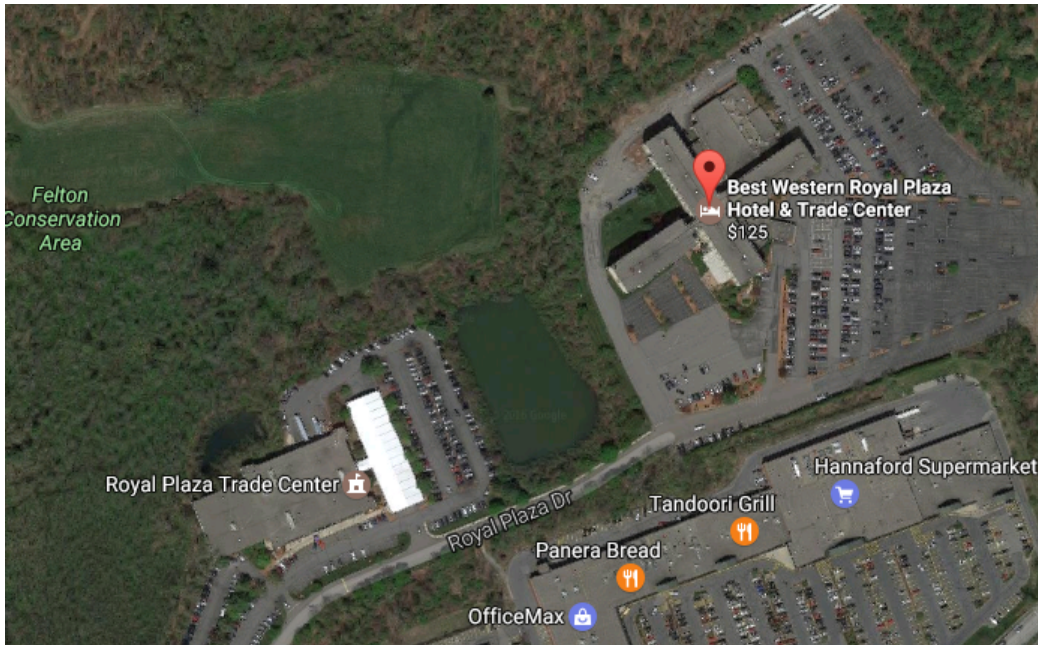


Statement by First Event Committee Regarding the Marlboro Gun and Knife Show

WALTHAM, Mass. - January 9, 2016 - The First Event committee just recently learned that First Event 2017 and the Marlboro Gun and Knife show are being held the same day in Marlboro, January 28th and 29th. While both events are in Marlboro, First Event is at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel and the Marlboro Gun and Knife show is at the Royal Plaza Trade Center. The events have separate entrances and separate parking. None of the attendees of the Marlboro Gun and Knife show are staying at the Best Western Hotel.



Locations of Royal Plaza Trade Center and Best Western Hotel in Marlboro, MA (Map courtesy of Google Maps)

“We have always been mindful of safety at First Event”, said Grace Stevens, Andrea Ziff, and Mechelle Ziff, co-chairs of First Event 2017, “as in all past First Events, we have our full security staff in place. In addition, we have worked with the Management of the Best Western and the Marlboro Gun and Knife Show to institute further safety measures.” The measures include:

- Full time Marlboro Police presence at the Best Western Hotel
- Parking staff directing attendees to either the First Event parking area at the Best Western Hotel or the Marlboro Gun and Knife Show parking area at the Royal Plaza Trade Center.
- Attendees of the Marlboro Gun and Knife Show will not be overnight guests of the Best Western Hotel
- Staff at the door of The Best Western Hotel helping to direct only First Event 2017 attendees to First Event

Any attendee or potential attendee with questions can contact the following persons on the First Event Committee:

- Rebecca (781) 330-0426
- Andrea (617) 872-5845

As a courtesy to registered First Event attendees who may decide not to attend First Event, the standard 20% cancellation fee is being waived.

First Event 2017 is being held January 25 – 29, 2017 at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel in Marlboro, Massachusetts.