pennsylvania, Wind Creek Bethlehem offers plenty of entertainment and charm for guests to enjoy.

EXCITEMENT IS BUILDING – TOWER 2 NOW OPEN!

Three incredible ballrooms, beautifully outfitted guest rooms, a high-end lobby bar, custom art installations, spacious pool areas, a luxurious new spa and an impressive 35,000 square feet of additional meeting/events space will add dynamic new experiences in 2023. Once complete, Wind Creek Bethlehem's integrated resort will boast 60,000 square feet of combined meeting space and over 500 hotel rooms.

Wind Creek Bethlehem Soon to Feature:

- 65,000 square feet of flexible event space property wide
- 23,000 square foot ballroom with 24' ceilings
- On-site audio/visual team and meeting planners
- Optimum Wi-Fi Capabilities
- 552 Lavish Hotel Rooms including 50 Suites
- Five dining choices featuring our high-end Chop House at Wind Creek
- Elegant Lobby Bar & Lounge



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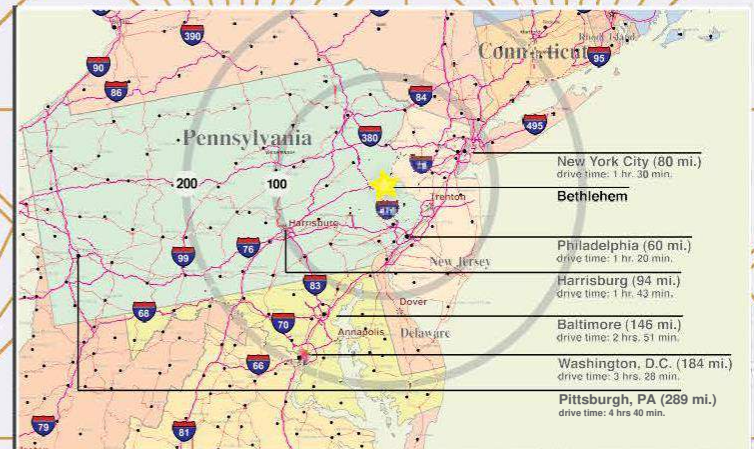
ESCAPE TO EXCEPTIONAL MEETINGS

DESTINATION EXHILARATION

Nestled in the rolling hills of Pennsylvania's beautiful Lehigh Valley, Wind Creek Bethlehem is poised and conveniently located just 90 minutes from New York City. Additionally, Wind Creek Bethlehem is easily accessible from popular Northeast hubs such as Philadelphia and North/Central New Jersey, making it an ideal destination for a wide range of meetings and events.

Airport

Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) offers numerous nonstop destination options for both business and leisure travelers. ABE partners with 4 major airlines to provide a hassle-free travel alternative out of the Lehigh Valley rather than flying through congested major hub airports. Non-stop destinations include Chicago, DC, Detroit and Atlanta.





552 LAVISH HOTEL ROOMS

True luxury, style and sophistication meld effortlessly to create an unparalleled—and unforgettable—hotel experience in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Details make the difference. Special touches abound, from the minute guests enter the soaring, elegant lobby to the outside terrace with glass-enclosed indoor pool, lounge seating, and panoramic views.

GUEST ROOMS AND SUITES

- 552 Rooms
- 50 Suites
- Complimentary Self-Parking
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Glass-Enclosed Indoor Saltwater Pool
- Outdoor Rooftop Terrace
- State-of-the-Art Fitness Center

CHAIRMAN'S LOUNGE

- For VIP's
- Private Enclave for VIP Check-in
- Available for Private Events
- Light Snack and Beverage Service
- Dedicated Concierge

Escape to our tranquil oasis and let our professional staff indulge you in a luxurious spa treatment. Or relax in our sauna and steam room, co-ed lounge with fireplace, vitality pools, arctic room and hanging chairs over our refreshing shallow pool.



PROPERTY MAP



STREET LEVEL

GUEST SERVICES

- Bus Center
- Cashier
- Credit
- Casino Promotions Center
- Rewards Center
- Security
- Main Entrances
- Restrooms

HOTEL AND MEETING ROOMS

- Fitness Room
- Hotel Lobby
- Hotel Pool
- Berks
- Bucks
- Delaware
- Foundry Ballroom
- Lehigh
- Monroe
- Monocacy
- Moravian
- Northampton

