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Special Invitation to New DEA Programs

During June 20-24, the National Drug Enforcement Officers Association will be in Stone Mountain Park for our 40th Annual Training Conference. While more detailed information is available on our Website, **I felt the need to write to you personally and invite you to a special class designed just for Chiefs & Sheriffs regarding new programs DEA has initiated that can be of great benefit to your agencies.** They are DICE and the LPR Program. The DEA Internet Connectivity Endeavor (DICE) DICE is a tool that has been developed to provide State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies, as well as other Federal agencies, access to a nationwide de-confliction system that ties into DEA's internal de-confliction database. The system provides instant notification of de-confliction overlaps on the computer screen, as well as through an email system. The License Plate Reader (LPR) Program was developed to exploit data collected from multiple LPR devices to tip-off DEA and other law enforcement agencies to suspect vehicles moving along the Southwest border and throughout the U.S. Currently, the program focuses on traffic from and to the US/Mexico border, and identifies conveyances being utilized to transport bulk currency, drugs, weapons, and other illegal contraband. Both programs will be discussed in detail by DEA Headquarters Personnel. Please RSVP to this invitation on the NDEOA website, www.ndeo.org by June 11th.

I also want to advise you of our agenda, as well as offer your personnel a personal invitation to participate in this year's conference. In Stone Mountain Park we will be offering an Advanced DEA School agenda, with topics including Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations, Debriefing Informants, Indoor Marijuana Grows, Internet Investigative Assets, Diversion Investigations and even Clan Lab Re-Certification and more. The Marriott Evergreen Resort in Stone Mountain Park has given us a special below Government rate of \$119 per night, for those attending the conference and in need of lodgings.

Our speakers are the best from DEA as well as from around the county. I believe the information given out during these four days is the best supplemental training any Narcotic Investigator can

receive. It is well worth the cost of the conference, which can easily be made up by one average asset seizure.

I hope you will be able to send some of your investigators to attend the conference in Stone Mountain Park. Please visit our Website at www.ndeoa.org to get more information regarding registration. I believe it will repay your Office every dollar, in the types of investigations and seizures that will result from this training. The usual \$275.00 Registration fee covers the cost not only of the conference, but also annual membership and other benefits. **If your agency is an active member of HIDTA, your agency receives the discounted Registration fee of \$150.00.** You can register either via mail, or for an additional \$50 you can register the day of the conference. Asset Sharing funds can be used specifically for this training.

Regardless of whether you can afford to send someone to this conference or not, **you are invited to attend the special class just for Chiefs and Sheriffs, on DICE and the LPR Program.** This class is presented by DEA HQS, and you would be among the first in Georgia to receive this training.

The NDEOA's annual training program now represents the oldest continual state and local program within DEA. The NDEOA is the oldest state and local narcotic officer cooperative in the United States. This history is a reflection of the strong commitment DEA has to state and local officer training and it underscores the widely recognized need for continuing education in drug law enforcement.

Through the annual training conferences, the NDEOA brings together narcotics officers and their families in a stress-free environment where fellowship is promoted, personal and professional relationships are developed, law enforcement intelligence is shared, and the best available drug training is presented by the DEA Office of Training in cooperation with the NDEOA.

Membership in the National Drug Enforcement Officers Association is open to all full-time law enforcement officers who are graduates of DEA's National Drug Academy, the Drug Unit Commander School, the two-week Basic Narcotics School, the DEA Basic Agent training program, and other accredited training programs in drug law enforcement which are NDEOA approved. Applicants of other accredited drug law enforcement training programs must, however, be sponsored in writing by an active member of the Association.

NDEOA membership is a valuable investment, which provided members with more than just an opportunity to receive high quality training. As a NDEOA member, you will also receive a wall certificate, membership card, association patch, and a subscription to "Counter Narcotic IDEAS, the newsletter of the National Drug Enforcement Officers Association. In addition, members receive a complimentary legal advice for issues relating to use of force and other potentially civil issues. The NDEOA also serves the communities. After Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast, the NDEOA responded in person with over \$2200, in the form of cash assistance, chainsaws and supplies to those in the Gulfport, MS area. The NDEOA got together with a Catholic Elementary School, in Charlotte, NC, and helped collect thousands of dollars in supplies and materials for Law Enforcement affected by the hurricane. Over the years, the NDEOA has become a prestigious national organization. If you are eligible and interested in becoming a member of the NDEOA and participating in our Conference, visit our website at www.ndeoa.org Hope to see everyone in Stone Mountain Park!!

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