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TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

Free Training Opportunity

Gulf States Victim Witness Conference “All For One”

September 11-14, 2007

Hilton Sandestin, Destin, Florida

Registration Packet

The Victim Witness Coordinator's and Law Enforcement Coordinators (LECCs) from the U.S. Attorney's Offices in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas are sponsoring a training conference intended for victim(s) services providers, victim advocates, federal, state, local, and military law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim/witness specialists, and other criminal justice practitioners from each respective state. The conference will be held September 11-14, 2007, at the Hilton Sandestin Resort, Destin, Florida, at no cost to the participants.

The agenda has been developed to meet the victim witness and law enforcement needs of today in this ever-changing world.

Scholarships: We invite you to take advantage of this outstanding training opportunity and our hospitality. We are fortunate this year as we are able to charge **NO REGISTRATION FEE** for this conference due to the availability of training funds to cover conference expenses.

Scholarships of \$450.00 are available to assist with travel and or hotel expenses for those with a strong need for financial assistance. In order to qualify for a scholarship you must demonstrate a genuine financial need, live at least 50 miles from the conference site, be a full time employee in the field of Law Enforcement, Victim/Witness Services, Victim Service Provider or Criminal Justice System not have been a scholarship recipient last year and attend the entire conference. (Federal employees are NOT eligible for scholarships.) Please complete the attached scholarship form to be considered. Scholarships are limited and will be provided to those who qualify on a first come-first served basis.

Lodging: The Hilton Sandestin Resort is providing a special room rate of **\$109 (plus tax) for single/double** occupancy. They are also offering the same rate for one day pre- and post-conference on a space availability basis. If you anticipate attending this conference, please call **1-800-367-1271** to make your **ROOM RESERVATIONS BY: August 8, 2007**, to receive the special room rate. After the cutoff date, rooms at this rate will only be honored on a space available basis. Ask for the Gulf States Victim Witness Conference rate; **GROUP CODE LCC**. On-site parking is available at the hotel to conference participants \$ 8 self-parking, \$18 valet per day. To check out this beautiful hotel, visit their web page at www.sandestinbeachhilton.com

Registration/Reception: On-site registration and packet pick up will take place on Tuesday, September 11th, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm and Wednesday, September 12th, 7:30 am - 8:30 am

Schedule: The conference will begin with on-site registration Tuesday, September 11th, 2:00 pm -5:00 pm and Wednesday, July 12th, 7:30 am - 8:30 am. Wednesday's session will begin at 8:30 am, and end at 4:00 pm; Thursday, September 13th, plenary sessions will begin at 8:30 am and end at 4:00 pm. Friday's session will begin at 8:30 am and end at 11:00am. Each day will be preceded with a networking continental breakfast.

Conference Credits: This conference is approved for Continuing Education Hours for Professional Counselors by the Licensed Professional Counselors Association of Georgia (Approval # 1308-07) and by the National Board of Certified Counselors (Provider # 1012). We want to express our sincere appreciation to the Licensed Professional Counselors Association of Georgia for sponsoring this event by providing Continuing Education Hours. Please check with your state to determine whether your state recognizes Continuing Education Hours approved by the Licensed Professional Counselors Association of Georgia or by the National Board of Certified Counselors.

Dress for the conference: Business casual.

Airport Transportation: The Destin area is accessible through three airports () denotes riding time from each airport: Fort Walton Beach (45 minutes), Pensacola (75 minutes) and Panama City (90 minutes). You may take a taxi or shuttle to the hotel. One way shuttle provided by Bayside Airport Shuttle will be \$50 from Ft. Walton, \$85 from Panama City and \$105 from Pensacola. The shuttle service numbers are toll free 1-866-581-1505 or 1-850-581-1505.

Please complete the attached Registration and No-Show Policy forms and return them via fax to 251-441-5277. If you have any questions, please call Victim-Witness Coordinator Eric Day at 251-441-5845.

We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

Attachments