



***New York State Chapter of Special Investigative Units, Inc. (NYSSIU)
New York Anti-Car Theft & Fraud Association (NYACT)***

Annual Fall Conference - Thursday, October 8th, 2026

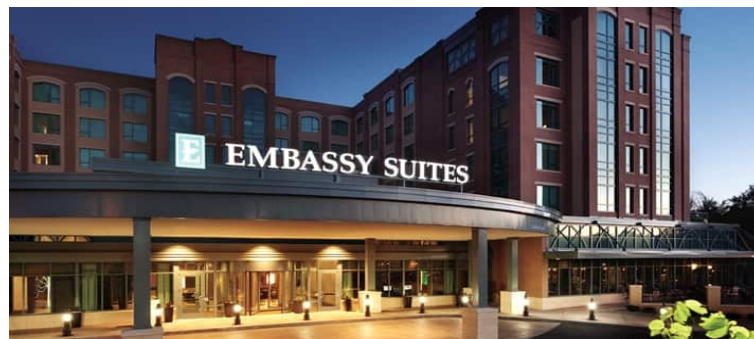
Networking Event – Wednesday, October 7th - 7:00PM at the Diamond Club Restaurant & Lounge

Location:

Embassy Suites by Hilton - Saratoga Springs

86 Congress Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

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Conference Agenda:

8:00 - 8:30 AM **Registration – Please Visit out sponsors**

8:30 – 8:45 AM **Welcome & Updates**
 **NYSSIU President Melissa Cilia*
 **NYACT Chairperson Nichole Soriano*

8:45 – 9:45 AM **The Evolving Fraud Landscape: NYS DFS Investigations, Enforcement, and Industry Action**
 **Milton Yu, Deputy Superintendent for Insurance Frauds, NYS Department of Financial Services*
The Deputy Superintendent will provide updates on IFB's collaboration with the New York State Police as part of Governor Hochul's auto insurance fraud initiative, discuss the emerging trend of rideshare staged accidents and related DFS investigations, review the process for insurer SIUs to submit fraud reports to DFS, and highlight DFS training efforts for law enforcement on staged accident indicia.

9:45 – 10:00 AM **Break – Please Visit Our Sponsors**

10:00 – 11:00 AM

30 Years Later: How WCL §114/114-a Shaped Fraud Investigations

**Amy P. McMullen, Investigator - Worker's Compensation Fraud, Offices of the NYS Inspector General*

**Katie Q. McCutcheon, Esq., Director of Training, Deputy Chief Counsel, Offices of the NYS Inspector General*

The Office of the New York State Workers' Compensation Fraud Inspector General (WCFIG) commemorates the 30-year anniversary of the 1996 Reform Act, which introduced NY statutes WCL §114 and WCL §114-a and sculpted the legal framework that is used to combat fraud today. We will explore the evolution of fraud litigation and hear real life case examples involving claimants, employers, and provider fraud in the workers' compensation system. Upon conclusion, participants are welcome to share successes, concerns, or fraud patterns observed in their industry.

11:00 – 12:00 PM

DME Fraud In Focus: Emerging Schemes, Investigative Strategies, and Prevention

**Richard C. Aitken, Partner, Bruno, Gerbino, Soriano, & Aitken*

The seminar will focus on the evolving landscape of DME fraud, with particular attention to New York No-Fault insurance claims, and will examine how fraudulent schemes can affect patients, insurers, healthcare providers, and the integrity of the healthcare system. Participants will explore emerging fraud schemes, common warning signs, investigative techniques, and practical strategies for preventing and identifying fraudulent activity. This seminar is intended to provide practical knowledge that participants can apply when identifying red flags, evaluating claims, and developing effective fraud-prevention strategies.

12:00 – 12:15 PM

Closing – Boxed Lunches – Please Visit Our Sponsors

Sponsors:



Cost:

\$75.00 for NYSSIU and NYACT members per person, including lunch.

\$150.00 for non-members per person, includes lunch.

Free to NYS law enforcement personnel.

Dress Code:

Business casual.

Who Should Attend:

All insurance SIU and claims personnel, law enforcement, and prosecutors.

Accommodations: Embassy Suites by Hilton – Saratoga Springs, 86 Congress Street,
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Deadline for Room Block: September 16, 2026

\$229.00 per night (plus tax)

**** Room Block Link****

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/albeses-act-8a5dc28f-705c-4ac6-ad29-847e288b949e/>

Registration: Registration deadline is October 1, 2026, at 12:00

****Link to Register****

<https://nyact.memberclicks.net/20261008fallconf>

For More Info: Call or email Melissa Cilia, NYSSIU President, at (331) 431-2683 or nyssiu@gmail.com

****** Join us for the NYSSIU Charity Golf Outing the day prior to the meeting: Wednesday, October 7th, 2026,
at The Saratoga Lake Golf Club******

All inquiries/questions can be sent to treasurer@nyssiu.org or by calling Don McCaslin at 347-527-3235

Upcoming Meetings:

**NYACT Annual Education Conference – Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026
Heritage Club at Bethpage**

**NYSSIU Winter Conference - Thursday, January 28th, 2027
Embassy Suites, Saratoga Springs, NY
Networking Event - Wednesday, January 27th, 2027**

**Companies interested in sponsoring or exhibiting at this meeting or any future meetings should visit
<http://www.nyssiu.org/sponsor-opportunities/>
for more information or to make payment.**