



Greetings from Southeastern Crime Stoppers Association

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I would like to welcome anyone interested in becoming a member of our organization as well as welcome back the old timers. Our organization is made up of other Crime Stoppers organizations across the southeast. We have a lot to offer member programs and the following is a sample of some of the benefits of being a member.

Training - Each spring the SECSA holds an annual training conference that is hosted by one of the member programs. Since the organization is run by a volunteer staff the annual \$50 dues is returned in benefits and training. Conference fees are kept low and typically include 2-3 days training, some meals and the awards banquet. The location is moved throughout the southeast so every member has a chance to attend at some point. This year the 2010 meeting is being hosted by the SC Council and being held in Myrtle Beach on March 27 through April 1, 2010 at the Kingston Plantation Embassy Suites.

Recognition – Awards are given to members in several population categories and recognize Productivity, Premier Management, Advertising, Fund Raising, Media of the Year, Citizen of the Year and Coordinator of the Year. Awards are given at our spring training conference banquet. Information and forms for awards are on the website.

Information – Periodically, the *Informant*, the official newsletter of the SECSA, is available on line to the membership. Each issue might contain news of accomplishments of members and programs throughout the area, recent awards or court cases surrounding a crime stopper tip or any other information that would be helpful to another crime stopper program.

Networking – One of the most advantageous benefits of being a member of the SECSA is the ability to network with other members and explore the similarities or differences each brings to the table in our fight against crime. Chances are you have had the same problem as another member and your mentor is just a phone call away. Joining other members at the spring training meeting allows you to get to know each other so you can make that phone call one day!

Enclosed in this packet is a membership form as well as meeting materials for the upcoming spring training conference. Please take the time to read the material and/or pass it along to someone that might want to participate. I look forward to your renewed membership and especially some of the newcomers! Welcome to all of you and please do not hesitate to call upon me if you have any questions or concerns about our SECSA!

Warm Regards,

Joey Hudson, President