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Dear Colleague:

The 7th Law Enforcement Officer and Community Safety Awareness Conference will take place on September 27 & 28, 2012, at the Regional Learning Alliance Center at Cranberry Woods, located at 850 Cranberry Woods Drive, Cranberry Township, PA. The conference is co-sponsored by the U.S. Attorney's Office, Project Safe Neighborhoods, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Pennsylvania State Police, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Western Pennsylvania.

This year's conference topics are:

- Day 1 - "The Bulletproof Mind: Psychological and Physiological Preparation for Combat," presented by Lt. Colonel Dave Grossman for law enforcement members only; and
- Day 2 - "Safe Schools and Healthy Students," presented by Col. Grossman for the public and "Characteristics of Armed Gunmen," presented by Mr. Richard Hobson for law enforcement only.

Lt. Col. Dave Grossman is an internationally recognized scholar, author, soldier and speaker who is one of the world's foremost experts in the field of human aggression and the roots of violence and violent crime. He has combined his experiences to become the founder of a new field of scientific endeavor, which has been termed "killology." In this new field, Col. Grossman has made revolutionary new contributions to our understanding of killing in war, the psychological costs of war, the root causes of the current "virus" of violent crime that is raging around the world, and the process of healing the victims of violence, in war and peace.

Mr. Richard Hobson, is retired from the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington D.C. His assignments included patrol operations, crime scene investigations, criminal investigations, tactical and undercover operations, and task force development, operations and management. Using interactive training materials, this course seeks to heighten a law enforcement officer's awareness to the subtle characteristics common to street-level criminal gunmen.

Emphasis is placed on identifying these characteristics and taking the appropriate enforcement actions leading to safe and successful crime gun recoveries which underscoring the special significance of effectively articulating, both in paperwork and testimony, the specific factors relied upon to support a successful prosecution.

As mentioned earlier, due to the sensitivity of some of the material, the first day of the conference, **September 27, 2012, is reserved for law enforcement only**. All participants registered to attend the first day will be required to present law enforcement credentials.

Colonel Grossman's presentation on the second day of the conference, **September 28, 2012, is open to all**, including educators, community members, human service professionals and law enforcement. **Mr. Hobson's presentation on September 28, 2012, will be limited to law enforcement only**.

Registration begins at 8:00 am on each day, with conference presentations beginning at 8:30 am.

Enclosed is a registration form. Please complete the form and return to Gail McLaughlin at the address above. You can also e-mail your registration form to usapaw-gangconf2012@usdoj.gov or fax to (412) 644-2644. The deadline to register is **Friday, September 14, 2012**. Registration is limited to 225 participants and will be conducted on a first come first serve basis. Please be aware that in prior years, we have reached the maximum registration well in advance of the conference.

We look forward to seeing you at the conference. Additional information is available by contacting Gail McLaughlin, U.S. Attorney's Office at (412) 894-7400.

Sincerely,

DAVID J. HICKTON
United States Attorney

Enclosures

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND COMMUNITY AWARENESS CONFERENCE
September 27 & 28, 2012
Regional Learning Alliance Center
Cranberry Township, PA

REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Title: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Office Phone No. _____ Office Fax No. _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Participant is registering to attend:

September 27, 2012: _____ Yes _____ No

Participant is law enforcement: _____ Yes _____ No

September 28, 2012: _____ Yes _____ No

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