GAMING AND ENTERTAINMENT

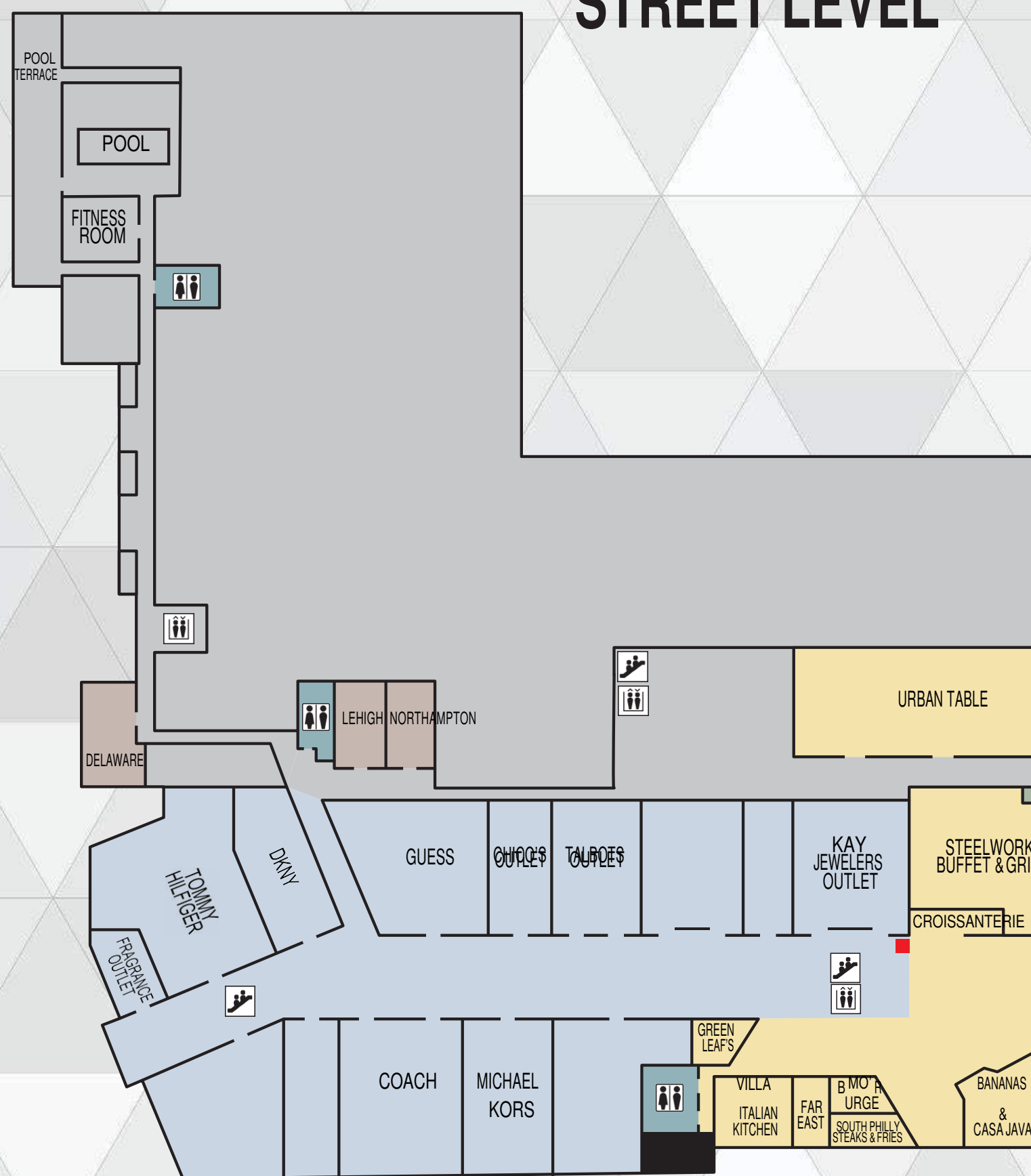
- Casino Floor Smoking
- Casino Floor Non-Smoking
- Table Games Salon
- Sportsbook
- High Limit Slots
- Stadium Gaming (both smoking and non-smoking)
- Poker Room
- MIXX at Wind Creek
- Coil
- Molten
- Wind Creek Event Center
- Wind Creek Event Center Ticket Box
- Kids Quest and Cyber Quest
- Angry Jack's Axe Throwing Club
- Trap Door Escape (Coming Soon)
- Twisted Tees (Coming Soon)

RETAIL & SPA

- W Store
- The Outlets
- iStore Kiosk
- WCB Employment Center
- Steelworkers' Archives
- Spa at Wind Creek is located on the 15TH floor of the Hotel

DINING

- Urban Table
- Carlo's Bakery
- Chopstick
- Chop House at Wind Creek
- Steelworks Buffet and Grill
- The Market Gourmet Express
- Sportsbook



CASINO LEVEL



BUS ARRIVALS/DEPARTURES

BUS CENTER

PARKING GARAGE

PENNSYLVANIA STATE CORONERS' ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

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Board Member, At-Large	<i>Zachary R. Lysek, Northampton County Coroner</i>
Board Member, At-Large	<i>Russell W. Styer, Bedford County Coroner</i>
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