



IADC – Houston Chapter

7th Annual Oilfield Charity Shoot

Save the Date – March 10, 2017

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On behalf of the IADC Houston Chapter, I am excited to announce the Seventh Annual IADC Houston Chapter Oilfield Charity Shoot. This year's shoot will be held March 10, 2017 at American Shooting Centers. Now is the time to start planning to participate in this exciting event.

This year, the proceeds from the Oilfield Charity Shoot will help fund the IADC Houston Chapter Scholarship Program, as well as the Oilfield Christian Fellowship (OCF) and the Oil Patch Chaplains, two outstanding organizations that directly benefit the oilfield, its workers and their families.

The Oilfield Christian Fellowship began in May 1991 as an outlet for Christians in the oilfield to meet each other. The OCF has evolved into many more forms of outreach, including a Bible ministry, facilitating and supporting a truck and trailer field ministry and a man camp chapel in Wyoming. Oil workers have carried over 275,000 Bibles in 31 languages to 62 countries around the world. Of those, over 225,000 are custom Oil Patch Bibles written in English, Spanish, Chinese and Portuguese. The long-term goal is to reproduce this unique Bible, *God's Word for the Oil Patch, Fuel for the Soul* into every language in the world where there is an oil and gas presence.

The Oil Patch Chaplains consist of more than 60 volunteer chaplains who are either full-time or retired oil industry workers. Chaplains are required to have at least 32 hours of classroom training in critical incident response, the same training recognized by the Red Cross, FEMA and all NATO countries. These volunteers are from all Christian faiths, and they have been called to numerous critical incidents since the organization started in January 2008. There are now Oil Patch Chaplains in nine energy-producing states.

Because of your generous support, the IADC Houston Chapter was able to donate a total of \$22,000 to these organizations last year, bringing our total lifetime contributions to \$264,750. I hope you will join our efforts again, as we expect this year's event to build on our past success.

As we did in previous years, each team will be eligible to win one pistol per team (two pistols per team for Platinum sponsors) as door prizes. We believe it is important to give back to participants in addition to the charities.

I hope you will join our efforts again this year, and take pride in helping us support our scholarship recipients and these two worthy organizations.

Sincerely,

Jeff Kessler
Chairman