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Presidents Corner

By Bobby Williamson, Dyersburg PD

Well, 2005 has gotten off to a quick start and is keeping many of us busy. I want to share some things with you and bring you up to date on the state of the TACP.

We were thrilled to host the Tennessee Public Safety Coalition (coalition of TACP, TN Sheriffs' Association, & District Attorney General's Conference) at our February Meeting and fortunate to have Governor Bredesen address the membership on his proposed Methamphetamine legislation "**METH FREE TENNESSEE ACT OF 2005**" and thank law enforcement for their commitment to the growing problem that meth has become for so many of us. This is an evil drug with a heinous addictive element. Please look at the website for all the information surrounding the METH legislation, then contact your legislators and ask them to support it.

CHIEFS DAY ON THE HILL is an excellent opportunity for you to experience the Senate and the House while they are in legislative session. The Speaker of the House and the Lt. Governor recognize the chiefs and the TACP while we are in their chambers. I find it gratifying and feel that it lets all of our senators and representatives know that we are interested in what they do and they are glad to see our presence up there. Please make every effort to participate on Thursday, April 7th at 8:30am for CHIEFS DAY ON THE HILL. We will meet in the Sheraton Lobby and walk over together. There will be a VENDOR EXPO for us that will run from 9:30am until 3:00pm on that same day.

Here are a few updates for you:

- ❑ The Executive Committee has developed a new 3 year TACP Strategic Business Plan. It will be presented to the board of directors and the general membership at the April meeting.
- ❑ I am asking the membership to join me in our 2005 Membership Drive for the April meeting. I need your help to bring in law enforcement agencies that are not currently members of the TACP. The office will be sending letters out to each non-member agency. That list will be available on the website under the Membership heading. Please use the MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FORM in the newsletter and the girls in the office will gladly assist you if you have questions.
- ❑ The TACP will be awarding a scholarship to a Chief of Police who would like to attend the Southeastern Command and Leadership Academy (SECLA). The scholarship will include housing (double occupancy, Sunday-Thursday evenings); course materials; and hotel breakfast Monday-Friday (lunch and dinner are not provided). The class starts July 11th and candidates attend 1 week a month and graduate on Jan. 13th, 2006. College or graduate level credit is available. Please contact the office if you are interested in applying for the scholarship. Deadline for applying is April 22nd. Scholarship will be announced by May 2nd. Information will be on the website after March 15th.

** APRIL TACP MEETING **

April scheduled Training/Business Meeting of the **Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police** will be on **April 6th, 7th and 8th** at the **Sheraton Nashville Downtown Hotel** (call the office if you need directions).

April 6th, Wednesday

4:00-6:00pm **Police Chiefs Forum & Roundtable** TML Board Room

Frank Gibson (Tennessean Newspaper) is the executive director of the TN Coalition for Open Government wants to discuss police department's open records policies in an effort to better advise his membership of department practices. The hope is to provide for better communication. There will be a best practice to follow.

(The TML Board Room is located across from the hotel entrance to the street near the parking garage elevator.)

April 7th, Thursday

8:30am **CHIEFS DAY ON THE HILL** Meet in Hotel Lobby

We will walk over to the Capitol together to be recognized by the House and the Senate.

10am-11:30am **Board of Directors Meeting** TML Board Room

Please note the time change

9:30am-3:00pm **Vendor EXPO** Ballroom 2 & 3 - Sheraton

1:00-1:30pm **TRAINING** Ballroom 4 (2nd Floor) Sheraton

"The Meth Free Tennessee Act of 2005"
by Director Mark Gwyn and Agent Rich Littlehale, TBI

1:30-1:45pm Break – Vendor EXPO Ballroom 2 & 3

1:30-2:30pm **"How the Office of the Inspector General Can Assist with Local Drug Investigation"**

by Inspector General Deborah Faulkner, TennCare

2:30-2:45pm Break – Vendor EXPO Ballroom 2 & 3

2:45pm-3:45pm **"Tennessee Regional Information Center"**
by Rick Atmore, TRIC Manager –Tennessee Bureau of Investigation

3:45pm – 4:30pm **"The Legislative Process 101 and 2005 Legislation"**
by Executive Director Maggi McLean Duncan, TACP
and Legislative Chair Phil Keith

5:00pm-?? Hospitality Suite Suite 2505

Sponsored by Kay Uniforms, Federal Signal & Stalker Radar

February 4th, Friday

8am **TACP Business Meeting** Ballroom 4 (2nd Floor) Sheraton

9am – 10:30am **TRAINING** Ballroom 4 (2nd Floor) Sheraton

Part 1: **"How the DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) Can Help Our State"**
by Chief Ronal Serpas, Metro Nashville PD

Part 2: **"Overview of Drug Evaluation and Classification Program"**
by Richard Holt, Governor's Highway Safety Officer

**Reservations may be made by calling the Sheraton at
1-800-447-9825 or 615-259-2000.**

The deadline for making TACP Block reservations is March 16th.

The TACP meeting rate is \$82 a night and self-parking at hotel is \$5.00 per day.

FUTURE 2005 TACP MEETING DATES

June 1st – 3rd Sheraton Nashville Hotel
August 3rd – 6th Annual Conference and
Vendor EXPO in Memphis
October 5th – 7th Sheraton Nashville Hotel
November 30th - December 2nd Sheraton Nashville

Mark your calendars!



TACP WEBSITE

Please take an opportunity to view the TACP Website. We continually update the information and are constantly looking for ways to better membership services through the website.

You find the following topics header to locate pertinent information:

Home
Newsletter
Meetings/Training
Legislative
Board of Directors
Committees
Membership Info
SACOP/IACP
Strategic Plan
TACP By-Laws
Code of Ethics
Oath of Honor
Value Statement
Testing Services

You will need the following information to gain access to password protected pages:

USERNAME: XXXX
PASSWORD: XXXXX

Legislative Updates are posted to the website every Friday and the 2005 Legislative Bill List and Bill Introductions are available on the Legislative page as well.

You can get retrieve the minutes from every TACP meeting since 2001 from the website under the Meetings /Training heading.

Soon you will be able to pull up membership directories from the website as well as update and correct your information such as phone number, address or email address changes.

This and many other features are all in the works and should be operational by the end of April.

TACP BOOKS HOTEL ONLINE

Sheraton Hotel Online Booking Instructions

1. Go to http://www.starwood.com/sheraton/meetings/attend_enter_code.html to get to the "Attend a Meeting" page.

If this link does not work, go to www.sheraton.com. Click on "Meeting Planners" on the tan menu bar at the bottom of the page. Click "Attend a Meeting" on the left side of the next page. This will bring you to the "Attend a Meeting" Page.

2. When you are on the "Attend a Meeting" page, you must fill in the meeting information. The City and Meeting Code fields are mandatory. Please enter City (Nashville), State/Province (Tennessee), Country will default (United States) and Meeting Code (listed at bottom). When the information is complete, click Continue.
3. You will come to the "Search Results" page. You should see the Sheraton Nashville Downtown Hotel listed first. Click on the "Select" button to the right of the hotel listing.
4. You should now be on the "Enter Your Preferences" page. You should see the name of the hotel, Sheraton Nashville Downtown Hotel and the meeting code you entered. Enter your check-in and check-out dates for the convention, Room Information and Preferences. When you have entered the information, click Continue. If room selections are not returned, search again using "No Preferences" to widen the search.
5. This will take you to the "Reserve a Room" page. Choose your room from the list of room types. You may click on "Rate Details" to see details of your room type and rate. When you are ready to book your room, click the "Reserve" button.
6. Now you should see the "Reserve Rooms" page. Please enter your personal information. You may enter either a fax number, or an e-mail address, and a copy of your reservation will be sent to you. When you have completed this information, press Continue. This will bring up a confirmation page with your confirmation number. Please make note of this number for your records.
7. If you have any difficulties booking your reservation online, you may also contact Central Reservations at 1-800-325-3535 to book the TACP meeting. When calling, please ask the representative for the group number you entered.

List of 2005 meeting dates and the Meeting Codes:

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| 1.) February 2-4 | Meeting Code: 3711 |
| 2.) April 6-8 | Meeting Code: 3712 |
| 3.) June 1-3 | Meeting Code: 3713 |
| 4.) October 5-7 | Meeting Code: 3559 |
| 5.) November 30 – Dec. 2 | Meeting Code: 3870 |

TACP Members.....

Please make a note that the TACP office will be closed March 25th to observe Good Friday as a holiday.

Thanks! --Maggi and Emily

NEW TACP MEMBERS

Chief Kenneth Burge
Alcoa P.D., District 4 [TACP]

Captain Stanley Maffett
Chattanooga P.D., District 4 [Steve Parks]

Chief Ronald Moran
McEwen P.D., District 9 [TACP]

Director Mark Kimbell
Christian Brothers University P.D.
District 12 [Ralph Hatley]

Director Wiley Thompson
TSA/U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security
District 12 [Jessie Poole]

Sergeant Colo Beam
Norris DPS, District 3 [Jessie Poole]

Director Lue Walls-Upchurch
UT-Memphis Campus P.D., District 12 [TACP]

Mr. Cecil Hogan
Security Consultants Inc., District 12 [Glen Mowrey]

Mr. John Knox
Life & Property Security Systems, Inc
District 2 [Glen Mowrey]

Director James Mills
Lexington P.D., District 10 [Website]
[From February 2005]

Make our new members feel welcome. If you would like to contact them, you may call or email the office for that information.

Membership information and application are available on the website at www.tacp.org under the heading MEMBERSHIP.

Non-Member Agencies will be listed here as well. Please do your part to recruit the non-member agencies near you. You are the best representative for the TACP.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

All weekly TACP Legislative Updates are located on the website and it is emailed every Friday. If you do not have access to the internet or email, please contact the office if you would like a copy faxed or mailed to you.

RULES OF THE ROAD FOR CITIES WITH A POPULATION UNDER 10,000 CITIZENS

There is some information that needs to be relayed to you. Discussions have been had with the Department of Safety and we wanted to pass it on: The guidelines set forth by the MUNICIPAL COURT - RULES OF THE ROAD require the police department to get approval from the Department of Safety to police the interstates if the population is under 10,000. Packets are available and here is what you need to do:
Contact: **Major Lee Chaffin**

Department of Safety
1150 Foster Avenue
Nashville, TN 37219-1000
Phone: 615.251.5175
Fax: 615.532.1051
Email: lee.chaffin@state.tn.us

There is a dead period that will not end until April 29th and it appears that the Highway Patrol will be responsible for the interstates until you have submitted your request. Please contact Major Chaffin and he will take care of your request.

NEWLY RETIRED MEMBERS

Retired Deputy Chief Charles Jackson
Ridgetop PD
Has taken a position with the Dept. of Defense.
Phone: 615-935-7749
E-mail: Charles.Jackson@se.amedd.army.mil

Retired Director Ralph Hatley
Rhodes University Campus Police Dept.
Has started Security Assessment and Solutions company.
Phone: 901.266.5543 E-mail: rhately@midsouth.rr.com

Retired Chief Kenneth Walker
Dayton PD
Has retired and petitioned the TACP for Life Membership.
1120 Armstrong Ferry Road
Dayton, TN 37231
E-mail: bjw200@bellsouth.net